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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 Request
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Good afternoon [REDACTED]

I refer to your request below seeking the following information. Our answers are in red.

1. What is the roll of the DCC Drainage Investigation Officer?

The role of the DCC Drainage Investigation Officer (Official title – Compliance Officer (Drainage)) at a high level is to ‘investigate complaints of drainage nuisance acting as an interface between property owners and the community’.

2. Does the DCC Drainage investigation Officer have the authority to go onto private property to determine if the storm water disposal system has been installed and maintained according to code and does not have any leaks that are flooding neighbouring properties?

Yes the DCC Drainage investigation Officer does have the authority to go onto private property, although there are exceptions.

3. Does the DCC Drainage investigation Officer have the authority to inspect a private storm water system to determine if is being correctly discharged into the Councils gutter or storm water main.?

Yes, the DCC Drainage investigation Officer does have the authority to inspect a private storm water system, although there are exceptions.

4. Does the DCC Drainage investigation Officer have the authority to enter a dwelling, to determine if the grey water and black waste water sewerage disposal systems have been installed according to code, have been maintained according to code and are correctly connected to a sewer lateral which discharges into the Councils sewer main ?

Yes, the DCC Drainage investigation Officer does have the authority to enter a dwelling but it is dependent on the individual circumstance. An example could be under s173 of the Local Government Act 2002 which provides powers of entry in cases of emergency. In most cases though we would aim to work with the owner if there are issues.

You have also asked the following additional question, received on 2 December 2020:

If a property owner is given a statutory notice by the DCC Drainage Investigation Officer to bring their waste water sewerage systems and storm water disposal systems up to code how long do they have to carry out that work and pass Councils inspection?

This would depend on the scale of works required but generally 28 days would be allowed to complete works. This timeframe could be extended given the time of the year, current availability of trade persons and other extenuating circumstances.

Regards

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Subject: DCC REGULATIONS

Hi,

Further to the DCC CEO Sandy Graham's email below, could you please also advise on the following;

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Thank you, [REDACTED]

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