



01 June 2023

File Ref: 5-IM-2

Mr Patrick Dunford

Via email: [fyi-request-22180-bdcd9c17@requests.fyi.org.nz](mailto:fyi-request-22180-bdcd9c17@requests.fyi.org.nz)

Dear Mr Dunford,

### Local Government Official Information Request

Thank you for your request for information from Council. All requests to the Council for information are required to be considered in accordance with the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA). More information about how the Council handles LGOIMA requests can be found in the Council's LGOIMA Request Policy, which is available on the Council's website.

Your original request for information was received on 21 March 2023 which related to the Saunders Road Level Crossing (Marton), as you did not receive a response you then sent a follow up email on 30 May which prompted us to look at why your original request was not responded to.

Please accept our sincere apologies for your original request not being put through our correct LGOIMA process and I thank you for your patience while we got an answer for you. Please also be assured that we have amended our processes and training to ensure staff understand the correct LGOIMA process. Our response is below:

1. Has the Rangitikei District Council evaluated the possibility of carrying out the actions of closing this section of Saunders Road.

**Response:**

Rangitikei District Council staff do not consider this section of Saunders Road as "unnecessary" and have not considered its closure or transfer to a private road.

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.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests, where appropriate. Our response to your request will be published shortly at <https://www.rangitikei.govt.nz/council/about/contact-us/official-information> with your personal information removed.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Lisa Daniels on 06 327 0099.

Yours sincerely



**Carol Gordon**  
**Group Manager Democracy & Planning**



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