

18 February 2022

Dear [REDACTED]

## **YOUR OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT (1982) REQUEST HBDHB REF: OIA2022012**

I refer to your Official Information Act request dated 4 February 2022 where you requested information from Hawke's Bay District Health Board (HBDHB). Your questions and HBDHB's response is provided below:

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

To meet the requirements of the Carbon Netural Government Programme, Hawke's Bay DHB is currently in the process of developing an emissions reduction plan. The HBDHB is conducting an Energy Transition Accelerator Opportunities Assessment which will provide the foundation upon which to build the emissions reduction plan. There is no official title for the plan at this stage.

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

Hawke's Bay District Health Board employs a Sustainability Officer whose role is to oversee environmental sustainability and climate change mitigation within facilities management operations.

The Sustainability Officer has a Master of Urban and Regional Planning degree and is supported by the Sustainability and Contracts Manager, who has ten years of experience implementing sustainability measures at HBDHB.

The HBDHB is also currently recruiting for a Waste Minimisation Officer, who will work closely with the Sustainability Officer on carbon neutrality issues.

There are a number of other Facilities Management staff with extensive knowledge and experience working on emissions reductions initiatives, including a Project Manager who has over ten years of experience in Green Star assessments.

In some instances, the DHB also engages contractors and consultants to provide additional expertise.

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

Hawke's Bay District Health Board's total emissions for the 2021 financial year were 6,427 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>-e, a reduction of ten percent from the previous year.

The DHB is Toitu carbonreduced certified and measures its carbon emissions using the carbonreduced system and standards. Data is entered into their emange system and is verified annually by Toitu.

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

Hawke's Bay District Health Board does not use coal at any of its facilities.

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

Approximately 80 percent of the HBDHB's vehicle fleet are hybrids. The HBDHB also have two full EVs in operation and has received funding for five additional EVs. It has recently completed a draft Fleet Optimisation and Transition Plan to assess the feasibility of downsizing the vehicle fleet and next steps for transitioning the remainder of the fleet to EVs.

I trust this information meets your needs. If you would like any further information or clarification please phone me. If you are not satisfied with this response you may contact the Office of the Ombudsman, phone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Hawke's Bay District Health Board website after your receipt of this response.

Yours sincerely



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