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By email: [REDACTED]

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Request for information 2025-207

I refer to your request for information dated 1 July 2025, which was received by Greater Wellington Regional Council (Greater Wellington) on 2 July 2025. You have requested the following:

"I write to request information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 regarding the data in the Allocations and Usage Map and the Allocations Table on your website (the Data). The data shows allocations and allocation limits for groundwater and surface water for catchments in the Greater Wellington region.

On accessing the Data, the website advises that while "Wellington Regional Council aims for information in this website to be accurate", it does "not warranty the information is ... up-to date". It further states that "all information should be considered as being illustrative and indicative only" and that it is recommended that "information be interdependently verified".

In light of this, could you please provide the following information:

1. *When was the last time the Data (in particular, the total allocation and allocation limits) was updated?*
 - a. *If this differs by Groundwater and Surface Water categories, or if it differs by Catchment Management Unit (CMU), please provide the last update date per category or CMU.*
2. *When and how often is the Data updated?*
3. *Are there any CMUs for which the information (in particular, the total allocation and allocation limits) is out of date?*
 - a. *If so, for each of those CMUs, please provide the latest information as to:*
 - i. *the total allocation;*
 - ii. *the allocation limit; and*
 - iii. *whether there is a queue for any remaining allocation.*
 - b. *Please also advise the recency of any new information under 3.a. above.*

4. *The Surface water CMUs and Groundwater CMUs for Te Awarua-o-Porirua Whaitua are noted to be “pending change”. Could you please advise:*
- a. Is the total allocation and allocation limit data available in the Allocations table for Te Awarua-o-Porirua Whaitua? If so, under what CMU?*
 - b. If not, please provide the most up to date information on total allocations and allocation limits for Te Awarua-o-Porirua”*

Greater Wellington’s response follows:

As noted, there are disclaimers when the data is accessed. Whilst we have a high degree of confidence in the data presented (see below for further information), there may be instances where we come across entry errors in our systems. They are rare, but when we have had errors arise that have been identified, they have been rectified immediately. Staff use the tool for consenting purposes weekly (if not more frequently), hence there are constant sense checks of the data undertaken. In addition to this, we do periodically audit the information and rectify any issues that arise.

In relation to points 1-4 above:

1. The total allocation data is automatically updated with a daily refresh from Greater Wellington’s consenting system (Ozone). The frequency of total allocation data updates (in the WebApp) does not differ between groundwater and surface water categories. It is determined by when data is updated in Ozone. Water takes are granted in Ozone within one working day of the consents granted date (unless there are unusual circumstances, e.g., multiple staff on leave).
2. Answered above as a part of question 1. The website is updated automatically, daily.
3. As per the above, the allocation data is updated automatically, daily. Therefore, there should be no CMUs that are out of date. As the refreshes occur automatically and rely on Ozone being up to date, there can be errors shown on the allocation tool, however, in this instance any errors would be rectified as soon as possible.
4. Please see the following water quantity and allocation technical report relating to Te-Awarua -o-Porirua for more information. This report is publicly available on the Plan Change 1 portal for technical reports: [Thompson-M.J.-2023.-Plan-Change-1-Te-Awarua-o-Porirua-Water-quantity-and-allocation-technical-report.pdf](#).

Currently, allocations and limits are not available via the online tool for Te Awarua-o-Porirua because they are currently subject to a plan change that has been notified (Plan Change 1). The operative NRP does not specifically identify or list any particular Catchment Management Units within Te-Awarua-o-Porirua. Therefore, all waterbodies are currently subject to the default minimum flow and allocation rules (Policy P.P1 and Rule P.R1).

The notified Plan Change 1 identifies three Catchment Management Units within Te-Awarua-o-Porirua. These are the Porirua, Pauatahanui and Horokiri stream catchments. The amount of water currently allocated by resource consents from these three catchments is provided in Table 2 of the report linked above. (Please note the consent under Leacroft Nurseries has a maximum instant rate of 2 l/s and a maximum daily volume of 100.8m³/day rather than the 1.8 l/s and 103m³/day listed in Table 2. Also, the Gareth Morgan Golf Club consent is for 1.4 l/s and 60m³/day opposed to what is written in the table.) The allocation

limits being proposed via the notified plan change for these three catchments are presented in Table 8 (red text). The limits that would apply under the NRP are in crossed-out black text of the same table.

For any other catchments in Te-Awarua-o-Porirua that are not part of the three listed catchments mentioned above, the notified plan proposes a default limit of 20% mean annual stream flow (a reduction from 30% in the operative NRP).

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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