

8 October 2021

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Dear [REDACTED]

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT 2021-99**

Thank you for your email of 13 September 2021 to the Carterton District Council requesting the following information:

*"...According to the recently released Law Commission's Report "The Legal Framework for Burial and Cremation in New Zealand" the Carterton District Council has entered into either a partnership or leasing arrangement with a private operator to provide crematorium services in your area*

*Could you please provide me with the details of the partnership or leasing arrangement you have with the private operator/s?"*

Your request has been considered under the Local Government Official Information and Meeting Act 1987 (the Act).

The Carterton District Council has a leasing arrangement with Richmond Funeral Home; <https://richmondfuneralhome.co.nz/>. The Council has agreed the lease length of agreement for a period of 20 years from 2018.

In response to the details of the leasing arrangement that the Council has with Richmond Funeral, this information has been withheld under section 7(2)(b)(ii) of the Act to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.

As required under section 7(1) of the Act, I have had regard to the public interest considerations favouring the release of the information withheld. I do not consider the public interest considerations favouring the release of this information sufficient to outweigh the need to withhold it at this time.

Thank you again for your email/letter. You have the right to ask an Ombudsman to review this decision. You can do this by writing to [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or Office of the Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Geoff Hamilton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line underlining the name.

Geoff Hamilton  
Chief Executive  
Carterton District Council

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