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Dear [REDACTED]

OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST FOR CULLING OPERATION DETAILS

I refer to your official information request dated 21 May 2024 for:

1. How many deer, pigs and goats were killed during the recent cull – total for Brook front and back plus other areas
2. Who paid for this cull?
3. Do my rates contribute to the cull?
4. Why do Tasman Pine Forests and Ngāti Koata not pay to maintain their own land?
5. Why were there drones over/in the near vicinity of my property? Is this legal?
6. Who authorised/organised the cull and manages it?
7. What is the total cost of the cull exercise?
8. The helicopter noise creates a nuisance- how is this allowed in a residential area?
9. Why was the cull finished a week early?

The information you requested is enclosed.

1. **How many deer, pigs and goats were killed during the recent cull? Total for Brook front and back plus other areas?**
Numbers for the May 2024 cull: Back country: 35 deer; 11 pigs; 46 goats. Front Country: 72 deer; 4 pigs; 7 goats; Total: 107 deer; 15 pigs; 53 goats.
2. **Who paid for this cull?**
Nelson City Council, Ngāti Koata and Tasman Pine Forest Limited.
3. **Do my rates contribute to the cull?**
Yes
4. **Why do Tasman Pine Forests and Ngāti Koata not pay to maintain their own land?**
Ngāti Koata and Tasman Pine Forests Limited pay for the share of the cull that occurs on their land.
5. **Why were there drones over/in the near vicinity of my property? Is this legal?**

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The drone is used to search for animals in the reserves. At times they may come close to/ go over private property getting to and from landing sites. Yes, this is legal, as the contractor has CAA 102 Exposition.

6. **Who authorised/organised the cull and manages it?** *Nelson City Council Parks Team and Nelson City Council Science and Environment Team, Ngāti Koata and Tasman Pine Forests Limited.*
7. **What is the total cost of the cull exercise?** *Total \$74,977*
8. **The helicopter noise creates a nuisance- how is this allowed in a residential area?** *The pilot complied with all Civil Aviation Authority laws.*
9. **Why was the cull finished a week early?** *The timeframe given to the public ahead of the project is a 'longest possible' estimate. This longer timeframe allows for delays due to weather and other interruptions.*

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 Hannah Curwood hannah.curwood@ncc.govt.nz

Yours sincerely



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