

OIR: 2526/181

11 November 2025

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Tēnā koe [REDACTED],

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

Thank you for your email of **3 November 2025** requesting the following information:

- 1. Could you please provide me with the percentage of Ratepayers who voted for both District wide Councillors and for [Ward Councillors].***

I expect the percentage would be much higher than the 46.9% of the eligible population.

The information requested is not held by the Council in this format. However, the table below provides the voter turnout figures by ratepayer electors (voters), by resident electors and by total electors. Please note that the ratepayer elector figure only includes ratepayers that do not also reside within the district, i.e. only own non-primary residence property within the district and does not include all ratepayers. Conversely, the resident elector figure includes all voters that reside within the district whether they pay rates or not.

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

Ratepayer	Votes	Ratepayer Electors	Turnout
District-Wide	278	351	79.20%
Ōtaki General	51	58	87.93%
Waikanae General	138	177	77.97%
Paraparaumu General	59	74	79.73%
Paekākāriki-Raumati General	28	40	70.00%
Kapiti Coast Māori	2	2	100.00%

Resident	Votes	Resident Electors	Turnout
District-Wide	20203	43313	46.64%
Ōtaki General	2772	5557	49.88%
Waikanae General	6163	12149	50.73%
Paraparaumu General	7184	16840	42.66%
Paekākāriki-Raumati General	2942	6033	48.77%
Kapiti Coast Māori	1142	2734	41.77%

Total	Votes	Total Electors	Turnout
District-Wide	20481	43664	46.91%
Ōtaki General	2823	5615	50.28%
Waikanae General	6301	12326	51.12%
Paraparaumu General	7243	16914	42.82%
Paekākāriki-Raumati General	2970	6073	48.90%
Kapiti Coast Māori	1144	2736	41.81%

The information you have requested in this question is refused under section 17(e) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 as it does not exist in the requested format. However, we trust that the information provided, although in a different format, is still of assistance to you.

2. Can you also provide the numbers of non ratepayers who were elected for both Districtwide councillors and [Ward Councillors].

I do not need to know their names.

The information requested is not held by Council at present. When election candidates lodge their nomination, they provide Council's electoral officer with contact details and declare whether they reside in the area for which they seek election. The process, which is prescribed by legislation, does not require them to disclose whether they pay rates or not, only whether they reside, i.e. whether they are enrolled to vote, in the area/district or not.

However, in line with Section 54A of the Local Government Act 2002, elected members will be required to declare any interests, which includes interests in property within the district, by the end of February 2026. Once received, this information will be collated and made publicly available in a register of interests on Council's website.

Therefore, this part of your request is refused under section 17(e) of the Act as the documents alleged to contain the information requested do not exist. However, when the information is acquired, it will be publicly available on our website.

3. *I thought your pre election candidate profile was very good but suggest in the future you put their Ratepayer status in rather than resident status.*

The requirements for the content of the candidate profile statements are prescribed under Section 61 of the Local Electoral Act 2001. Subsection (2) requires that the candidate *must state whether or not the candidate's principal place of residence, being the address in respect of which the candidate is registered as a parliamentary elector, is in the local government area for which the candidate seeks election.*

The candidate can provide ratepayer status information by including this in their 150 word statement but there are no prescribed requirements on what this statement must contain, only that it cannot exceed 150 words. Council's election nomination processes follow the requirements of this statute and are adjusted whenever legislation is amended to ensure they follow the relevant legal frameworks.

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,



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