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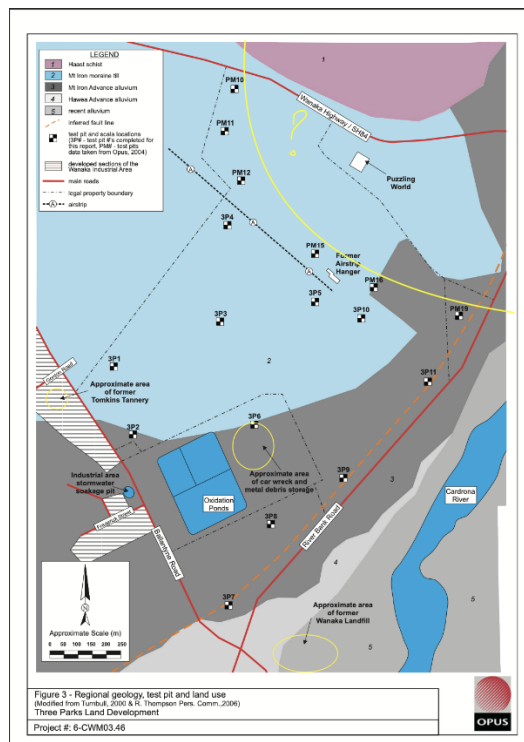
Sent via email to [REDACTED]

**Request for Official Information  
 LG26-0063 - Ground Pits Test Results**

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your request for information held by the Queenstown Lakes District Council (QLDC). On 26 February 2026 you requested the following information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA):

- I have read the 2007 Opus three parks (3P) geotechnical report information and noted there are missing ground pit test results for the pits numbered #12-19 from the report. This is a request for the ground pit numbered 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19 of the report authored and approved by Shane Greene (Engineering Geologist) and Philip Woodmansey (Principal Geotechnical Engineer) for the pit results within the zone shown below:



**QLDC RESPONSE**

In response to your request, we consulted with the QLDC Strategy and Asset Planning Team.

## **Decision to refuse information**

QLDC has good reason under section 17(e) of the LGOIMA for refusing the information requested. QLDC consider it is necessary to refuse the requested information on the basis of the following grounds:

- Section 17(e) – that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

Section 17(e) of the LGOIMA clarifies that a local authority is not required to provide information that it does not hold, or that cannot be located despite reasonable efforts. This ensures that agencies are not required to create new information in order to respond to a request.

Council understands your interest in this information and have made reasonable efforts to determine whether the requested information is held. However, Council has undertaken a search of the consent documentation and could not locate any additional information regarding test pits 12–19. Based on a review of the report, it appears that pits numbered 12 - 19 were only shallow investigations carried out to assess foundation suitability.

As a local authority, we are committed to providing access to information that we hold. However, pursuant to section 17(e) of the LGOIMA, we are unable to provide the requested information because this information is not recorded or held in the format requested.

## **Right to review the above decision**

Note that you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about this process 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 contact [Rebecca.Pitts@qldc.govt.nz](mailto:Rebecca.Pitts@qldc.govt.nz) (Engagement and Communications Manager).

We trust that the above information satisfactorily answers your request.

Kind regards,

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