

**From:** [BDC Lgoima](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Official Information Request for Information regarding Unpaid Infringements Ref: OIA 051/21  
**Date:** Friday, 17 September 2021 11:40:00 am  
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Dear [REDACTED]

We refer to your official information request dated 24 August 2021 for information regarding Unpaid Infringements

The information you have requested is below marked in red.

***“Request Made Under The Local Government Official Information & Meetings Act 1987.***

*24th August 2021*

*Dear Buller District Council,*

*With reference to the relevant section/s of the above act, I kindly request the following information from your council.*

*I have split my request into two parts:*

***Part One:***

1. *Does your council refer unpaid infringement notice fees to the Ministry Of Justice for collection? **Yes***
2. *Does your council refer unpaid infringement notice fees to private debt collection companies for collection? **No***
3. *If yes to question number 2 above, what legislation formally allows you to do this? **NA***
4. *Does your council either yourself or using a third party update individuals personal credit file history with regards to unpaid infringements? **No***
5. *If yes to number 4, do you use the standard Ministry Of Justice “fines” process which is automatically removed from an individuals personal credit file upon payment of the fines, or do you use a private third party credit reporting agency or debt collection company, which remains on a individuals personal credit file for 5 years from the date of listing? **NA***
6. *With regards to number 5 above, do you authorise credit reporting agencies and or debt collection companies to remove credit defaults from individuals personal credit files following the payment of infringement notices or do you persist they remain for the maximum time allowable by privacy law? **NA***
7. *Do you allow individuals to come to a payment arrangement prior to referring unpaid infringement notices to any of the above sources, or similar to some government*

agencies (Eg: Nz Police) do you refuse to allow direct payment arrangements? **Yes**

**Part Two:**

1. In the twelve month ending 31/07/2021 how many unpaid infringement notices did you refer to the Ministry Of Justice for formal collection? **Nil**
2. In the twelve months ending 31/07/2021 how many unpaid infringement notices did you refer to private debt collection (any other company or organisation that is not the Ministry Of Justice) for collection? **Nil** “

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

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