

From: [OIA Enquiries](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [OIA] Official Information request - Number and reasons for invalid Special Votes in 2025 Local Body Election
Date: Monday, 3 November 2025 12:21:14 pm
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

Kia ora [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email.

Your Official Information Act (the OIA) request is refused under section 18(g) of the OIA as the information requested is not held by the Electoral Commission.

The Commission's role in [local elections](#) is limited to:

- Ensuring each council has an up-to-date electoral roll in time for elections
- Encourage people to enrol in time to vote

We are not involved in the conduct or administration of local elections; this includes counting the votes.

Local body elections are run by local councils. Requests for local body election voting statistics can be sought from local councils' electoral officers, please contact the electoral officer for each council using the below link.

[Contact an electoral officer](#)

Ngā mihi,

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From: Support <enquiries@vote.nz>
Sent: Monday, 3 November 2025 8:45 am
To: OIA Enquiries <oia@elections.govt.nz>
Subject: [OIA] Official Information request - Number and reasons for invalid Special Votes in 2025 Local Body Election

Here is a request from [REDACTED] ([REDACTED]).

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Date: Fri, Oct 31, 2025 at 4:32 pm

Dear Electoral Commission,

I'm looking for statistical data on the 2025 Local Body Election.

Specifically I would like to know how many Special Votes were deemed invalid - Nationwide or by territorial authority.

I would also like a high level break down of the reasons given for these votes to be deemed invalid, and if possible to know which reasons were most common.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

This is an Official Information request made via the FYI website.

Please use this email address for all replies to this request:

[REDACTED]

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