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Request for information 2024-091

I refer to your request for information dated 10 April 2024, which was received by Greater Wellington Regional Council (Greater Wellington) on 29 April 2024 via Hutt City Council. You have requested the following:

“Please provide all information relating to the pest control operation described on Facebook as follows:

Awareness Post for those who frequently use these areas.

If not aware or didn't see sign posted regarding Hunting Cull Operation Happening Now 20/03/24 - 12/04/24

Location: Wainuiomata Area across ECNZ Road & Firebreaks

Waiu Park & Trail & MTB Park & Surrounding Areas It is near completion but still wanted to let the community and frequent users know.

Map is approximate area coverage.

If you need more info contact HCC 04 5706666

Please ensure that you provide all geographic information relating to the operation.

Please provide all publicity relating to the operation and all communications with affected or neighbouring landowners.”

Greater Wellington's response follows:

Attachment 1 includes:

- maps of geographic information relating to the operation referred to in the Facebook post showing operational boundary, warning sign locations, known recreational tracks inside the operational area, contractor hunting tracks, contractor drone flight paths and ungulate kill location
- warning signage used. Warning signs were installed at location indicated on the 18 March 2024 and removed on the 19 April 2024

- communications with affected or neighbouring landowners.

We have withheld the name and contact information of individuals in the communications with affected or neighbouring landowners under section 7(2)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 in order to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.

We have considered whether the public interest in the requested information outweighs Greater Wellington's need to withhold certain aspects of the requested information. As a result, we do not consider that the public interest outweighs Greater Wellington's reason for withholding parts of the document under the grounds identified above.

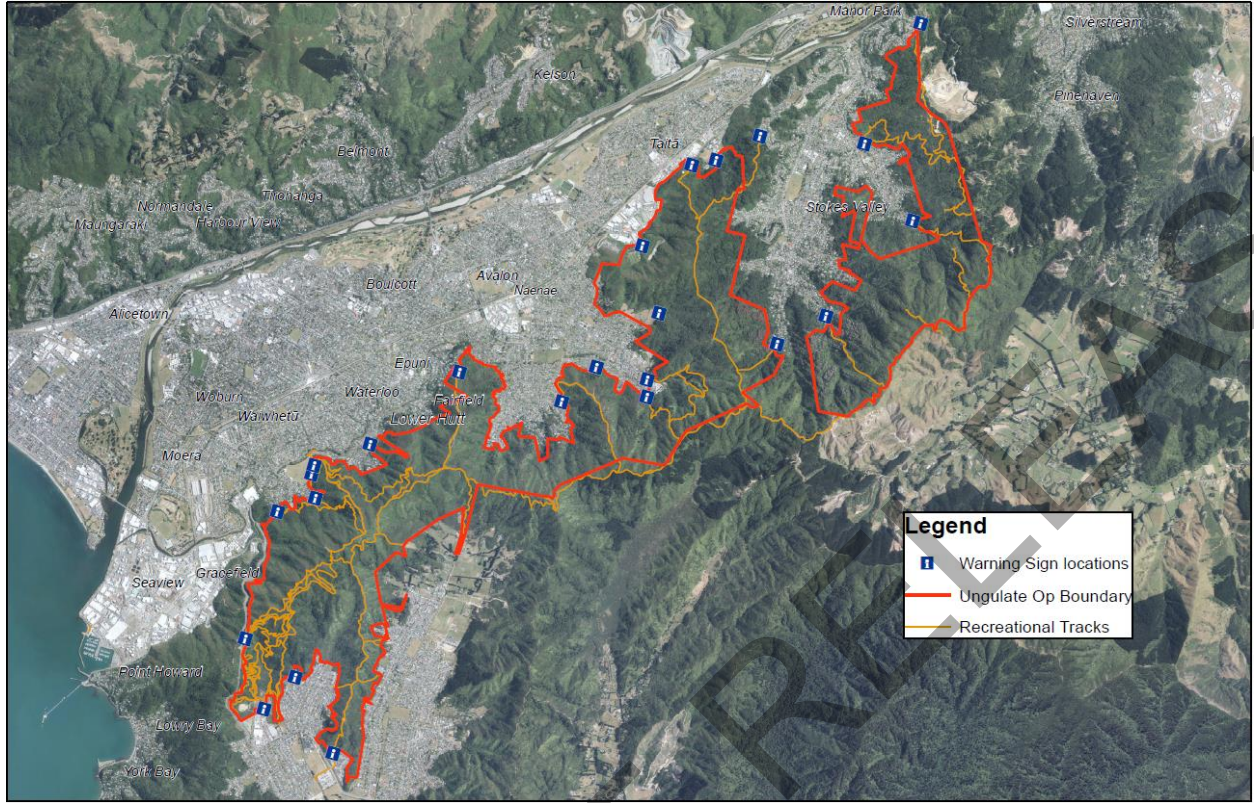
If you have any concerns with the decision(s) referred to in this letter, you have the right to request an investigation and review by the Ombudsman under section 27(3) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

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.

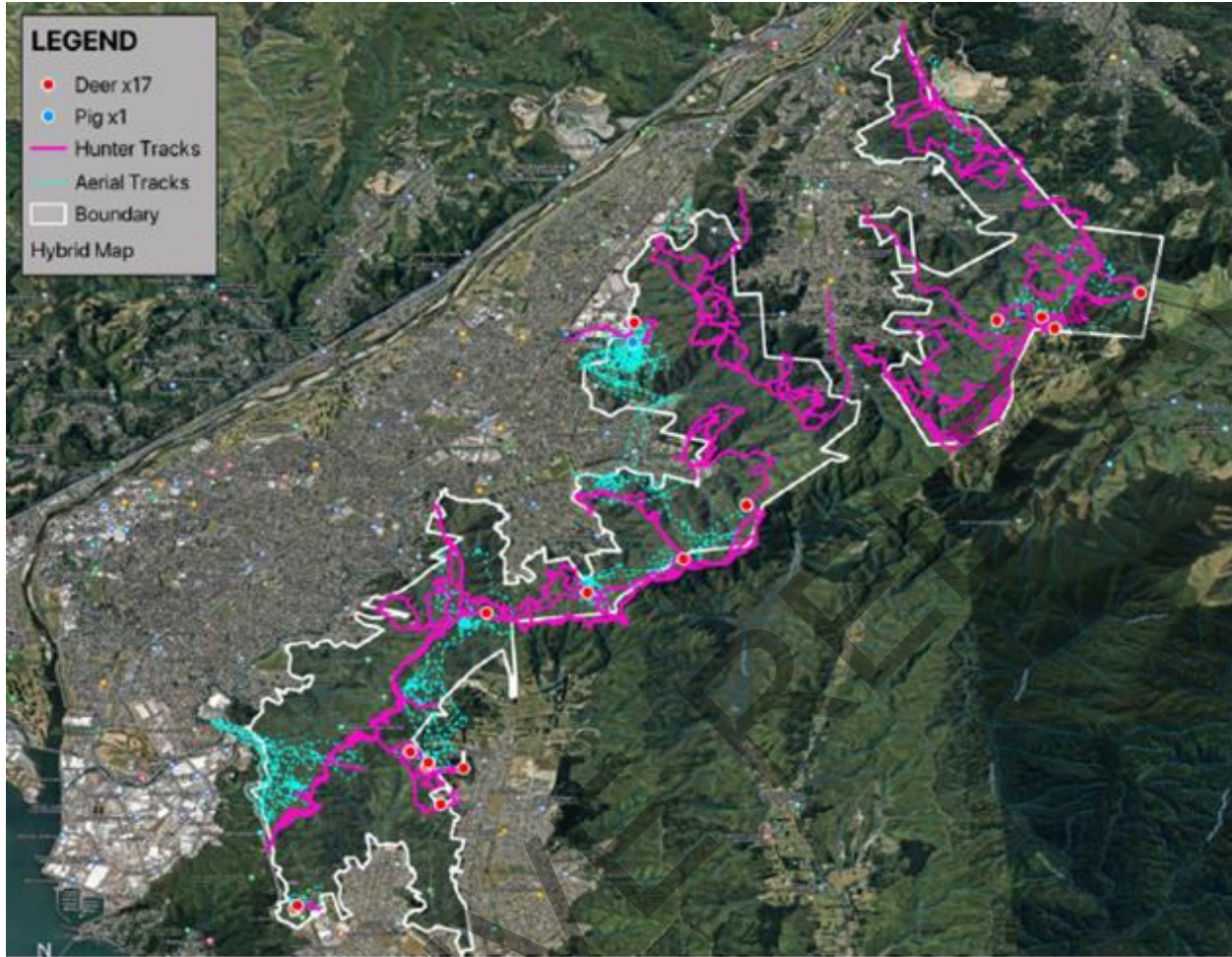
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Lian Butcher
Kaiawhina Matua Taiao | Group Manager Environment



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Professional hunters will be shooting feral animals in this area. They will take the utmost care and obey the Firearms Code at all times.

Hunting will occur from:

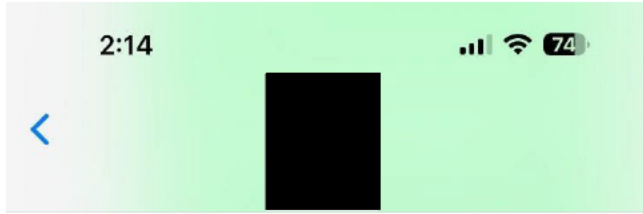
to:

The culling is needed due to significant damage to private gardens and regenerating native forest within the park.

You may continue using this area but keep to the main sign-posted walking tracks and keep dogs on leashes at all times.

To check if the hunters are operating today call:
Hutt City Council
04 570 6666

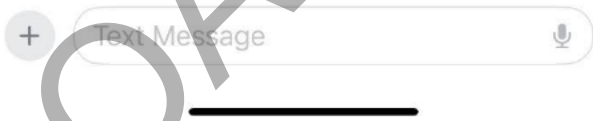




Tue, 2 Apr at 12:52PM

[Redacted]
Hope you had a good Easter.
Hoping to have a hunter access
through your property today.

Yup al gd



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