

**From:** [BDC Lgoima](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Official Information Request for Information re BDCs position on Three Waters Reform Ref: OIA 049/21  
**Date:** Thursday, 14 October 2021 3:09:00 pm  
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Dear [REDACTED]

We refer to your official information request dated 20 August 2021 for Information re BDC's position on Three Waters Reform.

The information you have requested is below marked in green and via link provided

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We request a copy of the Council's "Significance and engagement policy" as required by s 76AA of the Local Government Act 2002.

<https://bullerdc.govt.nz/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/21-31-LTP-FINAL-with-Audit-Report-COMPRESSED-1.pdf> (see page 190-192 for our S&E Policy of our Long Term Plan)

We also request information that answers the following questions:

1. Has your council, or Mayor, taken a position (even if just 'in principle') for or against opting into the government's proposed three waters reforms?
    - a. Currently Buller District Council has taken No Position for or against the proposed Three Waters Reform, as we are still awaiting further information following the 8 week engagement process all councils have just taken part in.
  2. If so, what is that position, how was it come to, by whom, and on what date?\*
- a. As Above.
3. Have you made a determination under your Significance and Engagement Policy?
  - a. If so, what is that position, how was it come to, by whom, and on what date?\*
  - b. What is the timeline for engagement under this determination?\*\*\*
  - c. If not, what is the anticipated timeline to make that determination?
    - As Above. Council are awaiting the reply from DIA and/or Hon Nania Mahuta in regards to the Three Waters Reform Programme Feedback allowing council determine our engagement process moving forward. Council is against having Public Consultation without having all of the facts available for the Public to consult on.

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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