



West Coast District Health Board

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RE Official Information Act request WCDHB 9665

I refer to your email dated 4 February 2022 requesting the following information under the Official Information Act from West Coast DHB. Specifically:

1. Do you have a carbon neutral plan by 2025, and if so, what is the official wording of it?

West Coast DHB has begun measuring its emissions and is aware of the requirements of the Carbon Neutral Government Programme but has not yet documented a formal plan.

2. Do you have a carbon neutral team or committee?

Canterbury and West Coast DHB have a Transalpine Environmental Sustainability Governance Group which is developing an Environmental Sustainability operational policy and a five-year implementation strategy.

a. If so, how many are in this team, and are they trained/experts?

The committee is chaired by a member of the Executive Management Team and has a number of representatives from all parts of the DHB

3. How much carbon do you emit/how are your carbon emissions measured?

Toitū carbon reduce process has only just started so we have no numbers yet.

4. If coal is still in use at your facilities, when do you plan to phase it out?

Coal is still used at Greymouth, Westport and Reefton hospitals. A new hospital is being built at Westport that will not use coal and we are investigating options to convert Greymouth and Reefton.

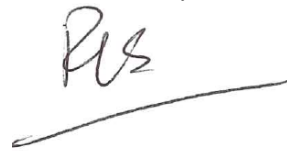
5. Have you transitioned to EVs and or/hybrids? Have you begun to downsize your fleet size?

West Coast DHB is transitioning to PHEV or Hybrid as the infrastructure available to charge vehicles in the region does not yet support the kilometres our staff have to travel.

I trust that this satisfies your interest in this matter.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the West Coast DHB website after your receipt of this response.

Yours sincerely

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