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Kia ora

Thank you for your official information request dated 26 January 2026 regarding the Council's Art Portfolio and related expenditure.

To assist, I would like to note that the Taxpayers' Union made a similar request on 24 November 2022, and the Council responded on 8 December 2022. Please let me know if you would like a copy of that correspondence and I will be happy to provide it. Since our 2022 response, the Tararua District Council has not purchased any works of art. The Council does not employ any staff whose responsibilities include working with public art, and there is no dedicated budget for acquiring or maintaining artwork. If you are dissatisfied with this response, you are entitled to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman. Information on how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by calling freephone 0800 802 602.

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Subject: Council Art Portfolio and Expenditure LGOIMA

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Good afternoon,

This is a request for official information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 regarding your council's portfolio of art.

We request the following information:

A full breakdown of your art collection, including, but not limited to:

- The total number of artworks and for each the:
 - Known or estimated value.
 - Status of display (publicly or privately).
 - Year of acquisition.

The number of roles that involve working with your art collection, including:

- Their job title or role.
- Their annual salary or salary band.

How much is allocated in your yearly budget to be spent on art, (not including Creative NZ funding) broken down by:

- Upkeep or acquisitions of new artwork.
- The last time this amount was reviewed.

We understand that preparing this information takes time, and we do not wish to cause you unnecessary burden. Should clarification be required or if it would be helpful to refine the scope to better align with your records, please get in touch.

Where possible, we ask that cost figures be broken down and inclusive of GST and responses in PDF formats.

To avoid unnecessary printing or postage costs, please send your response to this email address. Refer to "*Council Art Portfolio and Expenditure*" in the subject line of correspondence.

Sincerely,

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