

28 July 2023

File Ref: 2023-187



Request for information: 2023-187

I refer to your request for information dated 11 July 2023, which was received by Greater Wellington Regional Council (Greater Wellington) on 11 July 2023. You have requested the following:

"How many prosecutions, abatements notices and infringement notices' your council has issued for dairy effluent discharges in the year ending June 30, 2023.

Please tell me the name of all prosecuted parties, the charges they faced and the outcome to any court action. Please also provide a copy of the sentencing notes where available".

Greater Wellington's response follows:

Greater Wellington has not referred any dairy farmers to our legal team for prosecution between 01 July 2022 and 30 June 2023 in relation to diary effluent discharges. As a result, no dairy farmers have been prosecuted and no further information on names, charges, outcomes and sentencing notes can be provided regarding prosecutions.

Greater Wellington also has not issued any infringement notices to any dairy farmers between 01 July 2022 and 30 June 2023. Between 01 July 2022 and 30 June 2023, Greater Wellington issued one abatement notice. This was issued on 3 November 2022.

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

Fathima Iftikar

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