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Dear s.7(2)

## REQUEST REGARDING INFRASTRUCTURE ACCELERATION FUND APPLICATION FOR PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT WAKAPUAKA

I refer to your official information request dated 14 August 2021 asking for an explanation for the following:

*Why exactly was the Wakapuaka housing development concept signed off by Council at this stage, when the area is clearly vulnerable to flooding (and climate change), and liquefaction, as outlined in the Council's own hazard assessments?"*

Council resolved on 12 August 2021 to support an Expression of Interest (EOI) by the Wakatū Incorporation to the Infrastructure Acceleration Fund. The purpose of the Fund is to provide grant funding to councils to support new or additional infrastructure which will enable housing development.

As was stated in the Council report and in the EOI, any proposed development at Wakapuaka will be subject to a plan change and/or resource consent process where the matters you raise will be considered as part of that process. The decision to support an initial high level EOI does not fetter Council's statutory obligations and regulatory role.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or Freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Jennie McFarlane, Strategic Adviser Infrastructure ([jennie.mcfarlane@ncc.govt.nz](mailto:jennie.mcfarlane@ncc.govt.nz)).

Yours sincerely

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