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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Request for information 2023-294

I refer to your request for information dated 20 November 2023 which partially transferred to Greater Wellington Regional Council (Greater Wellington) on 29 November 2023. You have requested the following:

“May I please have the following information re driving on the Paraparaumu and Waikanae Beach’s and the issuing of permits. What Agencies/Organisations, Local Government or Authorities, Regional Government or Authorities and National Government Departments are authorised to issue permits to access or drive on the Paraparaumu and Waikanae Beach’s?”

If a permit is issued other than the Kapiti Coast District Council (KCDC) to drive a vehicle on these beach’s, are they required to consult or have a conversation with KCDC before issuing a permit? What conditions are noted on the permit? For the period 1st of January 2023 to the present day (in answering please advise the date the data ends):

The total number of permits issued.

The number of permits issued for the North of the Waikanae River?

The number of permits issued for the South of the Waikanae River?”

Greater Wellington’s response follows:

Greater Wellington is authorised to issue permits (resource consents) to access or drive on Paraparaumu and Waikanae’s Beaches. We don’t have legal obligation to consult with territorial authorities such as Kāpiti Coast District Council (KCDC) before we issue these consents, however there are times that we do especially when these consents may affect or may be too close to any of the territorial authorities’ assets (i.e. seawalls).

According to the Natural Resource Plan, 5.6 Coastal Management, there are five rules that governs motor vehicles in the foreshore. These are:

1. Rule 215: Motor vehicles for launching, retrieving or temporary mooring of vessels
2. Rule 216: Motor vehicles
3. Rule 217: Motor vehicles for certain purposes
4. Rule 218: Motor vehicles inside Schedule C, Schedule E4, Schedule F2c, Schedule F4, Schedule F5 or Schedule J sites
5. Rule 219: Motor vehicles on the exposed (Titahi Bay fossil forest)

Rules 215-217 permit the use of motor vehicles in the coastal marine area i.e. no resource consent is required if you meet the terms and conditions of these rules. A resource consent is required for the use of motor vehicles that fall within Rules 218 and 2019. You can read more about these rules through our website (<https://www.gw.govt.nz/your-region/plans-policies-and-bylaws/plans-and-reports/environmental-plans/natural-resources-plan/>). Hard copies are available on public libraries and in our offices throughout the region.

We haven't issued any resource consents for the period 1 January 2023 up to the present, under Rules 218 and 219 of the Natural Resources Plan, either north of the Waikanae River or south of the Waikanae River.

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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