

**Sent:** Friday, 10 June 2016 3:42 p.m.

**Subject:** LGOIMA request

I refer to your email of 6 June requesting information on the number of times Rotorua Lakes Council has considered confidential items at their committee and council meetings during the current term of council.

Attached is a spreadsheet showing the date, committee meeting and number of items considered in confidence (public excluded) from October 2013 to June 2016.

The top 5 reasons for items being discussed in confidence were:

**Section 7(2)(i)**

Enable any local authority holding the information to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations).

**Section 7(2)(b)(ii)**

Protect information where the making available of the information would be likely unreasonably to prejudice the commercial position of the person who supplied or who is the subject of the information.

**Section 7(2)(a)**

Protect the privacy of natural persons, including that of deceased natural persons.

**Section 7(2)(f)(i)**

Maintain effective conduct of public affairs through free and frank expression of opinions by or between or to members or officers or employees of any local authority in the course of their duty.

**Section 7(2)(h)**

Enable any local authority holding the information to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities.

Under legislation we are obliged to advise that if you have any concerns with the adequacy of our response you may contact the Ombudsman by writing to:

The Office of the Ombudsman

P O Box 10 152

WELLINGTON 6143

Or alternatively by email to [complaint@ombudsmen.parliament.nz](mailto:complaint@ombudsmen.parliament.nz)

Regards

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