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To: ratepayersreport2026@taxpayers.org.nz
Subject: Response to LGOIMA re: Tararua District Council - 2026 Ratepayers" Report 1
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I am writing in response to your official information request dated 21 January 2026 regarding residential and non-residential rates for the 2024-25 and 2025-26 financial years.

Our response for the 2024-25 financial year is set out below.

1. Average residential rates 2024/2025

- The **average (mean) residential costs** of rates and other Council charges, where **average residential costs = (A + B) / C**. Please ensure that the figures used (A, B, and C) are disclosed in the response, where:
- **A** is the total of all rates (general and targeted) charged by the Council to residential rating units (inclusive GST); **\$8,075,541 - \$61,568 (remissions) = \$8,013,973**
- **B** is the total amount of user charges or levies applicable to residential rating units (for example charges relating to metered water, infrastructure contributions, refuse collection, fire protection etc.); and **\$9,743,568 - \$11,647 (remissions) = \$9,731,919**
- **C** is the number of residential rating units (however defined by the Council) within the Council's district or city. If the Council does not have a classification for residential, please use the closest definition (such as urban). **4,747 average \$3,738**
- Please do not include Council charges that are not part of the rates demand (for example retail sales of Council rubbish bags).
- If possible, the **median** residential rates payment (inclusive GST) by residential units.

Please include all residential rates in this calculation, regardless of location, as we are aiming to compare residential rating units (i.e. non-income producing) to non-residential (commercial/rural, income-producing).

2. Average non-residential rates 2024/2025

- The average **non-residential costs** of rates and other Council charges, where **average non-residential costs = (X + Y) / Z**. Please ensure that the figures used (X, Y, and Z) are disclosed in the response, where:
- **X** is the total of all rates (general and targeted) (inclusive GST) charged by the

Council to rating units except those defined as residential*; **\$22,205,690 – \$352,015 = \$21,853,675**

- **Y** is the total amount of user charges or levies applicable to rating units except those defined as residential* (for example, charges related to metered water, infrastructure contributions, refuse collection, fire protection etc); and **\$3,639,016 – \$228,303 = \$3,410,713**
- **Z** is the number of rating units except those defined as residential* (however defined by the Council) within the Council’s district or city. If the Council does not have a classification for non-residential, please use the closest definition (such as commercial). **5,723 average \$4,415**
- Please do not include Council charges that are not part of the rates demand (for example, retail sales of Council rubbish bags).

Regarding the information requested for the 2025–26 financial year, please note that water billing is completed retrospectively on a quarterly basis. As a result, the billing for the quarter ending 30 June 2026 has not yet occurred.

We are therefore unable to provide the metered water information at this stage, as it does not yet exist. To ensure efficiency, we propose providing the response for the 2025–26 financial year separately, once the relevant water meter charge information becomes available.

Please confirm whether you are comfortable with this approach.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Ngā mihi



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From: Ratepayers Report <ratepayersreport2026@taxpayers.org.nz>

Sent: Wednesday, 21 January 2026 12:47 pm

To: Info - Tararua District Council <Info@TararuaDC.Govt.NZ>

Subject: Tararua District Council - 2026 Ratepayers' Report 1/3

Hello,

The Taxpayers' Union is in the process of preparing the 2026 Ratepayers' Report for the 2024/25 financial year. This is request number 1 of 3.

This is a request for information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987. Please use **GST inclusive** figures where applicable.

I request the following information for the **2024/25** and **2025/26 Financial Year**:

1. Average residential rates

- The **average (mean) residential costs** of rates and other Council charges, where **average residential costs = (A + B) / C**. Please ensure that the figures used (A, B, and C) are disclosed in the response, where:
 - **A** is the total of all rates (general and targeted) charged by the Council to residential rating units (inclusive GST);
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- Please do not include Council charges that are not part of the rates demand (for example retail sales of Council rubbish bags).
- If possible, the **median** residential rates payment (inclusive GST) by residential units.

Please include all residential rates in this calculation, regardless of location, as we are aiming to compare residential rating units (i.e. non-income producing) to non-residential (commercial/rural, income-producing).

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2. Average non-residential rates

- The average **non-residential** costs of rates and other Council charges,

where **average non-residential costs = (X + Y) / Z**. Please ensure that the figures used (X, Y, and Z) are disclosed in the response, where:

- **X** is the total of all rates (general and targeted) (inclusive GST) charged by the Council to rating units except those defined as residential*;
- **Y** is the total amount of user charges or levies applicable to rating units except those defined as residential* (for example, charges related to metered water, infrastructure contributions, refuse collection, fire protection etc); and
- **Z** is the number of rating units except those defined as residential* (however defined by the Council) within the Council's district or city. If the Council does not have a classification for non-residential, please use the closest definition (such as commercial).
- Please do not include Council charges that are not part of the rates demand (for example, retail sales of Council rubbish bags).

If possible, the **median** (inclusive GST) non-residential rates payment for the council.

***Please ensure that this definition matches that used to calculate average residential rates so that the respective X values of both requests add up to total rates income for the 2024/25 and 2025/26 Financial Year.**

We do not wish to cause unnecessary expense or burden on your council. If clarification of any of our requests is needed, please call or email. Likewise, if a request proves unnecessarily burdensome in form and we are likely to be able to adjust it to be more specific or better suited to your information systems without losing the benefit of what is sought, please also get in touch. If there is likely to be a delay in being able to assemble or provide some of the information requested, please provided the rest of the information as it becomes available.

To avoid unnecessarily printing and postage costs, we ask that you send a confirmation of receipt, the response, and any other correspondence to:
ratepayersreport2026@taxpayers.org.nz

Please include the following reference in the subject line: [Council name] - Ratepayers' Report 2026 1/3

If you have any questions, please reply directly to this email. We expect a response within twenty working days.

Regards,

New Zealand Taxpayers' Union

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