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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 the information requested.

In your request, you asked for information about the Whakatāne District Council's decision to operate water services on a standalone basis. After contacting you about the extent of your request, you subsequently refined your request to exclude any administrative emails and focus on the analytical material.

The information can be accessed through the following link:

[LGOIMA - Thomas Raethel](#)

Please contact us if you have any problems accessing the files within the folder.

Please note that some of the information has been redacted pursuant to section 7(2)(a) of the LGOIMA, where withholding the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons. This is generally contact details, such as cell phone numbers and emails addresses.

We have also withheld some documents pursuant to section 7(2)(i) of the LGOIMA where withholding the information is necessary to enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).

Please note that the Council's decision to establish a standalone business unit is to allow the Councils in the Eastern Bay (Ōpōtiki, Kawerau and Whakatane) to work with Rotorua District Council on the benefits of a Multiple Council Controlled Organisation with an intention that this would be established by 1 July 2028.

I hope that the information provided, including some key documents prior to the date requested, enables you to understand the decision-making process we have been on. There is also other information on our website. If you need further information in addition to the large number of documents already provided, please contact me again.

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



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