

**From:** [BDC Lgoima](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Official Information Request for NZ Urban Water Pricing Data Ref: 064/22  
**Date:** Tuesday, 11 October 2022 9:29:00 am  
**Attachments:** [image006.png](#)  
[LGOIMA OIA 064-22 - NZ Urban Water Pricing Data Buller District response - FINAL.xlsx](#)

---

Dear [REDACTED];

We refer to your official information request dated 12 September for New Zealand urban water pricing data.

The information you have requested is enclosed attached.

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.

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](mailto: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 will be published shortly at <https://bullerdc.govt.nz/district-council/your-council/request-for-official-information/responses-to-lgoima-requests/> with your personal information removed.

Kind regards

Mike Williams | Acting GM Infrastructure Services  
DDI 03 788 9652 | Mobile 027 204 0796 | Email [mike.williams@bdc.govt.nz](mailto:mike.williams@bdc.govt.nz)

Buller District Council | Phone 0800 807 239 | [bullerdc.govt.nz](http://bullerdc.govt.nz)  
PO Box 21 | Westport 7866

Community Driven | One Team | Future Focused | Integrity | We Care

Email Disclaimer: This correspondence is for the named person's use only. It may contain confidential or legally privileged information or both. No confidentiality or privilege is waived or lost by any mistransmission. If you receive this correspondence in error, please immediately delete it from your system and notify the sender. You must not disclose, copy or relay any part of this correspondence if you are not the intended recipient. Any views expressed in this message are those of the individual sender, except where the sender expressly, and with authority, states them to be the views of Buller District Council.





Information on the rationale for introducing pricing (or the rationale for not using pricing) the goals of water service provision, and the goal of water pricing	The pricing regime for water per m2 has been since prior to 1983 the target rate charged to an ordinary household divided by the annual allowance 400m <sup>2</sup> plus a nominal administration fee.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Who sets the water pricing? Is long run marginal cost (LRMC) pricing being used?	As part of the Long Term and Annual Plans the individual supply charge is calculated by this method: what it costs to run the scheme divided by the number of connections ... then the unit rate per m2 of water is calculated to obtain the metered charge by dividing that by 400 and rounding up a few dollars, usually to the nearest 5 or 0 for the nominal admin fee.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
The number of water users in each pricing scheme (if there are more than one)		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Volume of water consumption under each pricing scheme	Unknown	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Do household, commercial, and industry water users pay different prices per unit of water? If so, what are these prices?	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
<b>General institutional conditions</b>							
Information on any incentives in place for households to collect rainwater	None	None	None	None	None	None	None
Information on any financial assistance for low-income households	None	None	None	None	None	None	None
Information on any co-governance considerations, such as whether there is engagement and input from local iwi in the decision-making process of water pricing	None	None	None	None	None	None	None
Evidence of monitoring and enforcement in cases where metering is not present	None	None	None	None	None	None	None
Example document of a bill sent to households and commercial water users	Privacy Act 2020	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A