

Allie Dunn

From: Simone Anthony
Sent: Tuesday, 3 March 2026 3:47 pm
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Re: Requests for Official Information and Personal Information

Kia ora [REDACTED]

I refer to your official information request dated 3 March 2026 for correspondence between Tararua District Council and the owner of 29 Main Street, Eketāhuna.

Correspondence between Council and an external party relating to a compliance matter is treated as confidential, so we are not able to provide copies of that communication.

This information is withheld under Section 7(2)(c) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 – to protect information subject to an obligation of confidence. In making this decision, we have carefully considered the public interest in releasing the information; however, on balance, we consider that the need to protect the privacy of the external party at the property concerned outweighs the reasons to make it available.

Below is an extract from the Tararua District Council minutes of 26 June 2024, which was subsequently reported to the Eketāhuna Community Board on 12 August 2024. This relates to the Fred West Building and to the classification of dangerous buildings under the applicable regulations:

10.1 **Adoption of Tararua District Council's Dangerous, Affected and Insanitary Buildings Policy 2024.**

The Tararua District Council considered the report of the Regulatory Services Manager dated 10 June 2024 that sought approval to adopt the proposed Tararua District Council Dangerous, Affected and Insanitary Buildings Policy 2024.

In response to a question about whether the Fred West building in Eketāhuna could be classified as a dangerous building, it was clarified that the criteria to classify a building as dangerous under the regulations was very strict, and that as the previously hazardous verandah area had since been repaired, the building could not be classified as dangerous.

That the report from the Regulatory Services Manager dated 10 June 2024 concerning the Adoption of Tararua District Council's Dangerous, Affected and Insanitary Buildings Policy 2024. be received.

That the Council approves the adoption of the proposed Tararua District Council Dangerous, Affected and Insanitary Buildings Policy 2024

That the Chief Executive notify the Dangerous, Affected and Insanitary Buildings Policy 2024 as adopted to take effect from 1 July 2024.

Crs Wallace/Long

Carried

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.

Ngā mihi,

Simone Anthony | Democracy Support Officer
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 3 March 2026 1:40 pm
To: Simone Anthony <Simone.Anthony@Tararua.govt.nz>
Subject: CM: Re: Requests for Official Information and Personal Information

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Hi Simone, thank you, but the information I am after is not covered by the LIM I believe. There has been correspondence between council and the owner regarding the state of the property and this is what I would like to see if possible. Unless that information is contained in the LIM?

Many thanks

From: Simone Anthony <Simone.Anthony@Taranuadc.govt.nz>

Sent: Tuesday, 3 March 2026 9:39 am

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Requests for Official Information and Personal Information

Kia ora [REDACTED]

The information you are seeking regarding property 29 Main Street, Eketahuna, also known as the Fred West Building, property ID 29460, falls under the Land Information Memorandum (LIM). You can access the LIM application form as well as further information regarding LIM reports on the Taranua District Council website: [Land Information Memorandum \(LIM\) | Taranua District Council](#)

If you have any questions about this, please don't hesitate to get in contact with me.

Ngā mihi,

Simone Anthony | Democracy Support Officer

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From: Simone Anthony

Sent: Tuesday, 3 March 2026 8:42 am

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: CM: RE: Requests for Official Information and Personal Information

Kia ora [REDACTED]

This email is to acknowledge receipt of your request for information, regarding property information of 29 Main Street Eketāhuna.

We will endeavour to respond to your request as soon as possible and in any event no later than 30 March 2026, being 20 working days after the day your request was received. If we are unable to respond to your request by then, we will notify you of an extension of that timeframe.

As part of our commitment to openness and accountability, we are now proactively publishing copies of requests for information and the responses provided to these requests, on our website. In doing so, we will ensure we comply with the provisions of the Privacy Act 2020 and redact any personal / identifying information from any response published.

If you have any questions about this, please don't hesitate to get in contact with me.

Ngā mihi,



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, 2 March 2026 4:14 pm
To: Info - Tararua District Council <Info@TararuaDC.Govt.NZ>
Subject: Requests for Official Information and Personal Information

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I would like to request any and all information pertaining to the property 29 Main Street, Eketahuna, also known as the Fred West Building, property ID 29460, held by Tararua District Council historically up to today's date.

Many thanks

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