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Dear Peter

**Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA) 1987 Request  
##\$149509 – Details of CEO Delegations and Authority for Santana Project**

Thank you for your LGOIMA request dated 9 December 2025. Please find the CODC response to the request below:

1. *Can you please point us to council minutes/documents etc that detail the exact detail and extent of all authorities granted/delegated to your CEO re the Santana mines project?*

There have been four confidential reports in 2025 (28 May, 10 July, 24 September, and 17 December) where Council have resolved to give the CEO delegated authority in the negotiations with Santana Minerals.

The contents of these reports we are withholding under the following sections of the LGOIMA - s7(2)(b)(ii), s7(2)(c)(i), s7(2)(h) and s7(2)(i) –

- s7(2)(b)(ii) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information,
- s7(2)(c)(i) - the withholding of the information is necessary to protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence or which any person has been or could be compelled to provide under the authority of any enactment,
- s7(2)(h) - where the making available of the information would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source, and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied,
- s7(2)(i) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities and the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).

2. *Specifically - did your CEO have specific delegated authority to sign this letter (attached) sent to Santana by CODC (signed) on October 16, 2025 - the same day it was received by CODC. Are there any records of this issue being discussed and agreed with elected members?*

Yes the CEO has delegated authority to sign such a letter and this authority was contained in the agreed resolutions to the 24 September 2025 confidential Council report.

The CEO has kept the Council informed on the Crown Minerals Act and Fast Track Application Act as it pertains to Santana Minerals Limited.



I trust the information provided is sufficient.

Yours sincerely



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