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To: Subject:

Swimming Pool Statistics

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Kia ora Owen

I refer to your information request of 23 February 2023, asking about swimming pool numbers in Lower Hutt.

Hutt City Council currently has 611 residential pools on our register, made up of 64 on ground pools, 436 inground pools and 111 spa pools.

Hutt City issued 9 building consents in 2022, 1 building consent in 2021 and 7 building consents in 2020 for pools and/or pool fencing. These numbers do not include situations where a pool or pool fencing was included as part of a bigger project, as this data is more difficult to retrieve.

Please note that some pools themselves can be exempt under schedule 1 of the Building Act 2004 from requiring a building consent depending on their size, but pool fences do require a building consent.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this letter of response to your enquiry may be published on the Council's website.

Ngā mihi

Susan Sales

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From:

Sent: Thursday, 23 February 2023 11:33 PM
To: ContactHCC < contact@huttcity.govt.nz >
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Swimming Pool Statistics

Dear Hutt City Council,

My name is Owen, and I am currently conducting a study which involves swimming pools. Part of this study requires data on the number of private swimming pools in New Zealand year upon year, and ideally the number of swimming pools constructed. As part of my research into this data I have found that since swimming pools require council building consent, there should be data or a register which includes this data. Would I be able to be granted access to data on the number of swimming pools, and the number of swimming pool building consents in Hutt City, if it exists? If not, would you be able to advise on where I could find this data?

Thanks

Owen