

Reference Number: 2026/1364

11 March 2026

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Tēnā Koe | Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email dated 3 March 2026 requesting information on use of Transferable Development Rights and related planning mechanisms under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA). Please see below a response to each part of your request.

Does your Council currently provide for TDRs in its operative or proposed District Plan (or any other statutory planning instrument)?

No, the Horowhenua District Plan does not provide for transferable development rights, nor in any other statutory planning instrument.

If yes (in response to 1.):

How and why are TDRs implemented (e.g. rural subdivision, heritage protection, outstanding natural landscapes, ecological areas, hazard areas, or urban intensification)?

N/A

Please provide an example of the relevant District / Unitary Plan provisions (objectives, policies, rules, and assessment criteria).

N/A

Has Council undertaken any monitoring or evaluation of the effectiveness of TDR provisions? If so, please provide any monitoring reports or internal assessments.

N/A

If no (in response to 1.):

Has Council considered using TDRs in the past (e.g. through plan reviews or policy discussions)?

No, this is not something we have considered.

Please provide any reports, business cases, or internal analysis evaluating the use of TDRs.

N/A

You are entitled to seek an investigation and review by the Office of the Ombudsman. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

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If you would like to discuss this decision or any of the information provided as part of this request, please contact David McCorkindale (Group Manager Community Vision and Development) on davidbm@horowhenua.govt.nz, or LGOIMAOfficer@horowhenua.govt.nz.

Ngā mihi | Best regards



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