

19 February 2026



Tēnā koe 

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT Request: [add year and number]

Thank you for your email of 26 January 2026 to the Carterton District Council requesting the following information:

“We work with landowners who have existing native forest on their properties and are committed to protecting these areas for future generations. We are seeking to better understand what incentives or support councils provide to encourage this outcome. Our aim is to build a national picture of how local authorities support the long-term protection of native forest on private land.

We understand some councils offer measures such as:

- *Rates remissions or rebates*
- *Subdivision rights (transferable or on-site)*
- *Grants for restoration and protection work*

Could you please advise whether your council provides any such incentives or support? If so, we would appreciate links to the relevant policy documents or planning provisions outlining the eligibility criteria and application process.”

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

In response to your request, we do not offer remissions for native forest on private land. However, in our website there is a [Remission-of-Rates-Policy.pdf](#). Page 113 provides information on remission of rates on land protected for natural, historical or cultural conservation purposes. We hope the information in this policy will assist with you with your work.

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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