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LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT 1987: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Thank you for your email requesting information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA). A decision has now been made on your request pursuant to section 13 of the LGOIMA.

In your request, you asked for the records recording the number of dead birds collected from Sullivan Lake since 2013, by year if possible.

I am not able to provide the information you have requested under section 17(e) of the LGOIMA as the information requested does not exist.

We do not record the number of dead birds collected from any of our water bodies. As birds can contract botulism from other areas outside of Whakatāne town, for example in farm dams, and then fly into areas such as Sullivan Lake and Awatapu Lagoon where they die, this would skew any information if it were collected.

If you are not satisfied with my response, you are entitled to request a review by the Ombudsman. Further information can be obtained from the following website [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz).

Please note that this response may be published on our website. All personal information will be removed.

Nāku noa, nā



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