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G Kingsley

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Tēnā koe G Kingsley

INFORMATION REQUEST – Communications to incoming Ministers

We write in response to your request for information dated 19 November 2023 in which you requested the following information:

any letters or communications prepared (even in draft form) by the commissioners or TCC to be sent to any incoming ministers of the new government

We have considered your request in accordance with the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (“**LGOIMA**”) and respond as follows:

The decision on the timing of the public release of any briefing papers for incoming Ministers, including any correspondence relating to the briefing papers, will be made in conjunction with the responsible Ministers.

When the documents are released, they will be made available on the Council's website page (link below), which includes the Commission's quarterly reports to the Minister of Local Government and other documents.

<https://www.tauranga.govt.nz/council/about-your-council/commissioners/commissioners-reports>

Therefore, this request is refused under section 17(d) of LGOIMA *that the information requested is or will soon be publicly available.*

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.

We may publish this response on our website as your request may be of interest to others. All personal information will be removed and only the question and answers will be seen.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact the writer.

Ngā mihi

A handwritten signature in grey ink, appearing to read 'Kath Norris', written in a cursive style.

Kath Norris
Team Leader
Democracy Services