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Tēnā koe [redacted]

Official Information request and response

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act ("OIA") dated 20 December 2022.

You have requested:

- *Any information NZ On Air has regarding the decisions to funding the Local Democracy Reporting (LDR) Pilot year as well as Years 2 and 3 of the scheme; and*
- *Any reports or reviews of the scheme that are available.*

I have attached the requested information that we are able to release:

1. Joint Innovation Fund Memorandum of Understanding between NZ On Air & Radio New Zealand (RNZ)
2. Original LDR Proposal submitted by RNZ
3. Original LDR MOU between NZ On Air, RNZ and the News Publishers Association
4. The Year 2 LDR Proposal submitted by RNZ
5. The NZ On Air funding recommendation paper submitted to the NZ On Air Board for LDR Y2
6. NZ On Air Additional Board Paper for LDR Y2
7. The Year 3 LDR Proposal submitted by RNZ
8. The Additional Year 3 LDR Proposal submitted by RNZ
9. The NZ On Air funding recommendation paper submitted to the NZ On Air Board for LDR Y3

The following redactions in these documents have been made:

- Details of individuals under s9(2)(a) of the OIA section, to protect the privacy of natural persons

For your information, NZ On Air intends to undertake a review of the multi-year Local Democracy Reporting scheme (alongside other funded initiatives) following the completion of the Public Interest Journalism fund.

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For your information, funding provided by NZ On Air for all successful projects is [searchable](#) on our website. You can also [sign up](#) to receive our regular industry newsletter via our website.

You have the right to refer this response to the Ombudsman if you are dissatisfied with it. More information on how to do this is [here](#). NZ On Air proactively releases information in accordance with the Government's commitment to the Open Government Partnership National Action Plan. This includes publishing responses to requests for information under the OIA. Please note that this response (with your name removed) will be published on the NZ On Air website shortly and will remain on our website for 12 months.

Thank you for your interest in our work.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a single, fluid, horizontal stroke that tapers at both ends, resembling a stylized 'S' or a simple wave.

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