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18 March 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 **23 February 2026** regarding the Quinovic NZ PGA Championship at Paraparaumu Beach. You have requested the following information:

1. *The amount of the subsidy paid or to be paid by KCDC to the organisers of this event.*

I can confirm that the Kāpiti 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 subsidy.
- Council holds further detailed information relating to the terms and commercial structure of the underwrite agreement. However, this information 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 where the making available of the information would be likely to unreasonably prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied it or who is the subject of the information.

2. *Whether the subsidy arrangement proposed by KCDC through its EDKB arm or requested by the organisers.*

The event organisers approached Council and the Economic Development Kotahitanga Board (EDKB) regarding the event and the requirement for an underwrite arrangement to support delivery of the tournament.

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

3. Was the arrangement for this presented to Councillors for approval.

The underwrite arrangement was approved under delegated authority in accordance with Council's delegation framework. Councillors were notified about the underwrite.

4. What contribution Quinovic made as part of the agreement.

Council does not hold detailed information regarding the commercial arrangements between the event organisers and their sponsors. Accordingly, this part of your request is declined under section 17(g) of the Act on the basis that the information requested is not held by the Council.

5. Will the economic benefit, if any, to Kapiti Ratepayers be evaluated independently.

Yes. The economic impact of the event will be evaluated following the tournament. Council uses the Infometrics Major Events Impact Model, an independent economic assessment tool widely used by local authorities in New Zealand to assess the economic contribution of major events.

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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Te Kaihautū Rautaki me te Tupu