

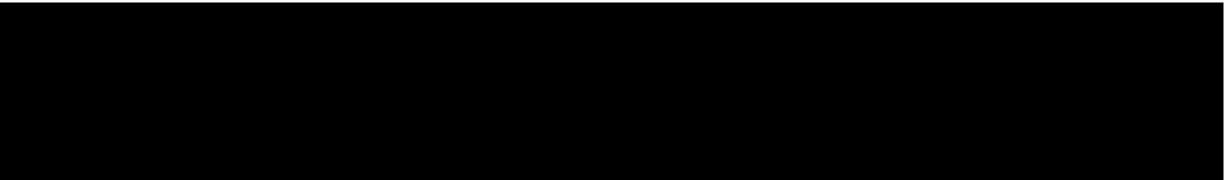
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Tēnā Koe

Thank you for your email dated 13 July 2026 requesting under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA), information relating to (describe information). Specifically, you requested / Please see outlined below a response to each part of your request.



Please treat this as a request for official information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA).

I would appreciate receiving the following information regarding playgrounds under your council's management:

- **Total number of playgrounds managed by your council**
 - **Excluding pump tracks, skate parks, BMX facilities, scooter tracks, fitness stations, and similar non-playground assets, but can include parkour parks.**
- **Total area (m²) of playground surfacing, aggregated by surface type (i.e. area of each surface type such as X m² wet-pour, X m² wood chip, X m² tiles, etc.)**

Definition: For the purpose of this request, a playground is defined as a space containing fixed play equipment designed primarily for children.

Clarification: Surface area refers to the area of playground surfacing associated with play equipment. This may include fall zones and adjacent surfaced areas. Precise fall-zone measurement is not required. Estimates are acceptable where exact measurements are not available (these should be identified accordingly).

Please categorise surfacing as:

- **Wet-pour rubber**
- **Rubber tiles**
- **Artificial turf**
- **Wood chip/bark (playground compliant, not arborist mulch)**
- **Pea gravel**
- **Sand (when used as a fall surface, not as a sand play feature)**
- **Other (please specify)**

Data format: Data can be supplied in any format that is convenient. Existing summaries or reports are welcome. If site-level data is readily available, it is welcome but not required.

Use of information: The information will be used for aggregated analysis of playground surfacing assets and included in a published journal article. Individual councils will not be identified in any public reporting without prior permission.

Horowhenua District Council has 22 playgrounds that we manage. We do not have the m2 information. However, we predominately use cushionfall (processed woodchip), with some playgrounds having rubber tiles or wetpour. We do not have sand, artificial turf or pea gravel surfaces.

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 freephone 0800 802 602.

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If you would like to discuss this decision or any of the information provided as part of this request, please contact Brent Harvey on brenth@horowhenua.govt.nz, or LGOIMAOfficer@Horowhenua.govt.nz.

Ngā mihi



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