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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

### **Request for information 2022-158**

I refer to your request for information dated 20 September, which was received by Greater Wellington Regional Council (Greater Wellington) on 20 September. You have requested the following:

- “- The processes for disposing of the bodies of pests (eg goats, deer, etc) that are killed by the council or contractors*
- The number of pests killed by council or contractors in the past five years broken down by year, species, area, and method of pest control*
- The number of pest bodies disposed of by council in the same timeframe broken down by year, area, and species”.*

On 22 September 2022, you clarified with Greater Wellington that your request is specifically in relation to deer, goats and pigs.

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

*The processes for disposing of the bodies of pests (eg goats, deer, etc) that are killed by the council or contractors*

Goat, pig and deer carcasses are disposed of in two ways at all sites:

- Left on site:
  - This is the preferred option when possible as these are large heavy animals and physically very hard to remove in rough terrain. This process is considered appropriate when in a place not likely to offend members of the public i.e., not within 30 metres of tracks or commonly used public areas, and not within 20 metres of creeks/streams.
- Removed from site and disposed of in Council managed land:

- This is done when the above requirements to be left on site are not met, or the landowners request the carcasses be removed.
- The carcasses are transported via trailer or Ute from site and taken to Greater Wellington managed land and disposed of to break down in the environment.

*The number of pests killed by council or contractors in the past five years broken down by year, species, area, and method of pest control*

*The number of pest bodies disposed of by council in the same timeframe broken down by year, area, and species”.*

Please refer to **Attachment 1** for data regarding the number of pests killed and disposed of by Greater Wellington, broken down by area and species. The method in controlling all recorded kills was shooting.

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.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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