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Kia ora [REDACTED]

I am writing in response to your request for information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, received on 25 August 2026.

You requested the following:

- For each year from 2016 to 2026 to date, how many houses the council has sold under Section 77 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002

Tararua District Council has reviewed rating units sold through the abandoned land process between 1 July 2016 and 30 June 2026.

During this period, one property containing a dwelling was sold in 2018.

No other properties containing dwellings were sold through this process during the period specified.

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

Ngā mihi,



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From: Simone Anthony
Sent: Tuesday, 25 August 2026 4:15 pm
To: [REDACTED]

Subject: CM: Acknowledgement RE: Waikato Times OIA - Property Sales Over Rates Non-Payments

Kia ora [REDACTED]

This email is to acknowledge receipt of your request for information, regarding property sales over rates non-payments from 2016 to 2026.

We will endeavour to respond to your request as soon as possible and in any event no later than 22 September 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. Ngā mihi,



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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, 25 August 2026 3:25 pm

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Subject: Waikato Times OIA

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Afternoon,

[REDACTED] from the Waikato Times here, getting in touch to request some information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act.

By way of background, we ran a story about a council on our patch that put a number

of properties up for sale, using powers under Section 77 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, mostly over issues of non rates

payment: <https://www.waikatotimes.co.nz/nz-news/361063766/last-resort-property-sales-over-rates-non-payments-waitomo-district>

This got us wondering how many sales of this sort are happening across New Zealand? So to answer that, we wanted to ask, under the OIA:

For each year from 2016 to 2026 to date, can you tell me how many houses the council has sold under Section 77 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002?

Please let me know if I can assist or clarify anything related to this OIA query.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

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Senior Reporter

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