

From: LGOIMA Requests <lgoima@cdc.govt.nz>
Sent: Friday, 23 January 2026 1:55 pm
To: info@gw.govt.nz
Subject: LGOIMA Request Transfer - Inquiry Regarding Any Approved RHDV Releases in the District

Kia ora,

Transfer of request for official information

This email concerns a LGOIMA request received from [REDACTED] on Tuesday 20 January 2026 for the following information:

“... I’m writing to ask whether Carterton District Council has any record of an authorised release of Rabbit Haemorrhagic Disease Virus (RHDV) in the Waihakeke area in recent weeks.

We’ve observed a sudden decline in the local rabbit population, and before making any assumptions, I wanted to check whether this aligns with any coordinated or approved pest-management activity undertaken by the Council or its contractors.

Could you please advise:

- *Whether any RHDV (including RHDV1-K5 or other variants) has been released in the Carterton District recently*
- *If so, the approximate timing and general location of the release*
- *Whether neighbouring landowners were notified as part of the process*

I’m not seeking personal details about individuals — just confirmation of whether any official release has taken place.”

We are transferring [REDACTED] LGOIMA request in full to GWRC because the information he is requesting is not held with the Carterton District Council, and his request would be better directed to GWRC to respond.

Please treat this letter as a formal transfer of the request under section 12 of the LGOIMA. You should be aware that a response must be provided to the requester as soon as reasonably practicable, and no later than 20 working days after the day this transfer is received by your agency, unless an extension of time is required and duly notified to the requester.

Ngā mihi,

From: LGOIMA Requests <lgoima@cdc.govt.nz>

Sent: Friday, 23 January 2026 1:40 pm

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: LGOIMA Request Transfer - Inquiry Regarding Any Approved RHDV Releases in the District

Kia ora [REDACTED]

LGOIMA 2026-04

We refer to your LGOIMA request dated Tuesday 20 January 2026 for an inquiry regarding any approved RHDV released in the (*Carterton*) District.

In response to your request, the information you have requested is not held by us, but is believed to be held with the Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) for the reason that it is believed to be more closely connected with GRWC's functions. In these circumstances, we are required by section 12 of the LGOIMA to transfer your request.

You will hear further GRWC concerning your request. You can make contact with GRWC by emails below:

[Greater Wellington — Contact form](#)

info@gw.govt.nz info@gw.govt.nz

Ngā mihi,



From: LGOIMA Requests <lgoima@cdc.govt.nz>

Sent: Thursday, 22 January 2026 1:49 pm

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: LGOIMA 2026-04: Inquiry Regarding Any Approved RHDV Releases in the District

Kia ora [REDACTED]

LGOIMA 2026-04

Thank you for your email request below we received on Tuesday 20 January 2026.

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 **Wednesday 18 February 2026**, which is 20 working days from the date we received your request. The response date shown takes into account Waitangi Day 6 February 2026.

Ngā mihi,



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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, 20 January 2026 12:57 pm

To: Council Info Mailbox <info@cdc.govt.nz>; [REDACTED]

Subject: Inquiry Regarding Any Approved RHDV Releases in the District

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Thank you very much for your assistance. I appreciate the work your team does to keep our district informed and safe.

Ngā mihi,

