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To: ["Damien Puddle"](#)
Subject: RE: RE: Response to Request for Information under LGOIMA – Playground Surfacing Data
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Kia ora

The work undertaken on our playgrounds (renewals, top-ups of safety surfaces and installations) are all carried out by external contractors.

Ngā mihi



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From: Damien Puddle <Damien.Puddle@icc.govt.nz>
Sent: Thursday, 23 July 2026 2:17 pm
To: Allie Dunn <Allie.Dunn@TararuaDC.govt.nz>
Subject: CM: RE: Response to Request for Information under LGOIMA – Playground Surfacing Data

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Thank you very much.

Are you also able to confirm if your playground surfacing installations, top-ups, and renewals are carried out entirely in-house, entirely by contractors, or a mix of both (if mixed, an approximate split is helpful)?



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From: Allie Dunn <Allie.Dunn@tararua.govt.nz>

Sent: Thursday, 23 July 2026 9:34 am

To: Damien Puddle <Damien.Puddle@icc.govt.nz>

Subject: Response to Request for Information under LGOIMA – Playground Surfacing Data

Kia ora

I am writing in response to your official information request dated 13 July 2026 regarding playground surfacing data.

The information you have requested is attached.

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From: Allie Dunn

Sent: Monday, 13 July 2026 1:54 pm

To: 'Damien.Puddle@icc.govt.nz' <Damien.Puddle@icc.govt.nz>

Subject: CM: Acknowledgement: Request for Information under LGOIMA – Playground Surfacing Data

Kia ora

This email is to acknowledge receipt of your request for information, regarding playground surfacing data.

We will endeavour to respond to your request as soon as possible and in any event no later than 10 August 2026, being 20 working days after the day your request was received. If we are unable to respond to your request by then, we will notify you of an extension of that timeframe.

As part of our commitment to openness and accountability, we are now proactively publishing copies of requests for information and the responses provided to these requests, on our website. In doing so, we will ensure we comply with the provisions of the Privacy Act 2020 and redact any personal / identifying information from any response published.

If you have any questions about this, please don't hesitate to get in contact with me.

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From: Damien Puddle <Damien.Puddle@icc.govt.nz>

Sent: Monday, 13 July 2026 11:17 am

Subject: Request for Information under LGOIMA – Playground Surfacing Data

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Kia ora,

My name is Dr Damien Puddle, and I am the Play Advocate at Invercargill City Council. I am undertaking a cost-benefit analysis of playground surfacing across New Zealand to understand the scale of surfacing assets and compare whole-of-life costs across surface types in relation to injury prevention.

Please treat this as a request for official information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA).

I would appreciate receiving the following information regarding playgrounds under your council's management:

- Total number of playgrounds managed by your council
- Excluding pump tracks, skate parks, BMX facilities, scooter tracks, fitness stations, and similar non-playground assets, but can include parkour parks.
- Total area (m²) of playground surfacing, aggregated by surface type (i.e. area of each surface type such as X m² wet-pour, X m² wood chip, X m² tiles, etc.)

Definition: For the purpose of this request, a playground is defined as a space containing fixed play equipment designed primarily for children.

Clarification: Surface area refers to the area of playground surfacing associated with play equipment. This may include fall zones and adjacent surfaced areas. Precise fall-zone measurement is not required. Estimates are acceptable where exact measurements are not available (these should be identified accordingly).

Please categorise surfacing as:

- Wet-pour rubber
- Rubber tiles
- Artificial turf
- Wood chip/bark (playground compliant, not arborist mulch)
- Pea gravel
- Sand (when used as a fall surface, not as a sand play feature)
- Other (please specify)

Data format: Data can be supplied in any format that is convenient. Existing summaries or reports are welcome. If site-level data is readily available, it is welcome but not required.

Use of information: The information will be used for aggregated analysis of playground surfacing assets and included in a published journal article. Individual councils will not be identified in any public reporting without prior permission.

I would appreciate a response within 20 working days in line with LGOIMA requirements.

Thank you for your time and assistance. Please feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss the request or clarify any aspect of the project.

Kind regards,



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