

OIR: 2526/216

15 January 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 **1 December 2025** requesting the following information:

I would like a copy of the following documents regarding Te Ara Whetū:

- any procurement plans;

Please find attached:

1. Procurement Plan (including assessment criteria)
2. Memo to CE for approval of procurement plan

Some of the information requested is withheld under section 7(2)(i) of the Act. Withholding this information is necessary to enable Council to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations). I am satisfied that the withholding of this information is not outweighed by public interest considerations in section 7(1) favouring release.

- any tender assessments;

The tender assessments themselves are commercially sensitive and are 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.

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

- any briefings, memos detailing the bids submitted by tenderers;

Please find attached:

3. Briefing to Council 3 December 2024
4. Briefing to Council 10 June 2025
5. Council report 28 August 2025

One briefing contains a photograph. The faces in the photograph have been obscured to protect the privacy of those individuals. The decision to withhold this information is made under section 7(2)(a) of the Act which allows for Council to withhold information in order to protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons

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Some of the information contained within the Council report of 28 August 2025 is withheld under section 7(2)(g) of the Act in order to maintain legal professional privilege.

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- any briefings, memos to support awarding the main construction contract to Naylor Love

Please find attached:

6. Contract approval memo for Pre-contract services agreement
7. Contract Approval memo

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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,



Sean Mallon

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Kaiwhakahaere Rōpū Anga me te Whakahaere Rawa

If you are interested in the attachments which accompany this response,
please contact us at: informationrequest@kapiticoast.govt.nz