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By email: [REDACTED]

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Request for information 2024-259

I refer to your request for information dated 7 October 2024, which was received by Greater Wellington Regional Council (Greater Wellington) on 7 October 2024. You have requested the following:

“Please can I have official information in relation to one element of your Farm Planning programme under the freshwater national policy standby & regulations.

- In the Otukura catchment South Wairarapa, how many property owners are required to have certified farm environment plans, noting that Otukura is officially designated as a priority catchment?

- How many farmers and/or growers had a cFEP in place or going through a certification process as at 1 October 2024, noting the 30 September deadline which applied to the Otukura catchment?

Could I please receive answers to these two questions at your earliest convenience please. I note the substantial information on farm environment planning and the associated regulations on the GW website?”

Greater Wellington’s response follows:

- In the Otukura catchment South Wairarapa, how many property owners are required to have certified farm environment plans, noting that Otukura is officially designated as a priority catchment?

There are approximately 117 properties that are over 20ha and six horticulture properties that are over 5ha, all of which require certified farm environment plans.

- How many farmers and/or growers had a cFEP in place or going through a certification process as at 1 October 2024, noting the 30 September deadline which applied to the Otukura catchment?

We have received six certified Farm Environment Plan's for Otukura Catchment properties.

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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