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Via email: [chloe.ranford@stuff.co.nz](mailto:chloe.ranford@stuff.co.nz)

Dear Chloe

### Response to official information request for single-use plastic cups

I refer to your request for official information received 23 August 2019 relating to single-use plastic cups (such as water cooler cups). We have processed your request under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA) 1987.

The information you requested is enclosed.

1. **The number of single-use plastic cups (such as water cooler cups) purchased by Porirua City Council in the last financial year**

Porirua City Council purchased 8,400 single use plastic cups in the last financial year.

2. **The cost of purchasing these items in the last financial year**

The cost of these items was \$2,640.

3. **Whether the cups are recyclable**

The cups were not recyclable.

4. **Why the Councils uses these cups**

These were previously our 'stock' purchase item for water cooler cups. Porirua City Council has now moved to compostable options when disposable cups are required.

5. **Whether the Council is looking at other alternatives**

Porirua City Council no longer orders non-recyclable single-use cups, and has moved to compostable options when disposable cups are required.

Please note that we will publish our response to your request on the Council's website <https://porirua.govt.nz/your-council/getting-involved/request-official-information/> as we consider it is of wider public interest. We will redact your contact details from the published response in order to protect your privacy, but as a journalist we will include your name, role and organisation information.

I trust that this information is of assistance and answers your queries. If you wish to discuss this response with us, please feel free to contact Danielle Lewis at [danielle.lewis@porirua.govt.nz](mailto:danielle.lewis@porirua.govt.nz) or Ph (04) 237-2022.

Ngā mihi

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