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Ohakune Ratepayers and Residents' Society Inc
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Dear Ohakune Ratepayers and Residents' Society Inc

OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST

I refer to your official information request dated 6 August 2024 for Tonkin & Taylor invoice + expenses.

We sincerely apologise for the lateness in responding to your request and acknowledge that we have failed to respond within legislative timeframes.

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.

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

Maggie Flonk
INFORMATION MANAGEMENT MANAGER

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