

**From:** [BDC Lgoima](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Official Information Request for BCA Liabilities to Council Ref: OIA 138/24 RESPONSE  
**Date:** Friday, 29 November 2024 10:40:14 am

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Dear [REDACTED]

We refer to your official information request dated 6 November 2024 for information related to BCA liabilities to Council.

The information you have requested is marked below in red:

The liabilities the Council has in its role as a BCA? **No current claims or associated liabilities**

The total financial exposure the Council faces in its role as a BCA? **Limited to the excess of \$25k per claim**

The insurance coverage, or any other form of liability cover such as insurance bonds, if any, the Council maintains for BCA-related liabilities. **Professional Indemnity insurance cover only with an upper limit of \$45M**

The annual cost to ratepayers to maintain BCA related liability cover. **Annual cost of the premium is \$37,020. 70% of the BCA costs are recovered from fees and charges, 30% is recovered from the general rates levied.**

The portion of rates allocated to cover potential BCA liabilities. **The proportion of general rate required to fund the above 30% share is 0.1%.**

The reserves maintained specifically for BCA related claims. **Nil**

The details of any excess or similar that is required to be covered by the Council before any insurance or other liability cover is paid out. **excess of \$25k per claim**

The amount the Council has spent on BCA liability related claims in the past 3 financial years, including but not limited to, legal fees, settlements, negligence costs, etc. **Nil**

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-lgoima-requests/](#) with your personal information removed.

Kind regards

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