

OIR: 2526/153

17 November 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 **9 October 2025** regarding buildings subject to earthquake strengthening requirements within the Kāpiti Coast District. Following our email of 24 October 2025 asking you to clarify your request, you advised that you were interested in both prior to the 2024 amendment and following it and only for buildings registered as earthquake prone.

You have requested the following information:

1. Scope of Requirements

 How many buildings in the district have been identified as requiring earthquake strengthening under current legislation or council policy?

MBIE maintains a register of earthquake prone buildings (EPB Register). Please use this link to access that information: https://epbr.building.govt.nz/register/search?location.town=Kapiti%20Coast&location.region=Wellington&paging.index=0&paging.size=20&type=location

 Of these, how many have undergone engineering inspections to assess their seismic risk?

Please refer to the table appended to this letter.

2. Heritage Considerations

 How many of the buildings identified for strengthening are listed as heritage buildings (either locally or nationally)?

The MBIE register shows two of the buildings identified as being earthquakeprone are listed as heritage buildings. Are there specific guidelines or exemptions applied to heritage buildings in relation to strengthening requirements?

The District Plan provides information and guidance about undertaking building work including strengthening work involving heritage listed buildings.

3. Progress and Compliance

How many buildings have completed the required strengthening work to date?

Please refer to the table appended to this letter.

 How many are currently undergoing strengthening, and how many have yet to begin?

Please refer to the table appended to this letter.

4. Ownership and Property Changes

 Since the introduction of the earthquake strengthening requirements, how many of the affected buildings have changed ownership?

In relation to buildings currently on the register which have changed ownership since 2016 when the legislation initially came into effect, please refer to the table appended to this letter.

 Is the council able to provide information on the current owners of these buildings, or direct me to where such ownership records may be accessed?

Please refer to table appended to this letter.

5. Additional Context

 Are there any council reports, assessments, or summaries available that outline the overall progress or challenges related to earthquake strengthening in the district?

I can confirm that Council does not hold any of the information requested by this question. On that basis, this part of your request is refused under section 17(e) of the Act as the documents alleged to contain the information requested does not exist, or despite reasonable efforts to locate them, they cannot be found.

If you have further questions, you can contact Building Team Manager Steve Cody: steve.cody@kapiticoast.govt.nz

You also 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,

Kris Pervan

Group Manager Strategy and Growth Te Kaihautū Rautaki me te Tupu

Property (as identified on MBIE register)	Ownership details	Engineering report	Strengthening completed	Change in ownership since regime implemented in 2016	Undergoing strengthening
16 Seaview Rd, Paraparaumu	Kapiti Marine Parade LP	No	No	Yes	No
9 Epiha Street Paraparaumu	John Batty, Peter Channing Gilbert	Yes	No	Yes	No
Fytfield Place, Paraparaumu (Paraparaumu Depot)	Kapiti Coast District Council	Yes	No	No	No
23 Rangatira St, Ōtaki	Otaki & District Senior Citizens Assoc Inc	No	No	No	No
69 Main Street, Ōtaki (Ōtaki Memorial Hall)	Kapiti Coast District Council	Yes	No	No	No
22A Rauparaha Street, Waikanae (Waikanae Beach Hall)	Kapiti Coast District Council	Yes	No	No	No
84 Aotaki St, Ōtaki (Ōtaki depot)	Kapiti Coast District Council	Partial	No	No	No
8 Amohia St, Paraparaumu	Kapiti Coast District Council	N/A	Building has been demolished to allow for stormwater upgrade	N/A	N/A

Property (as identified on MBIE register)	Ownership details	Engineering report	Strengthening completed	Change in ownership since regime implemented in 2016	Undergoing strengthening
12 Amohia St, Paraparaumu	Office of Treaty Settlements	Yes	No	No	No
98 The Parade, Paekākāriki (Paekākāriki Memorial Hall)	Kapiti Coast District Council	Yes	No	No	No
1-3 Beach Rd, Paekākāriki	Beach Folk Limited	Yes	No	No	Yes
8-10 Beach Rd, Paekākāriki	Montage Interiors (Australia) Limited	No	No	Yes (more than once – contact LINZ for more details)	No
49 Main Street, Ōtaki (Ōtaki Museum)	Kapiti Coast District Council	Yes	No	No	No
1 Main Street, Ōtaki	Enmasse Investments Limited	No	No	No	No
9 Rimu St, Ōtaki	Michael Jeremy Keith Donald, Napier Independent Trustees V Limited, Marotane Property Trust	No	No	Yes	No
76 Aotaki Street, Ōtaki	Battlers Resort Limited	No	No	Yes	No
14 &16 Titoki St, Ōtaki	Dowsetts Properties Limited	No	No	No	No

Property (as identified on MBIE register)	Ownership details	Engineering report	Strengthening completed	Change in ownership since regime implemented in 2016	Undergoing strengthening
Arthur Street, Otaki (Ōtaki Railway Station)	Office of Treaty Settlements	No	No	No	No
13 Elizabeth St, Waikanae	Spiral Trustee Limited	No	No	No	No