



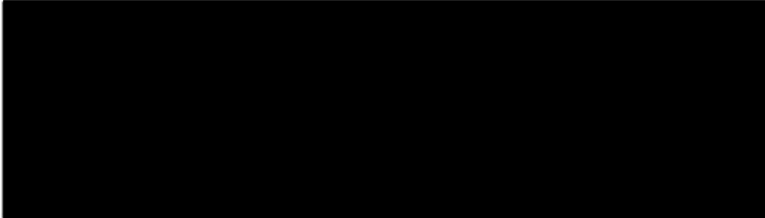
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Dear [REDACTED]

OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST FOR "GREASE TRAP INSPECTIONS"

I refer to your official information request dated 17 March 2024: ***"In February 2024, the council carried out grease trap inspection in cafes and restaurants in nelson city. I would like to know information related to the inspection"***.

Our responses are below each part of your request, as follows:

'In particular

- ***what prompted such inspection'***

The inspection was for the purpose of ascertaining the presence of a grease trap and to ensure it was functioning as intended and being cleaned regularly.

As per Section 9.4 and 10.3.4 of Wastewater Bylaw 229

"9.4. Discharges via traps or interceptors for fats, oils, grease, or sediment

9.4.1. No person may discharge any waste that is likely to include fats, oils, grease (FOGs), or sediment into the wastewater system unless:

(a) An appropriate trap or interceptor, which complies with any applicable requirements in this Part C clause 9.4, has been installed at the premises from which the discharge is made; and

(b) The discharge is made in compliance with a trade waste permit.

9.4.2. Grease traps must be sized and installed in compliance with clause G13 of the New Zealand Building Code.



10.3.4. Any Authorised Officer, authorised agent of the Council, or analyst may at any time enter any premises (other than a dwelling house) where there is reason to believe that a trade waste is being discharged to the wastewater system and, in order to determine any characteristics of any discharge, may:

(a) Take readings and measurements of such discharge.

(b) Carrying out an inspection.

(c) Take samples for testing, of any solid, liquid, or gaseous material or any combination or mixture of such materials being discharged; or

(d) Observe accidental occurrences and clean up.

- **'the objective of the inspection'**

As per above.

- **'the budget allocated for the inspection'**

The cost of the inspection is included in the Trade Waste Officers role. Most inspections are less than half an hour, including travel.

Please find included a link to the Wastewater Bylaw 229 for your reference. If you copy and paste the below link into your web browser, it will take you to the Nelson City Council website where you can access the full copy of the bylaw.

www.nelson.govt.nz/council/bylaws/bylaw-229-wastewater-including-trade-waste-and-domestic-wastewater/

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 Eddie Powick the Utilities Operations Manager.

Yours sincerely



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