



25 June 2012

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Dear Samuel

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL INFORMATION AND MEETINGS ACT:  
REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**

I acknowledge receipt of your email dated 25 May 2012.

Your request has been made under Section 10 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and has been considered under those provisions. Under the provisions of Section 13(1)(a) of the Act, I grant your request to receive the information you have asked for.

The total number of people employed by Whakatane District Council is 161, in the range of activities shown on the attached organisational chart. A full list of staff positions will be sent to you tomorrow.

While you do not define a time period for your second request, the Whakatane District Council has not had any briefings, reports, advice, transcripts, notes, correspondence, aide memoires or other documents regarding a proposal to amalgamate the Council with adjoining neighbouring Councils.

However, I attach a copy of a decision from the Local Government Commission in regards to a proposal by a group of residents in the Rangitaiki Ward seeking to become part of the Kawerau District Council. It was unsuccessful.

The Kawerau and Whakatane District Council's have also worked collaboratively to adjust our common boundary to allow growth of industrial development to occur within the Kawerau District, rather than development having to work under two jurisdictional areas. This was successfully completed in early 2010.

If you are not satisfied with my response to any of your requests for information, you are entitled to request a review by the Ombudsmen. Further information can be obtained from the website [www.ombudsmen.govt.nz](http://www.ombudsmen.govt.nz)

Yours sincerely

  
ff. Marty Grenfell  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE