



5 August 2025

Alan Waller



Tēnā koe Alan,

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

We refer to your official information request dated 22 July 2025, asking for information on the annual cost to Hutt City Council ratepayers for membership with Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ). Specifically, you requested:

How much does it cost HCC ratepayers to be a member of local government new zealand every year.

On 24 July 2025, Council contacted you to clarify the scope of your request. You confirmed on the same day that our interpretation was correct: you were seeking information about the annual cost to Hutt City Council ratepayers for the Council's membership with Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ), specifically for the most recent financial year.

Answer:

In response to your request, the annual cost of Hutt City Council's LGNZ membership subscription for the financial year 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026 was \$96,362.27 plus GST, which amounts to a total of \$110,816.62 (NZD).

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: <u>How to make a complaint | Ombudsman New Zealand</u>, or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response to your information request may be published on Hutt City Council's website: <u>Proactive releases | Hutt City Council</u>

Ngā mihi nui

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