

RURAL CITY LIVING



LGOIMA Response to [REDACTED]

19 June 2024

Dear [REDACTED]

This email is in response to your verbal request on 24 May for the audio recording of the Council's 21 May meeting.

Specifically, you asked for discussion pertaining to the item 'Contractor Engagement'.

This item was held in-committee under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act section 7(2)(a) to protect the privacy of natural persons.

I have listened to the recording. As the agenda suggests, the discussion during the meeting centred on a Council contract with an external party and the individual holding the contract.

As such Section 7(2)(a) still applies, as does Section 7(2)(h)(i) – namely to enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial or industrial).

Consequently, the Council is unable to release the recording.

If you are unsatisfied with the response, you are entitled to lodge a complaint with the Office of the Ombudsmen. You can find more information on its website <http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz>

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sonia Gerken'.

Sonia Gerken

General Manager Communications / Customer Support