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Response to a request for official information



Thank you for your request for official information received 4 February 2022 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH)¹, followed by the necessary extension of time 2 March 2022, where you seek the following information:

- 1. Do you have a carbon neutral plan by 2025, and if so, what is the official wording of it?***

NMH response:

NMH has commitment to carbon reduction and this is clearly identified within our Annual Plan, which is publicly available at this link <https://www.nmdhb.govt.nz/quicklinks/news-and-publications/published-documents/nmh-annual-plan/>

- 2. Do you have a carbon neutral team or committee? If so, how many are in this team, and are they trained/experts?***

NMH response:

NMH has appointed a qualified environmental sustainability coordinator who works alongside the Sustainability Group. This group has 15 members including 3 members of the executive team and other staff members who have expressed an interest in working on improvements to the NMH environmental direction.

- 3. How much carbon do you emit/how are your carbon emissions measured?***

NMH response:

NMH is in the process of calculating our carbon emissions and working alongside Toitū Envirocare to have this audited in May 2022.

¹ Nelson Marlborough District Health Board

4. If coal is still in use at your facilities, when do you plan to phase it out?

NMH response:

Coal boilers are used at both Nelson and Wairau hospital facilities. A business case has been completed and funding confirmed to replace the boilers at Wairau hospital over the next couple of years (the exact timing is subject to contractor availability). Nelson hospital's primary energy source is a landfill gas (LFG) boiler (approx. 80-85% of the energy demand) with coal utilised to supplement the demand that the LFG boiler is not able to meet. Various options are being explored to replace the coal boilers at Nelson over the next 2-3 years.

5. Have you transitioned to EVs and or/hybrids? Have you begun to downsize your fleet size?

NMH response:

NMH has a small number of fully electric vehicles (EVs) within the fleet and has largely transitioned to hybrid electric vehicles. The only exceptions are where an electric or hybrid vehicles is not suitable.

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Yours sincerely



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