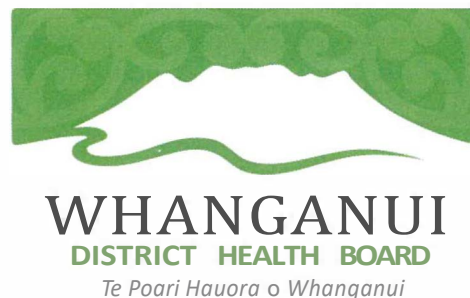


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Official Information Request- OIA 13751 Facilities Using Fossil Fuels

The Whanganui District Health Board (WDHB) has received the transfer of your request to Ministry of Health on 2 September 2021 under Section 14 of the OIA. You requested 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."

The Whanganui District Health Board response:

1. **A list of all hospital, mental health wards, psychiatric care facilities, rest homes & healthcare facilities as well as administrative & miscellaneous buildings the Whanganui District Health Board knows are using fossil fuels, with a breakdown of fossil fuel type, and region.**

Whanganui Hospital site			
Building	Fossil fuel	Purpose	Location of plant
Ward and Admin	Natural Gas	Space and domestic hot water heating	Ward and Admin
Clinical Services Building		Space and domestic hot water heating	Ward and Admin
Old Surgical Building		Space and domestic hot water heating	Ward and Admin
Old Theatre Building		Space and domestic hot water heating	Ward and Admin
Te Awhina	Natural Gas	Space and domestic hot water heating	Te Awhina
Community Mental Health		Space and domestic hot water heating	Te Awhina
Te Whare Kakariki	Natural Gas	Space and domestic hot water heating	Te Whare Kakariki
Stanford House	Natural Gas	Space and domestic hot water heating	Stanford House
Lambie	Natural Gas	Space and domestic hot water heating	Lambie
Taihape			
Taihape Health Centre	Coal	Space and domestic hot water heating	Taihape Boiler House

2. An outline of any plans that the Whanganui District Health Board have to transition these institutions off fossil fuels, and the names of these institutions and the transition plan.

Whanganui hospital

New buildings constructed in the late 2000's use energy efficient heat pumps for heating and cooling water instead of central heating plant that uses fossil fuel.

In 2017 we undertook an energy audit that focussed on reducing the amount of energy we consumed. This project introduced initiatives including the installation of LED lighting and optimising the control of equipment and plant to reduce energy wastage.

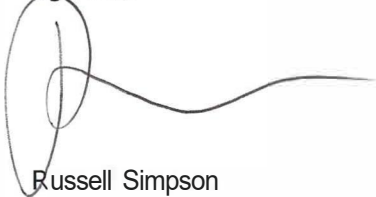
Taihape

WDHB had been planning to decommission and dispose of this site. Recent changes in how health care is going to be provided to our communities has resulted in the site being repurposed. DHB is working with suitably qualified engineers to explore options to convert the coal boilers to operate on wood pallets.

WDHB has approved funding from ECCA to complete an Energy Transition Accelerator. This project involves engineers exploring how we currently use fossil fuel and providing options for us to transition to cleaner options.

Should you have any further queries about the above information, please contact our OIA co-ordinator Anne Phoenix at anne.phoenix@wdhb.org.nz

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Chief Executive