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Tēnā koe Tobias,

Official Information Request and Response

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act (“OIA”) dated 15 May 2026.

You have requested:

- 1. Are reporters employed under the Local Democracy Reporting scheme encouraged in any way to ensure that reporting on community board issues and meetings is included in their reporting? If so, how?*
- 2. Is NZ on Air aware of any proposals to improve local democracy reporting, specifically any proposals that could improve reporting on small entities like community boards?*

In response to question 1, this part of the OIA request has been formally transferred to RNZ on 18 May 2026. The information to which your request relates is not held by us but is believed to be held by this office instead. In these circumstances, we are required by section 14 of the OIA to transfer your request. You will hear further from RNZ in relation to this part of your request.

In response to question 2, NZ On Air has not received any proposals to improve Local Democracy Reporting that could improve reporting on small entities. We, therefore, decline to release the following information under section 18(e) of the OIA Act on the grounds that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found.

For your information, funding provided by NZ On Air for all successful projects is [searchable](#) on our website. You can also [sign up](#) to receive our regular industry newsletter via our website.

You have the right to refer this response to the Ombudsman if you are dissatisfied with it. More information on how to do this is [here](#). NZ On Air proactively releases information in accordance with the Government’s commitment to the Open Government Partnership National Action Plan. This includes publishing responses to OIA requests for information.

Please note that this response (with your name removed) will be published on the NZ On Air website shortly and will remain on our website for 12 months.

Thank you for your interest in our work.

Ngā manaakitanga,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R Rasch', with a stylized, cursive script.

Raewyn Rasch

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KAIHAUTŪ NGĀ WHAKAHAERE, NGĀ RANGIPŪ MAHITAHĪ ME TE AHUREA