

**From:** [BDC Lgoima](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Official Information Request for Vehicles on Beaches Ref: OIA 096/23  
**Date:** Wednesday, 30 August 2023 4:44:00 pm  
**Attachments:** [image003.png](#)

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Dear [REDACTED]

We refer to your official information request dated 25 August 2023 for information regarding vehicles on beaches.

The information you have requested is marked in blue below:

- Do you have any rules, regulations or bylaws restricting or prohibiting the use of vehicles on beaches in your territory? If yes, please provide a web link to this document/information.  
*The Buller District Council doesn't have any regulations prohibiting the use of vehicles on any beaches.*
- Do you have any public information and/or guidance on your council website in regards to vehicles on beaches? If yes, please provide a web link to this information.  
*There is no information in regards to vehicles on the beach on our website.*
- If you do have rules, regulations or a bylaw restricting or prohibiting the use of vehicles on beaches in your territory:  
Do you attribute any funding/resource to it? *N/A*  
Do you have any staff whose job (or part of their job) is to enforce the regulations? *N/A*  
Has you council issued any enforcement notices/fines due to breaches to the regulations? *N/A*
- If you do not have any rules, regulations or bylaws restricting or prohibiting the use of vehicles on beaches in your territory, is this an issue your council has identified and plan to address in the future (i.e. with an upcoming bylaw etc)?  
*BDC Compliance believe there is no issue with vehicles driving on the beach and would not see the need for a bylaw at this time.*
- Regardless of whether you have any rules, regulations or bylaws restricting or prohibiting the use of vehicles on beaches in your territory, please provide the number of public concerns or complaints that have been received/reported to you concerning the use of vehicles on beaches in your territory for the past five years (broken down by year please).  
*Over the last 5 years BDC has received a total of 7 complaints concerning the use of vehicles on the beaches, this primarily relates to abandoned vehicles on the beach & freedom camping. There has been 0 complaints in 2023, Three in 2022, Two in 2021, 1 in 2020 & 1 in 2019.*

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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact the Buller District Council by return email to [lgoima@bdc.govt.nz](mailto:lgoima@bdc.govt.nz).

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://bullerdc.govt.nz/district-council/your-council/request-for-official-information/responses-to-igoima-requests/> with your personal information removed.

Kind regards

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