

9 December 2025

File Ref: OIAPR-1274023063-45779

By email: [REDACTED]

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

### **Request for information 2025-423**

I refer to your request for information dated 1 December 2025, which was received by Greater Wellington Regional Council (Greater Wellington) on 1 December 2025. You have requested the following:

*“According to GWRC’s webpage about the Upper Hutt flood mapping consultation that has now been running for 4 weeks, feedback will be visible to the public. I would like to see feedback received. Where can public feedback so far be seen?”*

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

*“According to GWRC’s webpage about the Upper Hutt flood mapping consultation that has now been running for 4 weeks, feedback will be visible to the public.”*

The text you referenced on our Have Your Say page is a holdover from a previous version of the website, when we displayed our maps on Have Your Say rather than on a separate website. We have since moved the maps to a different website which does not display the comments. We will adjust the text on the Have Your Say page to reflect this change going forward.

*“I would like to see feedback received. Where can public feedback so far be seen?”*

A collation of the feedback received is attached. Comments were collected anonymously.

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



Lian Butcher

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Total Responses



18

Flood Model Responses



18

## List of Public Feedback Received

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### Upper Hutt 1900 Cumec Flood Extent 1% AEP Feedback

5/12/2025, 12:03 PM

*As a new build home built in 2014, the property had to be built above the flood zone. In the event of a major flood, the living area would be above the highest level and only the garage would be flooded. It would be unfair to say our property is in a flood zone when the water level would not reach it unlike other properties in the area which would be a total loss.*

### Upper Hutt 1900 Cumec Flood Extent 1% AEP Feedback

5/12/2025, 12:03 PM

*This area is known to flood and it is indicated on all three maps. Why are we building on this location?*

### Upper Hutt 2300 Cumec Flood Extent 0.3% AEP Feedback

5/12/2025, 12:03 PM

*This place shows it will flood on all three maps - Why are Council allowing living accomodation to be built there?*

### Upper Hutt 2800 Cumec Flood Extent 0.05% AEP Feedback

5/12/2025, 12:03 PM

*Personally I have no issues with any of the flood plans. I do however have a bit of an issue that Council are allowing building of accomodation/houses/appartments etc in the flood areas. This goes for all three maps by St Pats college which shows will flood yet we build there.*

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### **Upper Hutt 1900 Cume Flood Extent 1% AEP Feedback**

5/12/2025, 12:03 PM

*Wondering about the security of the stopbank and storm drainage*

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*Between 1951 and the construction of the existing stopbank in 1961? there was a short length of an earlier narrower and lower stop bank behind numbers 24 to 36 McLeod Street. The main channel of the river ran against groynes at the base of this section of stopbank providing a famed swimming hole. In a flood just months after the new stopbank was constructed this bank was considerably damaged by scouring just up river from number 24 McLeod Street. Although the peak river height was considerably below the height of the bank the scour created a vertical bank to the very edge of the top flat section. The flood maps are only valid if the banks remain intact. At the pinch points high water velocities pose a risk of stop bank failure from scouring well below overtopping level.*

### **Upper Hutt 1900 Cume Flood Extent 1% AEP Feedback**

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*If this is being lifted by 3M for development would it not cause further back logging and further flooding g upstream*

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### Upper Hutt 1900 Cumec Flood Extent 1% AEP Feedback

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*Why do we keep planting trees when they keep getting washed away... can we not do boulder grids/lines to give flow direction without constant rework. Like along Harcourt park and California park*

### Upper Hutt 1900 Cumec Flood Extent 1% AEP Feedback

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*The speedway spectator carpark area wont flood as it has all been raised. Check your LIDar data.*

### Upper Hutt 2800 Cumec Flood Extent 0.05% AEP Feedback

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*Similar to my 2300 cumec flood comments, I have no faith in Wellington Waters modelling and would want an independent assessment from a recognised professional. Another option to consider would be to dam Whakatikei river to reduce the volume of water feeding the Hutt. This has been on council consideration for a while and would provide greater reserves of drinking water and hydro power and reduce flooding, win, win, win.*

### Upper Hutt 2300 Cumec Flood Extent 0.3% AEP Feedback

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*I would like to know what modelling was used including previous flood events back before the river road SH2 flood bank*

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*I would like to know what modelling was used including previous flood events back before the river road SH2 flood bank was built? Wellington Water couldn't give me the details of how much water was leaked from a previous OIA so I have little confidence with this model. An independent professional modeling is requested to compare thanks.*



### **Upper Hutt 1900 Cumec Flood Extent 1% AEP Feedback**

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*Since living here from 1997 nothing has been experienced regards flooding. One year about 20 years ago the Moonshine park playground flooded but the stop bank was very effective.*



### **Upper Hutt 2800 Cumec Flood Extent 0.05% AEP Feedback**

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*The use of large pixels rather accurate topography misrepresent the threat. I'm concerned insurance companies will use this against us in the future to unfairly increase fees, even though it shows some water will merely lap up against the bottom of sloping driveway, and won't touch the house. My concern is insurance companies will take the stance that any property that is pixelated will be effected : reasoning = they are insurance companies. Hopefully we can have this surveyed properly to show more accurate threat (appreciate this is 1/2000 event). I would be happy to pay for private survey,, so hopefully you make raw data available for this purpose, which would include datum points etc (or whatever surveyors use for these things) for neighbouring properties.*

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*It appears further flood protection should be considered west of Ferguson Drive Upper Hutt*

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*As you show possibility is 0.05% chance. I've got more chance in my lifetime winning a huge lotto. I certainly hope insurance companies aren't using this map in their feed as it will never happen in over 10" years , I'd say it's false advertising*

### **Upper Hutt 1900 Cumec Flood Extent 1% AEP Feedback**

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*inconsistent with recent Earth sciences NZ 1% flood mapping <https://niwa.maps.arcgis.com/apps/dashboards/8c1db2b8e37841f29a57a38675388897>*

### **Upper Hutt 2800 Cumec Flood Extent 0.05% AEP Feedback**

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*Map ignores the fact that whole section is elevated from the road by over a metre across the length*