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**From:** [BDC Lgoima](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Official Information Request for Buller River Dredging - NEMA Funded Ref: OIA 092/25  
**Date:** Monday, 29 September 2025 4:40:40 pm  
**Attachments:** [01. 050422 T2 FINAL Funding Request Figures.pdf](#)  
[01. A4 Dredge.pdf](#)  
[01. Tranche 2 Funding Request 5 Apr FINAL v2 redacted.pdf](#)  
[03. Agenda for SG meeting 28 Apr 2022.pdf](#)  
[05. FW A few questions regarding Tranche 2 contingency sums and Dredging.msg](#)  
[FW Dredging.msg](#)  
[05. FW Project Information.msg](#)  
[05. FW A few questions regarding Tranche 2 contingency sums and Dredging.msg](#)  
[08. 220303 - Approved TOR for Buller Recovery Steering Group 3 March 2022.pdf](#)  
[08. FINAL funding notification letter to BDC.pdf](#)  
[09 Invoices Breakdown.pdf](#)  
[11. FW Dredge Daily weekly report sample.msg](#)  
**Importance:** High

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Dear [REDACTED]

We refer to your official information request dated 1 September for information relating to Buller River Dredging, NEMA funded.

Please find your queries and our response marked in red below:

NEMA-funded Buller River dredging: application, authority, approvals, spend.

I request the following information regarding the NEMA funded dredging of the Buller River/Westport entrance (Cabinet "Tranche 2" funding, c. June - July 2022, dredging line item ~\$4.716m):

**A. Application and Authority:**

1) A complete copy of the funding application/submission sent by BDC (or on BDC's behalf) to NEMA/DPMC/DIA seeking Crown funding for dredging under the Buller Infrastructure Recovery Programme ("Tranche 2").

**See Files 01.**

2) The name, role, and signature page of the BDC signatory/ies to that application (and any covering letters/emails).

**See File 01. Tranche 2 Funding Request Apr FINAL v2 redacted (under section 7 (2)(b) (ii) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act).**

3) The delegated authority relied upon to sign/submit that application (relevant extract(s) from the CEO/Mayor/Officer Delegations Manual or other instrument).

**"Under the Steering Group's terms of reference, endorsement is needed from the Group before the request can be put forward" Steering Group Paper 1 April 2022**

**Minutes from this meeting located in File 03. Agenda for 28 April 2022 (item 8)**

4) Any Council or Committee resolutions (including public-excluded) that approved or endorsed making the application and/or accepting the Crown funding for dredging.

**Minutes from this meeting in File 3. Agenda for 28 April 2022 (item 8)**

**B. Process and Advice:**

5) Any business case, options analysis, needs assessment, or internal/external advice prepared or used by BDC to support the dredging component of the request (even if labelled as “recovery” rather than “business case”).

See documents in Files 01. Tranche 2 Funding Request Apr FINAL v2 redacted and Files 05.

6) Briefings, memos, or recommendations to the Mayor/CE/Councillors regarding the dredging request and its justification (technical, financial, or commercial).

There were no briefings in isolation regarding dredging

We are therefore required to refuse this under section 17 (e) under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act as this information does not exist.

7) Notes/minutes/terms of reference of any Recovery Steering Group meetings where the dredging request was discussed or endorsed, held 1 July 2021 – 31 Dec 2023 (only those parts relating to the dredging line item).

Individual projects in the T2 programme were not referred to in the steering group meetings.

We are therefore required to refuse this under section 17 (e) under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act as this information does not exist.

C. Funding, Contracts, and Spend:

8) The funding approval letter(s) received from NEMA/DPMC/DIA specific to dredging, including any conditions.

See Files 08.

9) A summary (or report) showing all payments received by BDC for the dredging line item and the breakdown of expenditure charged against that line, including supplier names, dates, amounts, and purpose. (If detailed invoices are voluminous, provide a transactions list first.)

See File 09

10) Any procurement decision records (direct award/exception/quotes/tenders) and contracts or work orders related to the dredging funded under Tranche 2 (e.g. use of Kawatiri and/or any external contractors).

See File 01. Tranche 2 Funding Request Apr FINAL v2 redacted

See File 03.

D. Communications (targeted):

11) Copies of correspondence between BDC and NEMA/DPMC/DIA that substantively discusses the dredging line item (scope, need, costs, conditions) from 1 May 2022 – 30 Sep 2022. Emails from penny

See File 11

*The documentation attached represents our best efforts to locate material relevant to your request. However, the search process is by no means an exact science. It is possible that there may be other items of relevance that have been unintentionally missed in the search.*

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 decision with us, please feel free to contact the Buller District Council by return email to [lgoima@bdc.govt.nz](mailto:lgoima@bdc.govt.nz).

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. Our response to your request may be published at <https://bullerdc.govt.nz/district-council/your-council/request-for-official-information/responses-to-lgoima-requests/> with your personal information removed.

Kind regards

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