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Tēnā koe Levonne

Local Government Official Information And Meetings Act 1987

Regulations: Aerial Spraying

Thank you for your information request dated 17 February 2026, regarding regulations under the AUP and the NES-Freshwater. I also refer to my email to you on 17 March 2026, extending the timeframe for us to respond to your request. Thank you for your patience while we have worked on this response.

Our Environmental Monitoring department have provided the following information:

Regulations and legislation for aerial spraying agrochemicals and nationally critically endangered species when nesting, breeding, and fledging and regulations and legislation for spraying agrochemicals over a highly protected wetland with overlays in a significant ecological area, an outstanding natural landscape area, a biodiversity focus area, all in a coastal zoning, in the waitakere heritage area

- The following regulations under the AUP and the NES-Freshwater apply.
 - NES-Freshwater Regulation 55
 - E3.6.1.8 Standards for the disturbance and the associated sediment discharge for pest plant
 - E34.6.1.1. General standards
 - E.34.6.1.5. The discharge from the application of agrichemicals directly into or onto water

Why would you allow spraying of nesting birds when it is an offence against the NES-F and the AUP agrochemicals e34.

- Based on specialist feedback, it was deemed suitable for the activity to continue for control of the crack willow.

Non-target damage has been observed and breaches in spraying nesting birds, as well as incorrect permits without the correct legislation, what are the protocols and how is this assessed and remedied?

- Council has, at this stage, not found any breaches to the spraying activity.

Decisions regarding the information being released to you were made by Robert Laulala, Environmental Monitoring, Licensing and Compliance.

Should you believe Auckland Council has not responded appropriately to your request you have the right to seek a review of the decision from the Ombudsman.

If you have any further queries please contact me on 09 301 0101, quoting LGOIMA No. 8140018570.

Ngā mihi

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