

From: [BDC_Lgoima](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Official information request for Draft Annual & Audit Reports 22/23 & 23/24 Ref: OIA 010/25
Date: Tuesday, 18 February 2025 10:25:25 am

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email.

Upon further consideration of your request, we are refusing to provide the draft annual report and draft audit report under the Local Government Official Information & Meetings Act under section 7 (2) (f) (i) ;

- maintain the effective conduct of public affairs through
(i) the free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of any local authority in the course of their duty”

Kind regards

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 18 February 2025 8:16 am
To: BDC_Lgoima <lgoima@bdc.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Official information request for Draft Annual & Audit Reports 22/23 & 23/24 Ref: OIA 010/25

Good morning

Re the request below:

I did not request the finalised annual reports, I requested the draft annual reports and the draft audit reports. Therefore, council's reason for refusing the request is spurious.

Please reconsider.

Regards

From: BDC_Lgoima

Sent: Thursday, February 13, 2025 3:04 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Official information request for Draft Annual & Audit Reports 22/23 & 23/24 Ref: OIA 010/25

We refer to your official information request dated 28 January 2025 requesting the below information:

On October 25, 2023, I requested under LGOIMA:

- 1. A copy of the council's draft 2022/23 annual report.*
- 2. A copy of the draft audit report on the council's draft 2022/23 annual report.*

Both requests were refused on the grounds both would soon be available.

Three months later, the reports are still not available and we have no idea when they will be.

I would like to resubmit my request please.

I would also like to request:

- 1. A copy of the council's draft 2023/24 annual report.*
- 2. A copy of the draft audit report on the council's draft 2023/24 report.*

Please be advised that as both the 22/23 and 23/24 Annual reports have not been finalised, they are not yet available.

We are therefore required to refuse your request under section 17 (e) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act.

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 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.

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.

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Grants closing dates

- Community Grants Closes 22/02/2025
- Rural Travel Fund Closes 22/02/2025
- NZ Creative Communities Closes 10/03/2025

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