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**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** LGOIMA request - Waimea Dam Water - Reference: 1637 Thursday, 8  
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Kia ora [REDACTED],

I refer to your official information request dated 9 January 2024. The information you have requested is below:

**When and where the water is used that we are all rated on in relation to the Waimea Dam. I would appreciate a precis of the essential facts regarding the dam?**

The Tasman Resource Management Plan (TRMP) - [Tasman Resource Management Plan - TRMP | Tasman District Council](#) provides the details of the water zones where consents can be affiliated to the dam i.e. getting benefits from the dam water release.

Water permits for various uses either from bores or the river within the zone can be taken with controls on pumping rates for managing localised effects – all water permits are required to be metered. Council has a database on all water permits from these zones.

Affiliated Water permits also pay the dam company for their shareholding based on water shares they have.

The environmental benefits and the public good elements of the enhanced flow in the river which has to be maintained by dam releases once operational is the component that is rated both across the district and from the designated zone of benefit. Funding for the Waimea Community Dam water augmentation scheme is set out in the revenue and financing policy which is contained within volume 2 of the Long Term Plan (from page 218 to 221) - [Tasman's 10-Year Plan 2021 - 2031 | Tasman District Council](#).

Private domestic bores within the dam zone area would also benefit by an increase in security of supply. They are not required to be metered but have a cap of 5000 litres/per day take. Information/Facts on the Waimea Community Dam are publicly available on the council's website - [Waimea Community Dam | Tasman District Council](#), [Waimea Community Dam document library | Tasman District Council](#) and under Targeted rates – water supply - [How rates are set | Tasman District Council](#). As well as the information on the above pages, Waimea Water Limited's website - [Home – Waimea Water](#) also contains information and reports on the Waimea Community Dam, including Quarterly, Mid-Year and Annual Reports and presentations to Council.

If you are not satisfied with Council's response, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. 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 Legal and Democracy Services team on [lgoima@tasman.govt.nz](mailto:lgoima@tasman.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely  
Legal Services Officer

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