

27 August 2020

██████████  
Forest and Bird  
████████████████████

Kia ora ██████████

**Request for Official Information responded to under the Local Government and Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) – reference: 7268400**

I refer to your information request we received on 31 July 2020 for the following:

***For each year for the last 3 years:***

- ***The number of incidents of unauthorised vegetation clearance reported to the council, identified through monitoring, or otherwise logged by the council.***
- ***The type of vegetation cleared.***
- ***Number of hectares known or estimated to be involved in each incident.***
- ***The compliance response to each incidence.***

**Council response regarding your request**

A search of our Service Request system, resource consent files and other council records between 21 August 2017 and 21 August 2020 has noted 14 incidents of unauthorised vegetation clearance. A general summary of those incidents are included below detailing the information [where held] that addresses the points you requested as noted above.

<b>Incident</b>	<b>Type of vegetation cleared</b>	<b>Number of hectares known or estimated</b>	<b>Compliance response</b>
Felling of protected vegetation	Native	Unknown	None
Tree cut on Council land	Pittosporum	1 tree	None
Trees removed from eco site	Natives	~30m <sup>2</sup>	None
Trees removed from eco site/breach of PDP	Pukatea and Titoki	2 trees	Infringement Issued, cancelled in light of restoration planting
Track cleared into wetland eco site	Wetland Species	Unknown	None - no offenders identified

Incident	Type of vegetation cleared	Number of hectares known or estimated	Compliance response
Trimming in eco site	Natives	Unknown	Still under investigation
Cutting of mature protected trees	Kohekohe, 2x Titoki	3 trees	3 x infringement notices
Modification of trees in eco site	Natives	Unknown	Formal warning letter
Trees modified on reserve	Unknown	Unknown	Still under investigation
Damage to protected kohekohe roots	Kohekohe	Isolated trees	Informal warning
Removal of protected trees	Totara, Matipo	2 trees	Formal warning letter
Removal of heritage tree	Irish Yew	1 tree	None
Removal of native vegetation within eco site	Native	~20m <sup>2</sup>	Still under investigation
Removal of heritage tree	Kauri	1	None

Ngā mihi



**Angela Bell**

Acting Group Manager Regulatory Services  
Te Kaihautū Ratonga Whakaritenga