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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Official Information Request for Generative AI Use Policies Ref: OIA 062/25
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Dear [REDACTED]

We refer to your official information request dated 25 June 2025 regarding Councils use and policies regarding generative AI.

Your full request and our responses marked in red are as below:

I'm currently working on a story for Local Aotearoa (localaotearoa.substack.com) around how generative AI is being used by councils in Aotearoa with a view to try to highlight the innovative ways the local government sector is using and responding to the availability of generative AI to support its work and how councils are managing the associated risks and transparency concerns that arise.

With that in mind, under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act, I would like to please request the following:

- *Does your council currently have a policy governing the use of generative AI by staff? **No***
- *If so, can I please have a copy of the policy? **N/A***
- *If not, are you in the process of developing such a policy? **It is not currently on the workplan however it is likely Council will look at developing one in the next financial year.***

I'd also welcome any examples of innovative uses of generative AI by your council to support the work it does.

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.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact the Buller District Council by return email to lgoima@bdc.govt.nz.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. Our response to your request may be published at <https://bullerdc.govt.nz/district-council/your-council/request-for-official-information/responses-to-lgoima-requests/> with your personal information removed.

Kind regards

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