

24 May 2023

Sent via email to [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

REQUEST FOR OFFICIAL INFORMATION – RELEASE OF INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information held by the Queenstown Lakes District Council (**QLDC**). On 15 May 2023 you requested the following information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (**LGOIMA**):

1. Please describe the nature of your organisation: ie: District or City Council, Regional Council, other govt agency.
2. How many vehicles do you currently have in your vehicle fleet?
3. How many are hybrid or plug-in hybrid electric vehicle (HEV/PHEV)?
4. How many internal combustion engine vehicles (ICE) do you have?
5. How many diesel or petrol utility vehicles do you have?
6. Do you have any vehicles that use an alternative fuel? eg. Hydrogen, Bio-fuel.
7. Do you expect your fleet size will change over the next five years?
8. Do you have GPS tracking/fleet telematics installed?
9. How many electric vehicle chargers do you have available on-site for your fleet vehicles?
10. Does your organisation have a strategy in place to decarbonise your vehicle fleet?
11. If you answered yes, how many years do you expect it will take before your fleet is fully electric?
12. Has your organisation undertaken a Fleet Optimisation study to inform its decarbonisation pathway?
13. Does your organisation carry out regular reporting on fleet utilisation?
14. Does your organisation require additional guidance and support to help inform its fleet decarbonisation decisions?
15. Is your organisation actively trying to reduce the amount of mileage travelled by fleet vehicles?
16. Is your organisation currently measuring and reporting its carbon footprint?
17. Does your organisation have a Sustainability officer role or Sustainability team in place?
18. Has your organisation set clear sustainability goals/targets?
19. Do you have specific fleet emission reduction targets included in your council reporting?
20. Does your organisation have a specific budget for sustainability initiatives?
21. Do you have a set budget available each year for purchasing electric vehicles?
22. Has your organisation accessed any government funding that is available for electric vehicle purchasing, fleet optimisation or infrastructure installation? Eg. EECA
23. Would additional government funding allow your organisation to decarbonise its fleet sooner?
24. Should councils prioritise fleet decarbonisation regardless of cost?
25. Do you have any further comment on councils balancing the cost of decarbonisation against their societal responsibilities and/or other council priorities?

26. What challenges does your organisation have in decarbonising its vehicle fleet? Choose all that apply: [list included].
27. How many of these are battery-powered electric vehicle (BEV)?

QLDC response

1. *Please describe the nature of your organisation: ie: District or City Council, Regional Council, other govt agency.*

- District Council.

2. *How many vehicles do you currently have in your vehicle fleet?*

- 63

3. *How many are hybrid or plug-in hybrid electric vehicle (HEV/PHEV)?*

- 7.

4. *How many internal combustion engine vehicles (ICE) do you have?*

- 30.

5. *How many diesel or petrol utility vehicles do you have?*

- 30.

6. *Do you have any vehicles that use an alternative fuel? eg. Hydrogen, Bio-fuel.*

- No.

7. *Do you expect your fleet size will change over the next five years?*

- We expect our fleet will stay the same.

8. *Do you have GPS tracking/fleet telematics installed?*

- Yes, we do.

9. *How many electric vehicle chargers do you have available on-site for your fleet vehicles?*

- 30.

10. *Does your organisation have a strategy in place to decarbonise your vehicle fleet?*

- Yes, we do.

11. *If you answered yes, how many years do you expect it will take before your fleet is fully electric?*
- 5 - 10 years.
12. *Has your organisation undertaken a Fleet Optimisation study to inform its decarbonisation pathway?*
- Yes, we have.
13. *Does your organisation carry out regular reporting on fleet utilisation?*
- Yes, we do.
14. *Does your organisation require additional guidance and support to help inform its fleet decarbonisation decisions?*
- No, we have enough internal expertise.
15. *Is your organisation actively trying to reduce the amount of mileage travelled by fleet vehicles?*
- Yes, we are.
16. *Is your organisation currently measuring and reporting its carbon footprint?*
- Yes we do.
17. *Does your organisation have a Sustainability officer role or Sustainability team in place?*
- Yes, we do.
18. *Has your organisation set clear sustainability goals/targets?*
- Yes, we have.
19. *Do you have specific fleet emission reduction targets included in your council reporting?*
- Yes, we do.
20. *Does your organisation have a specific budget for sustainability initiatives?*
- Yes, we do.
21. *Do you have a set budget available each year for purchasing electric vehicles?*
- Yes, we do.

22. *Has your organisation accessed any government funding that is available for electric vehicle purchasing, fleet optimisation or infrastructure installation? Eg. EECA.*

- Yes, vehicle purchasing.

23. *Would additional government funding allow your organisation to decarbonise its fleet sooner?*

- Yes, it would.

24. *Should councils prioritise fleet decarbonisation regardless of cost?*

- No, it is not affordable for our ratepayers.

25. *Do you have any further comment on councils balancing the cost of decarbonisation against their societal responsibilities and/or other council priorities?*

- No.

26. *What challenges does your organisation have in decarbonising its vehicle fleet? Choose all that apply:*

- Cost of purchase.
- EV range limitations.

27. *How many of these are battery-powered electric vehicle (BEV)?*

- 26.

We trust this response satisfactorily answers your request.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Patterson', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Madeline Patterson
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