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Tēnā koe S

Thank you for your request of 26 March 2026 to Fire and Emergency New Zealand requesting the following information under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA):

1. *Please provide a list of all fire brigades and stations (urban volunteer, rural volunteer, composite, and career) as at 1 July 2020, including for each:*
  - *Brigade/station name*
  - *Station identifier or callsign*
  - *Region or district*
  - *Brigade type (career, composite, urban volunteer, rural volunteer) Operational status as at that date*
2. *Current brigade and station register*
  - *Please provide the same information as at the date of this request.*
3. *Status changes since 1 July 2020*
  - *Please provide a record of any brigade or station that has, since 1 July 2020:*
  - *Been disestablished or closed*
  - *Been merged with or absorbed into another brigade or station Changed brigade type or classification Been renamed or assigned a new station identifier Been placed on reduced operational status or stood down*
  - *For each entry, please include the date the change took effect, the region or district, and the reason recorded for the change.*

#### 4. Decision-making framework

- *Please provide any policy, procedure, guideline, or internal framework that governs how Fire and Emergency identifies, assesses, and implements the merger, consolidation, or closure of a brigade or station. This includes any criteria used to determine whether a brigade or station should be subject to review, and the consultation process required before a decision is made.*

#### 5. *Reviews or proposals since 1 July 2020* Please provide a list of any brigades or stations that have been subject to a formal review, proposal, or Tactical Resource Plan relating to potential merger, consolidation, or closure since 1 July 2020, regardless of whether that process resulted in a change. Please include the outcome or current status of each.

This letter is to advise that Fire and Emergency needs to extend the timeframe of our response to your request by 15 working days, under 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.

For this reason, you can expect to receive our response no later than 19 May 2026. 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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