



Thank you for your email of 12 March 2019 asking for the following information:

*'of HNZ stock in the Waikato Region how many are accessible?'*

Generally, Housing New Zealand properties are modified to suit a particular tenant's needs. Housing New Zealand and the Ministry of Health have a Memorandum of Understanding relating to housing modifications to existing properties for people with disabilities. Any requests for disability modifications to houses are determined by the health service providers including DHBs and/or ACC, not Housing New Zealand.

The extent and type of modifications depends on the tenant's disability, which will differ from person to person. Modifications can include accessible parking and entries, ramps, and hand rails.

Housing New Zealand has 337 properties in the territorial authorities in the Waikato that have modifications to accommodate disability needs. The following table shows how many properties have disability modifications. We are unable to show the specific modifications a property has, or whether the modifications are for accessibility.

<b>Territorial Authority</b>	<b>Property Count</b>
Hamilton City	186
Hauraki District	12
Matamata-Piako District	7
Otorohanga District	1
Rotorua District	53
South Waikato District	3
Taupo District	15
Thames-Coromandel District	19
Waikato District	19
Waipa District	19
Waitomo District	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>337</b>

Note: Some of the above territorial authorities include land that is not in the Waikato region.

Housing New Zealand does not centrally record the information you have requested to the level of detail required. Therefore, I am refusing your request under section 18(f) of the Official Information Act 1982, as the information requested *'cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.'*

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or Freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rachel Kelly". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'R' and 'K'.

**Rachel Kelly**  
**Manager Government Relations**