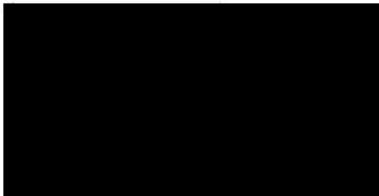


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Local Government Official Information Request

Thank you for your request for information from Council. All requests to the Council for information are required to be considered in accordance with the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA). More information about how the Council handles LGOIMA requests can be found in the Council's LGOIMA Request Policy, which is available on the Council's website.

Your request for information was received on 13 September 2023 and related to environmental impacts of abandoned vehicles. Our response is below:

1. How many RFS's (requests for services) for abandoned vehicles did your monitoring team receive each year for the 2020-2021 /2021-2022/ 2022-2023.

Response:

2020-2021 = 51
2021-2022 = 33
2022-2023 = 56

2. What are the current policies or initiatives to reduce the number of abandoned vehicles in your service area?

Response:

Council is reactive with enforcement and only deal with abandoned vehicles when they are reported.

3. Has the monitoring team issued any nuisance notices or investigated abandoned vehicles on private land in the last year?

Response:

Abandoned vehicles are impounded under 356 and 356A of Local Government Act 1974. Council does not have the authority to remove a vehicle from private land.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Making this place home.

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 at <https://www.rangitikei.govt.nz/council/about/contact-us/official-information> with your personal information removed.

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

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Gordon', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Carol Gordon

Group Manager Democracy & Planning