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### **Request for information 2025-218**

I refer to your request for information dated 10 July 2025, which was received by Greater Wellington Regional Council (Greater Wellington) on 10 July 2025. You have requested the following:

*“During the discussion about the Pinehaven stream works I understand Jack Mace and Tim Harty made some comments to the effect the flood modelling for Pinehaven stream did not need updating. If that is correct, it seems at odds with previous conversations the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment has had with GWRC about the modelling. I would like greater clarity about what comments were made by GWRC about the flood model and its appropriateness.”*

### **Greater Wellington’s response follows:**

Thank you for your email dated 11th July 2025 regarding the Greater Wellington Te Awa Kairangi / Hutt River Valley Subcommittee (TAK-HRVS) specifically item 8 *Pinehaven Floodplain Management Plan Structural Works Implementation – Review*.

We would like to reconfirm our position as described to you in our letter of 22 March 2024 that the hydrology and associated modelling is due for review. We are currently considering the installation of a flow gauge, to gather data to inform this modelling review starting in 2027/28 financial year.

At the Subcommittee meeting on 13 May 2025, an update report was provided regarding the implementation of the structural works of the Pinehaven FMP. The report recommended that construction of stages 3-5 of the Pinehaven FMP structural works remain on hold and alternative options for these structural works are developed over the next 12 months (herein referred to as the alternative options project). During discussion of this report and the associated recommendations, it was noted that a review of the Pinehaven FMP is programmed for 2026. A question was asked as to whether a review of the FMP should be completed in conjunction with, or instead of, the alternative options project.

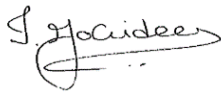
In response, a paper is being taken to the next Greater Wellington Te Awa Kairangi / Hutt River Valley Subcommittee (TAK-HRVS) meeting on the 5 August 2025. This paper will be up as part of the meeting order paper on our website by the 1 August 2025 here: <https://www.gw.govt.nz/your-region/events-and-meetings/te-awa-kairangi-hutt-river-valley-subcommittee-8/>.

The note on the flood modelling for Pinehaven stream not requiring an update was in relation to the proposed options review. A comprehensive model review to our Flood Hazard Modelling Standard is planned for the 2027/2028 financial year.

If you have any concerns with the decision(s) referred to in this letter, you have the right to request an investigation and review by the Ombudsman under section 27(3) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where appropriate. Our response to your request will be published shortly on Greater Wellington's website with your personal information removed.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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