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Dear [REDACTED]

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT Request:2025-09

Thank you for your email of 13 March 2025 to the Carterton District Council requesting the following information:

*"Please use **GST inclusive** figures where applicable. ... for the **2023/24 Financial Year**:*

1. Average residential rates

- The **average (mean) residential costs** of rates and other Council charges, where **average residential costs = (A + B) / C**. Please ensure that the figures used (A, B, and C) are disclosed in the response, where:
 - **A** is the total of all rates (general and targeted) charged by the Council to residential rating units (inclusive GST);
 - **B** is the total amount of user charges or levies applicable to residential rating units (for example charges relating to metered water, infrastructure contributions, refuse collection, fire protection etc.); and
 - **C** is the number of residential rating units (however defined by the Council) within the Council's district or city. If the Council does not have a classification for residential, please use the closest definition (such as urban).
- Please do not include Council charges that are not part of the rates demand (for example retail sales of Council rubbish bags).
- If possible, the **median** residential rates payment (inclusive GST) by residential units.

Please include all residential rates in this calculation, regardless of location, as we are aiming to compare residential rating units (i.e. non-income producing) to non-residential (commercial/rural, income-producing).

2. Average non-residential rates

- The average **non-residential costs** of rates and other Council charges, where **average non-residential costs = (X + Y) / Z**. Please ensure that the figures used (X, Y, and Z) are disclosed in the response, where:
 - **X** is the total of all rates (general and targeted) (inclusive GST) charged by the Council to rating units except those defined as residential*;

- *Y is the total amount of user charges or levies applicable to rating units except those defined as residential* (for example, charges related to metered water, infrastructure contributions, refuse collection, fire protection etc); and*
- *Z is the number of rating units except those defined as residential* (however defined by the Council) within the Council's district or city. If the Council does not have a classification for non-residential, please use the closest definition (such as commercial).*
- *Please do not include Council charges that are not part of the rates demand (for example, retail sales of Council rubbish bags).*
- *If possible, the **median** (inclusive GST) non-residential rates payment for the council.*

****Please ensure that this definition matches that used to calculate average residential rates so that the respective X values of both requests add up to total rates income for the 2023/2024 Financial Year.***

Your request has been considered under the Local Government Official Information and Meeting Act 1987 (the Act). Our response to your request is attached as **Appendix One**.

Please note, the Council 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. 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



Geoff Hamilton
Chief Executive
Carterton District Council

Appendix One

Average Rates

1 Average residential Rates

	Rates	Charges	Total
A = Total of all rates (general and targeted) – incl. GST	5,680,500.39		5,680,500.39
B = Total other rates (water by meter etc) – incl. GST	6,033,106.92	78,213.41	6,111,320.33
C = Residential rating units		2,681	
Average residential cost of rates and other charges			\$ 4,398.29

2 Average non-residential Rates

	Rates	Charges	Total
X = Total of all rates (general and targeted) – incl. GST	6,466,126.11		6,466,126.11
Y = Total other rates incl. GST (water by meter etc) – incl. GST	1,726,778.55	342,378.39	2,069,156.94
Z = All other rating units		2,459	
Average residential cost of rates and other charges			\$ 3,471.04