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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act, received by the Gore District Council on 29 January 2025. You asked for information in relation to the Waikaka Public Toilets.

- 1. *The year of when the community asked for these to be erected?*
- 2. *What was the year the council planned to do the job?*
- 3. *When was the job started?*
- 4. *Date it was completed?*
- 5. *Please supply the original budget with a breakdown of costs.*
- 6. *Please supply the final costs with a breakdown.*
- 7. *Were there any problems with the construction?*
- 8. *Name the companies that did the work.*

The Waikaka Public Toilets were opened to the public on 10 July 2024 after the project was first raised by Councillor Diane Byars and put into the Gore District Council 2018 Long Term Plan.

The original decision to install public toilets in Waikaka was budgeted at \$60,000 using a second hand toilet unit. However this unit was deemed too damaged and the costings were reviewed in the following Long Term Plan for the amount of \$135,000.

During 2021/22 local consultation took place to finalise the placement of the toilet and resource and building consents were completed and the planning of power and utility connections. The water supply from the Glenkenich Rural Water Scheme was approved in June 2021.

In December 2022 the toilet was ordered and arrived in Gore in August 2023, but it wasn't until March 2024 that the domain grounds were dry enough to allow the transportation of the toilet onto the prepared foundation.

A breakdown of the costs are provided in the table below.

Table 1. Total costs of the purchase and construction of the Waikaka Public Toilets

Description	Amount (\$)
Building Consent	3,475
Contractors	31,444
Glenkenich Rural Water Scheme	172
Power Connection	394
Resource Consent	428
Toilet Unit and Delivery	137,468

The companies that were engaged in the construction of the toilets were:

- BW Electrical
- Exeloo
- GHI Builders
- Newton Excavation
- Sheddan Plumbing

If you are unsatisfied with the response, you are entitled to lodge a complaint with the Office of the Ombudsmen. You can find more information on its website at:

<http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz>

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact me on 03) 209-0330.

Kind regards



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