

Reference Number: 2023/1006

21 September 2023

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Email: [REDACTED]

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Response - Official Information Request

I refer to your request for information received on 25 August 2023. Your request has been considered under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) and I provide the following information.

“Do you have any rules, regulations or bylaws restricting or prohibiting the use of vehicles on beaches in your territory? If yes, please provide a web link to this document/information.”

Horowhenua District Council does not have any specific bylaws in place restricting or prohibiting the use of vehicles on the beaches. However, given the beach is classed as a road, the standard rules of the road apply including the requirement to have a current warrant of fitness and registration for any vehicle or motorcycle, as well as speed limit rules.

“Do you have any public information and/or guidance on your council website in regards to vehicles on beaches? If yes, please provide a web link to this information.”

There is no specific public information and/or guidance on Council’s website in regards to vehicles on beaches. However, two media releases relating to vehicles on specific Horowhenua beaches were published on Council’s website, in 2021 and in 2022.

“If you do have rules, regulations or a bylaw restricting or prohibiting the use of vehicles on beaches in your territory:

Do you attribute any funding/resource to it?

Do you have any staff whose job (or part of their job) is to enforce the regulations?

Has your council issued any enforcement notices/fines due to breaches to the regulations?

Horowhenua District Council do not currently have rules, regulations or a bylaw restricting or prohibiting the use of vehicles on beaches in the Horowhenua.

If you do not have any rules, regulations or bylaws restricting or prohibiting the use of vehicles on beaches in your territory, is this an issue your council has identified and plan to address in the future (i.e. with an upcoming bylaw etc)?

The issue of vehicles on beaches is something that Horowhenua District Council has identified, and has plans to address this with a Beach Bylaw in the near future.

Regardless of whether you have any rules, regulations or bylaws restricting or prohibiting the use of vehicles on beaches in your territory, please provide the number of public concerns or complaints that have been received/reported to you concerning the use of vehicles on beaches in your territory for the past five years (broken down by year please)."

Year	Public concerns/complaints
2019	13
2020	6
2021	9
2022	6
2023	7

You are entitled to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or free phone 0800 802 602.

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

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