

LGOIMA reference – 2021/820

28 January 2022

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### Response - Official Information Request

I refer to your request for information received on 10/12/2021. Your request has been considered under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) and I provide the following information.

**In the almost 8 years since 2014 there has been a huge amount of planting by HDC that has helped build and stabilise the dunes.**

**I'm requesting spending data from Horowhenua District Council:**

**1. How much has Horowhenua District Council paid for plants (spinifex and pīngao, other) for the plantings near and around the beach end of the track off Reay Mackay Grove, between 01 January 2014 and today, 10 December 2021?**

Horowhenua District Council has paid \$336,870.55 excluding GST between 2014 and 10 December 2021 for coastal plants (spinifex/pīngao/other) for three of the districts coastal settlements, being Foxton Beach, Waitarere Beach and Waikawa Beach. This is an average of \$42,108.82 excluding GST per annum over that period.

Costs have not been captured for plant purchases per individual coastal settlement, and therefore cannot be provided for Waikawa specifically.

**2. How much has Horowhenua District Council paid in costs associated with those plantings, between 01 January 2014 and today, 10 December 2021? I expect there have been costs for vehicle use, staff time, pest and weed control, stakes and tapes, planting day BBQ, and so on. (I'm not asking for the costs to be broken down into those or any other categories, just the total cost.)**

Council has not gathered information on costs associated with these plantings, and as such is not able to provide it as per section 17(g) of the LGOIMA Act *that the information requested is not held by the local authority and the person dealing with the request has no grounds for believing that the information is either—*

*(i) held by another local authority or a department or Minister of the Crown or organisation.*

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If you have any queries regarding this information, please contact the LGOIMA Officer on 06 366 0999 or email - [LGOIMAOfficer@horowhenua.govt.nz](mailto:LGOIMAOfficer@horowhenua.govt.nz)

Yours sincerely,



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