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Kia Ora

I refer to your e-mail below our responses are in red below each question:

Question 1. Did the Dunedin City Council implement the “Lead in the Soil” policy (Stantech report 2023) with no engagement or sign off by councillors?

It is understood the former Customer & Regulatory General Manager briefed the Customer and Regulatory Committee Chair, Deputy Chair, and possibly a wider group of councillors at the time. Formal sign-off by councillors was not required, as the matter relates to the operational implementation of government regulations.

Question 2. Did the Dunedin City Council formally request “Stantech” to provide a report title or was it offered to the Dunedin City Council by Stantech? I am sure there would be communication requesting this information and to what guidelines? *(I note the advice letter dated 20th November 2023 makes comment Dunedin City Council (DCC) has requested Stantec New Zealand (Stantec))*

Stantec were asked to provide professional technical advice.

Question 3. Since November 2023 has the firm Stantech been processing applications relating to soil contamination to which the “Lead in the Soil” applies to?

Since November 2023 Stantec has been providing comment on soil contamination from lead in paint.

Question 4. In follow up to Question 3 is Stantec processing the applications as detailed below?

I understand that when a consent for subdivision is received by the City Planning Department, it is then sent to consultants with expertise in soil contamination at Stantec to review, provide comment and make recommendations for management or remediation. Soil testing, remediation and validation is then carried out.

When a resource consent is required because of the NES-CS, the planner processing the application must decide if technical comment is required. Normally comment is required if contamination is present. Stantec is asked to provide comment on the application and to recommend conditions. The monitoring of a condition may require technical input. Where this is the case, Stantec would be asked for support.

Question 5. So, for clarification can you please advise if: *That the consulting firm Stantec is financially benefitting from the Council adopting their advice on methods to*

conservatively manage lead in soils at the time of development. ?

Stantec does receive payment on a case-by-case basis from the Council (recovered from the applicant), for providing specialist contaminated-land advice.

Kā mihi

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Dear Dunedin City Council,

I would like to RE SUBMIT my LGOIMA Request with simpler questions to respond to.
(Request previously sent on 22nd January 2026)

My request is regarding “Lead in the Soil” and the consulting company “Stantec” that provides services to the DCC.

In the calendar year 2024 and 2025 can you please provide the following information regarding the consulting company Stantec:

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For clarity sake I am including this paragraph describing the intent of the LGOIMA:

I understand Stantec are a company that contracts to the DCC City Planning Department to review soil contamination (and geotechnical matters). I understand that when a consent for subdivision is received by the City Planning Department, it is then sent to consultants with expertise in soil contamination at Stantec to review, provide comment and make recommendations for management or remediation. Soil testing, remediation and validation is then carried out. Stantec also reviews the work of other consultants that oversee the remediation to ensure it has been carried out to a suitable standard. Stantec then invoices the DCC for their input, which is carried into the cost of the subdivision consent processing. So, Stantec financially benefits from the Council adopting their advice on methods to conservatively manage lead in soils at the time of development.

I also understand the advice that Stantec provided to, and was adopted by the DCC City Planning Department, has not been applied by any other of the 67 Territorial Authorities in the country.

Please let me know if you require any further clarity of this LGOIMA request.

Yours sincerely,

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