



Ref: 20-108
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24 September 2020



Via email: [Redacted]

Dear [Redacted]

Response to official information request for 'I would like all information in regard to any complaints made and by whom, about our dog barking'.

I refer to your request for official information relating to complaints received about your dog barking. We have processed your request under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA) 1987.

Part of the information you requested is enclosed. However, we decline to make the information available which relates to the identification of any complainants due to privacy reasons under section 7(2)(a) Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA) 1987. All complaints received by Council are treated confidentially.

Council received two complaints relating to a barking dog at your address which appear to be lodged on the same night. The first complaint was received near midnight on 30 August 2020 then just over one hour later, at 1.16am, 30 August 2020, another complaint was received.

Loud and persistent barking is an offence under Section 55, Dog Control Act 1996.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602. The address for the Office of the Ombudsman is PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact James Single, Manager of Monitoring and Compliance.

Ngā mihi

Wendy Walker
Chief Executive
Kaiwhakahaere Matua

