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Dear Thomas Raethel

Re: information relating to Water services (Our ref. 856).

We have decided to release the information you have requested; - please see our answers below, **in blue**.

Request:

Copies of any internal reports, briefing papers, or presentations prepared for elected members (including public-excluded meetings) between 1 May 2025 and 1 August 2025 relating to the decision to operate water services on a standalone basis.

We will follow this response email with a We-transfer link for you to download the requested documents.

Copies of any agendas, notes, or summaries from councillor meetings (formal or informal) held between 1 May 2025 and 1 August 2025 where Local Water Done Well or participation in a regional entity was discussed.

All council meetings are available at the following link:

<https://www.mackenzie.govt.nz/council/meetings-and-agendas>

Any internal communications (emails or memos) between senior managers, the Chief Executive, and elected members during the same period relating to the Government's letters, deadlines, or potential intervention in the council's water service plans.

Please refer document within We-transfer folder.

Any financial modelling, projections, or risk assessments prepared internally or commissioned by the council comparing the costs, risks, and benefits of remaining standalone versus joining a regional water entity.

Please refer documents within We-transfer folder.

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 further with us, please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely,
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Nāku noa, nā / Yours sincerely,

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