

14 December 2022

File Ref: OIAP-7-26849

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Request for information 2022-212, 2022-213, and 2022-214

I refer to your requests for information dated 16 November 2022, which were received by Greater Wellington Regional Council (Greater Wellington) on 16 November 2022. You have requested the following:

Request 2022-212: *“Documents and details relating to any complaints and prosecutions regarding environmental pollution in the Greater Wellington region from January 2019 to October 2022”*

Request 2022-213: *“Documents and details relating to any air discharge consents and land/water discharge consents for piggeries operating within the Greater Wellington region.”*

Request 2022-214: *“Documents and details relating to any odour complaints received by the Greater Wellington council from January 2019 to October 2022.”*

Greater Wellington’s response follows:

On 23 November 2022, we attempted to clarify and refine the three requests for information. On 23 November 2022 you advised you were open to clarifying your requests, but further correspondence from us to you has gone unanswered. We have therefore proceeded to respond to your requests as they were originally phrased.

We have refused your requests 2022-212, 2022-213 and 2022-214 under section 17(f) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act) on the basis that the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

For requests 2022-212 and 2022-214, there were in excess of 10,000 documents in scope for each request. This is a significant number of documents and would severely impact Greater Wellington’s operations in order to meet these two requests.

Before refusing requests 2022-212 and 2022-214, we considered whether extending the timeframe of these requests, charging you for the supply of the information associated with these requests, or providing a subset of information, would help us meet your requests. Due to the large scope of your requests, we considered that these options would still not enable us to meet these requests.

For request 2022-213, there were approximately 1000 documents in scope of this request. This is a large quantity of documents and would significantly impact Greater Wellington's operations in order to meet this request.

Before refusing request 2022-213, we considered whether extending the time frame of the request, charging you for the supply of the information associated with these requests or providing a subset of information, would help us meet your request. We have provided a subset of information in scope of this request. Please find these attached (**Attachments 1-10**)

We have withheld personal contact information under section 7(2)(a) of the Act, to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.

We have considered whether the public interest in the requested information outweighs Greater Wellington's need to withhold certain aspects of the requested information. As a result, we do not consider that the public interest outweighs Greater Wellington's reason for withholding parts of the document under the grounds identified above

If you have any concerns with the decision(s) referred to in this letter, you have the right to request an investigation and review by the Ombudsman under section 27(3) of the Act.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. Our response to your request will be published shortly on Greater Wellington's website with your personal information removed.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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Kaiwhakahaere Matua mo te Taiao | General Manager Environment Management

Attachments 1 - 10