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From: [BDC Lgoima](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Official Information Request for Stevenson Mining & BDC Correspondence Ref: OIA 063/25
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Dear [REDACTED]

We refer to your official information requests dated 27 & 29 June, 12 July requesting information pertaining to Stevenson Mining.

The information you have requested is attached and marked below in red.

Request dated 25 June

We would like to formally request a copy of all correspondence between Auckland company Stevenson Mining and Buller District Council during the last 2 years, including recent correspondence from Stevenson Mining asking BDC to "review water catchment land" above the town.

Please see attached emails.

Request dated 29 June

Mayor Jamie Cleine replied to your queries via email on 7 July 2025.

Request dated 12 July

That Buller District Council amend our original LGOIMA's of 27 June and 29 June 2025 (two different emails to BDC) to include the following additional new questions (posed since our [REDACTED] received a email from BDC Mayor Jamie Cleine)

We are now adding into our LGOIMA (since Mayor Jamie Cleines 7 July 2025 response to [REDACTED]) a request for full information about all financial/ transactional details between Auckland company Stevenson Mining and BDC (including how much the BDC "assessment process" of the size of the Westport Water Conservation Reserve will cost and how money Stevenson Mining has offered to BDC

Stevenson Mining has offered to cover all costs:

1. Any necessary survey of that part of the reserve which is not required for water supply and therefore the 1951 vesting can be cancelled; and
2. The process for requesting the Minister to partially cancel the vesting.

and

full details of which BDC council meeting it at which the matter of Stevenson Mining's recent (and in the past) inward correspondence to BDC and specific request of BDC discussed? We are requesting a copy of the agenda for this BDC meeting and the minutes of this BDC meeting.
Please find attached Council report, attachments (minus legal advice) and unconfirmed minutes from 25 June 2025.

We are unable to provide the legal advice so are required to refuse this under section 7 (2) (g) of the Local Government Official Information & Meetings Act to “maintain legal professional privilege”
and

a request for [REDACTED] to be kept informed and provided with a copy of any documents or reports that result from the BDC "assessment" of the Westport Water Conservation Reserve and BDC's interaction/ correspondence with Auckland company Stevenson Mining

We respectfully ask that you make a further LGOIMA request for the above information in the future.

We are therefore required to refuse this part of your request under sections 17 (e) and (d) of the Local Official Information & Meetings Act:

- 17 (e) that this information does not yet exist; and
- 17 (d) that the information requested is or will soon be publicly available

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.

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Kind regards

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