

I refer to your letter of 23 November 2016 requesting the legal and associated costs incurred by Rotorua Lakes Council as a direct result of the District Court petition lodged and subsequently withdrawn by Reynold Macpherson.

Dr Macpherson and Rotorua Lakes Council, through its lawyers, have reached an agreement to not release any details of the settlement, including costs. Your request is therefore declined under sections 7(2)(c) “*protect information which is subject to an obligation of confidence ...*” and 7(2)(g) “*maintain legal professional privilege*”.

We are obliged to advise that you may contact the Ombudsman at the address below if you have any concerns with the response provided by Council, by writing to:

The Office of the Ombudsman
PO Box 10 152
WELLINGTON 6143

Alternatively, you may email info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or use the online complaints form available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz/make-a-complaint.

Yours faithfully

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