

12 January 2026

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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT Request: 2025-68**

Thank you for your email of 16 December 2025 to the Carterton District Council attached as **Appendix One**.

Your request has been considered under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act). The table below provides our response in the number order of your request.

Question	Response
1. Do you have further attributes (i.e. criteria) which supports this spatial data that you could provide?	No
2. What year was the Managed Ecological Areas created?	1996: First Generation District Plans for Masterton, Carterton and South Wairarapa District Councils (identified State Forest Parks and other conservation land in crown ownership) 2002: Wairarapa Coastal Strategy (identified coastal habitats) 2006: Proposed Wairarapa Combined District Plan (incorporated the above areas)
3. What method was used with identifying these areas?	Significance assessment.
4. Are you intending on updating your Managed Ecological Areas? If so, when?	Our District Plan is currently at the appeal stage and we have no intention of further reviews.
5. Please advise if there is associated data that is not or should not be publicly available?	N/A
6. Does your Council have any additional Managed Ecological Areas that are not mapped in your District Plan?	No

Please note, the Council 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](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Nāku noa, nā



Geri Brooking  
**Group Manager People and Corporate**  
**Carterton District Council**

**From:** LGOIMA Requests <lgoima@cdc.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 18 December 2025 10:03 am  
**To:** [REDACTED] @mfe.govt.nz  
**Subject:** Acknowledgement: LGOIMA 2025-68 Data request - Managed Ecological Areas - Ministry for the Environment

Kia ora [REDACTED],

## LGOIMA 2025-68

Thank you for your email request below we received on Tuesday 16 December 2025.

Your request is being handled under the provisions of the Local Government Official Information and Meeting Act (1987). You can expect a reply no later than **Tuesday 3 February 2026**, which is 20 working days from the date we received your request. The response date shown takes into account the summer holidays (20 December to 10 January). Please note that as your request to the Council observes the Wellington Anniversary holiday on Monday 19 January 2026, an added one working day to the last day to the expected response day will be added, which will be no later than Wednesday 4 February 2026. However, we will endeavour to provide you with our response before 3 February 2026.

Wishing you a Festive and Safe holiday.

Ngā mihi



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**From:** [REDACTED] @mfe.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 16 December 2025 3:58 pm  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Data request - Managed Ecological Areas - Ministry for the Environment

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Tēnā koe,

The Ministry for the Environment (MfE) are undertaking a project to develop a national database of Managed Ecological Areas. [REDACTED] are supporting the MfE with this project.

This email should be directed to Policy Managers or Spatial Data Managers with an understanding of managed ecological areas in their District.

MfE have defined Managed Ecological Areas (MEA) as:

“Existing ecological and biodiversity management areas including, but not limited to, Significant Natural Areas (SNAs) or equivalent designations that councils have used to give effect to the protection of areas of significant indigenous vegetation and significant habitats of indigenous fauna. This includes areas of ecological protection within regional/district plans, as well as other areas councils protect and manage for their ecological value”.

For our national database, we are interested in spatially mapped datasets of Managed Ecological Areas and the attributes that sit behind this data (i.e. size, ecosystem type(s), vegetation type(s), Threatened and At Risk indigenous species, NPS-IB ecological significance criteria).

We understand that different councils will be at different stages in the development of this data and that some data might not be publicly available. If you would like us to keep data provided in confidence, please tell us.

To support the MfE in this project, we would appreciate your response to the following questions.

We have found information on Managed Ecological Areas mapped in your District Plan. Can you answer the following to provide a bit more information.

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2. What year was the Managed Ecological Areas created?	
3. What method was used with identifying these areas?	
4. Are you intending on updating your Managed Ecological Areas? If so, when?	
5. Please advise if there is associated data that is not or should not be publicly available?	
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If your response includes data that is too big to attach to an email. Please add it to this shared drive  [MfE - Managed Ecological Areas](#) or, alternatively, provide a downloadable link to the data.

If you would like to know more about the project, or would like to follow up with the project team. Please feel free to contact [REDACTED].

Thank you in advance for your assistance with this project.

Ngā mihi nui,

