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LGOIMA No. 8140005528
(Please quote this in any correspondence)

Ben Goldson

Sent by email: fyi-request-11131-e1e6253e@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Ben

Local Government Official Information And Meetings Act 1987

Kauri dieback management

I refer to your email received on 3 September 2019, requesting information on Auckland Council's involvement in kauri dieback management.

The specific details of your request and our response is below:

- 1. What is the history of the council's awareness of kauri dieback's spread across Aotearoa New Zealand?**
- 2. What is the history of council's approach to fighting kauri dieback?**
- 3. What is the council's estimation of the extent of damage done by kauri dieback?**

Please refer to the three reports presented to the Environment and Community Committee of Auckland Council in December 2017, February 2018 and April 2018 which are available at this OneDrive link.

<https://1drv.ms/u/s!Ar3AEgw1mNLnxQuLF7kJC3VRBs9?e=TFZtvd>

Also included is a recent memo presented to the committee in June 2019, which provides an update on kauri dieback management actions undertaken in the Waitākere and Hunua Ranges Regional Parks, and the council's wider kauri dieback programme.

- 4. At any point did an entity, governmental or non-governmental, advocate for keeping parks containing kauri open against the advice of experts?**

Attachment F to the April 2018 report to the Environment and Community Committee provides a summary of the public feedback on the proposal to close the Waitākere Ranges Regional Park. This includes a range of views from community groups, individuals and recreational users of the park on track closures.

You can also find some examples of the public input provided to the Environment and Community Committee in December 2017 and April 2018 on these matters in the minute attachments at the link below

[December 2017 - Public Input: Kauri Dieback management](#)

[April 2018 - Public Input: Kauri Dieback](#)

If you feel that we have not responded adequately to your request, you have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602. If you have any further queries, please contact me on (09) 301 0101 quoting LGOIMA No. 8140005528.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J.M. Kearney', with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

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