

Dear,

I refer to your official information request we received on 14 October 2024 requesting the following:

“Please can you provide the following information?”

- *Details of rules/policies/objectives in your district plan designed to avoid adverse effects of dog attacks and vehicle strike on penguins (specifically hoiho and Korora)*
- *Decision making materials that underpin the making of the district plan (including any plan changes) where the need to give effect to the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement (NZCPS) was considered*
- *Details of any bylaws or other local measures that protect penguins from dog attacks or vehicle strike*
- *Details of council monitoring of penguin populations and documents that contain monitoring results (including published reports under s35(2A) RMA).*
- *Reports received by the Council on dog attacks and vehicle strikes on penguins in the last 3 years*
- *Details of any other actions taken by the Council to protect penguins”*

Release of information

The information you have requested is as below.

- Details of rules/policies/objectives in your district plan designed to avoid adverse effects of dog attacks and vehicle strike on penguins (specifically hoiho and kororā)

The Kaikōura District Plan contains no specific dog and penguins requirements.

- Decision making materials that underpin the making of the district plan (including any plan changes) where the need to give effect to the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement (NZCPS) was considered

It is noted that the NZCPS contains no specific policies which relate to penguins, rather it focuses on Indigenous biological diversity. It is noted our district plan was originally made operative before the NZCPS was operative and subsequent plan changes have not involved coastal areas.

- Details of any bylaws or other local measures that protect penguins from dog attacks or vehicle strike

Kaikōura District Council staff have been and are working with local community groups to identify areas that penguins use and have allowed these areas (where appropriate) to be fenced. Kaikōura District Council is supportive of the marine species within Kaikōura. Kaikōura District Council staff are also having to balance the requirements of the NZCPS and our requirements for walking access and balancing this with the need to fence certain areas.

- Details of council monitoring of penguin populations and documents that contain monitoring results (including published reports under s35(2A) RMA).

Kaikōura District Council does not specifically monitor penguin populations and this would be better address by DOC who administers the Conservation Act1987, refer section 6.

- Reports received by the Council on dog attacks and vehicle strikes on penguins in the last 3 years

Kaikōura District Council have not received any reports on attacks or vehicle strikes in the last 3 years, until a couple of weeks ago when we received an email form Kaikoura Wildlife Rescue that two Penguins appear to have been attacked by a dog.

- Details of any other actions taken by the Council to protect penguins

Kaikoura District Council are allowing for the fencing of areas to exclude dogs from nesting and moulting areas. Breeding boxes are also being added to several Council projects.

Publication of responses to LGOIMA requests

Please note: our LGOIMA responses may be published on the Kaikōura District Council website a month after they have been responded to, with requesters' personal details withheld. If you have any concerns about this please contact the Official Information team on officialinformation@kaikoura.govt.nz

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

Yours sincerely



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