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Dear Alan

**Information Request** – Local Area Committee Outputs

I refer to your official information request dated 25 September 2021 asking for the following information in respect of the Chatham Islands and Hawke's Bay Local Advisory Committees (LACs).

*"Copies of the independent information and advice (Outputs) that the Chathams LAC has provided to FENZ since its establishment.&nbsp; Please note that I do not seek copies of any quarterly report by the LAC to FENZ on their activities (Inputs) unless these include independent information and/or advice."*

Your request has been assessed in accordance with the provisions of the Official Information Act 1982.

For context, LACs provide independent information and advice to Fire and Emergency New Zealand at their quarterly meetings which our regional and district personnel attend, and in their quarterly reporting to the Board. Each Committee's information and advice is included in a register which is updated after each meeting. These registers therefore form a record of the 'independent information and advice' given by LAC's to Fire and Emergency. A decision has been made to release the information you requested, in the form of these registers. The information is *enclosed* as appendix 1 and 2.

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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

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