

Dear,

I refer to your official information request we received on 13 March 2024 requesting the following:

“Under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, I request the following information:

1. *What is your Council's proposed rates increase this year?*
 - a. *What proportion of that is for water services and water infrastructure?*
 - b. *What proportion of any proposed rates increase is to service the debt for water infrastructure?*
2. *What proportion of any proposed rates is to service debt for water infrastructure?*
3. *How much debt is your Council currently servicing for water infrastructure?*
 - a. *What is your Council's current projected costs of servicing this debt over the next 10 years?”*

Release of information

The information you have requested is attached.

1. What is your Council's proposed rates increase this year? – *14.5% total rates increase*
 - a. What proportion of that is for water services and water infrastructure? – *less than 8% of the overall 14.5%*
 - b. What proportion of any proposed rates increase is to service the debt for water infrastructure? - *Zero*
2. What proportion of any proposed rates is to service debt for water infrastructure? - *Zero*
3. How much debt is your Council currently servicing for water infrastructure? - *Zero*
 - a. What is your Council's current projected costs of servicing this debt over the next 10 years? - *\$82k total over 10 years.*

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

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 or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours sincerely



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