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Tēnā koe 

Request for information 2023-225

I refer to your request for information dated 25 August 2023, which was received by Greater Wellington Regional Council (Greater Wellington) on 25 August 2023. You have requested the following:

Request one:

Do you have any rules or regulations (such as in a Regional Policy Statement etc.) requiring councils in your territory to restrict or prohibit the use of vehicles on beaches? If yes, please provide a web link to this document/information.

Request two:

Do you have any public information and/or guidance on your council website in regards to vehicles on beaches? If yes, please provide a web link to this information.

Greater Wellington's response follows:

Do you have any rules or regulations (such as in a Regional Policy Statement etc.) requiring councils in your territory to restrict or prohibit the use of vehicles on beaches? If yes, please provide a web link to this document/information.

There are five rules in the Natural Resources Plan that relate to vehicles on beaches. These can be found in Section 5.6.13 of the Natural Resources Plan ([Natural-Resource-Plan-Operative-Version-2023-incl-maps-compressed.pdf \(gw.govt.nz\)](#)). The rules are:

- Rule R215: Motor vehicles for launching, retrieving or temporary mooring of vessels – permitted activity.
- Rule R216: Motor vehicles – permitted activity.
- Rule R217: Motor vehicles for certain purposes – permitted activity.
- Rule R218: Motor vehicles inside Schedule C, Schedule E4, Schedule F2c, Schedule F4, Schedule F5 or Schedule J sites – non-complying activity
- Rule R219: Motor vehicles on the exposed (Titahi Bay fossil forest) – prohibited activity

Do you have any public information and/or guidance on your council website in regards to vehicles on beaches? If yes, please provide a web link to this information.

The only information on our website relates to Titahi Bay. This information explains that driving vehicles on sections of Titahi Bay beach is a prohibited activity due to the ancient fossil forest on this beach.

<https://www.gw.govt.nz/your-region/resource-consents/coastal/titahi-bay-fossil-forest/>

Territorial authorities will also have rules regarding vehicles on beaches. You may wish to contact them.

If you have any concerns with the decision(s) referred to in this letter, you have the right to request an investigation and review by the Ombudsman under section 27(3) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. Our response to your request will be published shortly on Greater Wellington's website with your personal information removed.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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