

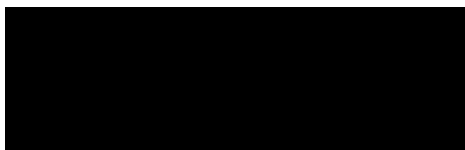


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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Thank you for your original email of 23 October 2024, to Fire and Emergency New Zealand requesting the following information:

- *I am reaching out to see if I am able to source any information and statistics about the cause of wildfires in NZ historically but mainly focusing on the last 5 – 10 years.*

I am in the Forestry Industry and have seen the annual wildfire reports but am interested specifically in the ignition/cause of fires nationally as I work in the Fire Risk Mitigation part of our business.

Thank you for refining your request on 6 November 2024 to the following:

- *All vegetation fires since 1 July 2017 (when Fire and Emergency was established) to 23 October 2024, including the following categories:*
 - *Cause; and*
 - *Heat Source.*

Your request has been considered under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA).

Please find attached, as an **Appendix** to this response, the statistics for the causes of vegetation fires from 1 July 2017 to 23 October 2024.

Information relating to New Zealand fire climate research can be found in the [Fire and Emergency Evidence Brief #205](#). On page 21 you can find links to additional information on the topic.

You may find also the [Wildfire Risk Indicator](#) on the Stats NZ website useful. While this information is currently out of date, we are advised that The National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research (NIWA) is currently updating it.

We trust that the information being provided is of assistance. If you require further information, please email officialinformationrequests@fireandemergency.nz.

Please note that because of the identified public interest in the information that you have requested, we intend to publish this response (with your personal details removed) on our website.

Nāku noa, nā



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