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Ryan

By email: fyi-request-20288-336650fd@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Ryan

Thank you for your email of 22 December 2022 to the office of Hon Nanaia Mahuta. Your email has been transferred to me as the matters that you raise fall within my portfolio responsibilities as incoming Minister of Local Government.

As Minister of Local Government, I am not able to provide legal advice. Matters relating to the application and interpretation of the law are the responsibility of individual councils. Should you wish to understand the basis of any action taken by a council in relation to its rating powers, you should contact the council directly. The council will be able to explain the basis on which it has made a decision.

If you have not done so already, you could also contact your local councillor(s). It is important that councillors are aware of constituents' views in their decision-making. Contact information for your local councillor(s) will be located on the council's website.

You might also wish to consider independent legal advice. If legal costs are a concern, you may be able to access free legal advice from your local Community Law Centre

Thank you again for writing.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kieran McAnulty'.

Hon Kieran McAnulty
Minister of Local Government