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Tēnā koe Mike

Thank you for your request of 15 January 2025, to Fire and Emergency New Zealand requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

- 1. Have local area committees made or recommended any changes that have been implemented or are documented?*
- 2. Has FENZ changed its emergency response capabilities, local FENZ resources or procedures directly from LAC recommendations or consultation since their inception?*

Thank you for your email on 10 February 2025 clarifying your request to the following:

- We are looking for any advice from any LAC that relates to the response capabilities of FENZ in the way of resourcing or planning from the LACs and what FENZ has done with that advice. This flows into a large question surrounding their usefulness to FENZ as a whole in creating safer, better-prepared communities.*

This letter is to advise that Fire and Emergency needs to extend the timeframe of our response to your request by 20 working days, pursuant to section 15A(1)(a) of the OIA, as the request is for a large quantity of official information or necessitates a search through a large quantity of information and meeting the original time limit would unreasonably interfere with our operations and 15A(1)(b) of the OIA, as consultations necessary to make a decision on the request are such that a proper response to the request cannot reasonably be made within the original time limit.

For this reason, you can expect to receive our response no later than 13 March 2025. We will endeavour to respond sooner than this date if possible. If you no longer require this information, please let us know.

You have the right to request an investigation and review of Fire and Emergency's decision to extend the timeframe by the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Nāku noa, nā



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