


18 August 2025



Tēnā koe 

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT Request: 2025-33

Thank you for your email of 23 July 2025 to the Carterton District Council requesting the following information:

“For the avoidance of doubt, this is a request pursuant to LGOIMA for:

- 1. Advice received from Council’s lawyers*
- 2. Instructions by Council to its lawyers*
- 3. Information provided to the lawyers in relation to the advice sought*
- 4. Any other information held by the Council and relevant to the request.”*

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

In response to your first request, the legal advice received from our Council lawyers was released to you by our Planning and Regulatory Services Manager on Wednesday 6 August 2025.

Your second, third and fourth request, we are withholding the information requested under section 7(2)(g) to maintain legal professional privilege.

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.

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.

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Geoff Hamilton', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Geoff Hamilton
Chief Executive
Carterton District Council

RELEASED UNDER LGOIMA