

26 August 2025



LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT Request: 2025-32

Thank you for your email and letter of 14 July 2025 to the Carterton District Council (CDC) attached as **Appendix 1**.

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

In response to your request for the construction projects data, we have 1 project that fits your requested criteria. However, I am refusing the information under section 17(d) that, by virtue of Section 7, there is good reason for withholding the information at this time being this project is the subject of a legal dispute. Notwithstanding this I am reviewing previously withheld reports and financial records with a mind to releasing information on this project before the end of October 2025.

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 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.

Nāku noa, nā

Geoff Hamilton

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14/07/2025

To whom it may concern,

Official information request: Construction Projects Data Request

Please supply the following information under the Official Information Act (OIA) / Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA):

I am requesting information on construction projects that your organisation has been involved with. The data requested is for <u>all</u> construction projects which are over ten million dollars in price and which have achieved practical completion in the last 5 years. The list below captures data which I am requesting for projects that meet the criteria described.

- Client Name. I.e., Kiwirail
- Contract/Project Name. I.e., City Rail Link
- Name of Design Consultant(s): I.e., BECA
- Design Spend. I.e., Total amount spent with design consultants
- Name of Contractor(s). I.e., Fletcher Building
- Contract Type. I.e., NZS 3910:2013
- Initial Contract Price I.e., Agreed contract value
- Final Contract Price. I.e., Value from final payment schedule
- Contract Start Date. I.e., Date of contract signing
- Due Date for Completion. I.e., Intended completion date
- Date of Practical Completion. I.e., 22nd March 2023
- Scope overview statement

If you need any more information from me, please let me know as soon as possible. I understand that a decision on a request for information under the [OIA/LGOIMA] should be made within 20 working days of receiving that request.

If you do not normally deal with official information requests, or you need advice on dealing with this request, guidance is available from the Ombudsman at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Reasoning

I am completing a creative challenge project as a part of my MBA studies. The problem which I will try to address is that despite the prevalence of project delays and cost overruns, no central database tracks estimated versus actual costs and completion times on New Zealand's publicly funded construction projects.

I will test two hypothesis.

Hypothesis 1: Recording project performance data (comparing estimated vs. actual cost and time) will help improve productivity within New Zealand's construction sector.

Hypothesis 2: Publishing project performance scores will increase the likelihood of future projects being completed on time and within budget.

The scope of the project is to build a prototype on a small-scale which is capable of collecting and analysing data from a number of publicly funded construction projects in New Zealand. Projects assessed within the prototype will be over \$10 million in value and will have been completed in the last 5 years.

Yours faithfully,

