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By email: [REDACTED]

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

### **Request for information 2023-307**

I refer to your request for information dated 15 December 2023, which was received by Greater Wellington Regional Council (Greater Wellington) on 15 December 2023. You have requested the following:

*“As I am investigating setting up a new business focused on providing drone surveying services, I am keen to gather information that will assist me in making informed decisions regarding the acquisition of necessary equipment and training. Understanding the upcoming projects listed on GETS would be invaluable in shaping my business strategy and will ensure that I align with the needs of potential clients.*

*I would appreciate any details you could provide regarding the types of drone surveying contracts Greater Wellington Regional Council anticipates releasing, including the scope of work, geographical areas, and any specific requirements. Additionally, if there are particular timelines for the release of these contracts, that information would be extremely helpful for our planning purposes.*

*Furthermore, if there are any specific channels or events where I can stay informed about upcoming opportunities or engage with Greater Wellington Council to better understand their requirements, please do let me know.”*

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

Greater Wellington staff drone operators are trained and certified to operate under the Civil Aviation Rules (CAR) Part 101 requirements, so we largely manage drone work ourselves for operations such as:

- Terrestrial Survey (air, ground and bathymetric)
- Volumetric Analysis (earthworks and gravel extraction)
- Photos and 4k Video (PR and Communications)

- Photogrammetry (structure from motion and ortho photography)
- Vegetation Mapping (scientific and multispectral analysis)
- Thermal (pest animal)
- RTK Survey Mapping (3D models, design, concept, build and as built)

In the rare instance a drone operator outside of CAR Part 101 was required, we would undertake a tender process using the New Zealand Government Electronic Tenders Service (GETS) to engage a suitably qualified operator for such things as spot spraying or operations within low fly zones.

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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