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Tēnā koe Christopher

# **REQ148036 C Carter effluent compliance**

Thank you for your request for information set out below, received on 15 April 2019.

As discussed in an email with Waikato Regional Council's Team Leader Stuart Stone on 17 April 2019, the information provided covers the Waikato Region for the 2017/18 season.

## **Original request:**

I am after some more current information on Effluent compliance, for the most current year, in preparation for a submission to the Healthy rivers hearings. Presently it appears the only publicly available information is from over 2 years ago - per the below article:-

https://www.stuff.co.nz/business/farming/95059380/less-than-one-quarter-of-all-waikato-dairy-farms-meet-their-effluent-obligations

#### This includes:

- 1) Number of farms in catchment
- 2) Number of farms inspected
- 2) Number and split by fully compliant, partially or significantly non-compliant.
- 3) Number of infringements, abatement notices, and formal warnings. For the full year of 2018 would be ideal. Please call/email if any clarification needed.

#### Response:

The following information is for the period 1 July 2017 – 30 June 2018.

# 1. Total number of dairy farms in the Waikato Region:

4,092 as at 8 May 2019.

### 2. Number of farms inspected:

In the 2017/18 season council monitored 1045 permitted activities and 46 discharge consents.

# 2. Compliance of farms monitored in the 2017/18 season:

	Permitted Activity	Discharge consents	Total
Full Compliance	21.3%	2%	20.4%
High-Level Compliance	2.3%	11%	2.7%
Provisional Compliance	42%	0%	40.2%
Partial Compliance	26.1%	57%	27.4%
Significant non-compliance	8.3%	30%	9.3%

3. Number of enforcement actions against farms monitored during the 2017/18 season:

Enforcement Action: 1 July 2017-30 June 2018			
Infringement Notice	33		
Abatement Notice	13		
Formal Warning	87		
Prosecutions	4		
Total	137		

Please contact me, should you have any queries.

Nāku, nā

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