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

Thank you for your email of **15 September 2025** requesting the following information:

I would like to see the statistics on how many people from the last local elections had to cast a special vote due to not receiving their enrolment form. I don't need the names I need the total amount of people and their ethnicities

For the 2022 Local Body Elections for the Kāpiti Coast District Council, in total 419 special votes were cast and of those votes a total of 301 special votes were allowed and counted. The Council only holds information on whether these special votes were from residential voters or non-resident ratepayer voters (those that own property in the district but do not reside at that address). Of the 419 special votes received 405 were from residential voters and 14 from non-resident ratepayer voters. Of the 301 special votes allowed, 290 were from residential voters and 11 from non-resident ratepayer voters.

The reference to allowed and not allowed special votes distinguishes those votes received where the voter was not enrolled correctly, i.e. they were not enrolled at all, enrolled elsewhere in New Zealand or on the wrong electoral roll (e.g. the vote was cast for the General Ward but the voter is enrolled on the Māori electoral roll). If a voter casts a special vote but is incorrectly enrolled, the vote is not allowed and not counted as a result.

We do not hold information on the reason for requesting a special vote in the manner requested and we also do not hold information on voter ethnicity. 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.

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,



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