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## LGOIMA

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<b>Request from:</b>	Private Individual
<b>Information requested:</b>	Water tank and lean-to removals
<b>Response by:</b>	Simon Bastion, Chief Executive

29 May 2024

Via Email:

Dear Private Individual

**Official information request for water tank and lean-to removals**

I refer to your official information request dated 21 May 2024 for **water tank and lean-to removals** due to abatement notices.

You have asked for the following information:

- 1. How many abatement orders for the removal of water tanks on rural land in the Westland district have been issued this year?**

Westland District Council has not issued any abatement notices specifically referencing the removal of a water tank this year. Abatement notices are issued for the removal of an unauthorised building where the building is not expressly allowed by a rule in a District Plan or a resource consent.

- 2. I'm also requesting their information on how many water tanks have been deemed as buildings in the Westland district on rural land this year.**

The definition of a building in the Operative District Plan is located here:

<https://district-plan.westlanddc.govt.nz/definitions.html>

Where a water tank meets the definition of a building in the Rural Zone, it is deemed as a building. Council is unable to confirm how many water tanks have met the definition as this data is not collected.

- 3. I also requested the information of how many abatement orders for the removal of pole sheds or lean-to building's under 110sqm in the rural district of the west industrial Council have been issued this year.**

Westland District Council has not issued any abatement notices specifically referencing the removal of a pole shed or lean-to building's under 110sqm. Abatement notices are issued for the removal of unauthorised buildings where the building is not expressly allowed by a rule in a District Plan or a resource consent. Although there have been two instances this year where an abatement notice has been issued for the removal of unauthorised buildings where these buildings were either a pole shed, or lean-to under 110sqm.

4. I'm also requesting how many caravans or trailers or vehicles on Wheels have been deemed as buildings and how many abatement orders for the removal of these have been issued this year.

Again, Westland District Council has not issued any abatement notices specifically referencing the removal of caravans, trailers, or vehicles on wheels. Abatement notices are issued for the removal of an unauthorised building where the building is not expressly allowed by a rule in a District Plan or a resource consent. Although there have been two instances this year where an abatement notice has been issued for the removal of unauthorised buildings where these buildings were on wheels.

There is no charge in supplying this information to you.

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.

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If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Mary-anne Bell, Business Analyst at [LGOIMA@westlanddc.govt.nz](mailto:LGOIMA@westlanddc.govt.nz), 03 756 9091.

Sincerely,



**Simon Bastion** | Chief Executive

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