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Tēnā koe Rhys,

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

We refer to your official information request dated 13 February 2026, seeking information about payments made in relation to consultation with mana whenua, and associated agreements and documentation.

Following our recent discussion regarding the circumstances in which your request was initially sent and received, we have agreed to treat your request as received on 19 May 2026 for the purposes of the Act. Specifically, you requested:

- a) A list of all payments made by the Council to consultancy/advisory firms (including subsidiaries) on behalf of mana whenua/Māori during the last three financial years (GST inclusive).*
- b) A copy of any agreement between the Council and these groups (including subsidiaries).*
- c) Copies of each invoice and any related contract or agreement.*

Answer:

In response to your request, no payments have been made by Council to any consultancy and/or advisory firms (including subsidiaries) on behalf of Mana Whenua or Māori during the last three financial years.

As no payments have been made, there are no agreements, invoices, or related contractual documents that fall within the scope of your request.

We are therefore refusing parts (a), (b), and (c) of your request under section 17(g) of the LGOIMA, as the information requested is not held.

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.

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Ngā mihi nui



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