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Kia Ora

Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding to your request. Our response is as follows:

The number of rating units is published in the notes to the financial statements in the Annual Report, links below.

In regards to the definition of a rating unit the Dunedin City Council is guided by the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 (Rating Act) to set and collect rates. The Rating Act defines a rating unit as “a rating unit for the purposes of the Rating Valuations Act 1998.” The Rating Valuations Act 1998 says that for land that has a certificate of title, the land on that certificate of title is a rating unit. There are some exceptions to this:

- two or more certificates of title (if owned by the same person(s), used jointly as a single unit, and are contiguous or separated only by a road, railway, drain, water-race, river or stream) can be treated as a single rating unit.
- part of a certificate of title (or parts of land without a certificate) for example in cases where land is leased, Crown-owned, or Māori land under certain legislation may be treated as a single rating unit.

As per our Annual Report 2024/25 at 1 July 2024 the Dunedin City Council has 57,553 rating units (page 116).

The Rating Method for 2025/26 is published in our 2025-34 Long Term Plan available on our website:

https://www.dunedin.govt.nz/_data/assets/pdf_file/0005/1143473/9-Year-Plan-2025-34.pdf

The Annual Report for 2024/25 is available on our website:

https://www.dunedin.govt.nz/_data/assets/pdf_file/0007/1268710/Annual-Report-2024-25.pdf

I trust this answers your questions.

Kā mihi

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██████████ has submitted a LGOIMA request - 1264678.

Below are the details of the request

Request details:

Kia ora, My name is ██████████ and I'm a Masters student at the University of Waikato, working on a thesis surrounding dimensions of recovery from extreme rainfall events across New Zealand. I'm writing to request the following information under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987: - The total number of ratepayers within the Dunedin City Council and the date that this is relevant for. - Additionally a quick note on how your council defines a "rating unit," just so I'm consistent across all councils. If this information is already publicly available, a link would be awesome. Thank you very much for your time, I hope my research can be relevant to your region. Ngā mihi nui, ██████████ ██████████

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