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**Response to a request for official information**

Thank you for your request for official information as transferred from the Ministry of Health and received 2 September 2021 by Nelson Marlborough Health (NMH)<sup>1</sup>, where you seek the following information:

- 1. A list of all hospital, mental health wards, psychiatric care facilities, rest homes & healthcare facilities as well as administrative & miscellaneous buildings the Ministry of Health knows are using fossil fuels, with a breakdown of fossil fuel type, and region.***
- 2. An outline of any plans that the Ministry of Health or Energy Efficiency Conservation Authority have to transition these institutions off fossil fuels, and the names of these institutions and the transition plan.***

NMH response:

Wairau Hospital currently utilises coal as the primary energy source providing steam and hot water to the hospital including the supporting administrative facilities. NMH is developing a business case to transition to an alternative energy source over the next 3-4 years. The plan for this work is still in its early stage.

Nelson Hospital, and the associated buildings on the Nelson and Braemar campuses utilise landfill gas as the primary energy source for steam and hot water however the landfill gas does not fully meet the demand and coal is used to supplement that supply required to meet the demand. There is an investigation underway to determine the future energy fuel source requirements however it is noted that a new energy centre will be required as part of the Nelson Hospital redevelopment but the detailed plans for this are still being formulated.

NMH does not maintain a record of the energy source for any of our contracted providers, including aged residential care facilities. On this basis the request to provide information regarding these healthcare facilities within our district is declined under section 18(f) as *'the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation and research'*.

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<sup>1</sup> Nelson Marlborough District Health Board

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If you have any questions about this decision please feel free to email our OIA Coordinator [OIArequest@nmdhb.govt.nz](mailto:OIArequest@nmdhb.govt.nz) I trust that this information meets your requirements. NMH, like other agencies across the state sector, supports the open disclosure of information to assist the public's understanding of how we are delivering publicly-funded healthcare. This includes the proactive publication of anonymised Official Information Act responses on our website from 10 working days after they have been released. If you feel that there are good reasons why your response should not be made publicly available, we will be happy to consider.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Lexie O'Shea', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Lexie O'Shea  
**Chief Executive**