

4 September 2019

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Dear [REDACTED]

Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) request for information on St Clair St Kilda beach

I am writing in response to your request made on 11 August 2019 asking for how much has been spent on consultants looking into the protection of the St Clair St Kilda beach.

There are several different pieces of work and associated budgets for work at St Clair Beach.

Provided below from the Coastal Specialist, Tom Simons-Smith, is information relating to these budgets:

- We have recently started a long-term management planning and community engagement exercise, there is \$200,000 budgeted for 2019/20 and \$200,000 for 2020/21 for this work. We have engaged a consultancy (WSP OPUS) for the first stage of this project to help us plan out the community engagement technical work to come (to a cost of \$90,000). This work is to help us work with the community to develop a forward-looking and sustainable plan to better manage St Clair and St Kilda Beaches.
- We have a monitoring programme in place that helps us evaluate the condition of the sand sausages and informs any repair work and long-term investment. This monitoring costs \$14,000 per year.
- We have a monitoring programme in place for the full 3km stretch of beach from St Clair to St Kilda, this monitoring is completed by the University of Otago Geography Department and costs roughly \$25,000 per year. This includes beach profiles, drone surveys, water level information, photography and expert interpretation/ advice.
- Over the last couple of months we have spent further money on consultancy and maintenance services to ensure that risks associated with the Kettle Park landfill are understood and well managed. This work has included beach clean-ups, surveying, land fill investigations and emergency protection advice and has cost \$25,000 to date. This comes from a separate "coastal maintenance budget", as does work to repair the sand sausages.
- We also spend roughly \$4,000 per year on the dune notching programme at St Kilda Beach, work that helps make the dune more resilient to erosion.

Yours faithfully



Rebecca Murray
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