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**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Official Information Request for Forensic Audit Report - PMO Office Ref: 040/24  
**Date:** Thursday, 2 May 2024 4:03:04 pm  
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Dear [REDACTED]

We refer to your official information request dated 8 April 2024, your request was as follows:

*Can I please have a copy of and council comments about the financial forensic audit of the council's project management office please?*

*If not, when will it be available?"*

**1. Your request for a copy of the KPMG Forensic Audit report on the Project Management Office:**

Council have decided to refuse your request under section 7 (2) (a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (to protect the privacy of natural persons) and section 19 Protected Disclosures Act.

Whilst the report at this stage must be withheld as per the above LGOIMA and Protected Disclosures Act provisions, Council intends to comment further on the KPMG report findings soon.

**2. Your request for any council comments about this report:**

Council have decided to refuse your request under the same principles as No. 1 above namely, section 7 (2) (a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (to protect the privacy of natural persons) and section 19 Protected Disclosures Act.

**3. If not, when will it be available?**

Council will also be considering on an ongoing basis whether some portions of the KPMG report may be able to be released in the future.

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.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact the Buller District Council by return email to [lgoima@bdc.govt.nz](mailto:lgoima@bdc.govt.nz).

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. Our response to your request may be published at

<https://bullerdc.govt.nz/district-council/your-council/request-for-official-information/responses-to-igoima-requests/> with your personal information removed.

Kind regards

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