

31 July 2026

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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 24 July 2026 and requested information about transferable development rights and related planning mechanisms. Your questions and our response can be found below:

Question 1:

Does your Council currently provide TDRs in its operative or proposed District Plan (or any other planning instrument)?

Response:

No. Rangitikei District Council does not currently provide for Transferable Development Rights (TDRs) in its operative District Plan.

Question 2:

If yes (in response to 1.):

- a) How and why are TDRs implemented (e.g. rural subdivision, heritage protection, outstanding natural landscapes, ecological areas, hazard areas, or urban intensification)?
- b) Please provide an example of the relevant District / Unitary Plan provisions (objectives, policies, rules, and assessment criteria).
- c) Has Council undertaken any monitoring or evaluation of the effectiveness of TDR provisions? If so, please provide any monitoring reports or internal assessments.

Response:

Council has responded 'no' to question 1.

Question 3:

If no (in response 1.)

- a) Has Council considered using TDRs in the past (e.g. through plan reviews or policy discussions)?
- b) Please provide any reports, business cases, or internal analysis evaluating the use of TDRs.

Response:

- a) Council can confirm that to the best of our knowledge the use of TDRs has not been considered through past plan reviews or policy discussions.
- b) Council has made reasonable enquiries and has not identified any reports, business cases, or internal analysis evaluating the use of TDRs. Accordingly, this part of your request is refused under section 17(e) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, as the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist.

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