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Dear Ms Vance

Local Government Official Information and Meeting Request (LGOIMA) for information about asbestos in water infrastructure

I am writing in response to your LGOIMA request dated 15 January 2018 requesting information about asbestos in the water infrastructure. Please accept my apology for the delay in replying to you.

After a check of all corporate systems, we have not identified any reports, memos or briefings within the last two years to do with asbestos in the water infrastructure. Anytime there are concerns that a staff member or contractor has been in contact with asbestos, or we proactively feel they have been exposed to asbestos, we will undertake an investigation and all appropriate corrective actions are undertaken. Corrective actions may include health monitoring, dependent on the investigations outcome. We decline to release the results of any health monitoring results under Section 7 (2) (a) of the LGOIMA to protect the privacy of the employees of this Council. Disclosure of this information would allow identification of individual employees.

As we have made the decision to decline, you do 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, or Freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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