

From: [BDC Lgoima](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Official Information Request for MV Manahau Legal Fees Ref: OIA 019/25
Date: Tuesday, 11 February 2025 2:41:17 pm

Dear [REDACTED]

We refer to your official information request dated 10 February 2025 for information related to legal advice to the MV Manahau grounding.

Please find our answer in red below:

Please advise if legal advice has been sought since the MV Manahau went ashore on Carters Beach regarding this incident specifically or on related port management.

If legal advice has been sought please advise what sums have been spent thus far and from which budget such expenditure is sourced.

I can confirm that no legal advice was sought by Buller District Council in relation to the Manahau grounding.

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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- ☒ Rural Travel Fund Closes 22/02/2025
- ☒ NZ Creative Communities Closes 10/03/2025



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