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To: [Forest & Bird](#)
Subject: RE: Forest & Bird LGOIMA request on climate change & biodiversity loss
Date: Wednesday, 18 May 2022 1:46:00 pm

Good afternoon [REDACTED],

Thank you for your email to the Council received on 19 April 2022 in which you requested information relating to the Council's Climate and Biodiversity strategies, and Significant Natural Areas.

As you asked a number of questions I will address these in the order of your email.

- ***Does your council have a climate change strategy?***
- ***Does your council have an implementation plan for your climate strategy?***
- ***How do you measure outcomes relating to the achievement (or not) of the objectives of your climate change strategy?***

Information relating to the Council's Climate Strategy, implementation and objectives can be accessed on the Council's website via the following links:

[About \(wellington.govt.nz\)](#)

[Climate change - What we're doing about climate change - Wellington City Council](#)

- ***Does your council have a biodiversity strategy?***
- ***Does your council have an implementation plan for your biodiversity strategy?***
- ***How do you measure outcomes relating to the achievement (or not) of the objectives of your biodiversity strategy?***

Information relating to the Council's Biodiversity Strategy, implementation and objectives can be accessed on the Council's website via the following link:

[Environment - Biodiversity in Wellington - Wellington City Council](#)

- ***Has your council mapped its Significant Natural Areas (SNAs)? Are these maps in your operative District Plan?***
- ***How many SNAs have you identified in your district/region? Could you please quantify the total area these SNAs represent?***
- ***How does your council maintain SNAs?***

Information relating to the identification, mapping and maintenance of Significant Natural Areas can be accessed on the Council's website via the following link:

[Backyard Tāonga \(wellington.govt.nz\)](#)

- ***How many consents have you issued in the last five years to allow for vegetation clearance in SNAs? How many have been declined?***

Two consents to clear vegetation in a SNA area have been issued in the last five years. None have been declined.

- ***Do you have vegetation clearance rules that enable identification of additional SNAs through the consenting process?***

I am advised that should an application for consent be received that might identify an otherwise

unidentified SNA then this would be addressed on a case by case basis.

- ***How often does your council monitor SNAs?***

Other than Open Space and Conservation Zones, there would be no routine monitoring of SNA's.

Should you have any further questions please contact me.

Kind regards,
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