

Reference Number: 2024/1114

2 July 2024

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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Thank you for email of 17 June 2024 requesting under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA), information relating to signage used around the community by the Council. Please see outlined below a response to each part of your request.

***I have requested information 2 years in a row on what council owned or run facilities have signage stating that they are PRIVATE PROPERTY? In both replies the council said there were none. Please resubmit the same information request again this year***

Horowhenua District Council (the Council) have no signage stating private property at parks/reserves owned by Council as they are openly accessible by the public as is required by law. Please note the Levin Adventure Park is not a Council owned property, however it is maintained by Council. In terms of Councils' property portfolio (camp grounds, commercial property, council building, endowment property, and general property), we do not erect such signage. We do not have any signage at our community facilities – aquatic centres or libraries.

All water treatment plants and wastewater treatment plant sites have signs stating private property. The only sites that may not have these signs are the irrigation blocks at Foxton (private land owner), and the Shannon irrigation area which is owned by HDC and has a farm manager. HDC's waste transfer stations at Foxton and Shannon do not have any signage stating private property.

There are no private property signs within any Council controlled transport assets.

***Include in the request what the breakdown(s) in the process occurred the last 2 times?***

On June 6, 2023, you submitted a request for information regarding Council owned facilities with signage indicating private property. We responded to your request on June 22, 2023, informing you that all water treatment and wastewater treatment plant sites have signs stating private property. The response is attached from June 22, 2023 for your reference.

On March 7, 2024, we received another submission from you. However, instead of a request, it simply said "test." That email was replied to on March 8, 2024, but HDC did not receive a response.

The database has been checked for other requests under your name, and we can confirm that we have received and responded to the request received from you.

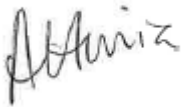
Therefore, to the best of our knowledge, there have been no issues with the process.

You are entitled to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Horowhenua District Council publishes responses to Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) requests that we consider to be of wider public interest, or which relate to a subject that has been widely requested. To protect your privacy, we will not generally publish personal information about you, or information that identifies you. We will publish the LGOIMA response along with a summary of the request on our website. Requests and responses may be paraphrased.

If you would like to discuss this decision or any of the information provided as part of this request, please contact Brent Harvey (Group Manager Community Experience and Services) on [brenth@horowhenua.govt.nz](mailto:brenth@horowhenua.govt.nz) or [LGOIMAOfficer@horowhenua.govt.nz](mailto:LGOIMAOfficer@horowhenua.govt.nz)

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