

23 February 2023

File Ref: OIA 2023-024

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

### **Request for information: 2023-024**

I refer to your request for information dated 3 February 2023 which was received by Greater Wellington Regional Council (Greater Wellington) on Friday 3 February. You have requested the following:

- *“How many farms within the territory of your regional/unitary authority have received resource consents for Intensive Winter Grazing activities?”*
- *How many farms within the territory of your regional/unitary authority have Freshwater Farm Plans in place?*
- *How many farms within the territory of your regional/unitary authority are complaint with current Intensive Winter Grazing regulations, displayed by both number and percentage?*
- *How many farms within the territory of your regional/unitary authority contain slopes of grazing land of greater than 10 degrees displayed by both number and percentage?*
- *What is the estimated number of farms within the territory of your regional/unitary authority that are expected to utilise Intensive Winter Grazing practices in 2023?”*

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

For ease of responding, we have numbered the parts of your request.

1. *How many farms within the territory of your regional/unitary authority have received resource consents for Intensive Winter Grazing activities?*

Zero

2. *How many farms within the territory of your regional/unitary authority have Freshwater Farm Plans in place?*

Zero

3. *How many farms within the territory of your regional/unitary authority are complaint with current Intensive Winter Grazing regulations, displayed by both number and percentage?*

We have not identified any non-compliance with current Intensive Winter Grazing regulations to date.

4. *How many farms within the territory of your regional/unitary authority contain slopes of grazing land of greater than 10 degrees displayed by both number and percentage? And;*

5. *What is the estimated number of farms within the territory of your regional/unitary authority that are expected to utilise Intensive Winter Grazing practices in 2023*

To identify and collate the information required for parts 4 and 5 of your will take approximately 20 hours of officer time. The person who would do this would be taken away from their usual work as a Land Management Advisor, which would adversely impact the department's work.

We have considered whether inviting you to refine your request, extending the timeframe, or charging you for the supply of the information would be appropriate in this instance. We have formed the view that these options would not mitigate the significant administrative impact on Greater Wellington's operations that fulfilling these parts of your request would entail. We have therefore elected to refuse parts 4 and 5 of your request in accordance with section 17(f) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) on that ground that the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

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 LGOIMA.

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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