

21 June 2023

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Dear [REDACTED]

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT Request: 2023-32

Thank you for your email of 18 May 2023 to the Carterton District Council (CDC) requesting the following information:

"...request about road maintenance, dust complaints, and their nature.

Could I please get the following information in a CVS Excel format:

- The length of gravel roads in kilometers that you manage. And total length of roads (including asphalt)*
- The total spend on gravel road maintenance. And total spend on road maintenance in NZD (\$).*
- The number of dust-related complaints over the last five years.*
- What the nature of the complaint is? I.e., complaints from gravel road users or residents who live near dust sources such as gravel roads and the location of the complaint i.e., road name.*
- The spend on dust suppressants if used? And the area treated in square meters and linear meters of road.*
- Any health and safety, and environmental incidents which have occurred because of excess dust.*
- If possible, the type of dust suppressant used.*
- This information will enable me to understand how dust pollution affects people and how much it costs councils, enabling the design of a more effective solution."*

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

My response to your request about road maintenance, dust complaints, and their nature is in the order below.

The length of gravel roads in kilometers that you manage. And total length of roads (including asphalt).

The information you are requesting can be found in our website link: [2021-31-LTP-document-Final-signed.pdf \(cdc.govt.nz\)](#), refer to page 241 Roads and Footpaths, Pavement unsealed 158.45km, Pavement sealed - 311km. The information in the document provides a table of the Road and Footpath Assets.

The total spend on gravel road maintenance. And total spend on road maintenance in NZD (\$).

Total unsealed budget for 22/23 - \$620,050 (excluding overheads and activities outside road surface)

Total maintenance programme for 22/23 - \$3,488,711 (excluding emergency events and Low-cost low risk improvements)

The number of dust-related complaints over the last five years.

There have been 3 complaints in the last 5 years.

What the nature of the complaint is? I.e., complaints from gravel road users or residents who live near dust sources such as gravel roads and the location of the complaint i.e., road name.

The location of the complaints came from the road user areas, Eringa Road, Perrys Road, and Borlase Road.

The spend on dust suppressants if used? And the area treated in square meters and linear meters of road.

No dust suppressants used in last 5 years.

Any health and safety, and environmental incidents which have occurred because of excess dust.

There have been no health and safety, and environmental incidents in relation to excess dust that Council has been aware of.

If possible, the type of dust suppressant used.

No dust suppressant used.

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



Geoff Hamilton
Chief Executive
Carterton District Council

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