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Dear Sir/Madam

## OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST FOR REQUEST FOR PUBLIC EXCLUDED INFORMATION THAT CAN NOW BE RELEASED

I refer to your official information request dated 30 October 2023 as set out below:

- 1) What is RDC's policy on re-visiting public excluded parts of meetings and releasing the information
- 2) How many items since 2020 till today are still excluded from the public
- 3) Please provide a more accurate description of each public excluded meeting since 2020 as to date the agenda items on your website that we have downloaded, have been incorrectly documented or summarised.
- 4) Please advise a count of how many items (by count) since 2020 (that were in public excluded), relate to any sort of (social, affordable workers, rental) housing, be it funding applications, or resolutions, or actions, or discussions relating to Teitei Drive, Ohakune.
- 5) Please provide all public excluded meeting notes, discussions, minutes, documents, attachments, that relate to housing (as per above). You may redact over the items that are still of confidential nature, however please provide the entire documents so we can see a count of pages etc; to do with any matter the public has been excluded from.
- 6) In the same case as above, please provide any public excluded items that relate to the funding, land sale, gifting of land, resolutions, and any other relation to Teitei Drive, Ohakune prior to 4th April 2023 as this information was previously held due to commercial sensitivity before signing, however with the agreements now signed, these should now be available to the public.
- 7) Please provide any public excluded items relating to Ngāti Rangī, that are no longer items that should be excluded; if the items are still excluded, please provide them and redact over the information being withheld, so we can see a count of pages and any information in those pages that is of a general sense and can be released.



**Part of the information you have requested is enclosed.**

Information you have requested which relates to your questions set out below is enclosed.

- 1) What is RDC's policy on re-visiting public excluded parts of meetings and releasing the information

Council does not have a Proactive Release Policy at present. Proactive release is not required under the OIA.

- 3) Please provide a more accurate description of each public excluded meeting since 2020 *as to date the agenda items on your website that we have downloaded, have been incorrectly documented or summarised.*

Subject to Section 48 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act, a local authority may by resolution exclude the public from the whole or any part of the proceedings of any meeting subject to the grounds of exclusions detailed in the Act. Agendas of Council, its Committees, and Community Boards state the Resolution to Exclude the Public for Consideration of Council/Committee/Community Board Business (to consider and adopt confidential items).

**Your request for official information which relates to your questions set out below will need to be clarified to enable us to respond.**

Please note, any clarification or amendment of a request is considered to be a new request for the purpose of calculating the maximum statutory timeframe for response (refer section 13(7) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act)

- 4) Please advise a count of how many items (by count) since 2020 (that were in public excluded), relate to any sort of (social, affordable workers, rental) housing, be it funding applications, or resolutions, or actions, or discussions relating to Teitei Drive, Ohakune.
  - Please clarify if you are requesting a count on reports tabled in the Public Excluded business of Council? or on reports tabled in the Public Excluded business of Council, its Committees and Community Boards?
  - Please clarify if you are requesting a count on reports tabled in the Public Excluded business that relate to social, affordable workers, and rental housing in the Ruapehu District or solely in Teitei Drive, Ohakune?
  - Please specify the date range for the information required.
- 5) Please provide all public excluded meeting notes, discussions, minutes, documents, attachments, that relate to housing (as per above). *You may redact over the items that are still of confidential nature, however please provide the entire documents so we can see a count of pages etc; to do with any matter the public has been excluded from.*
  - The scope of your request “all public excluded meeting notes, discussions, minutes, document attachments” is too broad: please clarify if you are requesting information from formally notified meetings where the public has been excluded by resolution from any part of the proceedings of Council? or of Council, its Committees and Community Boards?
  - It is a requirement of Council that it keeps minutes of its proceedings which must record any items (documents) tabled at the meeting; these are included as minute attachments: please clarify if you are requesting the minutes and minute attachments of formally notified meetings where the public has been excluded by resolution from any part of the proceedings?
  - Please clarify if you are requesting information tabled in formally notified meetings where the public has been excluded by resolution from any part of the proceedings that relate to social, affordable workers, and rental housing in the Ruapehu District or solely in Teitei Drive, Ohakune?
  - Please specify the date range for the information required.

- 7) Please provide any public excluded items relating to Ngāti Rangī, that are no longer items that should be excluded; if the items are still excluded, please provide them and redact over the information being withheld, so we can see a count of pages and any information in those pages that is of a general sense and can be released.
- The scope of your request “information relating to Ngāti Rangī” is too broad, please specify the scope/topic of the requested official information with due particularity.
  - Please clarify if you are requesting information relating to Ngāti Rangī tabled in the Public Excluded business of Council? or tabled in the Public Excluded business of Council, its Committees and Community Boards?

Please be advised, once you have clarified your request for information, it is necessary for us to consult with Ngāti Rangī before making a decision on your clarified request. This is because some of the information you requested could affect Ngāti Rangī if disclosed.

**We have decided to refuse your request for information which relates to your question set out below under Section 17(f) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act.**

- 2) How many items since 2020 till today are still excluded from the public

We invite you to reconsider or refine your request with due particularity, for example:

- Please clarify if the count request is for reports tabled in the Public Excluded business of Council that remain withheld from Public? or for reports tabled in the Public Excluded business of Council, its Committees and Community Boards?
- Please specify the date range for the count required

**We have decided to refuse your request for information which relates to your question set out below under Section 17(d) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act.**

- 6) In the same case as above, please provide any public excluded items that relate to the funding, land sale, gifting of land, resolutions, and any other relation to Teitei Drive, Ohakune prior to 4th April 2023 as this information was previously held due to commercial sensitivity before signing, however with the agreements now signed, these should now be available to the public.

The official information requested was made publicly available in the body and the attachments to the report “Proposed Teitei Drive Housing Development” tabled at the 27 September 2023 Council Meeting which can be found in the [Agenda](#) on Council’s Website in the Council, Community Board & Committee Meetings section.

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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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**GOVERNANCE MANAGER**