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Official Information Act Request – OIA 14128 Carbon Neutral Plans

On 4 February 2022, under section 12 of the Official Information Act, you requested the following information from Whanganui District Health Board (WDHB):

1. Do you have a carbon neutral plan by 2025, and if so, what is the official wording of it?
2. Do you have a carbon neutral team or committee? If so, how many are in this team, and are they trained/experts?
3. How much carbon do you emit/how are your carbon emissions measured?
4. If coal is still in use at your facilities, when do you plan to phase it out?
5. Have you transitioned to EVs and or/hybrids? Have you begun to downsize your fleet size?

Whanganui District Health Boards response:

1. Do you have a carbon neutral plan by 2025, and if so, what is the official wording of it?

WDHB is working with ECCA on an Energy Transition Accelerator (ETA) program to remove our reliance on fossil fuels at all our facilities. If we cannot fully reduce our reliance on fossil fuel, we should be able to significantly reduce it and be able to monitor what we use. This does not include the fleet vehicles which will be a separate project. Once the report from ECCA is finalised in March then a plan will be drafted.

2. Do you have a carbon neutral team or committee? If so, how many are in this team, and are they trained/experts?

The Whanganui District Health Board does not have a dedicated team or committee.

3. How much carbon do you emit/how are your carbon emissions measured?

The Whanganui District Health Board does not measure carbon emissions. A framework for measuring carbon emission will be developed once the findings of the ECCA report, noted above, are understood. This should be completed this year.

4. If coal is still in use at your facilities, when do you plan to phase it out?

Coal is still used at one remote site, the WDHB is working closely with ECCA to develop options to replace coal with a carbon neutral alternative. This is expected to be completed within the next two years.

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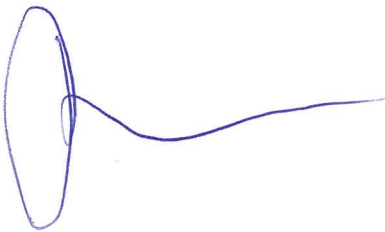
5. Have you transitioned to EVs and or/hybrids? Have you begun to downsize your fleet size?

The last vehicles that WDHB purchased were hybrids. When replacing fleet vehicles, we will primarily purchase EV's or hybrids. Due to the increasing focus on providing health care in the community we are unlikely to reduce the size of our fleet.

Under section 28(3) of the Act you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by calling 0800 802 602.

Should you have any further queries about the above information, please contact our OIA co-ordinator Anne Phoenix at anne.phoenix@wdhb.org.nz

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Russell Simpson

Kaihautū Hauora – Chief Executive
Whanganui District Health Board