

OIR: 2324/615

18 August 2023

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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Request for Information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act) (the LGOIMA)

[REDACTED]. We have looked into your concerns and have answered your questions received via email on 3 August 2023 below:

1. *When did the roadside spraying actually occur?*

Road spraying in Te Horo took place on 1st May 2023. Our sprayers have GPS functionality (via BIP - Business Interaction Portal) to allow us to track where spraying has taken place on a particular date. Please find attached the report via BIP during the period 1 May to 13 August 2023.

2. *What chemicals did the contractor use? As it definitely wasn't the case of a little bit of Roundup and I suspect 2 or 3 active ingredients were mixed together possibly with some other adjuvants.*

The product used for the weed spraying was Kiwi Care- Weed Weapon Long Term. The product information is attached.

3. *Does the council notify and warn the community when roadside spraying is about to occur?*

Council notifies the community by advertisement in the Newspaper. Please find attached a copy of the April 2023 Spray round notification.

Please note that any information provided in response to your request may be published on the Council website, with your personal details removed.

4. If they do, how, where and when is it advertised?

Before each spray round advertisements are placed in the Local Papers. The next round of spraying will be in September 2023.

5. Will the council consider implementing the requirement that the roadside spraying contractors commence adding a dye to the spray solution as there's no way of knowing what areas have been sprayed with their cocktail of chemicals after they have passed through a community?

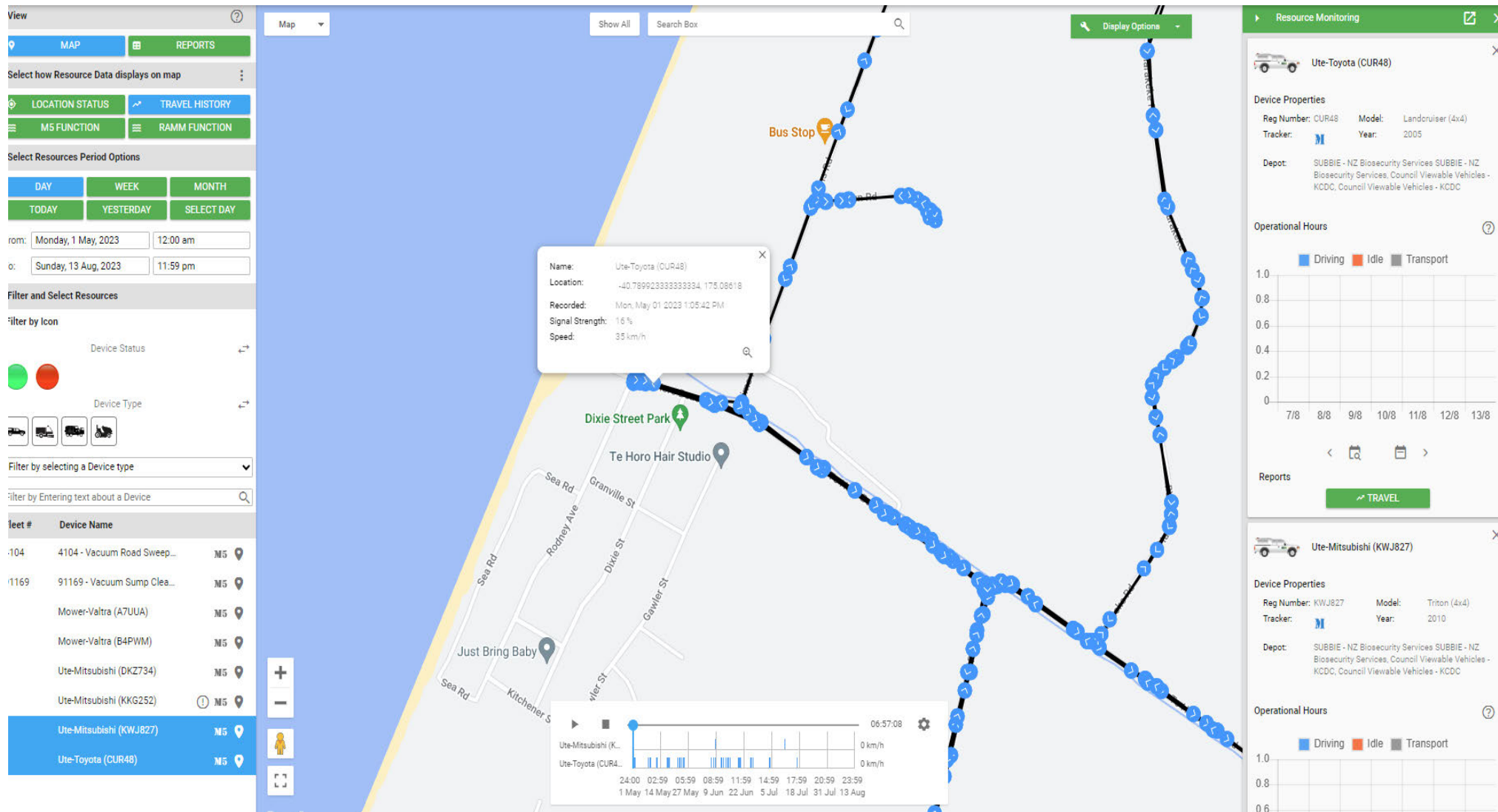
We can consider this and will discuss with our Spraying Contractors who undertake the Weed Spraying.

Ngā mihi



Sean Mallon

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Te Kaihautū Ratonga Pakiaka



Notification of Roadside Weed Spraying

Weed spraying of all rural roads will be carried out during April 2023 weather dependant.

All chemical applications will be supervised by a Growsafe Registered Applicator operating within the guidelines documented in NZS8409:2004 The Management of Agrichemicals.

New Zealand Biosecurity Services Limited will undertake this weed spraying and can be contacted on 021814644.

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WEED WEAPON EXTRA STRENGTH

Weed Weapon Extra Strength is a post-emergent weed killer with rapid activity recommended for the control of annual grasses and broad-leaved weeds.

Weed Weapon Extra Strength contains 2 active ingredients with different modes of action:

1. Glyphosate controls existing weeds by moving into the weed and down to the roots.
2. Sulfenylacil moves into the leaves of existing weeds and blocks photosynthesis causing rapid damage to green parts of the plant this allows glyphosate to enter and assists its movement to the roots.

BENEFITS

- Kills a broad range of weeds and grasses.
- Kills to the roots for effective control.
- Reduces risk of resistance developing due to 2 different modes of action.
- Biodegradable in soil.
- Rain fast in 2 hours.
- Can be used all year round.
- Safe for children and animals once dry.

IDEAL USES

In Regional parks and non-crop areas.

CONTROLS

A broad range of weeds including (but not limited to) :

- Agapanthus
- Annual Poa
- Black nightshade
- Broad-leaved dock
- Dandelion
- Docks
- Fathen
- Mallows
- Pink Shamrock (suppression)
- Plantain
- Ryegrass
- Tall Willow Herb
- White Clover
- Willow Weed
- Wireweed

PRODUCT CODE

G30275
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PRODUCT SIZE

5 L Concentrate
20 L Concentrate