

Dear,

I refer to your official information request we received on 24 October 2024 requesting the following:

"I am writing to request information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA). Specifically, I would like to request the following information regarding public trees within your jurisdiction:

1. *Records of public tree removals between January 1st, 2022, and October 16th, 2024, including:*
 - *The locations of trees removed.*
 - *The species of trees (if available).*
 - *The reasons for removal (e.g., disease, development, safety concerns).*

2. *Records of public tree plantings for the same time period, including:*
 - *The locations of trees planted.*
 - *The species planted.*
 - *Any associated planning or urban greening strategies for these plantings.*

3. *Any reports or assessments related to urban tree management or the overall strategy for public tree planting and removal within your jurisdiction from January 2017".*

Release of information

Information for Question 3 is attached. However, we have decided to refuse your request for information which relates to question 1 & 2 being withheld under the following section of the LGOIMA:

Records of public tree removals between January 1st, 2022, and October 16th, 2024, including:

- The locations of trees removed.
- The species of trees (if available).
- The reasons for removal (e.g., disease, development, safety concerns).

Section 17(e) – that the documents alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found

Records of public tree plantings for the same time period, including:

- The locations of trees planted.
- The species planted.
- Any associated planning or urban greening strategies for these plantings.

Section 17(e) – that the documents alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found

Any reports or assessments related to urban tree management or the overall strategy for public tree planting and removal within your jurisdiction from January 2017.

Please find attached a report on the Arboriculture Assessment of Norfolk Island Pines Esplanade dated 21 April 2021.

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



Will Doughty
Chief Executive Officer