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LGOIMA 2024/43 re Tiny Homes Market Study

Regarding your request for information dated 2 September 2024 relating to Tiny Homes Market Study.

Responses to your questions are outlined below:

1. Unfortunately, Council does not have this information available. When a person applies for resource consent, Council does not know if they have already purchased the tiny home, or if they are doing their due diligence prior to purchasing the tiny home. You do not need to own the land or the tiny home prior to applying for a resource consent.
2. Council does not record the number of 'Tiny Homes' as a consent type. Regarding a resource consent, Council records how many residential dwellings apply to the consent. These can range in size from 20m² – 250m².

Not all new residential dwellings/tiny homes require resource consent. They may build a tiny home, or a residential dwelling, as a permitted activity meaning they do not need to apply for consent.

3. Similarly, the building consent team do not have a classification for a Tiny Home consent. Building consents can be lodged as a transportable home or a new residential dwelling and again these homes can range in size from 20m² – 250m².

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.

Publication of responses to LGOIMA requests

Please note: Our LGOIMA responses may be proactively published on the Central Hawke's Bay District Council website after they have been responded to, with requesters' personal details withheld. If you have any concerns about this please contact the Council on governance@chbdc.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely

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