



# RUAPEHU DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Ohakune Ratepayers and Residents Society Inc  
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Dear Ohakune Ratepayers and Residents Society Inc,

I refer to your official information request dated 20 March 2024 relating to the documents, formulas, spreadsheets, or any other form of evidence to support the statement by Mr Weston on 6th March that there would be no cost to ratepayers. On 27 March 2024 we extended the time frame for a decision on your request to 29 May 2024, this extension was made under section under section 14(1)(a) and (b) of the LGOIMA Act 1987.

This letter is to advise that council is withholding information under section 7(2)(i) to enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).

We did consider a partial release of the information requested however believe this could prejudice current negotiations, detrimentally affecting the relationship between parties. Of note is the sensitive nature of the background to the negotiations is considered a factor when considering prejudice.

We have considered the public interest as required by section 7(1) of the Act and do not consider the withholding of the information from this response is outweighed by the public interest in making that information available.

This decision to withhold information is subject to review on completion of negotiations.

Council sincerely apologises for the time it is taking to provide a response and thanks you for your patience.

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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