

29 July 2022

File Ref: OIA 2022-098

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### **Request for information 2022-098**

I refer to your request for information dated 6 July 2022, which was received by Greater Wellington Regional Council (Greater Wellington) on the same day. You have requested the following:

*“Can you please let me know how many prosecutions, abatement notices and infringement notices your council has issued for dairy effluent discharges in the year ended June 30, 2022.*

*(Please note, I am seeking information on prosecutions that resulted in a conviction in the year to June 30, 2022. ie the charges may have been laid in earlier years).*

*Please tell me the name of all prosecuted parties, the charges they faced and the outcome of any court action.*

*Please also provide a copy of the sentencing notes where available.”*

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

*“Can you please let me know how many prosecutions, abatement notices and infringement notices your council has issued for dairy effluent discharges in the year ended June 30, 2022.*

In the year ending 30 June 2022:

- There have been **no** prosecutions for dairy effluent discharges. There are therefore no prosecuted parties and no sentencing notes applicable.
- There has been **1** Abatement Notices issued.
- There have been **0** Infringement Notices.

*“Please tell me the name of all prosecuted parties, the charges they faced and the outcome of any court action.*

*Please also provide a copy of the sentencing notes where available.”*

A summary of these notices is provided below:

<b>Abatement/ Infringement Number</b>	<b>Date issued</b>	<b>Summary of Details (offence, section of RMA and fine)</b>
A984	26-Oct-2021	Cease the unauthorised discharge of contaminants, namely collected dairy effluent, to land and to land where it may enter water – Section 15(1)(b) – No fine has been issued as of yet.

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



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