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Kia ora Nigel

OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST

I refer to your official information request of 24 February and refinement provided 23 March 2026 regarding: Forestry Industry – External Influence Over Public Communications and Decision-Making.

Decision

Council has considered your request under the *Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA)* and has decided to:

- **Decline your request** under section 17(f) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act “that the information requested cannot be made available without substantial collation or research”.

Response

- We have conducted a preliminary assessment, and it is clear that providing the information requested, even with the refinement, would require the identification, collation and review of a significant volume of information across a large number of Council departments and functions.
- That assessment suggests that the *minimum* timeframes associated with identifying, collation and reviewing of the information you have asked for would be 120+ hours, and that is only an estimate at this stage and likely to be higher.
- If you would like to further refine or amend your request, we would be happy to relook at it.
- Depending on the outcome of any further refinement or amendment and assessment of the same, we reserve the right to charge for provision of information as per the Ministry of Justice charging guidelines: <https://www.justice.govt.nz/about/official-information-act-requests/charging-guidelines-for-oia-requests/> and will advise you if this is necessary.
- If refinement or amendment is provided, it will be treated as a **new request** for the purpose of calculating the statutory timeframe for response (section 13(7) of LGOIMA).





Review Rights

You are entitled to seek an investigation and review of this decision by the Ombudsman. Guidance on how to do so is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by calling **0800 802 602**.

Noho ora mai

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