

25 June 2025

Dear [REDACTED]

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT Request: 2025-29

Thank you for your email of 19 June 2025 to the Carterton District Council requesting the following information:

“Request Scope:

*Please provide a list of all construction-related projects approved, commissioned, or completed by your council between **1 January 2020 and 1 July 2025** with a **total cost under \$500,000 NZD**. This includes:*

- *Residential building projects*
- *Public retaining walls*
- *Public bathroom blocks*
- *Road or pathway construction*
- *Public furniture installation (e.g. benches, bike racks, shade structures)*
- *Fencing or minor boundary structures*
- *Small-scale bridges or culverts*

Specifically, please supply:

1. ***A full itemised Excel spreadsheet (or CSV) listing:***
 - *Project Name*
 - *Type of Work (e.g. bathroom, fence, pathway)*
 - *Address or location*
 - *Total final cost (including GST if applicable)*
 - *Contractor or supplier (if external)*
 - *Completion date*
 - *Council department that oversaw the project*
2. ***Any plans or documentation*** submitted with these projects (e.g. concept drawings, engineering plans, approval forms).

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LGOIMA ID: 2025-29

Purpose of Request:

We are conducting a review of small-to-mid-scale public works across New Zealand to ensure transparency and accountability of taxpayer and ratepayer funds. Our goal is to assess whether public projects are being delivered efficiently and within fair market pricing expectations."

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

In response to your request, the information you are requesting cannot be made available without substantial collation. I am therefore refusing your request under section 17(f) of the Act.

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