

Reference Number: 2022/882

31 August 2022

Email: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Response - Official Information Request

I refer to your request for information received on 5 August 2022. Your request has been considered under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) and I provide the following information.

Money spent on pump station on the corner of Alan Lindsay Avenue and Forest Road, Waitarere Beach

Horowhenua District Council (HDC) has spent \$42,000 on maintenance since December 2021 on the pump station located at the intersection of Alan Lindsay Avenue and Forest Road, Waitarere Beach.

The pump station has experienced an increased number of incidents, due to a combination of blockages (from rags, sanitary pads and wipes), as well as heavy rain events and high ground water causing inflow into the sewer system. The HDC operations and management team has attended to these incidents and removed the blockages.

How many trucks and how often have they been sent by Council to this pump station

HDC has deployed 12 sucker trucks to this pump station since December 2021. This has been in response to storm events and the increased number of blockages. The table below provides a breakdown of the number of trucks and the months in which trucks attended to this pump station.

Dec-21	1 Truck x 4 hrs
Feb-22	1 Truck x 5.5 hrs 1 Truck x 7 hrs
Jul-22	2 Trucks x 3.5 hrs
	1 Truck x 10.5 hrs
	1 Truck x 15 hrs
	1 Truck x 16 hrs
	1 Truck x 3 hrs
	1 Truck x 16 hrs
	1 Truck x 1.5 hrs 1 Truck x 2.5 hrs

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If you have any queries regarding this information, please contact the LGOIMA Officer on 063660999 or email LGOIMAOfficer@horowhenua.govt.nz

Yours sincerely



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