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(Please quote this in any correspondence)

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Tēnā koe Jackson

Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987

Re: Procurement process of food scrap bins

Thank you for your email dated 23 October 2023, in which you requested information about the food scrap collection bins. The specific details of your request and our response are below.

I write in request of information regarding the new food scrap collection bins. I request the following information:

- 1. Did Auckland Council consider local procurement of the bins, rather than importing them from Australia, and if not, why not?***

Auckland Council held an open procurement for the food scrap bins. The procurement process considered available budgets as well as other non-price elements (like quality, sustainable manufacturing processes, etc) when selecting the final supplier. All the tenders who met the requirements were proposing to supply the bins from overseas.

- 2. How much did each bin cost?***

The cost for the individual bins is withheld under section 7(2)(b)(ii) Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, namely that it would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.

- 3. Is the intellectual property of the bin a proprietary product owned by Auckland Council?***

The final bin design was undertaken by the bin manufacturer, and they own the intellectual property involved.

- 4. Does the Auckland Council own any tooling to produce the bins?***

Auckland Council does not own the tool by default but has conditional rights of ownership.

- 5. How many further bins does the Auckland Council expect to purchase within the next twelve months?***

We do not yet have established trends in maintenance requirements, however, based on growth trends and maintenance requirements for the previous bin design, we estimate that an additional 23,000 kerbside bins will be required.

Decisions relating to the information that is being released to you were made by **Parul Sood, General Manager – Waste Solutions.**

You have the right to complain to the Ombudsman if you believe we have not responded appropriately to your request. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

If you have any further queries, please contact me on 09 301 0101 quoting official information request number 8140012720.

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