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Request for Official Information responded to under the Local Government and Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) – reference: 8205696 (OIR: 2021-230)

I refer to your information request we received on 8 April 2021 regarding our statement on the web page that the population of Kāpiti District will increase by 30,000 people. My responses to your questions are provided below.

1. *What is the population base used, and the base year for it, for the calculation that in 30 years the number of residents in the Council's district will be 30,000 more?*

The base year used for the calculation is 2020. The base population for 2020 is 55,504. The forecast population for 2050 is 85,658, an increase of 30,154 people, and is based on recorded historical and forecast future population growth. Please refer to the following webpage:

<https://www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/our-district/the-kapiti-coast/population-and-demographics/population-forecasts/>

We will look to produce additional material on our website to provide further context to support the projections. Thank you for highlighting this point.

2. *For five, ten and twenty years prior to this latest base year you are using for this statement, what was the total population for the Council's district? This will help me to assess whether growth is accelerating or not.*

The figures provided below show population numbers and percentage increases for Kāpiti population for the census years from 1991 to 2018. They are the “count” figures for each census year.

District populations from Census

Year	1991 ¹ (count)	1996 ¹ (count)	2001 ¹ (count)	2006 ² (count)	2013 ² (count)	2018 ² (count)
Population	34,941	38,583	42,447	46,197	49,104	53,673
% increase over 5yrs	-----	10.42	10.01	8.83	6.29	9.3
Average annual % increase per 5-year period	-----	2.08	2.00	1.77	1.26	1.86

Please refer to the webpages below for further information:

1. <https://statsnz.contentdm.oclc.org/digital/collection/p20045coll19/id/299>
2. <https://www.stats.govt.nz/tools/2018-census-place-summaries/kapiti-coast-district>

3. What is the average annual rate of population growth, from the base year you are using, generating the total of 30,000 more residents in 30 years?

The average per annum increase applied was approximately 1.5% - further information is available at:

<https://www.kapiticoast.govt.nz/our-district/the-kapiti-coast/population-and-demographics/population-forecasts/>

Ngā mihi



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