

Dear,

I refer to your official information request we received on 10 May 2024 requesting the following:

“Number of claims brought against Council in the calendar year, relating to its functions and performance under the Building Act 1991 and/or 2004, associated with Residential building category defect claims for residential buildings under 3 stories and associated building control functions as well as any building defect claims excluding Commercial and Residential alterations and additions and associated building control functions. including granting building consents, carrying out inspections and/or issuing Code Compliance Certificates”.

**Release of information**

The information you have requested is as below.

The Kaikōura District is very small (the second smallest in New Zealand) and this, combined with Kaikōura District Council having a very effective Building Control Authority has resulted in extremely few claims being lodged in recent times.

Council does not hold extensive historical information on such claims, but it is believed that only a single claim (in 2015) has been made in the last 15 to 20 years which met the general criteria that you have specified.

That claim did not relate to natural hazards, or a building built by a Group Housing Company, and did not have any associated legal or expert costs and did not result in any financial settlement being paid.

Any other years indicated we are declining the request under Section 17 (e) *“that the document alleged to contain the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found”*.

**Publication of responses to LGOIMA requests**

Please note: our LGOIMA responses may be published on the Kaikōura District Council website a month after they have been responded to, with requesters’ personal details withheld. If you have any concerns about this please contact the Official Information team on [officialinformation@kaikoura.govt.nz](mailto:officialinformation@kaikoura.govt.nz)

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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