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Kia Ora

I refer to your e-mail below requesting information relating to abandoned vehicles. Our response is provided in italics after each question

1 How many RFS's (requests for services ) for abandoned vehicles did your monitoring team receive each year for the 2020-2021 /2021-2022/ 2022-2023 periods?

*1 January 2020 – 31 December 2020 = 768*

*1 January 2021 - 31 December 2021 = 744*

*1 January 2022 - 31 December 2022 = 687*

*1 January 2023 – 30 September 2023 = 501*

2 What are the current policies or initiatives to reduce the number of abandoned vehicles in your service area?

*The unwanted vehicles scheme may be found on the Council's website via the following link:*

<https://www.dunedin.govt.nz/services/parking/unwanted-vehicles>

3 Has the monitoring team issued any nuisance notices or investigated abandoned vehicles on private land in the last year?

*The Council has not issued any nuisance notices in the last year. Note: Enforcement legislation is limited to public roadways, therefore there is no ability to enforce on private land.*

4 Has the monitoring team recorded any environmental pollution from abandoned/junk vehicles?

*Environmental Pollution is the responsible of the Otago Regional Council. We have contacted them and they have advised as follows:*

*"The jurisdiction of the ORC is limited to waterways. When a vehicle is removed they ensure there is no pollution left behind. If a vehicle is observed discharging contaminants into a waterway – we are active in facilitating its removal (either by the owner or ourselves). Our sampling programme does not cover specific abandoned vehicle incidents. Contaminants, such as petrol/diesel/radiator fluid etc can discharge into the water*

*The above applies not only to vehicles that have been abandoned (in waterways) but those that get there by accident. Most of our complaints are the result of an accident. "*

For further information you may wish to contact the Otago Regional Council.

I trust this answers your questions

Kā mihi

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Thursday, 21 September 2023 09:00:17 p.m.

**To:** [dcc@dcc.govt.nz](mailto:dcc@dcc.govt.nz)

**Subject:** Env Monitoring -Reducing numbers of abandoned vehicles- Info request

Kiaora Dunedin Council Monitoring team,

As part of my sustainable management study at OP/ Te Pkenga, I am working on

a research project to assist the Far North district council in reducing the

environmental impacts of abandoned/ junk vehicles.

I am looking for solutions for local councils in New Zealand using both local and

overseas resources.

Please could you assist by answering the following 4 questions:

1 How many RFS's (requests for services ) for abandoned vehicles did your

monitoring team receive each year for the 2020-2021 /2021-2022/ 2022-2023

periods?

2 What are the current policies or initiatives to reduce the number of abandoned

vehicles in your service area?

3 Has the monitoring team issued any nuisance notices or investigated abandoned vehicles on private land in the last year?

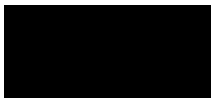
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Thank you very much for your time.

If you would like an emailed copy of the research report on abandoned vehicles,

please include a preferred email address.

Nga mihi nui,



Waipapa.