

7 March 2022

Request for Official Information responded to under the Local Government and Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) – reference: OIR 2122-211

I refer to your information request we received on 2 March 2022 for the following:

- 1. I request copies of any substantive correspondence since 1 June 2021 about a potential agreement between your Council and any consultants, contractors or other representatives of Manawatū District Council, Bio Plant Manawatū, Bio Plant NZ, and/or Mana Pacific about the management and disposal of municipal waste generated in your district and its potential supply to a proposed waste to energy or pyrolysis facility in the Manawatū area. The facility is likely to be operated by Bio Plant Manawatū Ltd or Bio Plant NZ Ltd working with Manawatū District Council.***

We have had no correspondence regarding this facility as we have not been part of this discussion/project or process. On that basis I must decline this part of your request as the documents alleged to contain the information requested do not exist, despite reasonable efforts to locate them, cannot be found, Section 17(e) of the Act refers.

- 2. I also request copies of any presentations, briefings, or reports to your Council or Council staff since 1 June 2021 about the management and disposal of municipal waste generated in your district and its potential supply to a proposed new waste to energy or pyrolysis facility in the Manawatū.***

Further to the response to question 1, there have been no presentations, briefings or reports to Council on this matter. On that basis I must decline this part of your request as the documents alleged to contain the information requested do not exist, despite reasonable efforts to locate them, cannot be found, Section 17(e) of the Act refers.

Our waste is handled at our two transfer stations which are under lease to Midwest Disposals Ltd and all waste is disposed of at the Bonny Glenn Landfill.

The two transfer stations are Otaihangā Resource Recovery Facility and the Ōtaki Resource Recovery Centre.

You have the right to request the Ombudsman to review this decision. Complaints can be sent by email to info@ombudsman.parliament.nz, by fax to (04) 471 2254, or by post to The Ombudsman, PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sean Mallon', enclosed within a thin black rectangular border.

Sean Mallon

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Te Kaihautū Ratonga Pakiaka