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Tēnā koe Toni

Information Request – Pyrotechnic display agreements

I refer to your official information request dated 21 January 2023 asking for the following information.

The 'outdoor pyrotechnic display written agreements', notification forms and display plans/worksheets for all fireworks displays in Queenstown, South Island, for November and December 2022 and January 2023

In accordance with the provisions of the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA), please find below a response to your request.

I have identified five pyrotechnic displays that Fire and Emergency New Zealand received documents for within the requested time frame. Three of these were received in November 2022 and two in December 2022. Four of these displays occurred on New Year's Eve 2022 and the other on 10 December 2022. Fire and Emergency New Zealand did not receive any pyrotechnic display agreements or plans in January 2023.

We have enclosed:

- 'Outdoor pyrotechnic display written agreement and notification' and application for a compliance certificate for a pyrotechnic event for display at Jacks Point, Lake Wakatipu on 10 December 2022.
- 'Outdoor pyrotechnic display written agreement and notification', site plan and application for a compliance certificate for a pyrotechnic event for display at Lake Wakatipu on 31 December 2022.
- 'Outdoor pyrotechnic display written agreement and notification', site plan and application for a compliance certificate for a pyrotechnic event for display at Rhythm and Alps (1655 Cardrona Valley Road) on 31 December 2022.

- 'Outdoor pyrotechnic display written agreement and notification', site plan and application to a Compliance Certifier for an outdoor pyrotechnic display compliance certificate for display at Lake Wanaka on 31 December 2022.
- 'Outdoor pyrotechnic display written agreement and notification', site plan and application to a Compliance Certifier for an outdoor pyrotechnic display compliance certificate for display at Littles Road, Dalefield on 31 December 2022.

Some information has been withheld from these documents to protect the privacy of natural persons under section 9(2)(a) of the OIA. Other information containing information about the displays themselves (including but not limited to the types of pyro used, exclusion zones and the discharge area) has been withheld under sections 9(2)(b) of the OIA, because the making available of the information would either disclose a trade secret or be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied the information (being the business that submitted the application for the displays). Having carefully considered the public interest in release of the information, we consider that any public interest in release of the information you have requested can be met notwithstanding these redactions.

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.

Nāku noa nā

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