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By email: fyi-request-15993-32ff47fb@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear John

Information Request – Local Advisory Committees

I refer to your official information request dated 7 July 2021 asking for information on Fire and Emergency's Local Advisory Committees ("LACs"). You asked:

"May I kindly ask if there is any further updates on this and any timeline been set. You previously response mentioned

'We will be evaluating the establishment of the first seven LACs before setting up the remaining LACs. The evaluation is planned for 2021 and we will be incorporating the findings from the evaluation into future plans for establishing LACs across the country.'

May I ask if the evaluation been completed or not and what's the updates on the evaluation. Can you release the evaluation report if it has been completed?"

Decisions on the specific timing for setting up the remaining LACs are yet to be made. Fire and Emergency New Zealand expects to receive the evaluation report on the establishment of the first seven LACs by the end of this month. This will be followed by work to consider the findings of the evaluation and how best to implement them. Your request for the report is therefore declined under section 18(g) of the Official Information Act 1982 as, at the time of this decision, the information is not held by Fire and Emergency and we have no grounds for believing it is held by another organisation.

You may wish to make a request for the evaluation report at a later date at which time we will likely hold the completed report.

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.

Yours sincerely



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