

19 June 2025

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Tēnā koe **7(2)(a)**

Thank you for your email dated 10 June 2025 to Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Wellington City Council (the Council) requesting the following information:

- *all copies of active resource consents for the activity of mining in Wellington area.*

Your request has been considered under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA). As per our communication you refined request on 16 June 2025 for the Council exclude quarries/businesses.

The Council has no active resource consent for mining on residential land. The Council has never dealt with any resource consent on residential land for mining. Your request for copies of resource consents has been refused under section 17(g)(i) that the information requested is not held by the local authority and the person dealing with the request has no grounds for believing that the information is either held by another local authority or department or Minister of the Crown or Organisation.

If you would like to talk to our Resource Consent team regarding if consent might be required, you can contact them on phone 04 801 3590 or email planning@wcc.govt.nz. More information on Resource Consents can be found online - [Resource consents - Building and resource consents - Wellington City Council](#)

To assist with your request, the Crown Minerals Act 1991 states the below:

In New Zealand, you do not automatically own the gold found on your property, even if you own the land. Here's how it works:

1. Gold is Owned by the Crown

Under the **Crown Minerals Act 1991**, all gold (along with silver, petroleum, and uranium) is considered the property of the **Crown**, regardless of whose land it is found on ¹. This is based on historical legal doctrines imported from Britain and codified in New Zealand law.

You have the right, by way of complaint under section 28(1) of the LGOIMA, to request an investigation and review of the Council's decision by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you require further information, please contact official.information@wcc.govt.nz.

Nāku noa, nā

Asha Harry
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