

22 December 2025



Tēnā kōrua 

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT Request: 2025-67

Thank you for your email of Wednesday 10 December 2025 to the Carterton District Council (CDC) requesting the following information:

"...regarding provision for single-sex and gender neutral changing and showering facilities in any swimming pool or fitness centre sites that are owned and / or operated by your Council.

1. *Do you provide communal single-sex changing and showering facilities?*
2. *Do you provide single occupancy changing and showering facilities? If so, how many at each site?*
3. *Please provide any policies or procedures that apply to trans-identified people who wish to use the changing and showering facilities in your sites.*
4. *How are your different changing and showering facilities labelled and described?*
5. *At your sites, which changing room and showering facilities is a trans-identified male permitted to use?*
6. *If applicable, do your facilities allow trans-identifying males to attend Women Only swim sessions."*

Your request has been considered under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act). My response to your request is in the number order below.

1. *Do you provide communal single-sex changing and showering facilities?*

The outdoor pool that is operated by Council has cubical shower facilities.

2. *Do you provide single occupancy changing and showering facilities? If so, how many at each site?*

The swimming pool has cubical showers and toilets with communal changing space. The Wairarapa Events Centre has two singles occupancy showers.

3. *Please provide any policies or procedures that apply to trans-identified people who wish to use the changing and showering facilities in your sites.*

Not applicable.

4. *How are your different changing and showering facilities labelled and described?*

The pool signage is gender specific (male/female). At the Events Centre, it is a mixture of both gender specific signage for one set of toilet facilities and the other two facilities in the buildings are labelled toilets.

5. *At your sites, which changing room and showering facilities is a trans-identified male permitted to use?*

They can self-determine where they are most comfortable to change. Staff, if asked will provide advice and guidance if required.

6. *If applicable, do your facilities allow trans-identifying males to attend Women Only swim sessions."*

Not applicable.

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



Geoff Hamilton
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