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Reference: OIA-2023/24-0633

Dear [Redacted]

Official Information Act request for a list of inquiries into the 2023 North Island Severe Weather Events

Thank you for your Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request received on 5 March 2024. You requested:

1. "I cannot seem to find a direct media contact for NEMA. If there is one, pls provide it
2. "The CE yday told select committee there are 26 inquiries underway into the north island storms of last year. RNZ is aware of maybe a fifth of these. I request NEMA provide a list to us of all 26."

The National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) has a direct media contact in the dedicated media section on its website. [Who media can contact » National Emergency Management Agency \(civildefence.govt.nz\)](#). This includes an email address (communicationsnema@nema.govt.nz) and a 24/7 media line (04 494 6951).

NEMA are aware of a number of publicly available reviews into the 2023 North Island severe weather events, and they are listed in the following table:

Agency/Organisation	Links to publicly available reports
Auckland Council	auckland-flood-response-review_january-27-29-2023.pdf (aucklandcouncil.govt.nz)
	Agenda of Civil Defence and Emergency Management Committee - Tuesday, 5 September 2023 (aucklandcouncil.govt.nz)
Auckland Transport and Waka Kotahi	202-attachment-2-auckland-anniversary-2023-flood-response-review.pdf
Bay of Plenty Civil Defence Emergency Management Group	Under Separate Cover Agenda of Bay of Plenty Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee - Friday, 29 September 2023 (boprc.govt.nz)
Carterton District Council, Masterton District Council,	https://cdc.govt.nz/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/231017-Cyclone-Gabrielle-Wairarapa-Response-AAR-v1.3.pdf

and South Wairarapa District Council	
Chief Ombudsman	Insights and Observations: The Chief Ombudsman's report on extreme weather events 2023 Ombudsman New Zealand
Electricity Networks Aotearoa	Untitled (ena.org.nz)
Fire and Emergency New Zealand	https://www.fireandemergency.nz/assets/Documents/Research-and-reports/Muriwai/Muriwai-Investigation-Report.-2-Jul-23reduced-size- Redacted.pdf
Ministerial Inquiry into Land Use	Outrage to optimism (environment.govt.nz)
Ministry for the Environment	Microsoft Word - LC4292 Rapid assessment of land damage – Cyclone Gabrielle - 19-July-2023.docx (environment.govt.nz)
Napier City Council	https://www.napier.govt.nz/assets/Links/2023-12-14-Cyclone-Gabrielle-Response-Review-V4-1.pdf
National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research	https://www.hbrc.govt.nz/assets/Document-Library/Reports/External-Reports/NIWA-letterreport-230224.pdf
New Zealand Lifelines Council	Lifelines reports and resources » National Emergency Management Agency (civildefence.govt.nz)
New Zealand Telecommunications Forum	2023 TEF Incident Report Cyclone Gabrielle NZ Telecommunications Forum (tcf.org.nz)
Northland Civil Defence Emergency Management Group	https://www.nrc.govt.nz/media/dqvgudn5/cyclone-gabrielle-stories-of-resilience_uvn_1.pdf
	https://www.nrc.govt.nz/media/cvqk3e1g/cyclone-gabrielle-2023-regional-recovery-plan-for-northland_2.pdf
Office of the Auditor General	Auckland Council: Preparedness for responding to an emergency (oag.parliament.nz)
	Managing public funding in an emergency response or recovery – Observations from our work — Office of the Auditor-General New Zealand (oag.parliament.nz)
Public Health Communication Centre	https://www.phcc.org.nz/briefing/cyclone-gabrielle-numbers-review-six-months
Te Whatu Ora	Post Incident Review Report MASTER 15 June Caro.docx (tewhatora.govt.nz)

NEMA are aware of reviews or debriefs that are not publicly available and/or have not been released yet, including its own. The agencies or organisations that have not completed and/or have not published their reviews are as follows:

- Hato Hone St John
- Hawkes Bay Civil Defence Emergency Management Group
- MetService
- Ministry for Primary Industries
- New Zealand Police
- New Zealand Red Cross
- Tairāwhiti Civil Defence Emergency Management Group
- Toka Tū Ake EQC
- Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to investigate and review my decision under section 28(3) of the Act.

This response will be published on the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet's website during our regular publication cycle. Typically, information is released monthly, or as otherwise determined. Your personal information including name and contact details will be removed for publication.

Yours sincerely



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