

5 October 2022

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Request for information 2022-158

I refer to your request for information dated 20 September, which was received by Greater Wellington Regional Council (Greater Wellington) on 20 September. You have requested the following:

- "- The processes for disposing of the bodies of pests (eg goats, deer, etc) that are killed by the council or contractors
- The number of pests killed by council or contractors in the past five years broken down by year, species, area, and method of pest control
- The number of pest bodies disposed of by council in the same timeframe broken down by year, area, and species".

On 22 September 2022, you clarified with Greater Wellington that your request is specifically in relation to deer, goats and pigs.

Greater Wellington's response follows:

The processes for disposing of the bodies of pests (eg goats, deer, etc) that are killed by the council or contractors

Goat, pig and deer carcasses are disposed of in two ways at all sites:

- Left on site:
 - This is the preferred option when possible as these are large heavy animals and physically very hard to remove in rough terrain. This process is considered appropriate when in a place not likely to offend members of the public i.e., not within 30 metres of tracks or commonly used public areas, and not within 20 metres of creeks/streams.
- Removed from site and disposed of in Council managed land:

- This is done when the above requirements to be left on site are not met, or the landowners request the carcasses be removed.
- The carcasses are transported via trailer or Ute from site and taken to Greater Wellington managed land and disposed of to break down in the environment.

The number of pests killed by council or contractors in the past five years broken down by year, species, area, and method of pest control

The number of pest bodies disposed of by council in the same timeframe broken down by year, area, and species".

Please refer to **Attachment 1** for data regarding the number of pests killed and disposed of by Greater Wellington, broken down by area and species. The method in controlling all recorded kills was shooting.

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 Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

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

Wayne O'Donnell

Kaiwhakahaere Matua Whaitua | General Manager, Catchment Group

			Contractor only			Contractor only			Contractor and GW staff			- - (Contractor and GW staff			Contractor and GW staff					
			2017-18				2018-19				2019-20			2020-21			2021-22				
Programme	Site	Pig	Deer	Goats	Total	Pig	Deer	Goats	Total	Pig	Deer Goat	s Total	Pig	Deer	Goats	Total	Pig	Deer	Goats	Total	То
Key Native Ecosystem	East Harbour Northern Forest		4	7		1	10		11	1	9	10	9	19	3	31	7	7		14	
Pest Animal Operations	Hutt City Council									0	24	24	1	56	1	58	5	66		71	
Key Native Ecosystem	Wainuiomata-Orongorongo	16	24	64	104	21	17	78	116	31	8 5	9 98	31	30	100	161	23	10	51	84	
Key Native Ecosystem	Wainui Mainland Island	100	9	4	113	42	13	15	70	24	8	7 39	49	4	5	58	81	5	3	89	
Key Native Ecosystem	Hutt Water Collection Area	10	17	26	53	2	35	27	64	12	7 2	5 44	6	43	18	67	2	40	27	69	
Key Native Ecosystem	Kaitoke Regional Park	11	3	12	26	4	6	4	14	11	19	6 36	2	9	2	13		25	10	35	
Key Native Ecosystem	Pakuratahi	11	4	101	116	1	1	77	79	6	0 7	3 79	3	4	160	167	4	8	94	106	
Key Native Ecosystem	Akatarawa Forest	7	4	108	119	8	5	190	203	10	12 7	2 94	6	7	209	222	8	3	79	90	
Key Native Ecosystem	Belmont Speedys/Korokoro									0	9	9		20		20		3	1	4	
Key Native Ecosystem	Parangarahu Lakes Area							11	11	2	5 22	2 229	1	1	50	51	1	1	94	95	
Key Native Ecosystem	Baring Head/Orua-pouanui						ĺ	23	23		2	5 25			99	38	1		3	3	
Key Native Ecosystem	Belomont Dry Creek							1	1									1			
Key Native Ecosystem	Keith George Memorial Park														10	10		1	28	11	
Pest Animal Operations	Pencarrow coast																	1	8	8	
Pest Animal Operations	Maungatukutuku dam						ĺ												2	2	
Pest Animal Operations	THF Otaki						ĺ												7	7	
Pest Animal Operations	Stoney creek						ĺ	ĺ									3	110		113	
Key Native Ecosystem	Raroa - Pukerua Coast						ĺ	13	13								1				
Pest Animal Operations	Belmont Regional Park																		1	1	
Pest Animal Operations	Carey Gully							1	1									,			
Key Native Ecosystem	Pikarere Farm																	1	1	1	
Pest Animal Operations	Other													5		5					
	Totals	155	65	322	531	79	87	440	606	97	101 48	9 687	108	198	657	901	134	278	409	803	