

**Sent:** Thursday, 23 June 2016 4:34 p.m.

**Subject:** TRIM: LGOIMA request

I refer to your email of 21 June requesting information on the number of times Rotorua Lakes Council (previously Rotorua District Council) has considered confidential items at their committee and council meetings during the 2010-2013 term of council.

Attached is a spreadsheet showing the date, committee meeting and number of items considered in confidence (public excluded) from October 2010 to October 2013.

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)(a)**

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

**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)(g)**

To enable the local authority to maintain legal professional privilege.

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

To enable the Local Authority to deliberate in private on its decision or recommendation in any proceedings where a right of appeal lies to any Court or tribunal against the final decision of the local authority in those proceedings.

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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