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To: [REDACTED] [BDC_Lgoima](#)
Subject: Official Information Request for Vacant Properties with Unpaid Rates Ref: OIA 017/24
Date: Thursday, 15 February 2024 9:16:34 am
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Hi [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email and further query.

BDC does not currently have any abandoned land. Abandoned land must go through the advertising and legal process as set out in section 77 of the Local Government Act (Rating) 2002 prior to being formally deemed "abandoned land".

We therefore have no information to provide and must refuse this request as per section 17 (e) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act.

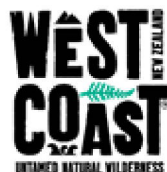
Kind regards

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2024 4:28 PM
To: BDC_Lgoima <lgoima@bdc.govt.nz>
Subject: Re: Official Information Request for Vacant Properties with Unpaid Rates Ref: OIA 017/24

Kia ora koe Douglas,

Aroha mai, I asked the wrong question.

May I ask if the Buller District has any abandoned properties, as specified in the Local Government Act as being a property which hasn't paid rates for 3 years or more?

Ngaa mihi nui,
[REDACTED]

On Wed, Feb 14, 2024 at 2:52 PM BDC_Lgoima <lgoima@bdc.govt.nz> wrote:

Dear [REDACTED]

We refer to your official information request dated 5 February 2024 for the following:

"Under the LGOIMA may I have a list of vacant properties with unpaid and no contingency to pay rates since 2013?"

We are refusing your request under Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act under:

- section 17 (e) as the Councils Rates Information Database, does not determine if a property is vacant or not, therefore we do not hold this information.

Also, under:

- Privacy Act 2020 – Principle 11 – Disclosure of Personal Information
 - an organisation may generally only disclose personal information, for the purpose for which it was originally collected or obtained and only to the individual who provided the information.

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 will be published shortly 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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