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(Please quote this in any correspondence)

Tom Austen

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Dear Tom

**Local Government Official Information And Meetings Act 1987**

**Visitor numbers, Fairy Falls track**

I refer to your email on 26 November 2019 in which you requested information on the number of visitors using the Fairy Falls track prior to the closure of the forested areas in the Waitākere Ranges in May 2018.

Due to the number of tracks in the Waitakere Ranges Regional Park, not all tracks are monitored. Visitor usage of the Fairy Falls upper track off Scenic Drive has been periodically monitored and the numbers in the table below represent visitor numbers during the periods where monitoring was carried out. This information should be treated as an indicator of usage rather than an absolute count.

The numbers represent the number of visitors walking the Upper Fairy Falls Track and presumes it is a return trip.

The table below shows visitor numbers for the period 2012-2018.

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
<b>January</b>	2125	2854	2426	3359			4909
<b>February</b>	1457	1456	1373	1752			2111
<b>March</b>	421.5	1247	1244	1204			834.5
<b>April</b>	1785	973	1440	2055			72
<b>May</b>	462.5	257	902.5	894.5			
<b>June</b>	160	466.5	756.5	1049		3520	
<b>July</b>	621.5	754.5	641.5	892.5		297.5	
<b>August</b>	591	483	559.5	1070		149	
<b>September</b>		674	737	170		688.5	
<b>October</b>		1227	1433			1343	
<b>November</b>		1058	1151			1738	
<b>December</b>	819.5	1721	1729			1565	
<b>Average</b>	938	1097	1199	1383		1328	1982

Auckland Council's regional parks staff are currently exploring technology which will provide improved track count information and enable more regular monitoring across a greater number of tracks.

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If you have any questions, please contact me on (09) 301 0101 quoting LGOIMA No. 8140006027

Yours sincerely

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

Joanne Kearney  
Privacy & LGOIMA Business Partner  
**Democracy Services**

The decision to release this information to you was made by Gael Ogilvie, General Manager, Environmental Services