

OIR: 2425/1129

17 October 2024

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**Request for Information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act) (the LGOIMA)**

Thank you for your email of **19 September 2024** requesting the following information:

- 1. Of the plants provided by the Council to the volunteers in July, approximately, what proportion were supplied from the Council's existing stock of plants?***

A total of 9,800 plants were ordered as part of Council's 2024 dune planting programme.

- 2. Approximately what proportion were specifically ordered/obtained with this particular location in mind?***

The plants provided by Council for the community planting day on 14 July 2024 are approximately 5.4% of the total amount.

- 3. Please provide any emails or other correspondence which document who authorized the July planting and who ordered or chose the plants that were planted then.***

Please find emails attached.

- 4. Did members of the dune restoration planting group influence the Council's choice of species, general location, specific location of particular plants and planting density?***

It is standard practice for Council that plantings with community conservation groups and individuals are part of ongoing discussions, but ultimately it is up to Council to decide upon final species selection, general location, specific location and planting density.

*Please note that any information provided in response to your request may be published on the Council website, with your personal details removed.*

All dune plantings follow best practice guidance set out in the Coastal Restoration Trust (CRT) handbook, including guidance on dune zonation and species selection. Correspondence with the Paraparaumu Beach Dune Restoration Group on this issue has been provided as part of OIR: 2425-1100. The CRT handbook is publicly available on their website.

Some information has been withheld under section 7(2)(a) of the LGOIMA to protect the privacy of natural persons.

In Council's view the reasons for withholding these details are not outweighed by public interest considerations in section 7(1) favouring their release.

You have the right to request the Ombudsman to review this decision. Complaints can be sent by email to [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz), or by post to The Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Ngā mihi,



**Brendan Owens**

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If you are interested in the attachments which accompany this response,  
please contact us at: [informationrequest@kapiticoast.govt.nz](mailto:informationrequest@kapiticoast.govt.nz)