

From: 7(2)(a)
To: [Official Information](#)
Subject: OIA - N Fertiliser Database
Date: Monday, 4 May 2026 5:07:24 pm
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Hi

This is an OIA request:

Please provide all data recorded in the Synthetic Nitrogen Use recording database as a requirement of the National Environmental Standard for Freshwater (NESF), with the exception of contact details for landholders given the privacy issues likely surrounding this information.

To be clear,

1. We are seeking data collected for your region as the holder of this information, despite the fact that ECan maintains the database
2. Data should be provided down to the level of contiguous landholdings to enable an understanding of how much fertiliser is being applied across the country, regions, and catchments, and should include kgN applied per ha per year.
3. Data provided should ideally be provided in the style of the attached example from ECan
4. Data should ideally
 - be provided in an excel spreadsheet format
 - identify each contiguous landholding, its location (eg using GPS coordinates), the region it is in, the area of land in pastoral land use, the amount of N fertiliser applied averaged across the grazed land area (separated by year), an indication of whether the landholder complied with the N-cap, and an NZBN number (where there is one)

Please let us know if there are any issues with this request. If any part of this request is declined, please provide clear reasoning. We consider this information to be in the public interest and therefore do not anticipate this request being declined.

Ngā mihi

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Green Party of Aotearoa New Zealand
Parliament House, 1 Molesworth St, Wellington

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Kia ora 7(2)(a),

Your official information request received by us 5 May 2026 has been granted. You requested:

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The information you have requested is attached.

Proactive Release

Council will publish your LGOIMA request, and this response.

All personal information will be withheld from the published response per s 7(2)(a) LGOIMA.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision.

Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact us by return email.

Kā mihi,

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