

OIR: 2526/292

27 February 2026

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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 **11 February 2026** requesting the following information:

Rumour has it that KCDC is supporting the upcoming golf open to the tune of \$100000. Please supply details of all assistance

I can confirm that the Kapiti Coast District Council (Council):

- Provided the organisers of the 2026 Quinovic New Zealand PGA Championship with a conditional underwrite of up to \$50,000 (plus GST).
- This is not a grant or sponsorship.
- Council holds further detailed information relating to the terms and commercial structure of the underwrite agreement. However, the information you are seeking is commercially sensitive and is withheld under section 7(2)(b)(ii) of the Act. Section 7(2)(b)(ii) provides that Council may withhold information in order to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it, or who is the subject of the information. I am satisfied that the withholding of this information is not outweighed by public interest considerations in section 7(1) favouring release.

Council has also marketed the PGA Tour as part of its marketing and tourism programme, but this did not involve provision of funding to the PGA.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kris Pervan', written in a cursive style.

Kris Pervan

Group Manager Strategy and Growth
Te Kaihautū Rautaki me te Tupu