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Kia ora Howard

Thank you for your request made under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act), received on 29 May 2023. You requested the following information:

- Is, or has, the Council conducted a review into the failings that led to the installation of faulty streetlights? If so, can you please provide a copy of its scope?
- I want to find out if the review will consider the process used to appoint people who worked on the project and whether the people working on the streetlight project were appropriately qualified.

The Council has conducted a review into the failing streetlights. This review has been completed and is publicly available. Please see [proactive release](#) in particular items (3-6) related to testing of the adaptor. In late 2018 Gess Limited undertook an assessment to find cause of the fault. Another review was undertaken in February 2023 by WSP to test the adaptors.

The Council's Assurance and Business Integrity team also reviewed the streetlight failure. The outcome of their review is [publicly available](#). Recommendations from this report include:

- That the Council has controls for design sign-off including:
 - guidelines on who can sign off designs and under what conditions,
 - a record of who signed-off on a design, their qualifications, and a one-up manager approval.
- Improved health and safety management by:
 - Ensuring all staff are appropriately trained in responsibilities for reporting near-miss and events for all staff or public.

Right of review

If you are not satisfied with the Council's response, you may request the Office of the Ombudsman to investigate the Council's decision. Further information is available on the Ombudsman website, www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Please note, we may proactively release our response to your request with your personal information removed.

Thank you again for your request, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Kind regards

Asha Harry

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