



1 September 2026

Archie Chand (Archana Devi)

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Tēnā koe Archie,

Request for Information – Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA) 1987

We refer to your official information request dated 6 August 2026, seeking information relating to the funding, expenditure, condition, management, and long-term investment in Hutt City Council's water infrastructure, as well as information concerning the transition of water services to Tiaki Wai and the introduction of separate water charging.

Specifically, you requested information regarding:

- *Water-related revenue collected between 2006 and 2026.*
- *The expenditure of water-related revenue over the same period.*
- *Reports, assessments, audits, and reviews concerning the condition of water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure.*
- *Historical and planned investment in water infrastructure, including deferred renewals.*
- *The financial position and analysis underpinning the transition to Tiaki Wai.*
- *The removal of water-related charges from Council rates and the calculation of rates for 2026/27.*
- *Council reports, business cases, financial modelling, consultant reports, and other documents informing the decision to transition to Tiaki Wai.*
- *Consultation materials, submissions, and decisions relating to the establishment of Tiaki Wai and the introduction of separate water charging.*

Answer:

Council's response to each part of your request is set out below.

Water Rates Revenue and Expenditure (2006–2026)

This information is available in Council’s publicly released Annual Reports, which are available on Council’s website: [Annual Reports | Hutt City Council](#). Please refer to the Funding Impact Statements and Activity Statements.

Asset Condition

Council’s Long-Term Plans (LTPs) include assessments of asset management planning. All Long-Term Plans are audited by the Audit Office, previously Audit New Zealand. Please refer to Council’s published LTPs, which contain the relevant audit opinions. Council’s LTPs are available online here: [Annual Plans and Long Term Plans | Hutt City Council](#).

For specific reports, assessments, audits, or engineering reviews, please refer to Tiaki Wai Limited.

Long-Term Investment

This information is available in Council’s publicly released Annual Reports, which are available on Council’s website: [Annual Reports | Hutt City Council](#). Please refer to the Activity Statements.

Financial Position Prior to Tiaki Wai

This information is still being finalised and can only be provided once the audit of the 2025–26 Annual Report has been completed.

Removal of Water Charges from Council Rates

For details regarding the removal of expenditure, please refer to the report titled “Approach to the Annual Plan 2026–27”, contained in the following Council agenda: [Agenda of Hutt City Council – Tuesday, 16 December 2025](#).

Please also refer to the presentations on Tiaki Wai pricing, the Draft Annual Plan, and the LTP 2024–2034 Amendment. These presentations were held on 18 March 2026 and are available on Council’s website here: [About council meetings | Hutt City Council](#).

Decision-Making

Council reports, relevant business cases, and modelling are publicly available on Council’s website here:

8 October 2024 – Water Services Delivery Plan and Delivery Model –

https://huttcity.infocouncil.biz/RedirectToDoc.aspx?URL=Open/2024/10/HCC_29102024_AGN_3306_AT.PDF

27 June 2025 – Water Services Delivery Model –

https://huttcity.infocouncil.biz/RedirectToDoc.aspx?URL=Open/2025/06/HCC_27062025_AGN_5409_AT.PDF

19 August 2025 – Water Services Delivery Plan –

https://huttcity.infocouncil.biz/RedirectToDoc.aspx?URL=Open/2025/08/HCC_19082025_AGN_6369_AT.PDF

Public Consultation

Please refer to Council's LGOIMA response dated 2 March 2026, proactively released on Council's website, regarding the process Council undertook to consult on water reform:

https://hccpublicdocs.azurewebsites.net/api/download/fc39961f534d41c5a38606983a24989b/_extinfo/868a677a382901b1842188ffdf40278f64ec

Summaries of submissions received across the region, and decisions made to establish a water services Council-Controlled Organisation, can be found in the Council agenda of 27 June 2025: [Agenda of Hutt City Council – Friday, 27 June 2025](#).

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available at: [Office of the Ombudsman – Complaints](#), or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response to your information request may be published on Hutt City Council's website: [Proactive releases – Hutt City Council](#).

Ngā mihi nui

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