

Laura Bowman

From: official information
Sent: Friday, 1 July 2022 6:19 pm
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: official information
Subject: Final Response: LGOIMA 265288 - [REDACTED] - Use by Hamilton City Council of Organic Weed Control including those provided by Weedtechnics

Kia Ora,

I refer to your **information request below**, Hamilton City Council is able to provide the following response.

Please see here all relevant information to your request:  [LGOIMA 265288 - \[REDACTED\]](#)

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.

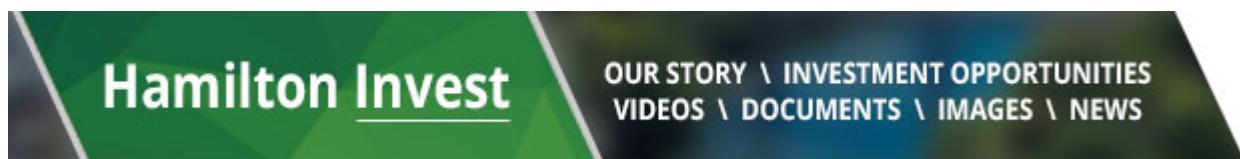
Many thanks,

Tatiyana Taunoa (*Pronouns: she/her*)

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From: official information <officialinformation@hcc.govt.nz>

Sent: Tuesday, 28 June 2022 5:13 pm

To: [REDACTED]
Cc: official information <officialinformation@hcc.govt.nz>
Subject: Final Response: LGOIMA 265288 - [REDACTED] - Use by Hamilton City Council of Organic Weed Control including those provided by Weedtechnics

Kia Ora,

I refer to your **information request below**, Hamilton City Council is able to provide the following response.

Hamilton City Council is formally advising you that we are happy to provide the information which you have requested. However, this will take some time to complete compilation of information for your request.

Please bear with us as we complete your request. This information will be provided to you no later than 1 July 2022.

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.

Kind Regards,

Tatiyana

Official Information Team

Legal Services & Risk | People and Organisational Performance

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, 31 May 2022 6:01 pm

To: official information <officialinformation@hcc.govt.nz>

Subject: Re: Clarification: LGOIMA 265288 - [REDACTED] - Use by Hamilton City Council of Organic Weed Control including those provided by Weedtechnics

Hi Laura, thank you for your letter seeking clarification around my

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1. Why did you decide to use organic weed control including the services of Weedtechnics?
2. How long have you been using them for?
3. If you use Weedtechnics still, what exact services do they provide?
4. Whether you have been able to reduce pesticide use as a consequence of using organic weed control methods or Weedtechnics services?
5. What feedback have you had from your residents?

In the last 6 months please provide the following information:

1. A list of all pesticides (including herbicides, insecticides, fungicides and rodenticides) used by the council, its agencies and contractors.
2. The volume of the 2-3 main pesticides used including glyphosate.

Please also provide any and all documentation used to support the use of organic weed control and pesticides.

If you need any more information from me please let me know as soon as possible.

Kind regards [REDACTED]

On Wed, May 25, 2022 at 7:58 AM official information <officialinformation@hcc.govt.nz> wrote:

Kia ora [REDACTED]

I refer to your official information request dated 16 May 2022.

You requested information of use by Hamilton City Council of Organic Weed Control including those provided by Weedtechnics, specifically your request for information (over 12 months OR for the 20/21 Financial Year) of:

- All pesticides (including herbicides, insecticides, fungicides and rodenticides) used by the council, its agencies and contractors;
- The volume of each of these pesticides used; and
- The purpose of each product and where they are used.

As currently framed, while we are prepared to release this to you, the information you have requested will involve substantial collation.

Due to the substantial amount of work that would be required we would like to confirm the scope of your request and whether this can be narrowed (please refer to section [17\(f\)](#) and [17B](#) LGOIMA).

This could mean considering:

- shortening the timeframe for the information requested e.g. to nine or six months;
- discussing with staff whether parts of your request could be prioritised - i.e. are some pieces of information more important to obtain than other aspects of your request;
- narrowing the areas of Council that you would like to obtain this information for – e.g. rodenticides are used in our open spaces as well as our buildings. If you were researching use of rodenticides in open spaces and not enclosed buildings such as our main office this would assist to reduce the amount of collation required for your request; and/or
- extending the timeframes for providing information to you.

Council has the ability to decline your request in full or part due to substantial collation under section [17\(f\)](#) of the LGOIMA, however we would like to work with you to see if the scope of your request can be narrowed.

Can you please respond to the OIA team via this email address on the above by 01 June 2022. If it would be of assistance we are happy to call you to discuss this further.

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.

Kind Regards,

Laura | Official Information Coordinator

Legal Services & Risk | People and Organisational Performance

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From: Info <INFO@HCC.GOV.TZ>
Sent: Tuesday, 17 May 2022 10:23 am
To: official information <officialinformation@hcc.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: Official Information request [#5BFE4A]

Hi,

We have received the email below and we believe this is a *LGOIMA* request.

We have assigned this to your team to respond further, we have **not** acknowledged the customer.

If you need anything further please let us know.

Have a good day.

Thank you,

Customer Services

Email: info@hcc.govt.nz

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-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 16 May 2022 8:01:30 pm
To: info@hcc.govt.nz
Subject: Official Information request

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Hamilton City Council

Dear Sir or Madam,

Official information request: Use by Hamilton City Council of Organic Weed Control including those provided by Weedtechnics

I am researching the use of pesticides in New Zealand and note that your council is identified as a customer of Weedtechnics.

Please supply the following information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA)]

1. Why did you decide to use organic weed control including the services of Weedtechnics?
2. How long have you been using them for?
3. If you use Weedtechnics still, what exact services do they provide?
4. Whether you have been able to reduce pesticide use as a consequence of using organic weed control methods or Weedtechnics services?
5. What feedback have you had from your residents?

In the last 12 months OR for the 20/21 Financial Year please provide the following information:

1. A list of all pesticides (including herbicides, insecticides, fungicides and rodenticides) used by the council, its agencies and contractors.
2. The volume of each of these pesticides used
3. Purpose of each product and where they are used

Please also provide any and all documentation used to support the use of organic weed control as well as pesticides.

If you need any more information from me please let me know as soon as possible. I understand that a decision on a request for information under the LGOIMA should be made within 20 working days of receiving that request.

Yours faithfully

A solid black rectangular box used to redact a signature.