



15 August 2023

File Ref: 5-IM-2

[REDACTED]

Via email: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

### **Local Government Official Information Request**

Thank you for your request for information from Council. All requests to the Council for information are required to be considered in accordance with the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA). More information about how the Council handles LGOIMA requests can be found in the Council's LGOIMA Request Policy, which is available on the Council's website.

Your request for information was received on 13 July 2023 and related to forestry reports held by Council. Our response is below:

1. NZFOA requests copies of all reports and minutes held by your local body relating to any analysis conducted or proposed of the relative benefits and disadvantages, including economic, environmental, and social considerations, of your local body investment in or development of exotic plantations versus indigenous forests.

#### ***Response:***

After an extensive search we have been unable to locate any documents relating to your exact request for documents relating to the investment or development of exotic plantation versus indigenous forests. We did locate one file from 2007 where Council discussed its forestry holdings in relation to its strategic direction and economic impact. This is attached for your information.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests, where appropriate. Our response to your request will be published shortly at <https://www.rangitikei.govt.nz/council/about/contact-us/official-information> with your personal information removed.

*Making this place home.*

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Lisa Daniels on 06 327 0099.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Gordon', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Carol Gordon

**Group Manager Democracy & Planning**