



16 May 2022

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Via email: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED],

Local Government Official Information Request

Thank you for your request made under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA), relating to climate change and biodiversity, received on 19 April 2022. Our response to your questions are below:

1. Does your Council have a climate change strategy?

Response:

No, Council does not current have a climate change strategy but is in the process of seeking funding from Council to do this, if funding is agreed to work on a strategy will start in July 2022.

2. Does your Council have an implementation plan for your climate strategy?

Response:

If Council agrees to fund a climate change strategy there will be an accompanying action and implementation plan.

3. How do you measure outcomes relating to the achievement (or not) of the objectives of your climate change strategy?

Response:

Not applicable, see our response to q1.

4. Does your Council have a biodiversity strategy?

Response:

No.

5. Does your Council have an implementation plan for your biodiversity strategy?

Response:

Not applicable, see our response to q4.

6. How do you measure outcomes relating to the achievement (or not) of the objectives of your biodiversity strategy?

Response:

Not applicable, see our response to q4.

7. Has your Council mapped its Significant Natural Areas (SNAs)? Are these maps in your operative District Plan?

Response:

No – Council’s District Plan identifies only Outstanding Landscapes and Natural Features. You can find these listed in Schedule C4 of our District Plan, on our website. Currently Horizons Regional Council takes the lead in managing Significant Natural Areas through the Horizons One Plan.

8. How many SNAs have you identified in your district/ region? Could you please quantify the total area these SNAs represent?

Response:

Not applicable, see our response to q7.

9. How does your Council maintain SNAs?

Response:

Not applicable, see our response to q7.

10. How many consents have you issues in the last five years to allow for vegetation clearance in SNAs? How many have been declined?

Response:

Not applicable, see our response to q7.

11. Do you have vegetation clearance rules that enable identification of additional SNAs through the consenting process?

Response:

Not applicable, see our response to q7.

12. How often does your Council monitor SNAs?

Response

Not applicable, see our response to q7.

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If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Kezia Spence on 06 327 0099.

Yours sincerely



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