FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE



18 August 2025

Tēnā koe

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT 1987: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Thank you for your email requesting information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA). A decision has now been made on your request pursuant to section 13 of the LGOIMA, and to provide some of the information requested.

In your request, you asked for information about an email sent to you by our Privacy Officer, specifically for us to identify the staff member so that you can be assured that if was sent by a staff member.

Under the Privacy Act 2020, all agencies, including local councils, are required to appoint at least one Privacy Officer.

I can confirm that the email you received advising that a USB containing the CCTV footage you requested was sent by the Whakatāne District Council's current Privacy Officer. Due to the sensitivity of the role, I am not prepared to name that officer pursuant to section 7(2)(a) of the LGOIMA, where withholding the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons.

If you are not satisfied with my response, you are entitled to request a review by the Ombudsman. Further information can be obtained from the following website www.ombudsman.parliament.nz.

Please note that this response may be published on our website. All personal information will be removed.

Nāku noa, nā

Steven Perdia
CHIEF EXECUTIVE