

14 October 2022

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### **Request for information 2022-163**

I refer to your request for information dated 23 September 2022, which was received by Greater Wellington Regional Council (Greater Wellington) on 23 September 2022. You have requested the following:

- *The number of farms your authority has recorded as having utilised intensive winter grazing practices in 2022 on land with a slope exceeding 10 degrees.*
- *The estimated number of farms your authority has recorded as intending to utilise intensive winter grazing practices in 2023 on slopes of greater than 10 degrees?*
- *The average timeframe it takes your authority to approve a resource consent for intensive winter grazing from the time an application was lodged until consent was granted.*
- *The number of agriculture-related resource consents granted by your authority for the calendar year 2021.*
- *The number of agriculture-related resource consents granted by your authority from 1/1/2022 to 1/06/2022.*

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

- *The number of farms your authority has recorded as having utilised intensive winter grazing practices in 2022 on land with a slope exceeding 10 degrees.*

Greater Wellington has no formal record of the number of farms that have utilised intensive winter grazing practices in 2022 on land with a slope exceeding 10 degrees. Accordingly, this element of your request is refused under section 17(g) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act) as the information is not collected or held by Greater Wellington.

- *The estimated number of farms your authority has recorded as intending to utilise intensive winter grazing practices in 2023 on slopes of greater than 10 degrees?*

Greater Wellington does not hold information which would allow us to estimate of the number of farms intending to utilise intensive winter grazing practices in 2023 on land with a slope exceeding 10 degrees. Accordingly, this element of your request is refused under section 17(g) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act) as the information is not collected or held by Greater Wellington.

Greater Wellington has developed a resource consent application form which is publicly available on our website (<https://www.gw.govt.nz/your-region/resource-consents/forms-and-information-requirements/>). No farms have to this point formally applied for a resource consent.

- *The average timeframe it takes your authority to approve a resource consent for intensive winter grazing from the time an application was lodged until consent was granted.*

As no resource consents for intensive winter grazing have been processed to date, there is no average timeframe data available. It is highly likely that any applications lodged will be processed as non-notified which are required to be processed within 20 working days.

- *The number of agriculture-related resource consents granted by your authority for the calendar year 2021.*

94 agriculture related resource consents were granted by Greater Wellington for the 2021 calendar year.

- *The number of agriculture-related resource consents granted by your authority from 1/1/2022 to 1/06/2022.*

38 agriculture related resource consents were granted by Greater Wellington from 1 January 2022 – 1 June 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.

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