



20 July 2023

File Ref: 5-IM-2

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Via email: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

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 3 July 2023 and related to the Putorino Road landfill project. Our response is below:

1. How long did it take to complete the work?

Response

Remediation work took 11 months and was completed in April 2022.

2. What happened to the material taken away from the site?

Response

The majority of the material was removed from the site, some contaminated material was taken to the Bonny Glen landfill site, some screened clean material was transferred to the Manawatu District Council landfill site, in Feilding and some screened clean material was returned to the excavated site.

3. Were any hazardous materials found while the works was being done?

Response

Soil samples were tested and were generally found to have low levels of contaminants which were within the Ministry for the Environment's acceptable criteria. One sample area indicated a higher level of lead and this was disposed of in accordance with regulations.

4. How much did the project cost?

Response

To date Council has spent an estimated \$2.3 million on this project.

5. Is this the end of the project?

Response

The remediation of the landfill itself is complete, however, the project will only be fully complete once the last remnants of the excavated, tested, and screened material is disposed of. There has been a delay due to recent wet weather.

6. How confident is the council there will be no further environmental issues?

Response

The Putorino landfill site has been fully remediated. Documentation is being finalised, as required under the consenting process.

7. Will any further mitigation work need to be done to prevent damage to the environment?

Response

No.

8. What happens to the site now?

Response

No further action is planned for the site, it will remain on Council's register of closed landfill sites.

9. The land is owned by the Crown but managed by the council. Will this continue?

Response

There is no plan to change the land ownership status.

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.

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



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