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## LGOIMA

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<b>Request from:</b>	Private Individual
<b>Information requested:</b>	Ross Lake Level information
<b>Response by:</b>	Simon Bastion, Chief Executive

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13 July 2022

Private Individual

Via Email:

Dear Private Individual

**Official information request for Ross Lake level information**

I refer to your official information request dated 13 June 2022 for Ross Lake level information.

You have asked for the following information:

**1. Why was the lake inlet put in place before the outlet was completed, which caused the lake to flood once more?**

Before the diversion took place, the outlet has some work done to lower the lake level, as before this was causing flooding of the surrounding area. This took the lake level down to closer to the 29 metre mark. The diversion of Jones Creek took place after this. It has been agreed that there is further work required to get the outlet to the agreed 29 metre mark. For now it is practical to leave the outlet while rock will be added to the diversion point. This is to help with truck access through the outlet.

**2. Is the contractor being paid by Westland District Council?**

No.

**3. When will the outlet be completed to ease flooding?**

This work is to be completed in September 2022.

**4. Why was the chairman of the Ross Community Society allowed to be involved in this work?**

The Ross Community Society approached Westland District Council to apply for the resource consent for Jones Creek diversion. The community volunteered to complete the work at no cost to the ratepayers of Ross. Council agreed to this on the proviso that the work is overseen by council staff.

**5. Also, as the contractor was the person involved in causing the lake to flood in the first place, why is he employed to do this extra work?**

Council did not select the contractor to do these works. That is up to the Ross Community Society.

Lake levels have continued to rise and fall with the rainfall over the past few months and once the project is complete any flooding should only occur in extreme circumstances.

There is no charge in supplying this information to you.

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If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Mary-anne Bell, Senior Administration Officer at [LGOIMA@westlanddc.govt.nz](mailto:LGOIMA@westlanddc.govt.nz), 03 756 9091.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

**Simon Bastion** | Chief Executive

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