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Shane Cowlshaw  
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Dear Mr Cowlshaw,

**Official information request for 578822, COWLISHAW, CLIMATE CHANGE**

I refer to your official information request dated 21-March-2017 for:

1. The most recent, up-to-date list of all Dunedin Council infrastructure that could/is expected to be affected by climate change in the future. Please include in a list the location of the infrastructure, what it is and how it could/would be affected.

Dunedin City Council has not yet reached this stage in the planning process. Council is currently looking at how different communities in Dunedin and the people who live there will be affected, including what building rules need to be in place for the future development of the city. Work on identifying the effects of climate change on specific council infrastructure will take place in the future.

Therefore this request is refused under section 17(e) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act in that the document does not yet exist.

2. A copy of any reports, including drafts, and/or modelling prepared by officials in the past five years on how climate change will affect council infrastructure.

As mentioned above, Council is currently looking at how different communities in Dunedin and the people who live there will be affected as a whole. Work on identifying the effects of climate change on specific council infrastructure will take place in the future.

Therefore this request is refused under section 17(e) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act in that the document does not yet exist.

Our most up to date information on how climate change will affect Dunedin under different modelling scenarios has been included in this map:

<http://www.arcgis.com/home/webmap/viewer.html?webmap=2e3bcd97d7147318a363677e104a831&extent=170.4514,-45.9247,170.6134,-45.85>

It would be logical to assume that all council roads, water, sewerage, stormwater systems, recreation/parks and other services in the affected areas, as shown on the map, would be impacted.

We are also currently reviewing our district plan. This sets the rules for future building and development of the city. A hearing of submitters to the Natural Hazards part of the plan begins this week. A report that outlines this work can be found here (page 11 has a useful summary):

<https://2gp.dunedin.govt.nz/2gp/documents/hearings/natural-hazards/Final%20Natural%20Hazards%20S42A%20report.pdf>

More information is here:

<https://2gp.dunedin.govt.nz/2gp/hearings-schedule/natural-hazards.html>

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this information with us, please feel free to contact me and I will put you in touch with the appropriate staff member.

Yours sincerely  
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