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By email: [REDACTED]

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### **Request for information 2022-130**

I refer to your request for information dated Monday 22 August 2022, which was received by Greater Wellington Regional Council (Greater Wellington) on Monday 22 August 2022. You have requested the following:

- *“How many farms within your regional or unitary authority were recorded in 2021 or 2022, if any, as utilizing or intending to utilise intensive winter grazing practices to feed livestock, if any?”*
- *How many resource consents have been granted, if any, by your regional or unitary authority permitting on-farm intensive winter grazing over the past 5 years, displayed as an annual figure?*
- *How many farms in 2021 within your regional or unitary authority, if any, had an active certified freshwater farm plan in place, and how many did not?*
- *How many farms within your regional or unitary authority, if any, had an active certified freshwater farm plan in place as of 23 August 2022, and how many do not?*
- *How many resource consents have been granted thus far by your regional or unitary authority, if any, permitting on-farm intensive winter grazing for the year 2023?*
- *How many farms within your regional or unitary authority as of 11 August 2022, if any, had an active certified freshwater farm plan in place, and how many did not?*
- *Of the farms within your regional or unitary authority that utilized intensive winter grazing practices in the years 2021 and 2022, how many, if any, have yet to obtain a resource consent*

*or a certified freshwater farm plan permitting them to utilize intensive winter grazing practices in 2023?"*

**Greater Wellington's response follows:**

- 1. How many farms within your regional or unitary authority were recorded in 2021 or 2022, if any, as utilizing or intending to utilise intensive winter grazing practices to feed livestock, if any?***

Greater Wellington Regional Council has not undertaken any exact surveying of intensive winter grazing within our region, however, we do know it is a common practice that is used. We have for the last year been providing education and advice for farmers on if a consent may be required and what/how to implement intensive winter grazing good management practices.

- 2. How many resource consents have been granted, if any, by your regional or unitary authority permitting on-farm intensive winter grazing over the past 5 years, displayed as an annual figure?***

Zero

- 3. How many farms in 2021 within your regional or unitary authority, if any, had an active certified freshwater farm plan in place, and how many did not?***

Zero

- 4. How many farms within your regional or unitary authority, if any, had an active certified freshwater farm plan in place as of 23 August 2022, and how many do not?***

Zero

- 5. How many resource consents have been granted thus far by your regional or unitary authority, if any, permitting on-farm intensive winter grazing for the year 2023?***

Zero

- 6. How many farms within your regional or unitary authority as of 11 August 2022, if any, had an active certified freshwater farm plan in place, and how many did not?***

Zero

**7. Of the farms within your regional or unitary authority that utilized intensive winter grazing practices in the years 2021 and 2022, how many, if any, have yet to obtain a resource consent or a certified freshwater farm plan permitting them to utilize intensive winter grazing practices in 2023?"**

Certified Freshwater Farm Plans are not available yet. We have yet to issue any resource consents for intensive winter grazing but have created application forms and will be providing standard pre application support services for farmers that require resource consents.

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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