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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Response to Request for Information re All Rates by Zone Overview LGOIMA
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I refer to your official information request dated 14 July 2025 for information re rates by zone and percentage of uniform annual general charge.
We note the information you have requested is publicly available, on the agenda of the Council meeting held 25 June 2025, in the item "Adoption of Annual Plan 2025-26 and Schedule of Fees and Charges."
On page 220 of that agenda, is the following information:

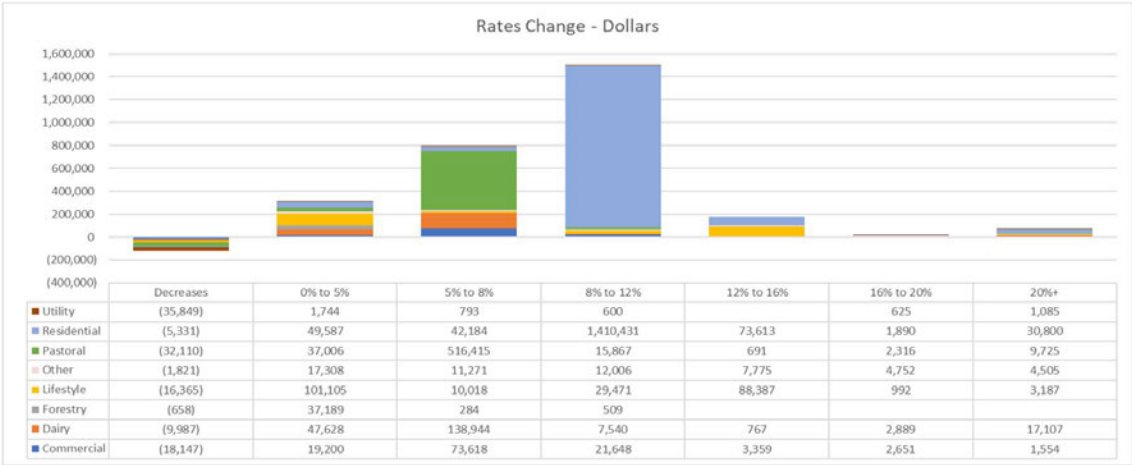
	Annual Plan			Current Year	
	Total Rates	% increase	% of Total Rates	Total Rates	% of Total Rates
Rural	22,722,033	6.40%	49.55%	21,353,648	49.86%
Urban	20,010,104	8.70%	43.64%	18,414,350	42.99%
Commercial	3,120,606	1.90%	6.81%	3,061,268	7.15%
Total	45,852,743	7.10%		42,829,267	

! UAGC and Rates Cap

	2026 Plan	2025 Actual
UAGC	\$ 676.36	\$ 633.65
Rates Cap	25.26%	26.04%

On page 221 of that agenda, is the following information:

8.4 Rates change distribution in dollars



You can download and read the full report in the agenda for the meeting of the Tararua District Council held 25 June 2025, through the following page on our website:

<https://www.tararua.govt.nz/publications/agendas-and-minutes>

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.

Ngā mihi



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From: Allie Dunn
Sent: Monday, 14 July 2025 7:55 am
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Acknowledgement: All Rates by Zone Overview LGOIMA

Kia ora

This email is to acknowledge receipt of your request for information, regarding rates by zone overview.

We will endeavour to respond to your request as soon as possible and in any event no later than 8 August 2025, 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.

We note that your requests for information are lately being sent directly to my email address. We ask that you please use our official channel for making requests for information, which when using email to contact us is via the email address: info@taruadc.govt.nz. Requests are then forwarded to my team for processing, and during my absence, will be forwarded to another officer for response.

Using this channel will ensure prompt processing of your requests for information, for example should I be away on leave and you are sending requests direct to my email address, they will not be responded to until my return, causing a delay in providing a response to you.

We also note that this year we have received an increasing number of requests for information from yourself, which to date account for 17% of the number of requests for information received. We note that the Office of the Ombudsman allows agencies dealing with multiple requests for information from someone can choose to aggregate these requests together for processing. Should the estimated time for processing the aggregated requests be more than one hour of officer time, the Office of the Ombudsman allows an agency to recover costs associated with providing the information via an hourly charge after the first hour of processing.

We just want to highlight that we are concerned about the increased amount of resources being required to provide responses to your regular requests for information, and are likely to start considering charging for supply of this information, should processing time take more than one hour of officer time.

Before making a charge for time, we will consult with you to ensure you have the opportunity to reduce the scope of any requests that are likely to take more than an hour of time to respond to.

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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-----Original Message-----

From:

Sent: Saturday, 12 July 2025 8:10 am

To: Allie Dunn <Allie.Dunn@Tararuaadc.govt.nz>

Cc: me.jaredgardner@gmail.com

Subject: All Rates by Zone Overview LGOIMA

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Tēnā koe Allie (TDC)

LGOIMA Request:

I require all current information pertaining to the type of rates in total percentage form each different zone is paying and then a total for all combined zones.

REASON: Potential breach of local government rate legislation pertaining to caps for rates such as with the UAGC. This has been highlighted through a lack of clarity, due to comparative total rate information for each zones and a total for all zones not being provided in a transparent way. Leaving communities in these corresponding zones feeling theirs may be paying too much or others too little.

CONTEXT: A council typically has three main types of rates: general rates, targeted rates, and a Uniform Annual General Charge (UAGC).

General rates are based on property value and benefit the entire community. Targeted rates are based on location and the specific benefit a property receives from a service, like flood protection. The UAGC is a fixed charge applied to all properties, regardless of value.

Here's a more detailed breakdown:

General Rates:

These rates are a primary source of funding for council activities that benefit the entire community. They are typically calculated based on the capital value of a property, though some councils may also consider land value.

Targeted Rates:

These rates are designed to recover the costs of specific services that benefit a particular area or group of properties. Examples include targeted rates for flood protection, water supply, or public transport. Targeted rates may have differentials, meaning different properties within the targeted area may pay different amounts based on their level of benefit.

Uniform Annual General Charge (UAGC):

This is a fixed charge applied to every separately used or inhabited part (SUIP) of a property. It ensures that every property owner contributes a minimum amount to the council's overall funding, regardless of property value or location.

Ngā mihi nui,

Kia ora.

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