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21 July 2023

Dear [REDACTED]

Re: Official Information Act Request – Warmer Kiwi Homes Deprivation Zones

Thank you for your request lodged via FYI.org.nz on Tuesday 4 July 2023 in which you requested information under the Official Information Act 1982. You requested:

The list of Warmer Kiwi Homes Lower Income Areas.

In response to your request, EECA does not have a written list of Warmer Kiwi Homes lower income areas. Therefore, we are refusing your request under Section 18e – *that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist*. Instead, EECA uses two online mapping tools that show the deprivation zones:

1. **Massey Maps:**
https://massey.maps.arcgis.com/apps/Embed/index.html?webmap=bd6277d69e844652917bf174e017c64&extent=164.7366,-47.4217,180,-34.200%20&zoom=true&scale=true&search=true&searchextent=true&details=true&legend=true&active_panel=legend&disable_scroll=true&theme=light
2. **StatsNZ Map:**
<https://statsnz.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=967d0338fe334ecc9b875b02a5a297e2>

One of the eligibility criteria for accessing a grant under the programme is that the homeowner must live in a low-income area. For this purpose, EECA uses the New Zealand Deprivation Index, a tool commonly used in health planning to define low-income areas. Owner-occupied houses located in deprivation areas rated 8, 9 and 10 are eligible for grants. Homeowners who hold a Community Services Card are also eligible regardless which area they live in.

The deprivation index combines census data relating to household income, home ownership, employment, qualifications, family structure, housing, access to transport and communications – and provides a deprivation score ranging from 1 (least deprived) to 10 (most deprived) for each mesh block in New Zealand. Mesh blocks are the smallest geographical area defined by Statistics New Zealand, with a population of around 60 – 110 people.

To check your eligibility for a Warmer Kiwi Homes grant, please visit <https://www.eeca.govt.nz/co-funding/insulation-and-heater-grants/warmer-kiwi-homes-programme/check-eligibility/>

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.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. Our response to your request will be published shortly at <https://www.eeca.govt.nz/about/news-and-corporate/official-information/> with your personal information removed.

Yours sincerely



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