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Brendon Mills

By email: fyi-request-28775-98b8df97@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Brendon,

Thank you for your FYI.org request of 16 October 2024. On 17 October 2024, your email was acknowledged as an Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) request. I consider, however, that your request is more suited to a direct reply outside the parameters of the Act.

I recognise that people have a wide range of views on council ownership and funding for public and commercial facilities. Councils are ultimately responsible for how rates are spent.

As the Minister of Local Government, I expect councils to review whether their spending actually benefits communities and focuses on fixing fundamental issues first. The core focus of councils needs to be on delivering basics well and providing ratepayers with value for money.

Thank you again for writing.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Si" followed by a long horizontal line and a stylized "B".

Hon Simeon Brown
Minister of Local Government