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By email: fyi-request-14395-ada94512@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Sovereign Sharna

I refer to your request dated the 4th of January 2021 for information relating to law requiring the living to pay council taxes and rates.

The LGOIMA enables people to request official information from government agencies, including the Thames-Coromandel District Council. However, the LGOIMA only applies to information that is already held by the Thames-Coromandel District Council. There is no obligation on the Thames-Coromandel District Council to create information in order to respond to a request.

The information you are seeking in this case is not held by the Thames-Coromandel District Council but would need to be created in order to respond to your request. Requests that require council to form an opinion or provide an explanation are not requests for Official Information.

I am therefore refusing your request under section 17(g) of the LGOIMA, because the Thames-Coromandel District Council does not hold any official information.

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.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Alison Hunt', is written over the typed name.

Legal Counsel

Alison Hunt