

7 September 2023

Dear [REDACTED]

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT Request: 2023-55

Thank you for your email request and letter of 14 August 2023 to the Carterton District Council (CDC) requesting the following information:

1. *“...Any and all information/documents held by the Council related to the Council’s arranging, placement, holding and/or understanding of liability insurance with any brokers, and/or Local Government Mutual Funds Trustee Limited (Riskpool) and/or insurers for each of the years 2010 – 2023. For the avoidance of doubt, the information/documents requested include:*
2. *liability policy documents for the years 2010-2023; and*
3. *any file notes and correspondence related to the Council’s arranging, placement, holding and/or understanding of these liability policy documents, including internal correspondence, correspondence with the Council’s broker(s), and direct correspondence with insurers.”*

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

My response to your request is in the number order below.

1. The information of all documents held by CDC relating to the Council’s arranging, placement, holding and/or understanding of liability insurance with any brokers, and/or Local Government Mutual Funds Trustee Limited and/or insurers for each of the years 2010-2023 has been refused under section 7(2)(b)(ii) of the Act, for the reason 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.

Questions 2 & 3.

As above, my response to questions 2 and 3 applies. Furthermore, the file notes and correspondence relating to our Council’s arranging, placement, holding/or understanding of these liability policy

documents, including correspondence, correspondence with our Council's brokers(s), and direct correspondence with insurers would require substantial collation and research which is beyond our resource capacity without impacting on our Councils daily operations.

Therefore, I am refusing question 3 of your request under section 17(f) of the Act, for the reason that the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research.

Where information has been withheld under section 7(2), I have considered, as required under section 7(1) of the Act, the public interest considerations favouring its release. I have identified no public interest considerations which outweigh the need to withhold information at this time.

You may wish to consider another option available to us to provide the information you are requesting that will involve a cost which would need to be met by you, the requestor. If you wish to consider this option, you will need to email: lgoima@cdc.govt.nz.

Please note, the Council now proactively publishes LGOIMA responses on our website. As such, we may publish this response on our website after five working days. Your name and contact details will be removed.

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

Yours sincerely



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