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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Official Information Request for Consultants Information Ref: OIA 157/24
Date: Wednesday, 5 February 2025 1:44:35 pm

Dear [REDACTED]

We refer to your official information request dated 18 December 2024 via the [REDACTED] at council information regarding consultants.

The information you have requested is enclosed.

“I am concerned at the number of consultants council engages at great expense that deliver nothing of value for the ratepayer.”

1. How are consultants selected?

Buller District Council has been operating under a procurement policy since 2019. This has been recently revised and the updated operating manual can be found under <https://bullerdc.govt.nz/media/fxyjcubu/contractor-procurement-and-management-manual-v10.pdf>. This manual is used for both contractors and consultants working for BDC.

2. Do you check that they have an appropriate work history?

All contractors and consultants' skills and experience are checked by the contract manager (working to BDC's Procurement Policy) prior to a contract being awarded.

3. Are their qualifications checked?

Please see the answer above.

4. How are their rates of remuneration determined?

All contractors and consultants work to their own rates. These are assessed by

the contract manager (working to BDC's Procurement Policy) based on the work being undertaken to ensure that BDC is getting value for money for the services provided.

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.

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Kind regards,

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Rural Travel Fund	✓ Closes 22/02/2025
NZ Creative Communities	✓ Closes 10/03/2025



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