

OIR: 2425/1304

10 April 2025

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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

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

Thank you for your email of **13 March 2025** requesting the following information:

Records of the truck movements at Silver Sands Quarry, on a monthly basis:

There are no records of truck movements. There was no specific monitoring of truck movements required by the existing Resource Consent. In these instances a “complaint based” approach is used. Accordingly, this part of your request is refused under section 17(e) of the Act as the documents alleged to contain the information requested does not exist.

The estimated area of un-restored land, we trust you have made a calculation of this? We would like to see the Council’s calculation, thank you.

The estimated total area of land to be remediated following the site visit in November 2024 was 4,800m² (approximately 120m x 40m).

Can you please clarify the Council’s monitoring policy.

Page 15 of the Council’s [Compliance and Enforcement Policy 2024](#) gives an overall outline of the monitoring process based on risk and other factors. There are options for monitoring strategies including self-monitoring and recording, reporting for auditing, complaints-based monitoring, and council monitoring as per resource consent conditions.

As [REDACTED] has raised with you by email, we are very concerned as to how the land will be restored. An enormous area of sand has been sold from the property, what is now low lying flat land was sandhills. How will this be remedied?

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

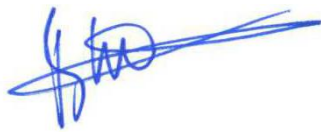
The remediation of the exposed land, past and present, is to be carried out by a covering of topsoil using stockpiled material on site, stabilising the prepared ground, and seeding with grass at the appropriate time. An updated Management Plan will cover this process – possibly in more detail and using current best practice methods.

As to restoration of the exposed land can you please define 'substantial progress', and let us know the Council's next steps should that measure not be met by the end of this month.

Substantial progress will be a subjective assessment; however, it is the outcome that is important. Given the timeframe provided to the property owner the expectation is that at least half of the exposed area is topsoiled, with a plan to complete the rest in an agreed timeframe. The council's compliance and enforcement policy will provide guidance for next steps, again based on risk, and again working towards a desired outcome for all parties.

You have the right to request the Ombudsman to review this decision. Complaints can be sent by email to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz, or by post to The Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Ngā mihi,



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