OIR: 2627/9

11 August 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 **14 July 2026** requesting the following information:

1. ***I would like a copy of proposals, briefings and notes about all potential bids to purchase Kāpiti Airport.***

   I can clarify that Council does not hold shares in the Kāpiti Airport, nor has received any proposals or potential bids to purchase the Kāpiti Airport.

   On that basis, we do not hold copies of proposals or briefings. 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.

2. ***I would also a list of all meetings between council officials or elected members with the bidders. Please identify the bidders***

   I can confirm that council has not met with the 'bidder' whom we understand is in discussion with the current owner to purchase Kāpiti Airport.

   In regards to this, we do not hold copies of proposals or briefings. 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.

   I can confirm that we have met with local iwi who have interest in the Kāpiti Airport but that we do not hold information on potential bids to purchase the

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Kāpiti Airport. We are able to share a presentation they provided to Council on 7 May 2026 (attached). The recording of the Council meeting can be viewed here: https://kapiticoast.resolve.red/web/Player.aspx?id=293&key=-1&mod=-1&mk=-1&nov=0

I can confirm that we have met with one other party who has an interest in the Kāpiti Airport, but that they have asked that we withhold information on their potential interest and/or bid to purchase the Kāpiti Airport. I note that:

- Some of 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.
- Some of the information requested was provided to Council under an obligation of confidence arising from an agreement between the parties. Disclosure of that information would be likely to prejudice the supply of similar information, or information from the same source and it is in the public interest that such information should continue to be supplied. Therefore this information is withheld under section 7(2)(c)(i).
- The information is contained within correspondence that is also about other matters that is outside of the scope of your request.

In each instance, I am satisfied that the withholding of this information is not outweighed by public interest considerations in section 7(1) favouring release.

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,

Kris Pervan
Group Manager Strategy and Growth
Te Kaihautū Rautaki me te Tupu

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