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**From:** BDC\_Lgoima <lgoima@bdc.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 22 January 2025 1:53 pm  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Official Information Request for Airport Relocation - TOR Ref: 005/25

Dear [REDACTED]

We refer to your official information request dated 17 January 2025 for information regarding the airport relocation terms of reference.

You requested the following:

- 1) A copy of the Terms of Reference, and
- 2) Communications re moving the runway out to the South West,

As this information does not exist, we are required to refuse under section 17 (e) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA).

1. [Could you please provide a copy of the terms of reference for the investigation and report ?](#)

A verbal meeting was held with the external consultancy company (which specialises in early feasibility and early options analysis) to provide a briefing and overview of the project scope and budget. There was no requirement for a ToR due to the value of the works and the preliminary nature of the assessment. Refused under s17 (e) LGOIMA).

[I have spoken to several key players and there is confusion over what was originally mooted and how it compares to the completed report.](#)

[Another question.](#)

The question below was not included in the proposal as the report was for an alternative site, therefore this information does not exist. Refused under s17 (e) LGOIMA).

2. [Please provide any communication that covers the suggestion of moving the runway further out to the South West. This would be the extension of Runway 22 discussion. It also relates to the proposal to have a flood diversion channel passing through the Eastern boundary of the airfield. It would appear that was never discussed with Mike Haines. The messages would be more likely in-house that being the case.](#)

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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).

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Kind regards

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