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Kia ora Joel

### **Shelly Bay correspondence**

Thank you for your request made under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act), received on 05 September and refined on 07 September. You requested the following information:

Wellington City Council has granted your request for information. Please note that the scope of your request was taken as of 7 September when the request was made. Subsequent communications have taken place as part of standard resolution around resource consents etc.

- 1. I'd like any communications with The Wellington Company regarding the sale of the Shelly Bay land to Peter Jackson - including any communications in the days immediately leading up to the sale, and any communications since the sale was confirmed.***

There were no such communications with The Wellington Company prior to the announcement of the sale. The Wellington Company informed Council of the sale on 1 September 2023. This email correspondence has been provided as a part of this request.

On 1 September 2023, subsequent to the sale of the developer's Shelly Bay land and receipt of the above email correspondence, Council also received a communication from The Wellington Company. That communication is withheld under section 7(2)(h) of the Act to enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.

- 2. I'd also like to know if The Wellington Company ever indicated to Council that it was considering selling the land and not completing the build - say in the final 3 months before the sale?***

No.

- 3. Also if The Wellington Company ever expressed any dissatisfaction with Council during the final three months before the sale.***

From time to time the Wellington Company expressed frustration regarding negotiations with Council, which is to be reasonably expected within a commercial arrangement such as

the Shelly Bay development. However not to the extent that would suggest the developer was considering cancelling the project and selling the land.

**4. *Could you please provide me any communications between council staff and Peter Jackson (or his representatives) regarding Shelly Bay within the past 12 months?***

There have been no communications between the Council and Peter Jackson regarding Shelly Bay within the past 12 months.

Below are the documents that fall in scope of your request and my decision to release the document.

| <b>Item</b> | <b>Document name/description</b>                                                                | <b>Decision</b>                           |
|-------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| 1.          | Email from The Wellington Company to WCC regarding Q&A's and joint statement (1 September 2023) | Release                                   |
| 2.          | Email from The Wellington Company to WCC regarding Notice of Cancellation (1 September 2023)    | Withheld under section 7(2)(h) of the Act |

**Right of review**

If you are not satisfied with the Council's response, you may request the Office of the Ombudsman to investigate the Council's decision. Further information is available on the Ombudsman website, [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Please note, we may proactively release our response to your request with your personal information removed.

Thank you again for your request, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Kind regards

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**Official Information**