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Dear [REDACTED]

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT Request: 2023-26

Thank you for your email of 1 May 2023 to the Carterton District Council requesting the following information:

- *“What chemicals (pesticides, herbicides, fungicides etc.) does the council apply to areas of wood chip or bark mulch on council properties?”*
- *“What chemicals (pesticides, herbicides, fungicides etc.) does the council apply to grass areas on council properties?”*
- *“What steps are undertaken to notify the public about areas that have been sprayed?”*
- *“Does the council spray any areas as a response to the growth of illegal (psilocybin containing) mushrooms?”*

Your request has been considered under the Local Government Official Information and Meeting Act 1987 (the Act).

My response to each of your requests is detailed below.

What chemicals (pesticides, herbicides, fungicides etc.) does the council apply to areas of wood chip or bark mulch on council properties?

The chemicals that the council applies to areas of wood chip or bark mulch on council properties are:

- Agpro Terminate
- Kiwicare Bioweed Blast
- Copper oxychloride

What chemicals (pesticides, herbicides, fungicides etc.) does the council apply to grass areas on council properties?

The chemicals that the council applies to grass areas on council properties are:

- Agpro Terminate
- Kiwicare Bioweed Blast
- Copper oxychloride

What steps are undertaken to notify the public about areas that have been sprayed?

Council follows the regulatory steps that are outline in the Hazardous substances and New Organisms Act 1996.

Does the council spray any areas as a response to the growth of illegal (psilocybin containing) mushrooms?

No.

Please note, the Council now proactively publishes LGOIMA responses on our website. As such, we may publish this response on our website after five working days. Your name and contact details will be removed.

Thank you again for your email. You have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review this decision. You can do this by writing to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Yours sincerely



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