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## LGOIMA

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<b>Request from:</b>	Nikki Macdonald – Stuff.co.nz
<b>Information requested:</b>	Raised pedestrian crossing information
<b>Response by:</b>	Barbara Phillips, Chief Executive

17 March 2025

Nikki Macdonald  
Stuff.co.nz

Via Email: [nikki.macdonald@stuff.co.nz](mailto:nikki.macdonald@stuff.co.nz)

Dear Nikki

**Official information request for raised pedestrian crossing information**

I refer to your official information request dated 14 March 2025 for raised pedestrian crossing information.

**You have asked for the following information:**

**1. When did you build your first raised pedestrian crossing, and why? (As opposed to standard zebra crossing)**

In 2005 Westland District Council had a concept design of the CBD produced by (then) Opus International Consultants (Now operating as WSP) indicating 3 specific crossing points for Beach Street.

To calm traffic these were created as raised pedestrian crossings (not Zebra Crossings).

Zebra Crossings require specific traffic and pedestrian criteria to be met which make some sites difficult to qualify for Zebra Crossing. In many cases it is Traffic Calming that is necessary to achieve. A zebra crossing on its own does not necessarily create traffic calming.

**2. How many have you built since?**

In 2021 Council installed a raised pedestrian crossing outside its offices in Railway Terrace as part of an entranceway and intersection upgrade. This was followed by the Zebra Crossing at St Mary's School being changed to a raised Zebra Crossing (in 2015). Concerns were raised by the school over near misses.

The next was altering the Hokitika Primary School Zebra Crossing to a raised Zebra Crossing in 2017 in line with a crossing upgrade being carried out.

Finally, there were 2 raised pedestrian crossing (not Zebra Crossings) installed in Revell Street along with the one-way upgrade in 2022.

**3. In the past 5 years, how many pedestrians have been injured on traditional zebra crossing in your area?**

There have been none reported. (Data sourced from NZTA CAS system).

**4. In the past 5 years, how many pedestrians have been injured on raised pedestrian crossings in your area?**

There have been none reported. (Data sourced from NZTA CAS system).

There will be 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](mailto:LGOIMA@westlanddc.govt.nz), 03 756 9091.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'BP', is positioned above the name Barbara Phillips.

**Barbara Phillips** | Chief Executive

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