

21 May 2026

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Official information Request: Partial Response - Rubbish Audit

I am writing to you in response to your request received 18 May for information about the recently announced rubbish audit, noting that you have asked for urgency regarding the response.

We have assessed your request under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA). I have received information to provide a partial response to your questions.

1. Street names in Featherston that will have rubbish audited

The addresses will be selected in an ad hoc and random manner and are not known prior to selection.

2. Individual addresses of all properties in Featherston that will have rubbish audited

We are unable to provide the individual addresses of properties in Featherston that will be subject to waste auditing. The selection process is intentionally designed to be ad hoc and random.

7. Details of how to opt out of this audit.

We are unable to provide or administer a general opt-out process for the waste audit. While we have made an exception in this instance by requesting that the specified address not be included, it is not practicable to accommodate or manage multiple requests of this nature.

The remaining responses as follows will be provided to you by the end of next week (29 May):

3. Copy of the contract of services for Sunshine Yates to undertake this audit

4. Total cost to date of this rubbish project

5. Copy of the communication and engagement plans for this project.

6. Copy of the letter of authority

8. clarification under which local or central government Act/piece of legislation does the council and the contractor have authority to remove, open and sort through rubbish.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. If this request is selected it will be published at <https://swdc.govt.nz/lgoima-proactive-release/>, with your personal information removed.

You have a right to request a review by the Ombudsman on this response. Further information about this process can be found on <https://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz/what-ombudsman-can-help/complaints-about-government-agencies/how-make-complaint> or email info@ombudsman.parliament.nz

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matt Vins', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Matt Vins
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