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Request from:	Private Individual
Information requested:	Commercial water information
Response by:	Lesley Crichton, Acting Chief Executive

13 August 2024

Private Individual

Via Email:

Dear Private Individual

Official information request for commercial water rating information

I refer to your official information request dated 06 August 2024 for commercial water rating information.

You have asked for the following information:

1. What is the geographical boundary of the Hokitika CBD?

See enclosed map.

2. How many commercial premises are located within that boundary?

93 commercial ratepayers plus 11 mixed commercial/domestic (Note that this is not the same as commercial premises as there may be more than one commercial premise on one rating valuation).

3. How many of those premises have water meters?

There are 29 water meters in the CBD

4. While your invoices show actual meter readings we appear to always be charged for your 'minimum quantity' so what volume is your minimum quantity?

463m³

5. At the time our Gibson Quay store was constructed we were advised, (see below) that the entire Hokitika CBD would be charged a water rate 'in the near future' however we are well aware this has not happened – why?

All rating units connected to water supply are charged a water rate. This could be either water metered, a water charge or a mixed charge.

6. Why does Council see it as acceptable to create an uneven 'playing field' by charging some commercial properties for the same service but not others and when will this be rectified?

As per question 5, Council does charge a water charge for all connected services including commercial water rates.

There is no charge in supplying this information to you.

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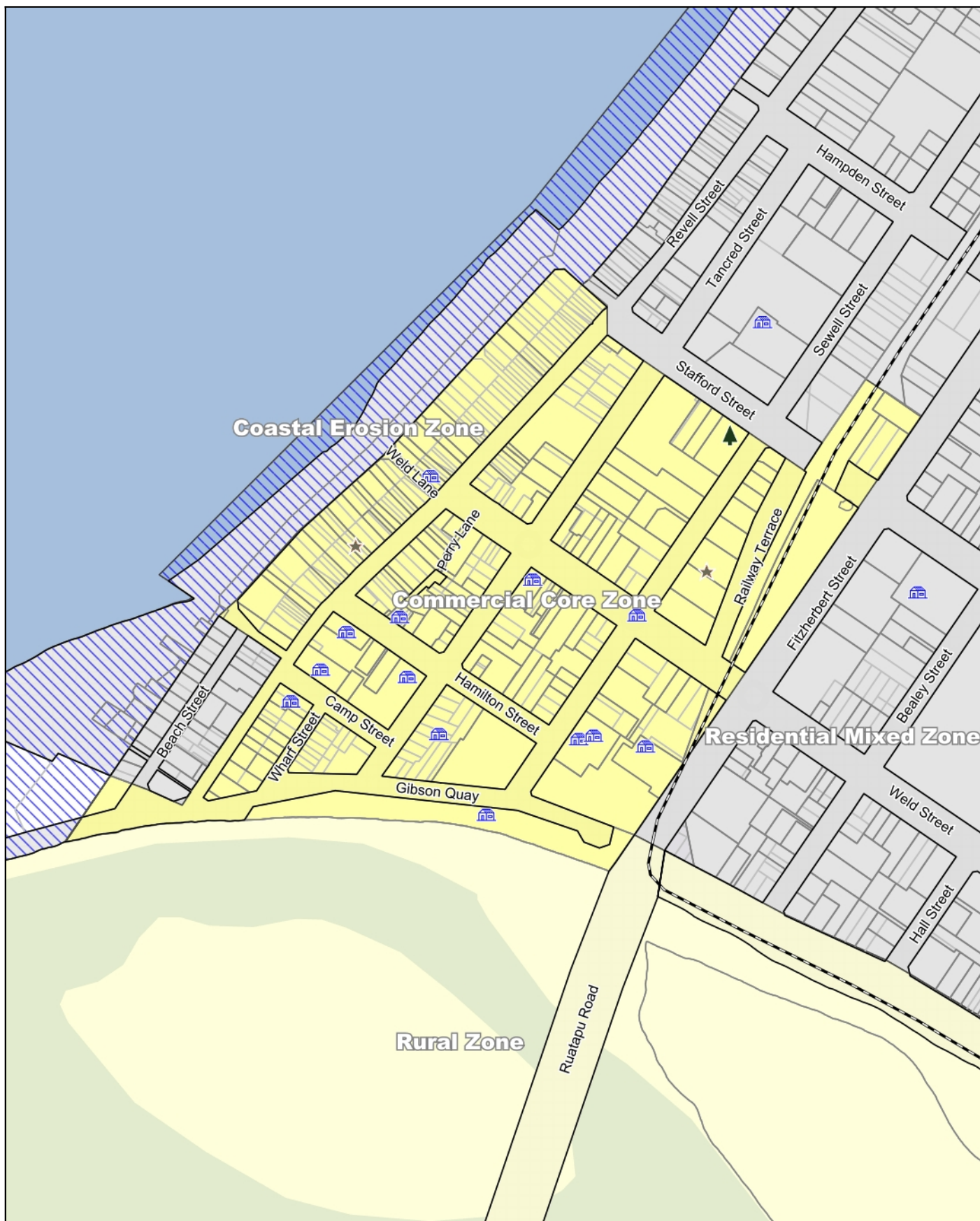
If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Mary-anne Bell, Business Analyst at LGOIMA@westlanddc.govt.nz, 03 756 9091.


Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lesley Crichton". The signature is written in a cursive style and is contained within a light grey rectangular box.

Lesley Crichton | Acting Chief Executive

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