

26 March,

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Dear [REDACTED]

**Request for Information – Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987**

We refer to your official information request dated 23 March for information regarding the water polo tournament at Huia Pool.

The information you have requested is enclosed.

- 1 The rental received by the Council for hiring Huia Pool for a Water Polo competition this week.

Answer: \$3120.00 in hire and approximately \$1300 in spectator fees

- 2 The estimated income foregone by closing Huia Pool to the public for this period.

Answer: Approximately \$2700 noting that the Gym, Hydrotherapy pool, and Learners Pool are still open and operating during this time

- 3 Information held by the Council on economic benefits received by the City from the hosting this tournament.

Answer: Events advises based on a formula they use for calculating economic benefits to the city for events to be the following:

Economic impact based on formulas provided by Destination Manawatu (Palmerston North and Lower Hutt were seen as comparable cities)

- \$155 per person per night for school aged children/adults attending a sporting event

This includes:

- Accommodation
- Local transport needs
- Local retail spend in shops, petrol stations etc
- Registration fees that go to the regions organisers who in turn provide local goods and services
- All meals and beverages

For comparison we use \$225 for a person attending a concert and \$250 for a corporate guest staying in Lower Hutt each night.

- 16 teams x 15 persons = 240 staying in the Hutt
- 240 x \$155 per night = \$37,200
- \$37,200 x 4.5 nights (as an average) = \$167,400

- 4 Climate change considerations prior to deciding to close Huia Pool to the public and host a national tournament.

Answer: No considerations necessary for this type of event.

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.

Please note that this letter (with your personal details removed) may be published on the Council's website.

Yours sincerely,

Hutt City Council