

FLOW INFORMATION

LGOIMA

	FLOW ID	SUBJECT	
<div><div>LG</div><div></div></div>	FLOW-261	Data Centre Records	Completed on Friday, October 30, 2026 4:39 PM

Flow Model Description

Flow Model Version

Current version of LGOIMA: V.119
Version of the Flow Model at start of FLOW-261: V.119

FLOW STEPS

Completed Steps

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Flow started

Started by LGOIMA Team on Tuesday, October 27, 2026 9:39 AM

LGOIMA, version: V.119



Initial triage

Completed on Tuesday, October 27, 2026 9:52 AM by Sandra Hendry

1. Confirm this is a legitimate LGOIMA request - if not, take appropriate action, including inform as required and cancel the flow.
2. Edit any field below to ensure the information is sufficient to proceed.
3. Complete any missing information.

[Ombudsman calculator](#)

Date received

23/10/2026

Set Target Date for Response

23/11/2026

First name (optional)

Angela

Last name (optional)

Culling

Organisation name (if applicable) (optional)

Individual

Address (optional)

No information was entered.

Phone number (optional)

No information was entered.

Email address

glitterbox2025@gmail.com

Preferred response method

Email

Original request

2026-10-23T09:34:00+00:00

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of MDC's network. Do not click links or open attachments unless you know the content is safe. If in doubt contact the MDC IT Team!

Under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987, please provide the following records held by your organisation for 1 January 2024 to the date received.

The released CEDA–Energy Estate MOU dated 3 September 2025 says the parties agreed to investigate “a potential hyper data centre being located in Manawatū”. Clause 4.4 requires covered confidential or commercially sensitive information to be kept in the “strictest of confidence”. This request asks what that and any other arrangements covered; it does not assume all participants were bound.

Please provide records showing: (1) any executed, proposed or amended NDA, confidentiality agreement, confidentiality clause or commercial-sensitivity undertaking concerning the potential data-centre proposal or related pathway, including any confidentiality term attached to or applying to a grant, loan, co-funding, guarantee, public asset, connection or infrastructure-support arrangement; provide its parties, dates, duration, scope and any restriction on publicly acknowledging the proposal or the funding, recipient, amount or purpose; (2) any public-facing description, release decision or record showing when the public was given a recognisable account of the proposal; and (3) any grant, loan, co-funding, guarantee, public asset, staff/consultant support or infrastructure work proposed, approved, committed, paid or declined for the data centre or its connection. For each support item, include the recipient, source, amount, purpose, conditions, drawdown, asset/role funded, cost allocation, ownership and who bears cancellation or stranded-asset costs. Identify any record classifying the item as direct project support, shared regional infrastructure, wider network reinforcement or unrelated.

Please include council decisions, estimates, agreements and cost records for Bunnythorpe Business Park / Te Utanganui, including roads, water/wastewater, planning and consenting support, and any records about RIF or Programme Director funding held by MDC.

Please include records about the up-to-\$22.4 million Regional Infrastructure Fund support for Te Utanganui rail/freight and CEDA's \$110,000 and \$80,000 Programme Director co-funding entries. The published descriptions give regional rail/freight and programme purposes; provide the underlying agreements, decisions and payment records and any record linking or separating those items from a prospective data-centre load or connection.

Search terms include Bunnythorpe Business Park, Technology Development Precinct, Te Utanganui, data/digital infrastructure, large electrical load, customer-driven, customer connections, green/renewable energy and enabling infrastructure, plus Energy Estate, 2nd Chapter Partners, Kākāriki, Amber Infrastructure, Powerco, Transpower and NZ Wind Farms. These are search aids, not assertions that each record proves a data centre.

Please provide records electronically. If you withhold any part, identify the statutory provision and the particular material withheld. If relying on OIA s9(2)(g)(i) or LGOIMA s7(2)(f)(i) (the “free and frank” ground), state the specific basis for expecting release to inhibit future expression of opinions needed for the effective conduct of public affairs, and provide the public-interest assessment. Release factual and otherwise reasonably separable material under OIA s16 or LGOIMA s17, including non-withheld details of an arrangement's existence, parties, dates, scope and any public-acknowledgment term.

If you hold no responsive records, please confirm that. If another covered agency is likely to hold part of the request, please transfer that part where the Act allows. If you need clarification to avoid substantial collusion, please contact me before refusing the request.

Thanks ever so much
Angela Culling

Request title (AI generated)

Data Centre Records

The Request title (AI generated) should be edited (if necessary) as it will be included in email correspondence with the requester as below:
Thank you for your request regarding [Request title (AI generated)].

Summary of the request (AI Generated)
A request for records relating to confidentiality agreements, public disclosures, funding, infrastructure support and Council decisions concerning a proposed data centre and associated projects from 1 January 2024 to the present.

Related Requests (FLOW-ID or LG-Number) (optional)
No information was entered.

Attach original request & attachments (optional)
No file was uploaded.

Tick if this request should follow the "Manual mode" pathway (optional)
☐

Integration Status
When a flow step is submitted - **Success**

 **Acknowledge**
Completed on Tuesday, October 27, 2026 9:52 AM by Sandra Hendry

Would you like to edit the default email?
No

Integration Status
When a flow step is submitted - **Success**



Acknowledgement email (default)

Email sent on Tuesday, October 27, 2026 9:52 AM

Recipient List: glitterbox2025@gmail.com
Subject: LGOIMA Request: FLOW-261 regarding Data Centre Records
From Name: LGOIMA Officer
Reply To: lgoima@mdc.govt.nz
Content:

Dear Angela,

FLOW-261

Request summary: A request for records relating to confidentiality agreements, public disclosures, funding, infrastructure support and Council decisions concerning a proposed data centre and associated projects from 1 January 2024 to the present.

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your official information request, which we received on 23/10/2026. We will endeavour to respond to your request as soon as possible, but no later than 23/11/2026, being 20 working days after the day your request was received.

Please note: Our 20 working days calculations do not count public holidays.

If we are unable to respond to your request by then, we will notify you of an extension of that timeframe. Manawātū District Council may publish this response along with a summary of the request on our website. Requests and responses may be paraphrased.

To protect your privacy, we will not generally publish personal information about you, or information that identifies you.

Your request is being managed by the LGOIMA Response Team. If you have any queries, please feel free to contact the LGOIMA Response Team on 06 323 0000 or by replying to this email.

Yours sincerely,

LGOIMA Response Team

P: 06 323 0000

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SME assignment

Completed on Tuesday, October 27, 2026 9:53 AM by Sandra Hendry

A single person should lead this response.

1. If more than 75% of the effort is with a single department, select a SME from that department
2. If not, then select yourself/LGOIMA person

Who should lead the response? (SME)

Karyn Crawley

Any notes to be passed on to SME (optional)

No information was entered.

Assigned SME (optional)

Karyn.Crawley@mdc.govt.nz

Select GM

Lyn Daly

GM email (optional)

Lyn.Daly@mdc.govt.nz

By default an FYI email is always sent to IS Manager, if we should include anyone else please enter their emails below.

Additional FYI Email #1 (optional)

No information was entered.

Additional FYI Email #2 (optional)

No information was entered.

Please copy the LG URL from SharePoint and paste it below.

1. Open the [LGOIMA SharePoint list](#).
2. Locate the row for **FLOW-261**.
3. Click the link in the **Link** column, copy the URL and paste it below.

LG URL

<https://mdcgovtnz.sharepoint.com/sites/lgoimareq/Shared%20Documents/Forms/FoldersByName.aspx?FolderCTID=0x0120006313B9CA9D814A4A87CEE9C9AC9A91F9&id=%2Fsites%2Flgoimareq%2FShared%20Documents%2FLG2542>

Integration Status

When a flow step is submitted - **Success**



Accept task (SME)

Completed on Tuesday, October 27, 2026 5:22 PM by Karyn Crawley

Approval Decision

Reject and send back to SME assignment

Comment

The information requested is held by CEDA, who have received an identical request for information. It is appropriate for CEDA to respond to this request.



SME assignment

Completed on Thursday, October 29, 2026 9:33 AM by Dianne McKay

A single person should lead this response.

1. If more than 75% of the effort is with a single department, select a SME from that department
2. If not, then select yourself/LGOIMA person

Who should lead the response? (SME)

LGOIMA Team

Any notes to be passed on to SME (optional)

No information was entered.

Assigned SME (optional)

lgoima@mdc.govt.nz

Select GM

Lyn Daly

GM email (optional)

Lyn.Daly@mdc.govt.nz

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Integration Status

When a flow step is submitted - **Success**



Accept task (SME)

Reassigned from LGOIMA Team to Dianne McKay by Dianne McKay on October 29, 2026 9:44 AM

Reason: Cannot accept task as LGOIMA Team



Accept task (SME)

Completed on Thursday, October 29, 2026 9:44 AM by Dianne McKay

Approval Decision

Approve



Send FYI

Email sent on Thursday, October 29, 2026 9:44 AM

Recipient List: Lyn.Daly@mdc.govt.nz, marko.blagojevic@mdc.govt.nz

Subject: New LGOIMA received - FYI: FLOW-261

From Name: LGOIMA Officer

Reply To: lgoima@mdc.govt.nz

Content:

FOR YOUR INFORMATION ONLY:

A new LGOIMA request has been received and assigned to lgoima@mdc.govt.nz.

Requested Information:

Data Centre Records:

A request for records relating to confidentiality agreements, public disclosures, funding, infrastructure support and Council decisions concerning a proposed data centre and associated projects from 1 January 2024 to the present.

<https://flow-au.flowingly.app/flows/a05e0d16-a415-4c92-b7d3-b9a964c1ee3c>

Yours sincerely,

LGOIMA Response Team

P: 06 323 0000

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Clarity review

Reassigned from LGOIMA Team to by Jamie Dowers on October 29, 2026 2:10 PM
Reason: LGOIMA Team is different from the LGOIMA Response Team.



Clarity review

Completed on Thursday, October 29, 2026 2:17 PM by Dianne McKay

Is the request clear and concise so you can make a decision on whether we have this type of information?
Yes



Clarity decision

Completed on Thursday, October 29, 2026 2:28 PM by Dianne McKay on behalf of LGOIMA Team

Does MDC hold this type of information?
Yes - we hold all of this information type

Integration Status

When a flow step is submitted - Success



Effort Decision

Completed on Thursday, October 29, 2026 2:29 PM by Dianne McKay on behalf of LGOIMA Team

Please tick all of the following to confirm you have 'considered them' and capture estimates in the table below:

- ☒ Whether you need to reach out to external contractors/CCOs
- ☒ Whether you need to reach out to IT/IM
- ☒ Whether you need email archive searches
- ☒ Whether you need physical archive searches

If input from other staff members is required to respond to this request, please use the **TASK** button below to request the necessary information.

You need to estimate the effort of all SMEs in the table below as best as you can, if effort is unknown please check in with each SME department either by:

- In-person, email or call
- Clicking the 'Add a Task' button below to request SME effort formally within this flow

Estimate the effort

Department	Other department	Est. effort in hours	Comments
Information Management		1	

Do you have any concerns in being able to deliver this information before the target date or is the effort over 50 hours?
No



Placeholder.

Email sent on Thursday, October 29, 2026 2:29 PM

Recipient List: .

Subject:

From Name: Flowingly Notifications

Reply To: no-reply@flowingly.net

Content:



SME prepare response

Completed on Thursday, October 29, 2026 2:53 PM by Dianne McKay on behalf of LGOIMA Team

Now its time to prepare the response and provide the information requested.

- If you need information from another MDC contributor for this LGOIMA use 'Add a task'. Explain what you want in the task and wait for their response. They will be able to attach documents as required. Add yourself as the approver of this task.
- If you need to engage legal then engage as normal however you MUST attach the correspondence to this form

ID FLOW-261

Date received 23/10/2026

Target date for response

Phone

Request title Data Centre Records

Summary of request A request for records relating to confidentiality agreements, public disclosures, funding, infrastructure support and Council decisions concerning a proposed data centre and associated projects from 1 January 2024 to the present.

Full request attached

Select if (optional)

☐ We are engaging with the requestor (check history on the left)

For every LGOIMA request, we always send back a formal response. For example: Thank you for your question regarding the salary of the Mayor. We can confirm that their salary for 2025 was \$200,000 NZD.

The box below is where you type your formal response. If you have any supplementary attachments, they will be added later in the form

Draft/write your response in here (this will be checked prior to be sent out)

Dear Angela,

Thank you for your request for information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 concerning the proposed Manawatū data centre and associated arrangements.

The information requested is held by the Central Economic Development Agency (CEDA), who we understand, have also received an identical request from you.

As CEDA holds the relevant information and is best placed to respond, we consider it appropriate for CEDA to provide the response directly to you, rather than duplicating their efforts.

What is your decision

Refusal to release

Legal engagement (optional)
☐ Tick here if you engaged legal for this request

Do you have any supporting files for the response?
No

Earlier in the workflow, we estimated the following amount of effort was needed to respond to this request:

Department	Other department	Est. effort in hours	Comments
Information Management		1	

Was the total effort accurate?
Yes - Mostly

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When a flow step is submitted - Success

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IM prep for GM
Completed on Friday, October 30, 2026 1:55 PM by Dianne McKay

Please review the history on the left. **This may have been returned back from GM review.**
If it has been returned from GM and you need the SME assistance in resolving the feedback please log a New Task and assign to the SME.

- Perform the following
- ☒ Review the SME response below and amend if necessary
 - ☒ Open any supporting files stored in SharePoint - linked below
 - ☒ Redact any necessary information

SME Response
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Has the SME submitted any supporting files? No
Supporting file/s: [Open in SharePoint](#)

Integration Status
When a flow step is submitted - Success



GM approval

Completed on Friday, October 30, 2026 3:04 PM by Lyn Daly

Approval Decision

Approve

Integration Status

When a flow step is submitted - Success



Select sending method

Completed on Friday, October 30, 2026 4:07 PM by Dianne McKay

Confirm response method

Email



Prepare email

Completed on Friday, October 30, 2026 4:37 PM by Dianne McKay

Confirm email address of recipient

glitterbox2025@gmail.com

Are there any attachments to also send?

No

Select email template

Full Release

Dear Angela Culling,

Official information request - FLOW-261.

I refer to your official information request dated 23/10/2026.

The information you have requested is below.

Information:

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To protect your privacy, we will not generally publish personal information about you, or information that identifies you.

You have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. For further information on how to make a complaint to the Ombudsman, please visit [Make a complaint | Ombudsman New Zealand](#) or call 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact the LGOIMA Response Team on 06 323 0000 or by replying to this email.

Compose the email body (excluding the signature and subject)

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Confirm Email
Completed on Friday, October 30, 2026 4:37 PM by Dianne McKay

Do you want to change the email?
No

Integration Status
When a flow step is submitted - Success



Send Email

Email sent on Friday, October 30, 2026 4:37 PM

Recipient List: glitterbox2025@gmail.com

Subject: Response to your Official Information Request regarding Data Centre Records : FLOW-261

From Name: LGOIMA Officer

Reply To: lgoima@mdc.govt.nz

Content:

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Close off

Completed on Friday, October 30, 2026 4:39 PM by Dianne McKay

Close off tasks

- ☒ Review summary for website and decide whether to publish
- ☒ Print this flow record as PDF and upload into SharePoint folder

Tick to publish on website (optional)



Response for website (review)

Thank you for your request for information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 concerning the proposed Manawatū data centre and associated arrangements.

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Integration Status

When a flow step is submitted - **Success**

FLOW COMMENTS



Dianne McKay commented 3 Hours Ago

Confirmed with Karyn that no details held apart from what CEDA would supply

Dianne McKay commented 3 Minutes Ago



Spoke with Francis as Lyn has left for the day, and have added in the following - We considered your request to transfer the LGOIMA if the information is held by another agency. However, as CEDA has already received the same request directly, we do not consider a formal transfer necessary.

Flow LGOIMA, version V.119 was **completed** on [Friday, October 30, 2026 4:39 PM](#)