

## Allie Dunn

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**From:** Allie Dunn  
**Sent:** Friday, 8 August 2025 3:58 pm  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Response to Request for Information re Pūkaha Loan

Kia ora

I refer to your official information request dated 16 July 2025 for information relating to the Pūkaha Mt Bruce Board loan.

Our response to your request for information is outlined below:

- 1. The summary of the CE's meeting and negotiations with representatives from Rangitane Tu Mai Ra. In writing.*

The outcome of the Chief Executive's negotiations with representatives from Rangitāne Tū Mai Rā eventuated in the agreements adopted by the Council.

- 2. Who represented Rangitane Tu Mai Ra at that meeting?*

A director of Tū Mai Rā Investments Limited Partnership and their legal representative.

- 3. Has this outcome of that meeting gone to the independent Chairman of Councils Risk & Audit Committee?*

- 4. If so, please provide his assessment and/or comments.*

Please refer to the meeting documents of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held 22 July 2025, agenda item "Financial Risk Incident - Loan to Pūkaha Mount Bruce Board" and to the minutes from that meeting that summarised the discussion that took place and records the decision made in relation to that item.

### **Meeting of Audit and Risk Committee held 22 July 2025 – publicly available on website:**

[Agenda of Audit and Risk Committee meeting - Tuesday, 22 July 2025](#)

[Minutes of Audit and Risk Committee meeting - Tuesday, 22 July 2025](#)

- 5. What is councils time frame on the \$1m loan to be paid back by Rangitane Tu Mai Ra and how does line up with the term of the \$1m you borrowed from LGFA?*

The original term of the loan was 10 years, expiring on 30 October 2031 (refer clause 3.1, report to Council meeting held 25 June 2025). The term of the loan has not changed.

- 6. The Mayor's video in this post tends to have preceded both the negotiations and the oversight and commentary from the Independent Chairman of the R&A Committee!!! Does this mean due process has not been allowed to take place and the Mayor's video shows she has controlled this all the way through?*

Due process has been followed at all stages of negotiations, including legal review.

- 7. Why has there been no impartiality when it comes to the negotiations? In my view the CE and Mayor should have stood aside as they were both signatories to the original loan to Pukaha.... Is this sloppy, or a slip up or deliberate?*

Please refer to the meeting documents of the Council meeting held 8 September 2021, particularly to the resolution, passed by majority vote, that **delegated authority** to the Mayor and the Chief Executive to sign the loan agreements **on behalf of the Council**. What this means is that the Council, as a whole, decided to enter into the loan agreement. Having made that decision, the Council then instructed the Mayor and Chief Executive to sign the documents on behalf of the Council.

**Meeting of Council held 8 September 2021 – publicly available on website:**

[Agenda of Council meeting - Wednesday, 8 September 2021](#)

[Minutes of Council meeting - Wednesday, 8 September 2021](#)

Please also refer to the meeting documents of the Council meeting held 25 June 2025, where the Council by majority vote, agreed to **delegate authority** to the Chief Executive to negotiate terms and conditions of the loan transfer from Pūkaha Mount Bruce Board to Rangitāne Tū Mai Rā Trust, subject to confirmation of the agreement by the Council in a public excluded report.

**Meeting of Council held 25 June 2025 – publicly available on website:**

[Late Agenda of Council meeting - Wednesday, 25 June 2025](#)

[Minutes of Council meeting - Wednesday, 25 June 2025](#)

*The people of this district have the right to see all documents and not be shut out because someone says it's commercially sensitive; that's just an excuse to keep people out of knowing the truth!!!!*

When the Council enters into contractual arrangements with another entity it is important that due process is followed to respect the commercial sensitivity related to the other party to the arrangements, and to ensure the Council is able to carry out negotiations without prejudicing the outcome of those negotiations. The Council is mindful of the public interest in this matter, and has ensured that as much as is possible that it conducts discussions and decision-making on this matter in publicly open Council meetings.

Where information has been required to be considered with the public excluded, due to obligations to protect commercially sensitive information, or to enable the Council to enter into negotiations without prejudicing any outcome, a copy of the decision made and record of discussions at the meeting are brought into open business minutes.

Please refer to minutes of the recent Council meeting held 30 July 2025, where the discussion and decisions made in the public excluded meeting have been released to the public:

**Meeting of Council held 30 July 2025 – publicly available on website:**

[Minutes of Council meeting - Wednesday, 30 July 2025](#)

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