

## Allie Dunn

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**From:** Allie Dunn  
**Sent:** Friday, 4 July 2025 4:43 pm  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** CM: Response to request for information re minutes from 25 June 2025 meeting and information re Pukaha Loan

Kia ora

I refer to your official information request dated 25 June 2025 seeking information about the availability of the official recording of the Council meeting held 25 June 2025, the official minutes from that meeting, whether agreements relating to the original loan to Pukaha National Wildlife Centre and the current form of the agreement could be made available.

Our response to your request is as follows.

- 1) Availability of recording of the meeting of the Tararua District Council held 25 June 2025 – a fault with the livestreaming equipment prevented sound from making it to the livestream. Initially it was thought that an internet interruption that had been notified at a similar time may have been at fault, however subsequent investigations by the technicians showed the cause of the fault to be a component of the system failing. The faulty component was in the sound unit, therefore no sound was able to be recorded by the system. Therefore there is no recording or livestream of the meeting held 25 June 2025.
- 2) The official meetings from the meeting of the Tararua District Council held 25 June 2025 were published to the Council's website on 27 June 2025, and have been available to the public since that date on the following page on the Council's website: <https://tararua.infocouncil.biz/>

With regard to your request for provision of the original loan agreement, we have copied below links to the publicly available information from the Council meeting held 8 September 2021, where the proposal for the loan was originally discussed and the following resolution made:

*"That the report from the Group Manager - Corporate dated 18 August 2021 concerning a loan agreement between Council and Pūkaha National Wildlife Centre for the Te Waananga Taiao (Education and Accommodation Centre) Project (as circulated) be received, and*

*That the loan agreement be approved, and delegation is given to the Chief Executive to finalise the agreement, and*

*That the Mayor and Chief Executive are authorised to sign the agreement on behalf of Council."*

### **Meeting of Council held 8 September 2021:**

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

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

However, with regard to your request for the current form of the agreement, we have carefully considered your request and weighed up any public interest aspects of making this information available with the need to protect the information due to commercial sensitivity surrounding parties

to the agreement. We have decided that the need to protect the commercial interests of the parties to such agreements outweighs any public interest element, therefore your request for provision of such information is declined under section 7(2)(b)(ii) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 which enables the Council to withhold information to protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.

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](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.



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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 25 June 2025 3:37 pm  
**To:** Info - Tararua District Council  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Media Enquiry

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**Cc:** [Redacted]  
**Subject:** Media Enquiry

Tēnā koutou TDC,

hira.kiwi is a journalism and media company. As a reporter for them I am reaching out to you for an official response to the following questions pertaining to the Tararua District Council Public Meeting today:

1. When shall the full recorded public forum be available for public viewing online and is it easily accessible?
2. When shall the official minutes be available for public viewing online and are they easily accessible?
3. Pertaining to the TDC loan agreement with Pūkaha are you willing to provide the original agreement and the current form of the agreement including amendments outlining security/assets attributed to the debt?

Our report pertaining to the TDC public forum meeting, Pūkaha Loan and 'Rangitāne tu mai ra' looks to be published on noon Friday on the hira.kiwi media and journalism public social media news page. An official response from your media team by then would be appreciated.

Ngā mihi nui,

Kia ora.



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