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Mōrena Ash,

On behalf of Hon Simon Watts, Minister of Local Government, thank you for providing this exemption request on behalf of the Mayor.

I confirm receipt of the attached, the Minister will consider the request and respond in due course.

Kind regards,

William Spear
Private Secretary (Local Government) | Office of Hon Simon Watts

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Subject: Requests for exceptions under section 260A – Manawatū District Council

Good afternoon Minister Watts,

On behalf of the Mayor, please find attached two letters from Manawatū District Council requesting exceptions under section 260A of the Local Government Act 2002.

The requests relate to retaining voting and quorum rights for the independent, non-elected members of our Finance & Performance Committee and Manawatū Water Services Committee for the remainder of the 2025–2028 triennium.

A copy of the relevant Council resolution is also attached in support of these requests.

Please let us know if you require any further information. We look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Kind regards,

Ash

Ash Garstang
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