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LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT 1987: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Thank you for your email requesting information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA). A decision has now been made on your request pursuant to section 13 of the LGOIMA, and to provide you with the following information.

In your request, you asked for information about a covenant or memorandum of understanding regarding the maximum height restriction for planting on the Coastlands coastal reserve.

I am not aware of any formal agreement or covenant in relation to a maximum height restriction, however a vegetation management plan was prepared in July 2014. This document was a draft discussion document at the time, and there is no record of it being implemented formally.

I understand that the Coastcare Coordinator for Whakatāne is aware of the situation and avoids planting any trees which could affect views.

I have been advised that the 4m trees referred to in your request were to be most likely planted in the deeper hollows on the dunes which would not have created any issues with height restrictions. Due to residents' concerns, the coordinator decided against this and has advised that in the future only low growing vegetation will be planted.

If you are not satisfied with my response, you are entitled to request a review by the Ombudsman. Further information can be obtained from the following website [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Please note that this response may be published on our website. All personal information will be removed.

Nāku noa, nā



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