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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 7 January 2021 for the insurance valuations of all the Colin McCahon artworks owned by the Hutt City Council

Hutt City Museums currently hold 3,316 artworks in trust for the people of Lower Hutt. The current combined insurance value of these works is \$21,093,775.00NZD.

Under section 2 (1) and 7(2)(e) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act, we will not disclose the individual values assigned to any works of art or objects in our care.

Section 2(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act states that *official information* does not include information contained in library or museum material made or acquired and preserved solely for reference or exhibition purposes.

If you have any issues with our response or wish to discuss this with us, please feel free to contact me. 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

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