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Subject: CM: Response to request for information re TDC and Pūkaha Mount Brice Trust/Pūkaha National Wildlife Centre
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Kia ora

I refer to your official information request dated 16 June 2025 for information related to the Pukaha National Wildlife Centre.

With regard to your request for information related to funding agreements, grant approvals, we have included below links to publicly available information – using the search function for the keyword “Pukaha” will take you straight to the relevant information.

For meetings held in 2024 and 2025 we have also included a link to where you can view the video recording for each meeting.

Meeting of Council held 8 September 2021:

[Agenda of Council meeting - Wednesday, 8 September 2021](#)

[Minutes of Council meeting - Wednesday, 8 September 2021](#)

Meeting of Finance and Performance Committee held 19 June 2024:

[Agenda of Extraordinary Finance and Performance Committee meeting - Wednesday, 19 June 2024](#)

[Minutes of Extraordinary Finance and Performance Committee meeting - Wednesday, 19 June 2024](#)

<https://www.taruadc.govt.nz/publications/agendas-and-minutes/meeting-videos/finance-and-performance-committee>

Meeting of Council held 26 February 2025:

[Agenda of Council meeting - Wednesday, 26 February 2025](#)

[Minutes of Council meeting - Wednesday, 26 February 2025](#)

<https://www.taruadc.govt.nz/publications/agendas-and-minutes/meeting-videos/tararua-district-council>

Additionally, information is publicly available in the Council’s Annual Reports, which can be viewed on the following links:

[Annual Report 2021-2022](#)

[Annual Report 2022-2023](#)

[Annual Report 2023/24](#)

With regard to your request for information relating to any reports, memos, council meeting papers or staff communications concerning the trust’s financial position, including debt levels, fundraising targets or shortfalls, the Council’s financial exposure or risk in relation to loans, guarantees, or co-funding arrangements involving the trust, and any concerns raised about project overspend, financial sustainability, governance processes or competence, or contractor payments, we have carefully weighed up the public interest element in releasing such information, however the need to protect the information due to commercial sensitivity outweighs any public interest element. Therefore, your request for provision of such information is declined, under Section 7(2)(b)(ii) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 which enables Council to withhold information to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of 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.

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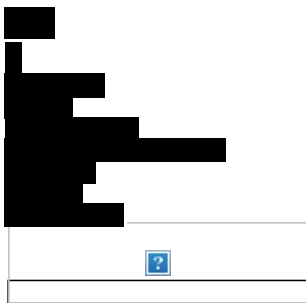
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Under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, I request the following information held by Tararua District Council in relation to the Pūkaha Mount Bruce Trust, covering the period 1 January 2021 to 30 June 2024:

1. Copies of any funding agreements, grant approvals, or loan guarantees made by Council in support of Pūkaha Mount Bruce or any initiative at the Wildlife Centre, including but not limited to Te Wananga Taiao o Manukura.
2. Any reports, memos, council meeting papers or staff communications concerning:
 - o The trust's financial position, including debt levels, fundraising targets or shortfalls
 - o Council's financial exposure or risk in relation to loans, guarantees, or co-funding arrangements involving the trust
 - o Any concerns raised about project overspend, financial sustainability, governance processes or competence, or contractor payments
3. Any correspondence between Council and the Pūkaha Mount Bruce Trust, or between Council and other parties (e.g. DOC, MBIE, PGF), regarding funding, oversight, or support for Pūkaha projects.

I request that all information be released in full and unredacted unless a specific ground for withholding exists under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act. If any information is withheld, please identify the relevant section of the Act and provide a clear explanation.

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