

Subject: Official Information Act request - remedial work and council expenditure on Kennedy Bay/Otautu Bay

Importance: High

I refer to your email of 18 April and provide the following information on behalf of Rotorua Lakes Council as per your email.

There was a memorandum of understanding with logging companies that Hamilton Road and the northern side of Pongakawa from Hamilton road on would be used for laden logging trucks.

There is no MoU regarding use of roads by logging vehicles. Voluntary practices have in the past been made by logging companies to use a circuit in one direction using Hamilton, Pongakawa Valley and Manawahe Roads (as referred to in the attached letter from 2005 to the Manawahe District Society Inc).

Please supply the following under the Official Information Act 1892 and subsequent amendments the following information:

1. All contractual remedial work carried on the Kennedy Bay - Otautu Bay Hills from 2004 forward.

Attached is a spreadsheet showing all maintenance and capital costs for Hamilton, Manawahe and Pongakawa Valley Roads since 2008. Prior to 2008 information on individual roads was not available as council did not have the software to record this.

2. Correspondence with Logging Companies in relation to a memorandum of understanding to not use the Kennedy Bay Otautu Bay hills road rather use Hamilton Road.

No MoU or related correspondence exists.

3. All Council expenditure on this section of the road from 2004 to present day.

Refer question 1.

Under legislation we are obliged to advise that if you have any concerns with the adequacy of our response you may contact the Ombudsman by writing to:

The Office of the Ombudsman

P O Box 10 152

WELLINGTON 6143

Or alternatively by email to complaint@ombudsmen.parliament.nz

Kind regards

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