

14 September 2026

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Dear [REDACTED]

Local Government Official Information Request – SR.115986 – Hyperscale Data Centres

I refer to your official information request received by the Western Bay of Plenty District Council on 4 September 2026 where you have requested information pertaining to any discussions, enquiries, approaches, pre-application engagement, internal briefings, correspondence, memos, meeting records or early-stage planning relating to hyperscale data centres, AI data centres or other large-scale data/compute facilities within the Western Bay of Plenty district.

We can confirm we have not received any such applications or enquiries for any such facility or centre within the Western Bay of Plenty area.

We also reached out to local bodies, those being Smart Growth and Priority One, both of which have confirmed that they are not aware of any such centres or facilities.

Therefore, we must refuse your request under section 17(e) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, whereby the information requested does not exist.

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 or freephone 0800 802 602.

Yours Sincerely



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