

24 February 2025

Dear [REDACTED]

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT Request: 2025-03

Thank you for your email of Tuesday 4 February 2025 to the Carterton District Council requesting the following information:

“These records are generally concerning the operation of a motorised craft at a speed greater than 5 knots on rivers. The district plan within your jurisdiction is one of these documents requiring review. As this is a nationwide review, to ensure accuracy, I am requesting confirmation on some minor matters therein – as a means of checking the review our team is undertaking of each document.

For the 2025 year, JBNZ has over 2,700 members nationwide (with a number of resident ratepayers in your district), so this is considered a fair request for the duty planner to address, in the same manner an initial enquiry by a local ratepayer is typically dealt with.

Please note that each of the below queries are with respect to Activities on the Surface of Water (ASW). I request confirmation of the following:

- 1. District Plan operative date – particularly provisions or chapters relating to ASW.*
- 2. Next operative district plan review date (particularly with respect to ASW if chapter by chapter review). If uncertain, an approximate estimate is fine.*
- 3. Activity status for Activities on the Surface of Water under the Operative (or Proposed) District Plan. I’d anticipate either a note confirming that ASW is not specifically addressed in the plan, or a brief list of those rules (or relevant objectives and/or policies) that outline the permitted activities in this regard.*
- 4. Please highlight any pending or current resource consents associated with ASW (eg commercial motorised craft), if they exist.*
- 5. Please highlight any additional jurisdiction with respect to ASW (such as iwi management plans, power generation, etc.), that isn’t captured by the district plan in a fulsome manner and/or may require some local context to capture.”*

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Your request has been considered under the Local Government Official Information and Meeting Act 1987 (the Act). Please note that each of the response to your request is in the number order below.

1. District Plan operative date – particularly provisions or chapters relating to ASW.

The operative date of the District Plan was 25 May 2011.

2. Next operative district plan review date (particularly with respect to ASW if chapter by chapter review). If uncertain, an approximate estimate is fine.

In October 2023, the Proposed District Plan was released.

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Operative Plan -21.1.10 Activities on the Surface of Freshwater (a) Any activity, excluding motorised commercial recreation, on the surface of any freshwater body (including wetlands, rivers and lakes) which meets the following standard: (i) Structures shall be: (1) Less than 10 square metres in gross floor area; and (2) Located on or above the surface of water for less than two months within a twelve-month period. Note: Activities on, under or over freshwater may require resource consent from the Wellington Regional Council.

For the Proposed plan, refer to ASW Chapter: https://cdn.prod.website-files.com/615b81c9bbf626f0003ff5c3/651e2f9216c8e53ebe20e594_17%20Proposed%20ASW%2020230927.pdf

4. Please highlight any pending or current resource consents associated with ASW (eg commercial motorised craft), if they exist.

Not applicable.

5. Please highlight any additional jurisdiction with respect to ASW (such as iwi management plans, power generation, etc.), that isn't captured by the district plan in a fulsome manner and/or may require some local context to capture.

Not applicable.

Please note, the Council proactively publishes LGOIMA responses on our website. As such, we may publish this response on our website after five working days. Your name and contact details will be removed.

Thank you again for your email. You have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review this decision. You can do this by writing to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Geoff Hamilton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line underlining the name.

Geoff Hamilton
Chief Executive
Carterton District Council

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