



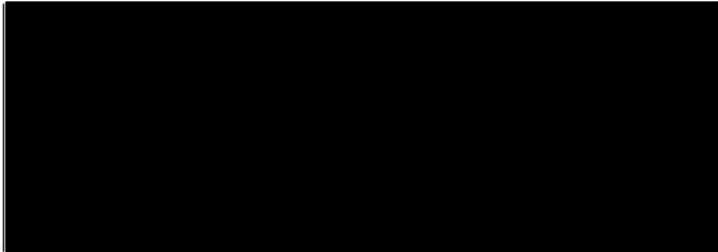
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OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST FOR INFORMATION RELATED TO LGNZ AGM

I refer to your official information request dated 28 August 2025:

Choose Clean Water understands that at the time of the Local Government New Zealand Conference on / around 16-17 July 2025 in Christchurch, your regional councillors may have been invited to and attended an evening event or dinner hosted by Fonterra.

Can you please answer the following questions under the LGOIMA:

1. Did any of your councillors and/or staff who attended the LGNZ conference meet with Fonterra representatives and/or attend any Fonterra sponsored events during the time they were in Christchurch for the event?
2. If so, what were the details of each of the events or meetings, and which regional councillors and/or staff attended them?
3. Did your regional councillors and/or staff receive any gifts or benefits from Fonterra during these events, including free meals or other food, beverages/alcohol, or any merchandise or products?
4. If so, what was received by whom, and what was the approximate monetary value of these?
5. If there are any meeting notes or if there were reports/presentations that were provided to your councillors and/or staff at any meetings or events, can you please provide a copy of these?

In addition:

6. Have your councillors and/or staff met with Fonterra representatives at other times in the past 12 months (note no detail is required on this at this stage, we just want to understand if this is a regular occurrence)?

Nelson City Council is a Unitary Authority and as such does not have regional councillors. Nonetheless we are responding as though the request applied to its elected members.

No councillors or staff met with Fonterra representatives or knowingly attended any Fonterra-sponsored event during the recent Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) AGM, and there have been no other meetings with Fonterra representatives in the last 12 months

No councillors or staff knowingly received gifts or benefits from Fonterra during the LGNZ AGM. We do note that Council has since learned that a coffee cart present at the AGM may have been sponsored by Fonterra and it is possible that Nelson attendees may have sought a coffee from that cart over the event.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or Freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact LGOIMA@ncc.govt.nz

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'DN' or 'DS' with a large flourish.

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