

16 May 2025

File Ref: OIAPR-1274023063-39047

By email: [REDACTED]

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Request for information 2025-137

I refer to your request for information dated 26 April 2025. You have requested the following:

“Does GWRC pay local council rates. e.g.. does GWRC pay rates to UHCC?

Second. Could you please tell me how much land classed as forestry/planted in exotics GWRC has in the Upper Hutt city catchment area? Please include land that has recently been logged but not replanted. (Akatarawa area)”

Greater Wellington’s response follows:

In response to your first question:

Yes, Greater Wellington pays local council rates except where specific provisions of the Reserves Act make exemptions. Exemptions are not applicable to forestry areas.

In response to your second question:

Please find below a table for area of forest in the Upper Hutt Catchment:

| Forest | Class | Area (ha) |
|-------------------|----------------|-----------|
| Mangaroa | Standing trees | 143.838 |
| Pakuratahi (East) | Standing trees | 187.9421 |
| Pakuratahi (West) | Standing trees | 428.7326 |
| Pakuratahi (West) | Harvested area | 6.291596 |
| Puketiro | Standing trees | 1075.796 |
| Puketiro | Harvested area | 110.2032 |
| Valley View | Standing trees | 928.7988 |
| Valley View | Harvested area | 7.723422 |
| Whakatiki | Standing trees | 148.8393 |

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 appropriate. 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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