

**From:** LGOIMA  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: LGOIMA Request - Rock Walls - Reference 2575 Thursday, 19  
**Date:** December 2024 10:21:32 am

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Kia ora [REDACTED],

We refer to your official information request dated 13 December 2024. Our response is below:

1. **Please can you tell me, from your records and memories over the last 60 years, how many rock walls have council, at their own cost, completely removed?**
  - a. **And where were they?**
  - b. **And how many of those were consented to by the council?**

Our Rivers and Coastal Engineer has provided the following information:

*"I have been requested to supply any information of rock walls that have been removed and memories of removal over the last 60 years.*

*I have been engaged by the Tasman District Council for the last 11 years and in that time, I have not been involved or have known of any rock walls or revetments that have been removed over that period authorised and paid for by council.*

*Also, during the time engaged by MWH as a consultant to council as a Rivers and Coastal Engineer over a period of approximately 6 years I were not involved in any rock revetment removal or known of any rock revetment removal by the Tasman District Council.*

*The only know structure removed by the Tasman District Council was a synthetic fabric training groyne at Port Motueka.*

*The cost recovery of a coastal rock revetment could be influenced on how accessible the structure is for removal by machinery.*

*The actual cost of removal of rock may be able to be offset against future potential on sale use for example in riverbank protection works providing the recovery cost are not excessive.*

*The current market rate for rock at quarries is high and in demand and projected to stay that way in the future."*

Note that the extent of our Rivers and Coastal Engineer's response covers only the past ~19 years that he has been involved in Council work. However, based on what he has said, we believe it is unlikely that any coastal rock walls installed in the District have been actively removed in the time scope specified in your request.

If you are unsatisfied with the 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.

Yours sincerely,  
Legal Support Officer

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