

OIR: 2526/89

18 September 2025



Tēnā koe 

Request for Information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (the Act) (the LGOIMA)

Thank you for your email of **27 August 2025** and further clarification email of **28 August 2025**. You have requested the following information in relation to election signage in the last three months:

Please provide all internal communications (as in emails, memos, instructions related to signage on Rimu Road.

Please find attached the communications that Council holds in relation to your request.

The personal details of some individuals have been withheld from the information provided. The decision to withhold this information is made under section 7(2)(a) of the Act which allows for Council to withhold information in order to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons. I am satisfied that the withholding of this information is not outweighed by public interest considerations in section 7(1) favouring release.

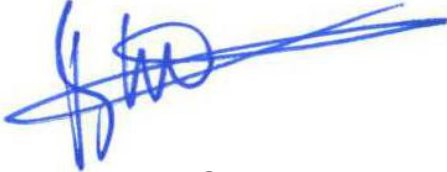
Please note that some of the documentation provided includes information not related to your request. This information has been removed and marked as out of scope.

Further information in relation to election signage is also available in the Kāpiti Coast District Council 2025 Candidate Information Handbook that can be accessed on Council website [here](#).

Please note that any information provided in response to your request may be published on the Council website, with your personal details removed.

You have the right to request the Ombudsman to review this decision. Complaints can be sent by email to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz, or by post to The Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Ngā mihi,



Brendan Owens

Group Manager Customer and Community
Kaiwhakahaere Rōpū - Kiritaki me te Hapori

From: t1adm <t1adm@kapiticoast.govt.nz>
Sent time: 08/27/2025 07:02:06 AM
To: Peter Ropata [REDACTED]
Subject: Service Request Summary

Service Requests Assigned to you

Request	Received	Deadline	Request Type	Details
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Out of scope

2526773	14/08/25	22/08/25	Signs - Elections	Email received by A & T team 14/08/2025 (10.00) Hi Team Some of the candidate signage along Rimu Road is blocking street views when accessing Rimu Road from driveways.
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Out of scope

Request: 2526773
To: Compliance Services
Attn: Peter Ropata

Deadline: 22/08/25 - 10.26

Caller Information

Name s7(2)(a)
Address
Phone
Email

Request

District Paraparaumu
Received by Peter Ropata
Recd date/time 14/08/25 - 16.46
How received E-mail
Incident date/time -
Action required Action & report back
Type Signs - Elections
Details Email received by A & T team 14/08/2025 (10.00)
Hi Team
Some of the candidate signage along Rimu Road is blocking street views when accessing Rimu Road from driveways.
Regards

Actions

Opened By peterr - 14/08/25, 16.57
Assigned to Peter Ropata
Status Action & report back - Arrived: 14/08/25 - 16.58 - Completed: 14/08/25 - 16.58
Details Spoke to s7(2)(a) who confirmed this is the large vacant section we coastlands staff park their cars.
Compliant is about the location of the Richard Young election sign next to the exit (the sign is at the most southern part of the location for election signs - Rimu Road).
So yes it is in the approved location, however referred to A & T to assess from a transport/obstruction to sight lines.
Completed By peterr - 14/08/25, 17.01

Opened By peterr - 14/08/25, 17.01
Assigned to Peter Ropata
Status Action & report back - Arrived: 14/08/25 - 17.03 - Completed: 14/08/25 - 17.03
Details referred to A & T team to assess.
Completed By peterr - 14/08/25, 17.07

Complainant advised?

From: Janet Holborow [REDACTED]
Sent time: 08/15/2025 06:00:21 PM
To: Peter Ropata [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Election Sign - Rimu Road
Attachments: image001.png image002.png image005.png image004.png

Thanks Peter

I thought that was an approved area as people have put signs there before. I'll remove my sign over the weekend.

On Fri, 15 Aug 2025 at 1:21 PM, Peter Ropata [REDACTED] wrote:

Kia Ora Janet,

Yesterday Richard asked me to follow up on two large signs (Candidate McCann) within the designated Rimu Road permitted location. There was concern that the two signs may exceed the 3.0 m² size limit.

Permitted Sign Location – Rimu Road

One of Candidate McCann signs is displayed within the approved location and measures 2.88 m², which is within the permitted size. This sign is **compliant**.

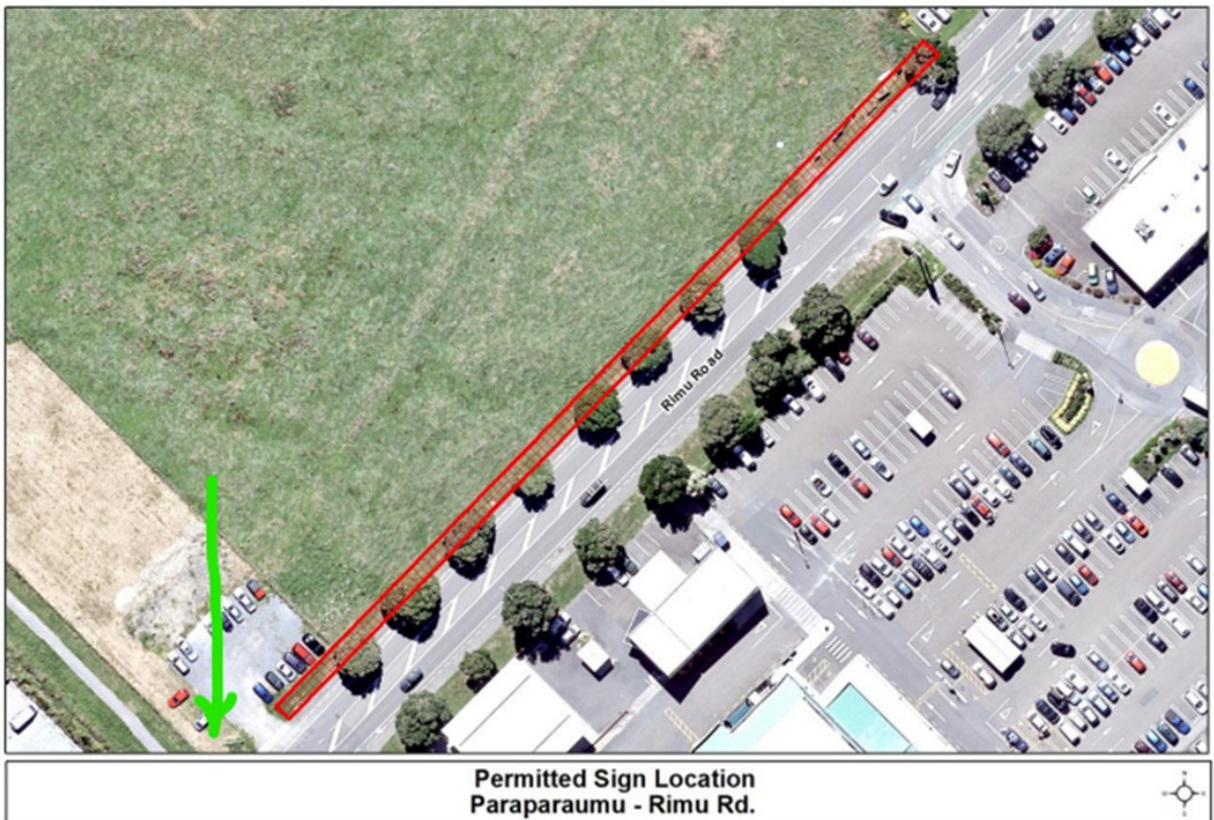
Private Property – Ngahina Developments Limited

Election signs are permitted on private property with the consent of the property owner.

- Given the proximity of the second sign to the permitted Rimu Road location, I will be requesting that Candidate McCann provide written consent from the property owner.
- I also observed one of your signs attached to the fence in the same area. If you intend to leave it there, please provide confirmation of property owner consent as well.



For clarity, I've attached a map of the Rimu Road location. Candidate McCann's sign is marked in green, indicating its placement on private property.



Please let me know if you have any questions or need further clarification.

Ngā mihi
Peter

Peter Ropata

Compliance Officer
Te Āpiha Tautuku



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From: Peter Ropata [REDACTED]
Sent time: 08/15/2025 01:21:04 PM
To: Janet Holborow [REDACTED]
Cc: richard hopkins [REDACTED]
Subject: Election Sign - Rimu Road
Attachments: image001.png image002.png image004.png image005.png

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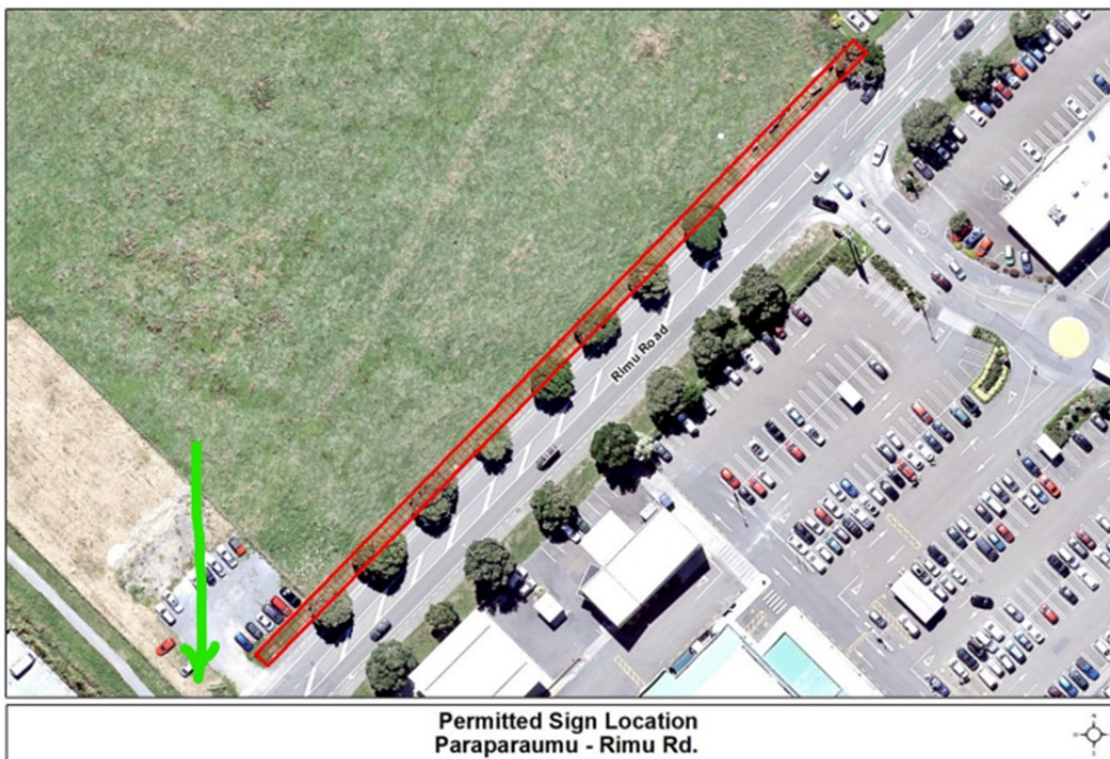
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Compliance Officer
Te Āpiha Tautuku



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From: Peter Ropata [REDACTED]
Sent time: 08/13/2025 10:57:06 AM
To: richard hopkins [REDACTED]
Cc: Laura Willoughby [REDACTED]
Subject: Election Sign
Attachments: image001.png image002.png image003.png image004.png

13/08/2025 Rimu Road – **NO** statement on the large signs (2400 x 1200mm)



11/08/2025 – Mazengarb Rd location (has STATEMENT – smaller sign)



Peter Ropata
Compliance Officer
Te Āpiha Tautuku



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Richard Young

Working With YOU

Paekākāriki - Raumati

Richard Young for Kāpiti
Authorised by RichardYoungforKapiiti.org

VOTE Dave Freeman FOR COUNCIL

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VOTE #1 SAM

Greater Wellington Reg

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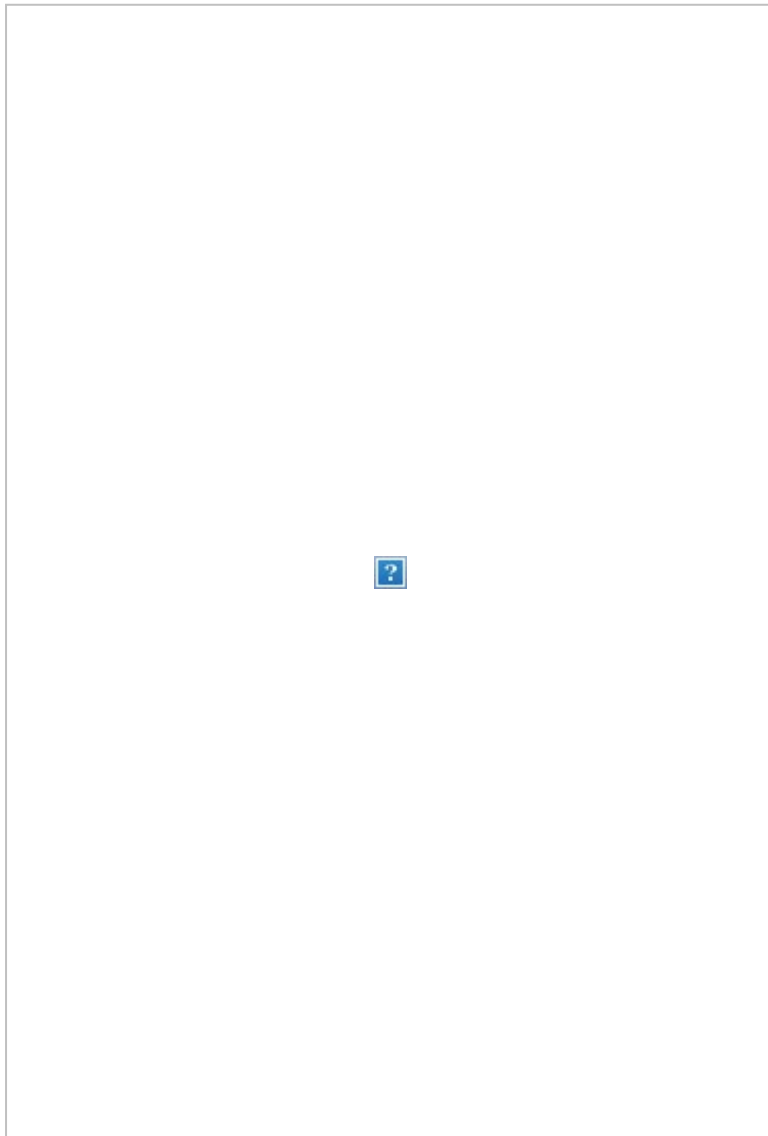




From: [Anita Manda](#)
To: [Gary Adams](#); [Peter Ropata](#)
Cc: [Ruchir Gaur](#)
Subject: FW: Candidate Signage Rimu Road
Date: Thursday, 14 August 2025 10:00:38 am
Attachments: [image.png](#)
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[image.png](#)
[image001.png](#)

Hi Gary, Peter,

One more location to be checked please. Please let me know if you need more details, but from the handbook, it seems like the signage should be along here:



Regards,

Anita Manda

Team Leader Transport Planning and Safety

Te Kaiārahi Rōpū Whakamahere me te Whakahaumarū Hāereere

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Kapiti Coast District Council

From: Ruchir Gaur [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 14 August 2025 9:55 am
To: Anita Manda [REDACTED]
Cc: s7(2)(a) [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Candidate Signage Rimu Road

Hi, Anita
Can you please talk to Gary.

Cheers,

Ruchir Gaur
Manager Access and Transport
Te Kaiwhakahaere Putunga Waka

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Kapiti Coast District Council

From: s7(2)(a) [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, 14 August 2025 9:07 am
To: Ron Minnema [REDACTED]
Cc: Ruchir Gaur [REDACTED]
Subject: Candidate Signage Rimu Road

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Regards

s7(2)(a) [REDACTED]