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Mining company's privacy breached

The gold mining company named in recent stories about a shutdown has confirmed it did not share its correspondence with WCRC with anyone else, nor did it give permission for any of its information to be shared.

Chair Peter Haddock says letters from the company - which were quoted in the articles - were shared confidentially with some WCRC councillors.

"It's very disappointing privacy between Council and the company has been breached. We will be taking measures to deal with this transgression."

West Coast Mining Ltd was mining without a resource consent when shut down on 31 May 2025. It was clear the resource consent was yet to be issued as a company representative visited the WCRC office on 16 May 2025 to request alterations to their resource consent.

"We will not be commenting further while the matter is under investigation," says Peter Haddock.

"In the wider context of comment around Council's consenting process, as we have said publicly before, Council is reviewing its resource consent process and producing guidelines for applicants to make the process simpler. The review involves affected parties such as industry groups.

"The results of this review will be presented to the 1 July Council meeting."

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