



## Freedom of Information Request FOI 24 54

### Wild Fire information for July 2022

#### Query:

*I am writing to request data under the Freedom of Information Act regarding information on wildfires that occurred in July of 2022 in this FRS district. Specifically, I am interested in obtaining the following information for the period of July 2022:*

- 1. Location (coordinates) and timing (date and time of day) of the wildfires.*
- 2. Fire size – ideally fire perimeters.*
- 3. Number of resources deployed.*
- 4. Fuel type burned (if available).*
- 5. Impact (e.g. buildings/houses affected, personal injuries, infrastructure, fire service equipment, traffic delays, any evacuations, etc).*
- 6. If/when a major incident was declared.*

#### Response:

##### Question 1 –

We have been unable to provide the location details of each incident (longitude and latitude) as this information could constitute personal data about a third party because it allows the identification of individual areas and properties. We are applying the exemption afforded by Section 40(2) Personal Information of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 which provides that a request for information is exempt if the information requested constitutes personal data about a third party. In particular, we choose to rely upon section 40(3)(a)(i) which provides that in a case where the information falls within the definition of data under Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA), the information is exempt if disclosure would contravene any of the data protection principles of the DPA.

Please see the attached excel spreadsheet for answers to your questions 2-4.

Question 5 - We do not keep the information requested.

Question 6 –There were no major incidents declared in July 2022.

Information/Detail accurate on the date provided: 13, May 2024