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Official information Request: Rural and Coastal Advisory Group / Infrastructure resiliency rate

I am writing to you in response to your request received 28 April 2026, for information relating to the Rural and Coastal Advisory Group expressions of interest and the infrastructure resiliency rate.

We have assessed your request under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA). I have received information to provide the following responses to your specific questions:

1. A copy of all submitters answers to the questions Council asked of those that showed an expression of interest in the rural and coastal advisory group.

Unfortunately, we are unable to provide this information as the applications contain personal information. SWDC didn't gain the consent of applicants to make their information public. Therefore, this information is being withheld under section 7(2)(a) of the LGOIMA – to protect the privacy of natural persons.

2. What Councillors or staff were involved in the selection of the members of the Rural and Coastal Advisory Group

Mayor Fran Wilde, Deputy Mayor Rob Taylor, Councillor Aidan Ellims, Councillor Collier Isaacs, Councillor Colin Olds and Councillor Simone Baker.

3. The previous Council created an infrastructure resiliency rate.

- **How much has been collected by that rate?**
 - **Has any of the money from that rate been spent, if so, how much and on what projects?**
 - **Has money from that rate been spent or to be spent on the water pipe across the Tauwharenikau River, if so, how much?**
- As of 21 May 2026, a total of \$628,952 (excluding GST) has been levied since the Infrastructure Resilience Rate was established on 1 July 2024.
 - No funds collected through the Infrastructure Resilience Rate have been spent to date.
 - No funding from the Infrastructure Resilience Rate has been spent, nor is it currently allocated to be spent, on the water pipeline across the Tauwharenikau River.

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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Corporate Services