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Request from:	Environmental Law Initiative
Information requested:	Local measures to protect penguins
Response by:	Acting Chief Executive, Scott Baxendale

21 October 2024

Environmental Law Initiative

Via Email:

Dear Environment Law Initiative

Official information request for information on local measures to protect penguins

I refer to your official information request dated 15 October 2024 for information on local measures to protect penguins.

You have asked for the following information:

- 1. Details of rules/policies/objectives in your district plan designed to avoid adverse effects of dog attacks and vehicle strike on penguins (specifically hoiho and kororā).**

None.

- 2. Decision making materials that underpin the making of the district plan (including any plan changes) where the need to give effect to the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement (NZCPS) was considered.**

The NZCPS has informed the Te Tai o Poutini proposed combined district plan for the West Coast. Relevant chapters include Public Access – Te Āheinga Tūmatanui and CE Coastal Environment – Te Taiao o te Takutai. The operative Wetland District Plan dates from 2002 and predates the NZCPS.

- 3. Details of any bylaws or other local measures that protect penguins from dog attacks or vehicle strike.**

You can find reference to an area in which there is a restriction to off-lead rules to protect penguins and their habitat. The bylaw can be found on Council's website here: <https://www.westlanddc.govt.nz/sites/default/files/Dog%20Control%20Bylaw%201997.pdf>

- 4. Details of council monitoring of penguin populations and documents that contain monitoring results (including published reports under s35(2A) RMA).**

Nil.

- 5. Reports received by the Council on dog attacks and vehicle strikes on penguins in the last 3 years.**

Nil.

- 6. Details of any other actions taken by the Council to protect penguins.**

Nil.

There is no charge in supplying this information to you.

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If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Mary-anne Bell, Business Analyst at LGOIMA@westlanddc.govt.nz, 03 756 9091.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Scott Baxendale', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Scott Baxendale | Acting Chief Executive

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