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(Please quote this in any correspondence)

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Tēnā koe Levonne,

**Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA)**  
**Ecological Impacts of Aerial Spraying**

Thank you for your official information request which was partially transferred to Auckland Council from Department of Conservation on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2026. The specific details of the transfer request and our response are below:

**Assessment of Environmental Effects (AEE): Any internal reports, ecological assessments, or advice held by DOC regarding the potential impact of aerial spraying on the nesting cycles of the Matuku and the roosting/foraging behavior of the Long-tailed bat in this specific Significant Ecological Area (SEA). Monitoring Requirements: Details of any requirements for on-site ecological monitoring during the spray to ensure no "take" or "disturbance" of protected wildlife occurs.**

Our Environmental Monitoring and Resource Consents teams have provided the following:

- Internal email communication between Environmental Monitoring and our specialist unit Ecological Advice who provided feedback and reviewed the activity.
- Email communication between Ecological Advice (Council) and DoC regarding nesting and roosting indigenous bird species.
- Documents pertaining to the aircraft

Please note that we do not hold any information on the roosting/foraging behaviour of the Long-tailed bat related to the spraying activity. There were also no specific monitoring requirements under the rules and regulations for on-site ecological monitoring during the spraying.

Please note that some information has been withheld under s7(2)(a) LGOIMA, to ensure the personal privacy of individuals. Additionally, under s7(2)(f)(i) to maintain “free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of any local authority in the course of their duty”.

The decision on behalf of Auckland Council to respond to your request as above was made by Robert Laulala, Manager Environmental Monitoring, Licensing and Compliance and Lee Ah Ken, Manager Streamline Resource Consents.

The Department of Conservation will be providing you with their response.

Should you believe we have not responded appropriately to your request, you have the right to complain to 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.

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