

11 August 2026

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

Your request for information was received on 29 July 2026 and requested information about Te Kāhui Maunga. Your questions and our response can be found below:

Question 1:

A copy of the Te Kāhui Maunga proposal, agreement, memorandum of understanding, heads of agreement, or any other document held by the Council setting out the proposal.

Response:

The Te Kāhui Maunga proposal is available online on the Ruapehu District Council website from their 29 July 2026 meeting here:

- [Council Meeting 29 July 2026](#)

Following the link above, please find a further link within the reports section named "[Simplifying Local Government Reform Iwi Approach Proposal June 2026](#)".

Question 2:

A copy of any presentation (including slide decks, briefing papers, speaking notes or similar material) provided to elected members or Council staff regarding the proposal.

Response:

Rangitikei District Council staff or elected members have not received any presentations or similar material in relation to Te Kāhui Maunga Head Start proposal.

Question 3:

Copies of any correspondence (including emails and letters) between the Council and representatives of Te Kāhui Maunga or participating iwi regarding the proposal since 1 January 2025.

Response:

Rangitikei District Council has not had any correspondence with representatives of Te Kāhui Maunga about their Simplifying Local Government proposal.

Accordingly, there are no documents within the scope of this part of your request. This part of your request is therefore refused under section 17(e) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, as the requested documents do not exist.

Making this place home.

Question 4:

Please detail what consultation or engagement you have undertaken with ratepayer groups in respect of Te Kāhui Maunga and/or Head Start.

Response:

Rangitikei District Council has not undertaken any specific consultation or engagement with ratepayers about the Te Kāhui Maunga proposal for the Head Start process. Information about engagement undertaken associated with the Head Start process is available online - [Simplifying Local Government: Rangitikei District Council](#)

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