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Tēnā koe Mr Pennington

Official Information Act Request

Thank you for your request for information dated 18 November 2020, which asked:

Under OIA pls release to RNZ in fully and in searchable format, re Puke landfill fire:

1. Any record of when PHU (or any other part of DHB) began a health risk assessment
2. Any record of when PHU (or any other part of DHB) began to assess dioxin risk
3. Any substantive document produced by PHU, dated, re dioxin risk

Our response to your questions are below:

1. Any record of when PHU (or any other part of DHB) began a health risk assessment

There is no record of when the PHU began a health risk assessment.

2. Any record of when PHU (or any other part of DHB) began a health risk assessment

There is no record of when the PHU began to assess dioxin risk.

3. Any substantive document produced by PHU, dated, re dioxin risk

ESR was approached for advice regarding health effects from the fire. Two documents were produced for the PHU by Emission Impossible in response to this request (attached).

A draft public health risk assessment document was produced by the PHU (attached). This is an internal document, which was not provided to the IMT, but which supported the recommendations given to the IMT. It remains a draft document due to the constantly changing situation as new information is obtained, and as it has not yet been peer reviewed.

Some of the information you have requested has been withheld under section 18(a) and 9(2)(a) of the Official Information Act 1982, which enables information to be withheld if this is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons and this is not outweighed by any public interest in its release.



Waikato DHB supports the open disclosure of information to assist community understanding of how we are delivering publically funded healthcare. This includes the proactive publication of anonymised Official Information Act responses on our website from 10 working days after they have been released.

Nāku iti noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Riki' followed by a stylized flourish.

Riki Nia Nia

Executive Director Maaori, Equity & Health Improvement