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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 **9 December 2024** requesting the following information:

Pursuant to the Official Information Act 1982, I would like to request the following information regarding the land previously owned by Miriona Mutu Mira Budge, located at the south end of Queen Elizabeth Park, Paekākāriki (16 acres):

1. Conversations Regarding Land Designation:

Could you please provide any records of discussions or agreements held by Kāpiti Coast District Council regarding the designation of this land, particularly regarding the potential for Marae development or any changes in land use?

Please include all relevant correspondence, internal reports, and meeting minutes.

I can confirm that our Council does not have responsibility for managing the land noted in your request. To clarify:

- The land in question at the South End of Queen Elizabeth Park was designated as reserve by LINZ in 1979.
- Since then it has been managed by the Department of Conservation (DoC) and late in the 1980s this responsibility was delegated to the Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC).

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

Discussions that we have had with DoC and GWRC have sought to support resolution of options to shift the Home, from the land previously owned by Miriona Mutu Mira Budge. I can confirm that:

- GWRC and DoC have progressed investigations regarding the designation of this land and other options. They will be best placed to provide further information on these investigations.
- Outside of this, our Council undertook a review of historical evidence related to the site and transactions, which we have also attached.

I understand that you have also sent a request to Greater Wellington Regional Council. As we have previously communicated the ongoing work lies with Greater Wellington Regional Council as the family's preferred site is within Queen Elizabeth II Park which is managed by them on behalf of the Crown.

Our initial email search using the term "Budge House" or "Kaitiaki Ranger" produced over 3000 results. However, many of those results related to just a passing reference to both terms or were emails attempting to schedule meetings as well as acceptance/declinature of calendar invites. Many emails that mention Budge house were about possible locations and I understand that the family and the action group have been involved in those discussions and well acquainted with the options that were suggested along with the pros and cons of each.

The emails which are relevant to your request are attached. I can confirm that once the large volume of emails were sorted through, there were very few emails which were within the scope of your request.

The personal details of some individuals have been withheld from the information provided. The decision to withhold this information is made under section 7(2)(a) of the Act which allows for Council to withhold information in order to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons. I am satisfied that the withholding of this information is not outweighed by public interest considerations in section 7(1) favouring release.

Some of the information requested is withheld under section 7(2)(g) of the Act in order to maintain legal professional privilege. I am satisfied that the withholding of this information is not outweighed by public interest considerations in section 7(1) favouring release.

Some of the information requested is withheld under section 7(2)(i) of the Act. Withholding this information is necessary to enable Council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations). I am satisfied that the withholding of this information is not outweighed by public interest considerations in section 7(1) favouring release.

Some information has been redacted as it relates to another matter and is therefore not within the scope of the request.

2. Kaitiaki Rangers and Service Connections:

Are there any records or discussions relating to the potential involvement of kaitiaki rangers for this land?

Please see the response to question 1 above.

3. Could you also provide any information regarding existing or planned service connections (e.g., water, electricity, waste) to this land, including agreements with service providers or related assessments thereof?

There is only a single 50 mm water pipeline servicing the entire campsite. It has been identified that the connection does not have sufficient backflow at the point of metering and that an upstand with RPZ and a new meter will be required. The intent is to install the new backflow within the next 12 months, and our Council's expectation is that the property owner will contribute to the installation as per Water Supply Bylaw requirements.

At this stage there are no additional service connections planned by our Council for this campsite, but ideally a new private supply pipeline would be installed from the road frontage of Wellington Road so there is a direct connection from the Council reticulation rather than to the private GWRC pipeline.

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

Ngā mihi,



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Te Kaihautū Rautaki me te Tupu

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