

26 October 2022

File Ref: OIA 2022-171

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

### **Request for information 2022-171**

I refer to your request for information dated 3 October 2022, which was received by Greater Wellington Regional Council (Greater Wellington) on 3 October 2022. You have requested the following:

- *“The average time it has taken your regional/unitary authority to process the following resource consent types annually over the past five years: land use consents, discharge permits, water permits, intensive winter grazing permits, and permits for silage and stand-off pads, if any.*
- *The listed cost for your regional/unitary authority to process the following resource consent types annually over the past five years: land use consents, discharge permits, water permits, intensive winter grazing permits, and consents for silage and stand-off pads, if any.”*

### **Greater Wellington’s response follows:**

*The average time it has taken your regional/unitary authority to process the following resource consent types annually over the past five years: land use consents, discharge permits, water permits, intensive winter grazing permits, and permits for silage and stand-off pads, if any.*

The table below supplies this information. Furthermore, there are some notes below the table that explain some context on the information.

Year	Land use consents	Discharge permits	Water permits	IWG permits
2021-22	15.7	16.8	16.4	N/A
2020-21	17.1	18.3	20.5	N/A
2019-20	15.8	17.6	17.0	N/A
2018-19	15.8	16.8	16.5	N/A
2017-18	15.3	18.7	16.1	N/A

**Notes:**

1. Average time taken is in *days*
2. There have been no permits issued for Intensive Winter Grazing
3. We are not able to differentiate permits where silage and stand-offs are included as part of the activity. We can itemise permits associated with animal waste to land but that information would include activities not associated with silage and stand-offs.
4. The data includes timeframes for processing notified resource consents
5. There were some minor gaps in processing timeframes for all years except 2017-18 and 2021-22.

*The listed cost for your regional/unitary authority to process the following resource consent types annually over the past five years: land use consents, discharge permits, water permits, intensive winter grazing permits, and consents for silage and stand-off pads, if any*

The table below supplies this information. Furthermore, there are some notes below the table that explain some context on the information.

Year	Total cost	Average cost per consent/permit
2021-22	\$1,044,818	\$1756
2020-21	\$1,516,470	\$2552
2019-20	\$1,245,441	\$2442
2018-19	\$928,942	\$1638
2017-18	\$1,115,478	\$1796

**Notes:**

1. There have been no permits issued for Intensive Winter Grazing
2. We are not able to differentiate permits where silage and stand-offs are included as part of the activity. We can itemise permits associated with animal waste to land but that information would include activities not associated with silage and stand-offs.
3. The data includes costs for processing notified resource consents

4. As multiple consents for one activity are often bundled, accurate costs for each consent type cannot be provided, hence the total and average cost has been provided across all permit types.

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.

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