

27 May 2026

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 received on 5 May 2026 and requested information about provision of Water Filtration devices to council staff or representatives. Your questions and our response can be found below:

Question 1:

Any policies, directives, or internal guidance relating to the provision of water filtration devices (including but not limited to domestic water filters, bench-top filters, or whole-house water filtration systems) to:

- Elected members (Councillors, Mayor)
- Council staff
- Contractor or advisors engaged by Council

Response:

On 13 May 2026, Council sought clarification to questions 1, 3 and 4 of your request. As we have not received a response to that clarification request, Council is only able to respond to question 2 of your request at this time.

Question 2:

Records of any purchase, supply, reimbursement, or distribution of water filtration devices by Council since 1 January 2020.

Response:

Council confirms that there has been no purchase or reimbursement of water filtration devices by Council since 1 January 2020.

Council can confirm that there was a supply/distribution of the remaining Brita filter jugs that Council has in storage from a 2019 purchase. These were distributed in 2024 to members of the public who requested them.

Question 3:

Any communications (including emails, memos, or briefings) discussing:

- The safety or quality of drinking water supplied within the Rangitikei District.
- Any recommendations or decision to provide filtration devices to individuals associated with Council.

Making this place home.

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Question 4:

Any declarations, statements, or communications made by Council representatives asserting that they drink untreated council-supplied tap water, including any internal discussion about such statements.

If no such information exists, please confirm this explicitly

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If you wish to proceed with questions 1,3 and 4, please provide clarification in Council's correspondence dated 13 May 2026.

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.

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 [RDC Official Information - Proactive Release](#) with your personal information removed.

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