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Request

from: Newsroom NZ Ltd

For: Water Discharge Prosecutions, Discharges & Abatement and
Infringement Notices

Response

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Via email: farah.hancock@newsroom.co.nz

Dear Farah

**OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST FOR WATER DISCHARGE PROSECUTIONS,
DISCHARGES AND ABATEMENT AND INFRINGEMENT NOTICES.**

I refer to your official information request dated 1 July 2020 for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2020: the number of prosecutions by the Council for discharges of contaminants to water each year, the number of other enforcement actions taken by the Council for discharges of contaminants to water and a breakdown of these abatement and infringement notices and prosecutions by source of pollution.

The information you requested is enclosed.

1. The number of prosecutions by the Council for discharges of contaminants to water each year - broken out by year, and a description of the offences/ discharges.

The Council have had no prosecutions for the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2020 for discharges of contaminants to water.

- 2 & 3. The number of other enforcement actions taken by the Council for discharges of contaminants to water (for example, abatement notices and infringement notices) and a description of the discharges, and a break-down of these abatement and infringement notices and prosecutions by source of pollution.

Abatement Notices: (description / activity / number)

Discharge of contaminants to water from urban residential activity - 5 abatement notices

Discharge of contaminants to water from industrial activity – 4 abatement notices

Discharge of contaminants to water from rural activity (non-farming) - 3 abatement notices

Discharge of waste water from a vessel in the Coastal Marine Area (CMA) - 1 abatement notice

Discharge of contaminants from urban activity to the CMA - 1 abatement notice

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Discharge of contaminants from industrial activity to the CMA – 1 abatement notice

Infringement Notices:

Discharge of contaminants in contravention of RMA section 15:

Urban residential activity – 4 infringement notices

Industrial activity – 1 infringement notice

From a ship to the CMA – 2 infringement notices

From industrial activity to the CMA – 1 infringement notice

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or Freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Clare Barton', written in a cursive style.

Clare Barton

Group Manager Environmental Management

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From: Farah Hancock <farah.hancock@newsroom.co.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, 1 July 2020 10:11 AM
To: Council Enquiries (Enquiry)
Subject: OIA request - water discharge

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Hi

Could I please request the following information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act.

For the period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2020:

1. The number of prosecutions by the Council for discharges of contaminants to water each year – broken out by year, and a description of the offences/ discharges;
2. the number of other enforcement actions taken by the Council for discharges of contaminants to water (for example, abatement notices and infringement notices) and a description of the discharges, and
3. a break-down of these abatement and infringement notices and prosecutions by source of pollution – we'd like to know how many involved rural land users (eg discharges from farms), versus urban polluters (for examples, discharges from council wastewater overflows etc) versus other sources of pollution (for example, industrial discharges).

By my calculation, a response to this request is due by Wednesday 29 July 2020 (20 working days). Please respond to acknowledge receipt of this request.

Regards
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Reporter

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