

23 March 2026

██████████
Email: ██████████

Dear ████████,

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 [LGOIMA Request Policy: Rangitikei District Council](#)

Your request for information was initially received on 13 February 2026 and requested information about payments made to consultancies on behalf of mana whenua. We worked with you to clarify your request, which included our email of 23 February 2026, which you responded to on 24 February 2026, together with a subsequent phone call with our Group Manager Strategy, Community and Democracy on 24 February 2026. Your clarified questions and our response can be found below:

Question 1:

"We request payments made by the Council to Mana Whenua associated with consultation, or whether it is just staff time, during the last three financial years".

Response:

Between 1 July 2022 and 30 June 2025, there were payments to mana whenua to the value of \$89,531.27 (excl GST) in relation to consultation with iwi.

We can confirm that staff time was also allocated to supporting engagement with Mana Whenua as part of Council's consultation processes.

Question 2:

"We request a copy of any agreement between the Council and these groups (Mana Whenua), (including subsidiaries)".

Response:

Council has a Memorandum of Understanding Tūtohunga with Te Tangata Whenua o Rangitikei which is available online - [RDC-Tutohunga-Memorandum-of-Understanding-2024-Web.pdf](#).

Question 3:

"We request copies of each invoice and any related contract or agreement".

Response:

Invoices and agreements between Council and our iwi partners have been withheld in accordance with section 7(2)(h) and 7(2)(i) of the Local Government Information and Meetings Act 1987, for commercial purposes.

Making this place home.

Please note that we have used our best endeavours to clarify and fully understand your questions, so that we may answer them as fully as possible. If you feel we have missed anything in our assessment of your information request, please let us know and we will do our best to assess what you are looking for. Please note that any clarification or amendment of a request is considered to be a new request for the purpose of calculating the maximum statutory timeframe for response, as per section 13(7) of the LGOIMA.

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 or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to email lgoima@rangitikei.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely,

LGOIMA Officer
Rangitikei District Council