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Subject: Response to Information request - rules, regulations or bylaws restricting or prohibiting the use of vehicles on beaches
Date: Thursday, 7 September 2023 03:01:00 p.m.

Kia ora Chelsea

I am writing in response to your official information request received on 25 August seeking information held by Council on rules, regulations or bylaws restricting or prohibiting the use of vehicles on beaches.

The responses to each of your questions is set out below.

- Do you have any rules, regulations or bylaws restricting or prohibiting the use of vehicles on beaches in your territory? If yes, please provide a web link to this document/information.

[Reserves and Beaches Bylaw 2017](#)

- Do you have any public information and/or guidance on your council website in regards to vehicles on beaches? If yes, please provide a web link to this information.

<https://www.dunedin.govt.nz/community-facilities/parks-and-reserves/reserves-and-beaches-bylaw-2017>

- If you do have rules, regulations or a bylaw restricting or prohibiting the use of vehicles on beaches in your territory:

o Do you attribute any funding/resource to it?

[Dunedin City Council partnered with the Department of Conservation in 2018 to form the Community Ranger Programme; a seasonal, educative initiative to improve compliance with DCC's Reserves and Beaches Bylaw and Camping Control Bylaw.](#)

[Addressing unauthorised vehicle use on Dunedin beaches has been one of the program's key focuses since the rule came into force in 2017. DCC and the Department of Conservation will fund three Rangers this summer who will provide twice-daily patrols of reserves and beaches over the period November 2023 onto April 2024. Rangers provide visitors in these spaces with bylaw information and will warn any vehicle owners found committing offences.](#)

o Do you have any staff whose job (or part of their job) is to enforce the regulations?

[As above through the work of the Rangers.](#)

o Has your Council issued any enforcement notices/fines due to breaches to the regulations?

[DCC have issued 125 warning letters since December 2018 to vehicle owners who have been reported illegally driving on Dunedin beaches.](#)

- If you do not have any rules, regulations or bylaws restricting or prohibiting the use of vehicles on beaches in your territory, is this an issue your council has identified and plan to address in the future (i.e. with an upcoming bylaw etc)?

[Not applicable, as Council operates under the Reserves and Beaches Bylaw 2017.](#)

- Regardless of whether you have any rules, regulations or bylaws restricting or prohibiting the use of vehicles on beaches in your territory, please provide the number of public concerns or

complaints that have been received/reported to you concerning the use of vehicles on beaches in your territory for the past five years (broken down by year please)

Year	Reports of unauthorised vehicle use on beaches (within Dunedin City boundaries)
2019	22
2020	26
2021	27
2022	27
2023	13

I trust that this is the information sought.

Lauren Riddle

Mana Whakahaere Kairuruku / Governance Support Officer

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**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION UNDER THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS
ACT 1987 (LGOIMA)**

Kia ora

As part of its national project to protect the coastal environment and coastal biodiversity from the effects of vehicles on beaches and to educate the greater public, The Royal Forest and Bird Society of New Zealand Incorporated wishes to request the following information from your council:

- Do you have any rules, regulations or bylaws restricting or prohibiting the use of vehicles on beaches in your territory? If yes, please provide a web link to this document/information.
- Do you have any public information and/or guidance on your council website in regards to vehicles on beaches? If yes, please provide a web link to this information.
- If you do have rules, regulations or a bylaw restricting or prohibiting the use of vehicles on beaches in your territory:
 - Do you attribute any funding/resource to it?
 - Do you have any staff whose job (or part of their job) is to enforce the regulations?
 - Has your council issued any enforcement notices/fines due to breaches to the regulations?

- If you do not have any rules, regulations or bylaws restricting or prohibiting the use of vehicles on beaches in your territory, is this an issue your council has identified and plan to address in the future (i.e. with an upcoming bylaw etc)?
- Regardless of whether you have any rules, regulations or bylaws restricting or prohibiting the use of vehicles on beaches in your territory, please provide the number of public concerns or complaints that have been received/reported to you concerning the use of vehicles on beaches in your territory for the past five years (broken down by year please).

Kā Mihinui

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chelsea McGaw', written in a cursive style.

Chelsea McGaw

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The Royal Forest & Bird Society of New Zealand Incorporated