

# Kia ora

I refer to your official information request dated 14 October 2024 for further information on grazing of land surrounding waste water treatment plants.

The information you have requested is as follows:

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The stock that are used to manage the vegetation growth surrounding the Dannevirke Wastewater Treatment Oxidation Ponds have been owned by various staff members over the years. We do not hold information on the number of years that this practice has occurred.

As outlined in our previous response on this matter, due to the multi-hazard nature of the Dannevirke wastewater ponds and surrounding land, the land is not suitable for providing access to members of the public.

- Woodville: the area surrounding the current ponds is not grazed.
- Pahiatua: please refer to our published response to a LGOIMA request regarding grazing of this land, received 27 August 2024. You can view this response via our website on: <u>Information Requests -</u> <u>Proactive Release | Tararua District Council</u>
- Eketāhuna: this site gets mowed and sprayed.

Ngā mihi



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# Now is the time to consider water blasting properties, filling tanks, pools and spa's ahead of the drier summer months...



From:

Sent: Monday, October 14, 2024 10:46 AMTo: Allie Dunn <Allie.Dunn@Tararuadc.govt.nz>Subject: CM: Re: Response to further request for information re TDC Land Leases

**EXTERNAL EMAIL ALERT:** Caution advised. This message is from an external sender. Verify the sender's identity and use caution with attachments and links.

Thank you for your Response. You still have not Provided Information Regarding the Ownership of the Stock Grazing on TDC's Land. I also Request that you Provide Information as to how many Years TDC has allowed Council Staff to Graze the Land surrounding the Dannevirke Sewerage Ponds. I also Request all Relevant Information Regarding the Grazing of the Land surrounding the Sewerage Ponds in Woodville, Pahiatua and Eketahuna. Thanks.

On Fri, Oct 11, 2024 at 11:04 AM Allie Dunn <<u>Allie.Dunn@tararuadc.govt.nz</u>> wrote:

## Kia ora

I refer to your official information request dated 10 October 2024 for information on the ownership of the stock grazing on land surrounding the Dannevirke Wastewater Ponds, and reason for not leasing the grazing land to create revenue for the Council.

Our response to your request for information is set out below.

- Stock management is currently conducted using temporary fencing as advised previously, there is no specific fencing for livestock around the waste ponds. Only plant perimeter and boundary fencing, stock pound fencing and Geo Bags are fenced off in accordance with resource consent requirements.
- Due to the multi-hazard nature of the wastewater ponds and surrounding land, the land is not suitable for leasing to the public. The expenditure that would be required to make this land safe and practical for public access and grazing far exceeds any potential revenue from leasing it.
- Council staff manage the stock, reducing public safety risks associated with the plant, ponds, and other hazards.
- Current stock management reduces the need for mowing and spraying the area around the ponds, thereby lowering the burden on ratepayers.
- Removing the current livestock would increase the need for council or contractor input to manage the land, leading to higher costs.

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From:

Sent: Thursday, October 10, 2024 7:21 AM

To: Allie Dunn <<u>Allie.Dunn@Tararuadc.govt.nz</u>>

Subject: CM: Re: Response to request for information re TDC Land Leases

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## Hey Allie.

Could you please provide Information regarding the Ownership of the Stock that has been Grazing on the Land Surrounding the Dannevirke Sewerage Ponds for the last 10 Years, or more? Could you also explain why TDC have not Leased the Grazing Land to create Revenue for TDC, if Fencing and Water Infrastructure has been in place for so long? Thanks.

On Wed, Oct 9, 2024 at 1:37 PM Allie Dunn <<u>Allie.Dunn@tararuadc.govt.nz</u>> wrote:

#### Kia ora

I refer to your official information request dated 12 September 2024 for information related to land surrounding the Dannevirke Wastewater Ponds.

The information you have requested is set out below.

- There is no lease and to the best of our knowledge has never been a lease on the land surrounding the Dannevirke Ponds.

- There is no livestock-specific fencing at the ponds, only perimeter fencing and fencing required by resource consent conditions.

- The stock troughs and water lines in place are pre-existing and estimated to have been in place 30 + years.

- There is no rate payer burden from the land surrounding the ponds, nor is there any revenue being generated.

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From: Allie Dunn

Sent: Thursday, September 12, 2024 1:52 PM

To:

**Subject:** CM: Acknowledgement - request for information re TDC Land Leases.

# Kia ora

This email is to acknowledge receipt of your request for information, regarding leases for the land surrounding the Dannevirke sewage treatment ponds.

We will endeavour to respond to your request as soon as possible and in any event no later than 10 October 2024, being 20 working days after the day your request was received. If we are unable to respond to your request by then, we will notify you of an extension of that timeframe.

As part of our commitment to openness and accountability, we are now proactively publishing copies of requests for information and the responses provided to these requests, on our website. In doing so, we will ensure we comply with the provisions of the Privacy Act 2020 and redact any personal / identifying information from any response published.

If you have any questions about this, please don't hesitate to get in contact with me. Ngā mihi



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## From:

Sent: Thursday, September 12, 2024 10:06 AM
To: Info - Tararua District Council <<u>Info@TararuaDC.Govt.NZ</u>>
Subject: TDC Land Leases.

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Could you please provide all available Information regarding Lease Tenders, and Lease Income, from

the Land surrounding the Dannevirke Sewerage Ponds? Could you also provide Information relevant to the Cost to Tararua Ratepayers for Infrastructure surrounding the Ponds, for Livestock, such as Fencing, Troughs and Water lines? Thanks.