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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Request for information regarding CentrePort and the ferry infrastructure project

I refer to your request for information dated 3 November 2025, which was received by Greater Wellington Regional Council (Greater Wellington) on 3 November 2025. You have requested the following:

“information relating to CentrePort’s role in the ferry infrastructure project and associated works in Wellington:

- 1. Copies of all reports, briefings, or correspondence between the Council (and/or its investment entity) and CentrePort, Ferry Holdings, KiwiRail, or the Government regarding the ferry infrastructure project, including wharf and linkspan works, yard reconfiguration, or other capital works associated with accommodating new ferries.*
- 2. Any advice, analysis, or correspondence indicating that the scope, costs, or complexity of works at CentrePort may exceed publicly stated plans or assumptions – including advice or discussion about whether the existing wharf and related infrastructure can safely and efficiently accommodate larger ferries, increased freight, or passenger volumes.*
- 3. Any internal or independent reports, risk assessments, or updates prepared for the Council, its investment arm, or elected members regarding CentrePort’s involvement in the project – including potential funding requirements, financial exposure, or commercial risks.*
- 4. Communications or reports discussing the allocation of project costs between CentrePort, KiwiRail, Ferry Holdings, and the Government – including any differences of view or negotiations about the appropriate share of investment.*

5. *Emails, memos, or briefing papers discussing concerns, risks, or potential disputes regarding project delivery, costs, or infrastructure suitability.*

Please provide records from 1 November 2023 to the present.”

Greater Wellington’s response follows:

We have interpreted your request to be focussed on the current single user ferry terminal that involves Ferry Holdings Limited. We have found 32 documents and correspondence in scope of your request.

Please find 20 of the documents in scope of your request in the separate email with One Drive link. The table below lists the documents.

Attachment number	Name of document
01	2024-02-27 WRC Holdings Limited Board Paper
02	2024-04-19 WRC Holdings Limited Board Paper
03	2024-05-28 WRC Holdings Limited Board Paper
04	2024-06-25 WRC Holdings Limited Board Paper
05	2024-09-24 WRC Holdings Limited Board Paper
06	2024-09-30 WRC Holdings Limited Board Paper
07	2025-02-25 WRC Holdings Limited Board Paper
08	2025-04-08 WRC Holdings Limited Board Paper
09	2025-05-27 WRC Holdings Limited Board Paper
10	2025-09-23 WRC Holdings Limited Board Paper
11	CentrePort Statement of Expectations (SOE) letter 2024-25 (15 December 2023)
12	CentrePort response letter to SOE 2024-25 (6 March 2024)
13	CentrePort SOE letter 2025-26 (20 December 2024)
14	CentrePort response letter to SOE 2025-26 (13 March 2025)
15	Letter to CentrePort - comments on draft Statement of Corporate Intent (SCI) FY25-27 (30 April 2024)
16	CentrePort response to feedback letter on draft SCI 2025-27 (31 May 2024)
17	Letter to CentrePort - comments on draft SCI for 2026-28 (30 April 2025)
18	CentrePort response to WRCHL feedback on the draft CPL SCI for FY26-28 (22 May 2025)
19	Shareholders questions and responses post the 26 August 2024 Shareholder workshop with CentrePort
20	20250702 - CentrePort Strategic Value Brief (TDB Report)

We have withheld some information under section 7(2)(b)(ii) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act) as making the information available would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information. The information we have withheld under section 7(2)(b)(ii) of the Act relates to CentrePort's forecast capital expenditure for the project. Releasing this information would be likely to unreasonably prejudice CentrePort's commercial position.

We have also withheld signatures and personal contact information under section 7(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons.

Where we have withheld information under the Act, we have marked this accordingly in the attachments.

We have also deleted some information on the basis that it is not relevant or does not fall within the scope of your request. This is marked as 'out of scope' in the attachments.

The remaining 12 pieces of information have been withheld in full under section 7(2)(b)(ii) of the Act. These contain technical information between the Greater Wellington's Harbourmaster office, and various parties (including Ferry Holdings, CentrePort, KiwiRail, and Maritime New Zealand).

We consulted with Ferry Holdings on this information. Ferry Holdings has advised that it is currently engaged in significant commercial negotiations with CentrePort, Port of Marlborough, and KiwiRail, and these negotiations are being conducted separately to achieve the best outcome for the taxpayer.

When withholding information under section 7 of the Act, we are required to consider the public interest in the information requested. In this case we do not consider that the public interest outweighs Greater Wellington's reasons for withholding the requested information.

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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