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Tēnā koe K Jarrett

***Request for information***

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (OIA) request of 25 December 2022 regarding Auckland's Long Bay Regional Park reaching its capacity.

You requested:

- *Did police turn away or refuse public from visiting?*
- *Under what/whose Authority was this?*
- *What is the "capacity" of the area and how was the attendance measured against the capacity.*

Police did not "turn people away" as quoted in the Stuff article. Long Bay Park Rangers assessed that the park had reached capacity to operate safely and, as per their procedures, they began operating a 1 in 1 out system for vehicles entering at the main gate to access the car park. Pedestrian access to the beach always remained open and was not denied. No order was given by Police to stop access to the beach.

Information regarding capacity to Long Bay Beach is not held by Police. The information can be obtained by contacting:

<https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/about-auckland-council/privacy-official-information-requests/Pages/make-an-official-information-request.aspx>

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review my decision if you are not satisfied with the response to your request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at: [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Yours sincerely



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