



01 June 2023

File Ref: 5-IM-2

Mr [REDACTED]

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 18 May 2023 and related to road maintenance within the Rangitikei District. Our response is below:

1. I would like to submit a LGOIMA request about road maintenance, dust complaints, and their nature. Could I please get the following information. The length of gravel roads in kilometres that you manage, and total length of roads (including asphalt).

Response:

Rangitikei District Council maintains a total length of 1124kms of road, 421km of which is unsealed road.

2. The total spend on gravel road maintenance.

Response:

Approximately \$450,000 is spent on gravel road maintenance, annually.

3. The total spend on road maintenance in NZD (\$)

Response:

Approximately \$9 million is spent on road maintenance, annually.

4. The number of dust-related complaints over the last five years?

Response:

Council does not separately record dust-related complaints, as in most cases these complaints make up a portion of a larger Request for Service (RFS) from a resident. We have done a high level assessment and based on previous RFS's, we receive around two dust-related complaints per year, so this would equate to approximately 10 over the last five years.

5. What the nature of the complaint is? i.e complaints from gravel road users or residents who live near dust sources such as gravel roads and the location of the complaint, i.e road name.

Response:

Our high level assessment shows that most complaints relate to general dust from traffic movement.

6. The spend on dust suppressants if used? And the area treated in square metres and linear metres of road.

Response:

As Council does not use dust suppressants the answer is nil.

7. Any health and safety, and environmental incidents which have occurred because of excess dust?

Response:

There are no health and safety, and environmental incidents that we are aware of.

8. If possible, the type of dust suppressant used?

Response:

Not applicable, see the response to question 6.

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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