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Dear Mr Fraser

S FRASER - OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST - STAFF

You emailed Northland Regional Council (NRC) on 25 May 2012 requesting a variety of information regarding our staff, and any documents regarding "any proposal to amalgamate the Council with neighbouring councils".

This request was responded to by council officer Linda Stansfield via email on 12 June 2012. Attached to this email was all of the information requested regarding NRC's staff. In relation to your second request for information on proposals to amalgamate councils, you were requested to provide clarification on the specific nature and scope of the information being sought, to enable the council to respond to your request without substantial collation or research. Some suggestions were provided to you on how you might do this and the charges for furthering your request were advised. In addition, the council gave notice that it had extended the time frame to respond to your request by a further 20 days, to allow you time to provide further direction.

To date, no further response has been received from you. Therefore, in accordance with section 17(f) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA) 1987, the council is refusing your request for the reason that the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research. In accordance with section 17B, the council has consulted with you via its email on 12 June 2012 in an effort to assist you make your request in a form that would remove the reason for this refusal.

If you are unhappy with the council's decision to refuse your request, then you have the right under section 27(3) of LGOIMA to make a complaint to an Ombudsman to seek a review of this refusal

Yours faithfully



Malcolm Nicolson
Chief Executive Officer