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Dear [REDACTED]

OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST - VACANT RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES

I refer to your official information request dated 14 April 2024 for the following:

1. What is the number of residential properties in Nelson City, that have been owned and Council rated for 5 years or more AND there has been no building of Houses or residential units undertaken or commenced? In other words - the properties are vacant land. If any of these properties do have a building consent in progress; please do not include them.
2. How many of these properties have been owned and Council rated vacant properties for 10 years or more?
3. How many of these properties have been owned and Council rated vacant properties for 20 years or more?
4. How many of these Council Rated vacant properties within the boundary of Nelson City are owned by land or property developers?

We have decided to refuse your request under section 17(g) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) as the information requested is not held by Council.

Nelson City Council records the total number/land value of vacant residential rating units on 30 June each year. This information is used to calculate the rates for the upcoming rating year.

Individual rating unit details (Valuation No, Ownership, Location Address etc) is not captured/stored and therefore tracking individual properties over your requested timeline is not possible.

The table below lists the total number and land value of vacant residential rating units on 30 June for the rating years from 2011/12 to 2023/24.

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Date	Total Number of Residential Rating Units	Total Land Value of Residential Rating Units
30 June 2023	718	\$364,696,000
30 June 2022	656	\$344,548,000
30 June 2021	695	\$222,292,950
30 June 2020	647	\$190,224,950
30 June 2019	657	\$193,349,950
30 June 2018	645	\$122,701,500
30 June 2017	780	\$155,498,500
30 June 2016	680	\$151,450,500
30 June 2015	706	\$149,889,500
30 June 2014	727	\$155,159,000
30 June 2013	761	\$165,266,000
30 June 2012	829	\$175,566,000
30 June 2011	910	\$189,785,000

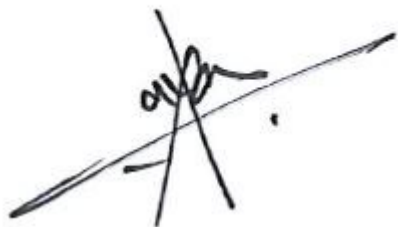
5. How many of the Nelson City properties were damaged in the August 2022 adverse event, and have these vacant properties alongside, behind or above those damaged properties?

We do not hold the total number of Nelson City properties that were damaged in the August 2022 weather event; however, our records indicate that 187 Red and Yellow Placards were issued at that time.

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 Prabath Jayawardana on 03 546 0200.

Yours sincerely



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Finance Manager