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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 or validating 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,

OIA Team | **Electoral Commission** | Te Kaitiaki Take Kōwhiri

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**To:** Electoral Commission

**Email:** [ويا@elections.govt.nz](mailto:ويا@elections.govt.nz)

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**Dear Sir/Madam,**

**Request under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA)**

I am writing to request detailed information regarding **special votes invalidated** during the **2025 local elections** for:

- **Kaipara District Council**

## Auckland Council

Specifically, I seek:

1. **Total number of special votes received and processed for each council.**
2. **Number of invalid special votes, broken down by each internal invalidation code used, including:**
  - Missing or incomplete declaration.
  - Incorrect or mismatched personal details.
  - Not enrolled or enrolled after statutory cut-off.
  - Address eligibility issues (e.g., less than one month at current address).
  - Any other codes recorded internally.
3. **Any internal reports or summaries** that detail these invalidation codes and counts.

Please provide this information in **electronic format (Excel or PDF)** if available.

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### Request for Urgency

This request is made with urgency under section 10 of LGOIMA due to:

- **Significant public interest** in election integrity and transparency.
- **Growing mistrust and concern** expressed by communities regarding the handling of special votes.
- The need to **inform public debate and restore confidence** in local electoral processes.

If any part of this request is likely to be refused, please provide the reasons and advise whether partial disclosure is possible.]

Thank you for your assistance. I look forward to your response within the statutory timeframe, and given the urgency, I request prioritization of this matter.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

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