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Subject: Response to Information Request re Rating Units
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Kia ora

I refer to your official information request dated 10 November 2025 for information about rating units in the Tararua District.

You asked two questions:

1. The number of rating units within the Tararua District, and the period this relates to; and
2. How “rating units” are defined.

Our Council publishes information in its Annual Report each year on the number of rating units within our District.

You can view this information on our website, from the following page:

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

The number of rating units published in our Annual Report for the 2023-24 year was 10,240. This is for the period 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024.

Our Annual Report for the 2024-25 financial year is due to be published on our website by the end of this month, however I can advise that the draft Annual Report for our 2024-25 financial year shows the number of rating units as 10,451.

For the definition of rating units, the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 states in section 5 – interpretation “**rating unit** means a rating unit for the purposes of the Rating Valuations Act 1998”. The Rating Valuations Act 1998 defines the term “rating unit” in sections 5B and 5C. Following is a link to the legislation where you can read the definition:

<https://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/1998/0069/latest/DLM427600.html>

Ngā mihi



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From: Allie Dunn

Sent: Wednesday, 12 November 2025 2:15 pm

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: CM: Acknowledgement - Information Request

Kia ora

This email is to acknowledge receipt of your request for information, regarding number of rating units in Tararua District, and how these are defined.

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

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: Monday, 10 November 2025 8:09 pm

To: Info - Tararua District Council <Info@TararuaDC.Govt.NZ>

Subject: Information Request

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Kia ora,

My name is [REDACTED], and I'm a Masters student at the University of Waikato, working on a thesis surrounding dimensions of recovery from extreme rainfall events across New Zealand.

I'm writing to request the following information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987:

- The total number of ratepayers within the Tararua District Council and the date that this is relevant for.
- Additionally a quick note on how your council defines a "rating unit," just so I'm consistent across all councils.

If this information is already publicly available, a link would be awesome. Thank you very much for your time, I hope my research can be relevant to your region.

Ngā mihi nui,

[REDACTED]

University of Waikato