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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your LGOIMA request dated 12 May 2026 for information about the Code of Conducts complaints. The Council sought an extension of time to respond to your request on 8 June 2026.

Your request sought:

- 1. All correspondence, including emails, texts, group chat messages and any other correspondence between councillors, and any correspondence between staff members, regarding the Code of Conduct complaint made to council in April; and*
- 2. Details of any other Code of Conduct complaints made during the last term of council, and any others made this term, irrespective of whether they were upheld or not; and*
- 3. All internal emails sent to councillors from Councillor McKenzie during this term.*

The Council advises that it received no evidence from Councillors that any text messages, or group chat messages or any other correspondence exist between Councillors during April 2026. Therefore, this part of your request is refused under section 17(e) of the Act as the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

Email correspondence between staff members during April 2026 regarding the Code of Conduct Complaint is enclosed. Note that a small amount of information has been withheld under section 7(2)(a) of the Act that protects the privacy of natural persons. Any staff names who are not General Manager or above have been withheld to protect their privacy. One sentence has been withheld under section 7(2)(f)(i) where the free and frank expressions of opinions are given in their duty of an employee. In both instances of withholding, the transparency of staff communications on the matter remains.

The release of any past code of conduct investigation material relating to this request is refused under 7(2)(c)(i) which protects information which is subject to an obligation of confidence where the making available of that information would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information in the future.

The code of conduct procedure is required to be confidential until reported to Council. It is considered the public interest also favours upholding this confidentiality so any complaints can be investigated and resolved in accordance with the code of conduct.

Email correspondence that was sent to Councillors from Councillor McKenzie are enclosed. Note that in some instances, emails exist within an email chain and those emails that are outside the scope of your request are identified and information removed. A small amount of information has been removed under sections 7(2)(a) of the Act to protect the privacy of natural persons, such as non-Council staff, private information pertaining to a member, or any staff who are below General Manager level.

Some information has been withheld under section 7(2)(f)(i) of the Act where the free and frank expressions of opinions are given in their duty of an employee. There are instances where views have been shared in the expectation that the audience is only peers, and therefore it is important that early views maintain the effective conduct of public affairs.

Finally a small amount of information contained in an emails dated 22 April 2026 and 12 May 2026 has been withheld under 7(2)(c)(i) which protects information which is subject to an obligation of confidence where the making available of that information would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information in the future.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Yours sincerely



David Bainbridge-Zafar  
Acting Chief Executive

**From:** [Graham McKerracher](#)  
**To:** [Debbie Lascelles](#)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Fw: LGOIMA request  
**Date:** Tuesday, 12 May 2026 2:51:16 pm

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Hi both,

FYI

Best regards,  
Graham

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**From:** Rachael Kelly <rachael.kelly@stuff.co.nz>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 12, 2026 2:48 PM  
**To:** Graham McKerracher <gmckerracher@goredc.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** LGOIMA request

Hi Graham

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Can we please also request the details of any other Code of Conduct complaints made during the last term of council, and any others made this term, irrespective of whether they were upheld or not.

Can we please also request all internal emails sent to councillors from Councillor MacKenzie during this term.

Thanks

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Yes, I have sent through a shared file to James Cowan.

Is there a way of sending him the recording of the workshop? The Comms one?

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| U.S. should take less action to address climate change | 15%        |



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**From:** s 7(2) Privacy goredc.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 22 April 2026 12:53 pm  
**To:** s 7(2) Privacy Debbie Lascelles  
**Subject:** RE: Code of conduct complaint

Yes, and in terms of the Policy, it states: *On receipt of the complaint, the CE must forward the complaint to an independent person, either an independent investigator or an initial assessor, for an assessment.*

I can review the recording if required.

**From:** s 7(2) Privacy [REDACTED]@goredc.govt.nz  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 22 April 2026 12:49 pm  
**To:** Debbie Lascelles <dlascelles@goredc.govt.nz>; s 7(2) Privacy [REDACTED]@goredc.govt.nz  
**Subject:** RE: Code of conduct complaint

Hi Debbie,

Yes, I think Anderson Lloyd would be a good option, from what I can see many councils use an independent investigator as an initial assessor. Otherwise, it's a senior member of staff – though objectivity is often best.

Thanks,

**From:** Debbie Lascelles <[dlascelles@goredc.govt.nz](mailto:dlascelles@goredc.govt.nz)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 22 April 2026 12:36 pm  
**To:** s 7(2) Privacy [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@goredc.govt.nz](mailto:[REDACTED]@goredc.govt.nz)>; s 7(2) Privacy [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@goredc.govt.nz](mailto:[REDACTED]@goredc.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** FW: Code of conduct complaint

Apparently we have a policy around this stuff too. Do you think we should just ask Anderson Lloyd to do the initial assessment?

Cheers,  
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Out of scope

Yea definitely – we thought that the new standard one would be out by now.

Cheers,  
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| Government          | Percentage |
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| Current government  | 85%        |
| Previous government | 15%        |

**From:** s 7(2) Privacy  
**To:** s 7(2) Privacy; [Debbie Lascelles](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Code of conduct complaint  
**Date:** Wednesday, 22 April 2026 1:01:17 pm

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7(2)(f)(i) Free & Frank

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**From:** s 7(2) Privacy <[REDACTED]@goredc.govt.nz>  
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Cheers,

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**From:** Robert McKenzie <RMcKenzie@goredc.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 22 April 2026 7:50 pm  
**To:** Ben Bell; Debbie Lascelles; David Bainbridge-Zafar; .Councillors (with e-mail)  
**Subject:** 3B fertiliser planned plant proposal (front page Southland times Today)

Hello everyone,

Great news the executive director Victoria Hydrogen Allan Blood has agreed to a phone interview with me about the proposed 3 Billion plant in the southern Region. Southland Times states the plants exact proposed location is not public knowledge until discussions with land owners were complete. Allan did say 27 (2)(c)(i) obligation of confidence

For those that do not know coal is used to make urea through various processes. Best you read the southland times for more info on the process.

Allan knows that I am a GDC member as well as radio station owner and is happy to talk with me tomorrow afternoon or Friday. Time to be confirmed will let you all know.

Yours truly did mention coal in our conversation yesterday and I feel a hassle coming up.

Cheers N Beers Robert

**From:** Robert McKenzie <RMcKenzie@goredc.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 5 May 2026 12:13 pm  
**To:** Ben Bell  
**Subject:** Accepted: In Person Meeting with Allan Blood - Victorian Hydrogen

Released Under the LGOMA

**From:** Robert McKenzie <RMcKenzie@goredc.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 27 January 2026 3:05 pm  
**To:** Ben Bell  
**Subject:** Accepted: Risk and Assurance Committee - Meet and Greet with Giselle

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**From:** Robert McKenzie <RMcKenzie@goredc.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 9 December 2025 3:51 pm  
**To:** Ben Bell; David Bainbridge-Zafar; Nicky Coats  
**Subject:** Community Networking Trust AGM  
**Attachments:** 3ab64cba-ef05-4a40-b2da-d9f2a5883b50-1\_all\_43464.jpg

Myself and Niki Coats attended the Community Networking Trust ( Board Pic attached)  
Below we have items from the Agenda and Chairs Report (Tracy Hicks)

27 (2)(c)(i) obligation of confider

[REDACTED]

Cheers Counciller Robert John Murray McKenzie (Caveman)

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**From:** Robert McKenzie <RMcKenzie@goredc.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 29 April 2026 9:35 pm  
**To:** Ben Bell  
**Subject:** Contact with Allan Blood please. (important)

Hi Ben (M8)

Can you contact Allan please and arrange a time/day that he can meet with us maybe lunch or similar? Its really a buzz him wanting to meet us in person and a great distraction from some of the other things happening at the moment.

I can work around what works for you and Him so will leave it in your hands to arrange please ?  
Cheers CM & Nero

**From:** Robert McKenzie <RMcKenzie@goredc.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 22 January 2026 8:48 am  
**To:** .Councillors (with e-mail); Ben Bell; Debbie Lascelles; David Bainbridge-Zafar  
**Subject:** FW: Chat Mark P  
**Attachments:** Mark P interview.mp3

Hello All please find attached my interview with Hon Mark Patterson (yesterday) Mark booked a chat with me  
With no info attached until yesterday. Have a listen if you like ?  
Cheers CM



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**From:** Robert McKenzie <RMcKenzie@goredc.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Friday, 24 April 2026 7:58 am  
**To:** Debbie Lascelles; Ben Bell  
**Subject:** FW: Contact with Allan Blood (IMPORTANT)

Hi Ben & Deb,

Yours truly is a little nervous about my interview with Allan today as it is the start of coms with Victoria Hydrogen (coms so far attached)  
This could lead to some benefit to GDC so want you both to know the email trail so far. I will be having a quick conversation with him b4 we go live.

I have interviewed our PM, Winston, Shane Jones and many others BUT this could be the most important one yet?  
Please keep his contact details in house at the moment as it took some work to get direct contact with him.

Silly question you will see his mobile number below what number do I dial to reach it in Perth as I need to nail this first time ?

Thank You Team GDC

Slightly nervous Caveman

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**From:** Robert McKenzie <RMcKenzie@goredc.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Monday, 27 April 2026 9:42 pm  
**To:** Ben Bell; Debbie Lascelles  
**Subject:** FW: Victorian Hydrogen Chat Allan Blood on Cave FM

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Thank You CM

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**From:** Robert McKenzie <RMcKenzie@goredc.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 24, 2026 3:29 PM  
**To:** Ben Bell <bbell@goredc.govt.nz>; Debbie Lascelles <dlascelles@goredc.govt.nz>; David Bainbridge-Zafar <dbainbridge-zafar@goredc.govt.nz>; Lornae Straith <LStraith@goredc.govt.nz>; .Councillors (with e-mail) <Councillors@goredc.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** FW: Victorian Hydrogen Chat Allan Blood on Cave FM

Here it is folks.

My interview with Allan went really well. I must admit being a little nervous talking to a guy whose company is considering spending 3 Billion dollars in the southern region. 27 (2)(c)(i) obligation of confidence

I'm proud of my work today as a radio host and GDC member.  
PS I did manage to stay awake through the whole process.  
Cheers CR Caveman

**From:** Robert McKenzie <RMcKenzie@goredc.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 14 April 2026 11:53 am  
**To:** Ben Bell; Debbie Lascelles; David Bainbridge-Zafar; Councillor; .Councillors (with e-mail)  
**Subject:** FW: Waitaki DC officially returns to Southern Waters

Not sure who has this ? but just sharing it anyway Cheers Caveman

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**From:** Studio, Cave FM <studio@cavefm.co.nz>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 14 April 2026 11:49 am  
**To:** Robert McKenzie <RMcKenzie@goredc.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** FW: Waitaki DC officially returns to Southern Waters

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**From:** Sonia Gerken <[Sonia.Gerken@codc.govt.nz](mailto:Sonia.Gerken@codc.govt.nz)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 14 April 2026 11:27 am  
**Subject:** re: Waitaki DC officially returns to Southern Waters



**Media Advisory - for immediate use**  
14 April 2026

### **With Southern Waters officially becomes a four-council water services company**

The Waitaki District Council has officially returned to Southern Waters, marking a major milestone in the establishment of the South Island's largest joint council-owned water services company.

At an extraordinary meeting today (Tuesday 14 April), Waitaki councillors approved the key foundation documents needed to support the move, including the Shareholders' Agreement, Constitution and updated Commitment Agreement.

They also appointed two representatives to the Stakeholders' Representative Group (SRG) – Mayor Mel Tavendale and Cr Frans Schlack.

Waitaki's decision means it will rejoin Central Otago, Clutha and Gore District Councils to form a water services company that will deliver water, wastewater and stormwater services to around 84,100 people across 24,702 square kilometres.

Southern Waters spokesperson and Central Otago District Mayor Tamah Alley said the return of Waitaki was a positive step for the future of water services across the lower South Island.

"Southern Waters is about doing what's right for our communities, both now and into the future.

"By working together, we're putting in place a structure that supports long-term investment, strong service delivery, and sustainable outcomes across our boundaries."

Mayor Alley said bringing Waitaki into the partnership would strengthen Southern Waters' financial and operational position.

"Southern Waters is an outstanding example of smaller and mid-sized districts working together to stay strong.

"Our councils face many of the same challenges, such as ageing infrastructure, increasing regulation, and strong expectations from communities around safety and affordability."

Modelling has also shown the value of greater scale. Work by Morrison Low Advisory on the original four-council model indicated cumulative savings of \$627 million by 2054. This compares to modelling for the three-council structure, which reduced that figure to approximately \$392 million by 2054.

Southern Waters will manage assets valued at \$684 million, including:

- 4,787km of water pipeline
- 24 urban water supplies
- 67 water and wastewater treatment plants
- 17 rural water schemes

Waitaki District Mayor Mel Tavendale said rejoining Southern Waters was about securing the best long-term outcome for the District's communities.

"Our decision to return to Southern Waters follows careful analysis and a clear focus on what will deliver safe, sustainable and affordable water services for Waitaki over the long term.

"Working alongside neighbouring councils gives us the scale, capability and resilience needed to meet growing regulatory requirements while keeping the interests of our communities front and centre," she said.

Mayor Alley said the priority now was to keep momentum up toward Southern Waters going live in July 2027.

"We've got collaborative councils, a highly skilled delivery team and a mandate to provide the best water services we can for our people. Now we need to get on with the set-up so we are ready to go in July 2027."

Waitaki opted out of Southern Waters, a council controlled organisation formed under the Government's Local Water Done Well reforms, last year in favour of an in-house water services delivery model. However, following the rejection of its Water Services Delivery Plan and the investigation of joint service delivery models, Waitaki resolved to rejoin Southern Waters.

Central Otago, Clutha and Gore District Councils agreed to Waitaki's return, approved the foundation documents and appointed their Stakeholders' Representative Group members at meetings in March and April.

The Stakeholders' Representative Group represents the shareholder councils collectively. Its duties include appointing and removing directors, setting shareholder expectations and monitoring the Board's performance.

Southern Waters' shareholding council representatives are:

- Central Otago District Council: Mayor Tamah Alley and Cr Cheryl Laws

- Clutha District Council: Mayor Jock Martin and Cr Roger Cotton
- Gore District Council: Mayor Ben Bell and Cr Neville Phillips
- Waitaki District Council: Mayor Mel Tavendale and Cr Frans Schlack

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Council representatives and the Southern Waters' Project Team are scheduled to meet later this month to discuss the company's Water Services Strategy.

ENDS

For more information, please contact me.

Cheers

Sonia

**Sonia Gerken** Southern Waters Communications & Engagement Lead

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**From:** Robert McKenzie <RMcKenzie@goredc.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 7 May 2026 6:10 am  
**To:** s 7(2) Privacy; Debbie Lascelles; Ben Bell  
**Subject:** garden boxes main street

Goodmorning

s 7(2)a Privacy s 7(2) Privacy the planter boxes in main street have all of the plants ripped out near Mersey street roundabout and the one near The health shop I believe? As you know I live very near there and never heard a thing. There are some young ones that hang around that area at night on their bikes etc.

I wonder If we can track down some security video from nearby?  
There was a lady taking a pic of the mess this morning I did apologize for my choice of words. This would have been around 6am when I was walking over to the station

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Caveman

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**From:** Robert McKenzie <RMcKenzie@goredc.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Monday, 26 January 2026 2:06 pm  
**To:** Ben Bell; Debbie Lascelles; David Bainbridge-Zafar; .Councillors (with e-mail)  
**Subject:** Great Night  
**Attachments:** 22222222a.jpg

Hello All,

Fantastic evening on Thursday Burns night hosted by British High Commissioner. she is a lovely lady.

My s 7(2) Privacy attended with me, the commissioner and s 7(2) Privacy had a great chat both being poms. Great chance to mingle with folk from ICC including Mayor Tom. I must say it was one of the most enjoyable evenings I have had in many years.

Plenty of Whiskey Wine and Great food including haggis. Networking is the name of the game and why not enjoy it as well?

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Cheers Robert John Murray McKenzie. (Caveman)

**From:** Robert McKenzie <RMcKenzie@goredc.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 5 November 2025 8:54 am  
**To:** Ben Bell; .Councillors (with e-mail); Debbie Lascelles  
**Subject:** Hello All .

Really excited about the new council and the fantastic diversity we all bring to the table. I am starting to feel like one of the old farts LOL. Yes I want to get into work but we need to give our fantastic staff time to get everything sorted as there are massive changes happening with the new portfolios etc. I am a naturally impatient person but we really need to give staff and managers time to prepare. Will see some of you in Invercargill at 12pm.

Cheers Councilor Caveman  
Robert John Murray McKenzie

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**From:** Robert McKenzie <RMcKenzie@goredc.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 24 December 2025 9:08 am  
**To:** Ben Bell; Debbie Lascelles; .Councillors (with e-mail)  
**Subject:** INHOUSE ONLY PLEASE

Hi all

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Merry Christmas Everyone.  
CM

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**From:** Robert McKenzie <RMcKenzie@goredc.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Sunday, 21 December 2025 10:38 am  
**To:** Ben Bell; Debbie Lascelles; Lornae Straith; David Bainbridge-Zafar; .Councillors (with e-mail)  
**Subject:** Merry Christmas everyone

Well the Big man will soon be here Nero and I don't have a chimney I will leave the door unlocked for him LOL. As those of you that know me understand I can react by walking away from my thoughts at times. 7(2)(f)(i) Free & Frank  
to those of you I may offend at times I apologize , I can be very passionate about some things. My belief is we must concentrate on building a team 7(2)(f)(i) Free & Frank

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I consider you all as friends (some closer than others LOL) so again apologies if I have pissed you off this year as I will probably do it again in the future.  
WE MUST CONTINUE TO BUILD A GREAT TEAM (we can do this)  
That's my last rant for the year  
Have a great break everyone You deserve it.  
Cheers n Beers Caveman & Nero

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**From:** Robert McKenzie <RMcKenzie@goredc.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Monday, 9 March 2026 9:13 am  
**To:** Ben Bell; Debbie Lascelles; David Bainbridge-Zafar; .Councillors (with e-mail)  
**Subject:** My thoughts (it ok I will be polite)

7(2)(f)(i) Free & Frank

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

That's all for Now C ya all Soon  
Better get back on the airwaves  
CM

**From:** Robert McKenzie <RMcKenzie@goredc.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Friday, 10 April 2026 11:30 am  
**To:** Ben Bell; Debbie Lascelles; David Bainbridge-Zafar; .Councillors (with e-mail)  
**Subject:** My Thoughts on Social Media etc

Hi All

My personal thoughts on Social media etc. I say again my personal thoughts only. I stay well away from commenting on GDC matters on FB and other media.

The problem is once you make a comment you are then a target for all kinds of abuse (mostly uninformed B/S). I keep my thoughts/Questions for in chamber discussion and question time.

As we have discovered recently some figures published can be absolute B/S and generally have political reasoning left or right leaning. I will not be part of a system that spreads B/S online I tend to rely on internal info supplied to us by staff and managers and if I can not find it as a last resort I will ask Ben, Deb or a manager where should I look? Back to FB, folk have said to me now and then "did you read what Joe blogs put on FB about You ? I generally say no because I don't read that crap.

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To sum up I will not waste our overworked staff's time with requests for information that is available to us once we know where to look. I will not comment or answer questions on GDC matters.

FB is not the real world. The real world is when we are in chambers making decisions with accurate information. So I will not reply to any comments on this email. It is just comment I believe is well overdue.

Have a great weekend everyone  
Cheers Robert John Murray McKenzie.

**From:** Robert McKenzie <RMcKenzie@goredc.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Monday, 23 February 2026 11:43 am  
**To:** Ben Bell; Debbie Lascelles; David Bainbridge-Zafar; .Councillors (with e-mail)  
**Subject:** On the Fly

Hello All,

Not sure who else went to on the fly on Sunday? Nero and I walked over not long after kick off (1.30pm)

I big shout out to everyone involved especially GDC staff job well done in trying conditions not much fun putting up

Tents etc in the wind. Nero and I found the craft beer tent a great place to shelter and observe from.

Lot's of kids parents and grandparents

Plus dogs in attendance all seemed happy. Nice to be at a community event with such a positive vibe.

Cheers Robert John Murray McKenzie & Nero

**From:** Robert McKenzie <RMcKenzie@goredc.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 12 March 2026 7:05 am  
**To:** David Bainbridge-Zafar; Ben Bell; Debbie Lascelles  
**Subject:** P L Meeting today

Good morning David,Ben & Debbie

Please put an apology in for me today re Portfolio leads meeting at 3pm ?

Circumstances beyond my control sorry interview time and day changed bloody musos.

Sorry for any inconvenience caused Caveman .

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**From:** Robert McKenzie <RMcKenzie@goredc.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Sunday, 3 May 2026 9:53 am  
**To:** Ben Bell; Debbie Lascelles  
**Subject:** please dont get sick of me Im really old

Just noticed Donna had CCd another party into the last email to me from her.  
Do we have any Idea who it is?  
CM

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**From:** Robert McKenzie <RMcKenzie@goredc.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 7 January 2026 3:23 pm  
**To:** Ben Bell; Debbie Lascelles; .Councillors (with e-mail); David Bainbridge-Zafar  
**Subject:** Previous email

Hi All,

I big thank you to everyone

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[Redacted content]

Cheers N Beers  
Robert John Murray McKenzie( Caveman)

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**From:** Robert McKenzie <RMcKenzie@goredc.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Monday, 16 February 2026 10:38 am  
**To:** Ben Bell; Debbie Lascelles  
**Subject:** R & A get together

Hello Ben & Deb,

Goodness me. Did have thoughts of popping in today just to say hello and observe RE the R & A com get together 7(2)(f)(i) Free & Frank  
Cheers CM

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**From:** Robert McKenzie <RMcKenzie@goredc.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 23 April 2026 10:15 am  
**To:** Donna Bruce; Debbie Lascelles; Ben Bell; David Bainbridge-Zafar; .Councillors (with e-mail)  
**Subject:** RE: 3B fertiliser planned plant proposal (front page Southland times Today)

Hi Donna Can Do..... at the moment we are looking at 2pm Friday for live broadcast with Allan Chees  
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On 22 Apr 2026, at 7:50 PM, Robert McKenzie <[RMcKenzie@goredc.govt.nz](mailto:RMcKenzie@goredc.govt.nz)> wrote:

Hello everyone,

Great news the executive director Victoria Hydrogen Allan Blood has agreed to a phone interview with me about the proposed 3 Billion plant in the southern Region. Southland Times states the plants exact proposed location is not public knowledge until discussions with land owners were complete. Allan did say

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For those that do not know coal is used to make urea through various processes. Best you read the southland times for more info on the process.

Allan knows that I am a GDC member as well as radio station owner and is happy to talk with me tomorrow afternoon or Friday. Time to be confirmed will let you all know.

Yours truly did mention coal in our conversation yesterday and I feel a hussle coming up.

Cheers N Beers Robert

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Those bloody media folks (yes Im one) sometimes grab a headline and some of the minor details get pushed into the background. I totally understand your concerns and agree with you. But Im sure there will be a response to your concerns . Lets see how this pans out?

Cheers Robert John Murray McKenzie esquire

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**From:** Robert McKenzie <RMcKenzie@goredc.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Monday, 4 May 2026 9:15 am  
**To:** Ben Bell  
**Subject:** RE: Code of Conduct Allegation - Staff Presentation - Initial Assessment

Cheers CM

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**From:** Robert McKenzie <[RMcKenzie@goredc.govt.nz](mailto:RMcKenzie@goredc.govt.nz)>  
**Sent:** Sunday, 3 May 2026 9:44 am  
**To:** Ben Bell <[bbell@goredc.govt.nz](mailto:bbell@goredc.govt.nz)>; Debbie Lascelles <[dlascelles@goredc.govt.nz](mailto:dlascelles@goredc.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** FW: Code of Conduct Allegation - Staff Presentation - Initial Assessment

Hi guys 7(2)(f)(i) Free & Frank As I have not sent my reply to  
s 7(2) Privacy to her.

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Cheers CM

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**From:** Robert McKenzie <RMcKenzie@goredc.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Friday, 30 January 2026 3:30 pm  
**To:** Nicky Coats; Debbie Lascelles; Ben Bell; .Councillors (with e-mail)  
**Subject:** RE: Draft submission on rates capping

Hi Niky,

I am generalizing a bit re all of the issues we face as a TEAM and 7(2)(f)(i) Free & Frank  
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**From:** Robert McKenzie <[RMcKenzie@goredc.govt.nz](mailto:RMcKenzie@goredc.govt.nz)>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 30, 2026 3:19:12 pm  
**To:** Torrone Smith <[tsmith@goredc.govt.nz](mailto:tsmith@goredc.govt.nz)>; Debbie Lascelles <[dlascelles@goredc.govt.nz](mailto:dlascelles@goredc.govt.nz)>; Ben Bell <[bbell@goredc.govt.nz](mailto:bbell@goredc.govt.nz)>; .Councillors (with e-mail) <[Councillors@goredc.govt.nz](mailto:Councillors@goredc.govt.nz)>; Lornae Straith <[LStraith@goredc.govt.nz](mailto:LStraith@goredc.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** RE: Draft submission on rates capping

Hi Torrone and All,

Some great points/Ideas there 7(2)(f)(i) Free & Frank

Wise thoughts from you .

It looks that way to me. Hence it is of the upmost importance we all stick together as a team, Councillors our CEO Managers and staff included.

Emails are handy but we have the chance to sit at the table and discuss issues shortly.

Have a great weekend everyone

Cheers n Beers

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**From:** Robert McKenzie <RMcKenzie@goredc.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 19 March 2026 9:43 pm  
**To:** .Councillors (with e-mail); Debbie Lascelles; Ben Bell; David Bainbridge-Zafar; s 7(2) Privacy  
**Subject:** RE: East Gore video live

Fantastic Stuff its great to see kids doing things outside. Its great to have some positive feedback like this for all concerned.

Cheers Robert John Murray McKenzie

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**From:** Robert McKenzie <RMcKenzie@goredc.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 16 April 2026 8:32 am  
**To:** Mel Cupit  
**Cc:** s 7(2) Privacy Ben Bell; s 7(2) Privacy  
**Subject:** RE: GDC Promos

That Works for me. 23<sup>rd</sup> 11am Cheers Robert John Murray McKenzie (Caveman)

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On 15 Apr 2026, at 2:04 PM, Robert McKenzie <[RM.McKenzie@goredc.govt.nz](mailto:RM.McKenzie@goredc.govt.nz)> wrote:

Hi All,

I can mostly make things work so just fuck a day and time?  
Cheers Robert (Caveman)

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From: Robert McKenzie <[RMcKenzie@goredc.govt.nz](mailto:RMcKenzie@goredc.govt.nz)>  
Sent: Thursday, April 9, 2026 9:04 AM  
To: s 7(2) Privacy <[REDACTED]@goredc.govt.nz>; Ben Bell  
<[bbell@goredc.govt.nz](mailto:bbell@goredc.govt.nz)>; David Bainbridge-Zafar <[dbainbridge-zafar@goredc.govt.nz](mailto:dbainbridge-zafar@goredc.govt.nz)>; Debbie Lascelles <[dlascelles@goredc.govt.nz](mailto:dlascelles@goredc.govt.nz)>  
Subject: GDC Promos

Good morning [REDACTED] s 7(2) Privacy

At our recent portfolio's meeting we discussed the possibility of doing some video clips promoting The dog park and other GDC facilities plus getting the message out there of any concerns we may have about the use and care Of GDC property?

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Cheers CR Caveman (Robert McKenzie)

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**From:** Robert McKenzie <RMcKenzie@goredc.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 15 April 2026 2:04 pm  
**To:** s 7(2) Privacy; Mel Cupit; Ben Bell  
**Cc:** s 7(2) Privacy  
**Subject:** RE: GDC Promos

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Cheers  
Coveyman (Robert McKenzie)

**From:** Robert McKenzie <RMcKenzie@goredc.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Friday, 20 March 2026 3:25 pm  
**To:** David Bainbridge-Zafar; s 7(2) Privacy Debbie Lascelles; Ben Bell; .Councillors (with e-mail)  
**Subject:** RE: Good news Friday - R4L

Hi David,

I love warm and fuzzy. It reminds me we have fantastic people on board that do genuinely care for others especially as we get closer to our senior years ourselves (some of us).

Great work <sup>s 7(2) Privacy</sup> Ready for living from this old fart.

## Caveman & Nero

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**From:** Robert McKenzie <RMcKenzie@goredc.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Sunday, 7 December 2025 9:33 pm  
**To:** Andy Fraser; Torrone Smith; Donna Bruce  
**Cc:** Ben Bell; .Councillors (with e-mail); Debbie Lascelles  
**Subject:** RE: Meeting Request – Discussion on Recent Government Announcements [In-person]

Hi All,

I believe we do have pre meeting chats Now? Yes there will be a settling in period with portfolios and everything else happening at the moment.

If some of us would like to have a catch up before the pre meeting catch up that I up to them. But we must not go down the track of surmising and then spreading confusion.

We must stay a coherent group working with the facts absolute. There is nothing going on in the background that is being withheld from councillors internally I believe we need to be just a little patient and wait until the information required is presented to us as accurately as possible.

And as Andy and TJ have stated it is a rather busy time at the moment I need plenty of notice to find a station manager.

Cheers CM

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**From:** Robert McKenzie <RMcKenzie@goredc.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 12 May 2026 8:15 am  
**To:** Mel Cupit; Debbie Lascelles; Ben Bell; .Councillors (with e-mail)  
**Subject:** RE: Mel's code of conduct

Hi Mel,

Thank you for being up 7(2)(f)(i) Free & Frank. 7(2)(f)(i) Free & Frank

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So I genuinely wish you all the best in the future as a GDC member with plenty to offer.

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This is my opinion only not that of any others This is the only comment I will make on this matter.

Please take this message as intended as one of support.

Cheers Robert (Caveman)

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**From:** Robert McKenzie <RMcKenzie@goredc.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 4 December 2025 4:29 pm  
**To:** Mel Cupit  
**Subject:** RE: ON THE BUS

Hi Mel... I understand what you are saying and yes polite banter is fine as you know I talk a lot LOL  
BUT we could hear constant Yapping from the back mostly male voice's It was rude especially  
when we were  
Supposed to be listening to whoever was on the mic. My point Mel is even if some can hear with the  
yapping going on in the background  
It is still very rude when a staff member is talking not to listen . We did have this problem some time  
ago at workshops RE Debbie would be talking to us  
And there was yapping going on in the background again very rude that was sorted.  
Cheers for now CM

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On 2 Dec 2025, at 10:24 PM, Robert McKenzie <[RMcKenzie@goredc.govt.nz](mailto:RMcKenzie@goredc.govt.nz)> wrote:

Hi ALL,

Where have our manners gone? Staff took time out of their busy days to travel  
on the bus with us today  
And talk about various GDC projects and work in progress etc this is very important  
stuff for us to think about?

Sadly it became obvious to me that one or two people were not interested and  
continually yapped while  
Staff were try to talk to us. I felt embarrassed especially for s 7(2) Privacy  
as others but did have very  
Important facts fot us to consider. 7(2)(f)(i) Free & Frank  
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Remember we are in a team building stage at the moment being rude to staff is  
NOT THE WAY TO GO.

This has happened in workshops in the past but not in recent times. I was  
taught manners as a Lad obviously  
Some of us were not?  
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Back in the day we were asked not to bring them into chambers.

Cheers CM

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Just to you. Back in the dark old days when we had all of the shit going on with false accusations going on re leaking stuff to the media we were supposed to not even have our cell phones in chambers because of the security leaks.

I saw one GDC member take a pic of what was on the screen in front of us on Tuesday mmmm.  
I totally concur with your thoughts.  
Cheers Caveman

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**From:** Robert McKenzie <RMcKenzie@goredc.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 27 November 2025 8:57 am  
**To:** Nicky Coats  
**Subject:** RE: Photos

Thank You Nicky

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**From:** Robert McKenzie <RMcKenzie@goredc.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Sunday, 23 November 2025 10:23 am  
**To:** Debbie Lascelles; .Councillors (with e-mail)  
**Subject:** RE: Public comments in the media and on social media

Good points Deb,

Being an extrovert makes it sometime's bloody hard to keep my trap shut BUT it is what we sign up for and we must all stick to the rules.

As has happened to me in the past sometimes when all of the facts are presented to us at a meeting we may change our thoughts on an issue so we must keep pre meeting thoughts to ourselves

and be open minded. 7(2)(f)(i) Free & Frank

WE HAVE A GREAT TEAM OF COUNCILORS AND STAFF we must respect each other and not step on each others toes.

Cheers for Now C CM

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**From:** Robert McKenzie <RMcKenzie@goredc.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 25 March 2026 9:18 am  
**To:** Donna Bruce; Ben Bell; .Councillors (with e-mail); Debbie Lascelles  
**Subject:** RE: This is exactly what our community needs

Hi Donna and all,

Nothing new here at all Im afraid. He mentions overworked staff (We have this). He mentions money saved by their CEO (our CEO is doing this now). As stated in emails previous. Some councils are just deferring costs that will impact rate payers in the future? He mentions not replacing staff

But then shoots himself in the foot saying that this may have negative repercussions on their organization?

And no mention of Water? That is a big cost to ratepayers that all councils have coming up with CCO water costs.

In my opinion a great example of kicking the can down the road to the detriment of our rate payers long term.

Cheers All  
Robert John Murray McKenzie CR

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**From:** Robert McKenzie <RMcKenzie@goredc.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 26 March 2026 5:35 pm  
**To:** Donna Bruce; Debbie Lascelles; .Councillors (with e-mail); David Bainbridge-Zafar; Ben Bell  
**Subject:** RE: This is exactly what our community needs

Hello Again everyone,

Question Donna. What exactly do you mean when referring to Ben Quote "Facing up to them"

To me this is a little insulting/vague and indicates some kind of reluctance on the Mayors part. When we all know our Mayor

Along with our senior staff are doing their best to keep us and the ratepayers informed? If senior staff keep getting unwarranted criticism from council members we will loose them and where will that leave us? As everyone knows I am a big fan of working together as a team. We must use courtesy when dealing with each other that is how democracy works.

Pertinent polite questions are great and constructive but repeating answered questions is just time wasting for us all.

Im not into doing GDC business by email that is for in chambers. Remembering our emails are not absolutely guaranteed as secure.

That will do for now

Cheers CR Robert John Murray McKenzie

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**From:** Robert McKenzie <[RMcKenzie@goredc.govt.nz](mailto:RMcKenzie@goredc.govt.nz)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 25 March 2026 9:18 am  
**To:** Donna Bruce <[donna.bruce@goredc.govt.nz](mailto:donna.bruce@goredc.govt.nz)>; Ben Bell <[bbell@goredc.govt.nz](mailto:bbell@goredc.govt.nz)>; .Councillors (with e-mail) <[Councillors@goredc.govt.nz](mailto:Councillors@goredc.govt.nz)>; Debbie Lascelles <[dlascelles@goredc.govt.nz](mailto:dlascelles@goredc.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** RE: This is exactly what our community needs

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**From:** Robert McKenzie <[RMcKenzie@goredc.govt.nz](mailto:RMcKenzie@goredc.govt.nz)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 28 April 2026 4:18 pm  
**To:** Donna Bruce  
**Subject:** RE: Victorian Hydrogen Chat Allan Blood on Cave FM

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**From:** Robert McKenzie <[RMcKenzie@goredc.govt.nz](mailto:RMcKenzie@goredc.govt.nz)>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2026 9:43 PM  
**To:** Donna Bruce <[dbruce@goredc.govt.nz](mailto:dbruce@goredc.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** RE: Victorian Hydrogen Chat Allan Blood on Cave FM

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**From:** Robert McKenzie <[RMcKenzie@goredc.govt.nz](mailto:RMcKenzie@goredc.govt.nz)>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 24, 2026 3:29 PM  
**To:** Ben Bell <[bbell@goredc.govt.nz](mailto:bbell@goredc.govt.nz)>; Debbie Lascelles <[dlascelles@goredc.govt.nz](mailto:dlascelles@goredc.govt.nz)>; David Bainbridge-Zafar <[dbainbridge-zafar@goredc.govt.nz](mailto:dbainbridge-zafar@goredc.govt.nz)>; Lornae Straith <[LStraith@goredc.govt.nz](mailto:LStraith@goredc.govt.nz)>; .Councillors (with e-mail) <[Councillors@goredc.govt.nz](mailto:Councillors@goredc.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** FW: Victorian Hydrogen Chat Allan Blood on Cave FM

Here it is folks.

My interview with Allan went really well I must admit being a little nervous talking to a guy whose company is considering spending

3 Billion dollars in the southern region.

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Im proud of my work today as a radio host and GDC member.

PS I did manage to stay awake through the whole process.

Cheers CR Caveman

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**From:** Robert McKenzie <RMcKenzie@goredc.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 12 February 2026 10:26 am  
**To:** Ben Bell; Debbie Lascelles; David Bainbridge-Zafar; .Councillors (with e-mail)  
**Subject:** Tanga o te kawa CNT building

Good morning everyone,

I attended a blessing of the new CNT building (Fairfield St) this morning at 8am. As the GDC rep on their board I did speak to the board and staff wishing them all the best and a big well done from GDC. The new building has great bones (my term) needs a little sorting with Wheelchair access etc. Staff will be in the top floor and the various groups they work with will be using 1<sup>st</sup> floor for meetings etc. I learn more each meeting Attended about this group and the great work done with youth etc.  
Have a great day in Paradise  
Cheers Robert John Murray McKenzie.

**From:** Robert McKenzie <RMcKenzie@goredc.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Monday, 23 March 2026 2:07 pm  
**To:** Ben Bell  
**Subject:** Tentative: Meeting with Scott Necklen, Mayor Rehette and Mayor Dan

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**From:** Robert McKenzie <RMcKenzie@goredc.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 24 February 2026 6:39 am  
**To:** Debbie Lascelles; Ben Bell  
**Subject:** Trout Name

Good morning team,

Bit of a chuckle this one. A fisherman I know messaged me about the trout hen seems to think the statue is a hen oops.  
Perhaps she needs a name change LOL. I think Fin was better as well Ben. Anyway bit of a chuckle to brighten your day (Both). Keep up the good work .

Cheers Robert John Murray McKenzie & Nero

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**From:** Robert McKenzie <RMcKenzie@goredc.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Friday, 13 March 2026 2:26 pm  
**To:** Debbie Lascelles; Ben Bell  
**Subject:** Tuesday

Hi Deb & Ben,

s 7(2) Privacy has asked me to attend the Q & A part of their Kings Trust Enterprise Workshop for youth on Tuesday? If we were having lunch at 12pm I could give them some of my time to talk about starting a business and the pro's and con's involved plus answer any questions they may have. Would it be possible to excuse myself from part of our meeting and return ?

Your Thoughts Please?

Cheers Caveman

PS at the moment their Q & A time is 11.30 am to 12.30pm

**From:** Robert McKenzie <RMcKenzie@goredc.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 10 December 2025 9:29 am  
**To:** Ben Bell; Debbie Lascelles; .Councillors (with e-mail)  
**Subject:** Unsure Times and team building

Hi All,

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Merry Christmas Everybody  
Cheers Caveman & Nerf

**From:** Robert McKenzie <RMcKenzie@goredc.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 28 April 2026 8:52 am  
**To:** Ben Bell  
**Subject:** Urgent (attention Ben Bell)  
**Attachments:** chat with Allan Blood Victorian Hydrogen.mp3

Hi Ben Here Tiz..... Let me know if this works for you P{leases

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**From:** Studio, Cave FM <studio@cavefm.co.nz>  
**Sent:** Friday, 24 April 2026 3:11 pm  
**To:** Robert McKenzie <RMcKenzie@goredc.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** Victorian Hydrogen Chat Allan Blood on Cave FM

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**From:** Robert McKenzie <RMcKenzie@goredc.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 6 November 2025 5:08 pm  
**To:** Debbie Lascelles; Ben Bell  
**Subject:** Visitor re my previous email to everyone.

Hi Ben & Deb,

The drunk person talking to s 7(2) Privacy (She was alone)

I am only sharing his details with you both.

As he gave his details to not all of the councilors. If you want to share them that's ok with us>

Cheers Caveman

PS there is a chance he may call back looking for me (I can handle that)

**From:** Robert McKenzie <RMcKenzie@goredc.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 6 November 2025 5:01 pm  
**To:** Debbie Lascelles; Ben Bell; .Councillors (with e-mail)  
**Subject:** visit at Cave FM

Hello All,

s 7(2) Privacy [REDACTED] had a visit at the station (I was not there) Today. He was drunk but NOT Abusive. He wanted to see me about being thrown out of the camp ground. [REDACTED] was very polite to him and got his details (I will pass these on to Deb and Ben) I believe he may have been at GDC beforehand and may not have been very polite there? I feel really bad not being there when s 7(2) Privacy [REDACTED] had to face him alone As stated she was very polite to him and he did not abuse her BUT we all know how things can change with an intoxicated person. We new this kind of thing may happen so just a little heads up to everyone... Caveman