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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Response to further question re Pukaha Loan
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Kia ora

I am writing in response to your question:

“How much has Tu Mai Ra Investments Limited paid off this loan to date?”

There are some limits to the information we’re able to share, as we have obligations to protect the commercial sensitivity and confidentiality of the agreement’s negotiated terms.

What I can reassure you of is that there has been no default on the loan.

Details about the loan are included in the Annual Report, which is the appropriate public source for this information. The purpose of the Annual Report is to show how Council’s actual activities and performance compare with what was planned in the Long Term Plan and Annual Plan. It also provides transparency and accountability to the community for the decisions made throughout the year. The report is independently audited by Audit New Zealand and must be adopted by Council no later than 31 October each year.

You can read the report on Council’s website here:

<https://www.tararua.govt.nz/publications/plans-and-reports/annual-report>

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www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or by calling 0800 802 602.

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From: Allie Dunn
Sent: Monday, 2 February 2026 8:43 am
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: CM: Acknowledgement of further question re Pukaha Loan

Kia ora

This email is to acknowledge receipt of your further request for information, regarding the loan to Tu Mai Ra Investments.

We will endeavour to respond to your request as soon as possible and in any event no later than 2 March 2026, being 20 working days after the day your request was received. If we are unable to respond to your request by then, we will notify you of an extension of that timeframe.

As part of our commitment to openness and accountability, we are now proactively publishing copies of requests for information and the responses provided to these requests, on our website. In doing so, we will ensure we comply with the provisions of the Privacy Act 2020 and redact any personal / identifying information from any response published.

If you have any questions about this, please don't hesitate to get in contact with me.
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, 30 January 2026 2:38 pm
To: [REDACTED]

Cc: Allie Dunn <Allie.Dunn@Taranuadc.govt.nz>

Subject: CM: Re: Response to further information request re Pukaha Loan

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On 30 Jan 2026, at 2:32 PM, [REDACTED] wrote:

Sent from my iPad

Thank you for your response to my last enquiry.

However my question was simply what progress has been made in being able to rid the council (actually Taranua Rate Payers) paying the interest on the million dollar loan taken out by last years council.

A further question now arises - how much has Tu Mai Ra Investments Limited paid off this loan to date?

I also wish to - on behalf of many, mostly Pensioners - earnest belief there should be nil rise in Taranua Council rates for at LEAST one year - this last rise hit many of us rather hard including more folk than just pensioners.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

On 23 Jan 2026, at 2:05 PM, Allie Dunn
<Allie.Dunn@taranuadc.govt.nz> wrote:

Kia ora [REDACTED]

Thank you for your enquiry about the progress on options to recover the portion of funds relating to the foregone interest on the Pūkaha loan, as discussed at the Council meeting on 30 July 2025.

These options will be considered as part of Council's work on the Annual Plan for the 2026–27 financial year. The Annual Plan workshops will be open to the public and will also be livestreamed for anyone who would like to follow the discussions.

You also asked about the Contestable Fund, which was mentioned as one possible avenue to look into, to recover some of the cost. The District-wide Contestable Fund was created by Council to support