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**Subject:** Final response - LGOIMA 467149 [REDACTED] - Council Debt  
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Kia ora,

We refer to your information request below. Hamilton City Council provides the following response.

**Your request:**

*The Hamilton City Council Debt.*

*Can you please let me know the extent of the Hamilton City council's Debt and to whom it is indebted.*

*Also, what is the level of debt in each of the following categories and what assets have created that debt in each category?*

- 1. Water management*
- 2. Transport*
- 3. Visitor destinations and venues*
- 4. Parks and recreation*
- 5. Customer and community*
- 6. Growth*
- 7. Rubbish and recycling*
- 8. Governance and partnerships.*

**Our response:**

Hamilton City Council's external borrowings, which is primarily conducted through the New Zealand Local Government Funding Agency, as at 28 February 2025 was as follows:

Lender	Amount
BNZ	7,000,000
WESTPAC	8,000,000
ANZ	20,000,000
NZ Local Government Funding Agency	1,100,000,000
Housing Innovation Fund	120,657,567
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,255,657,567</b>

External borrowing is not sourced or recorded at the asset / project level, rather through treasury cash-flow requirements at the whole of council level. This enables us to minimise the overall level of external borrowing utilised and reduce associated finance costs. We do recognise the source of funding, including debt which facilitates the inter-generational nature of funding

for assets in the funding needs analysis in the Financial Strategy and Activity Group funding impact statements within the Long-Term Plan in accordance with the Local Government Act.

This may also be referenced at a project level in some individual project reports through Council. Though the external debt is not tracked directly to assets /projects we do use this information to maintain an estimated ratio of external debt by activity group, which is summarised per your request as follows:

Category	% of Debt
1. Water management	29.9%
2. Transport	49.1%
3. Visitor Destinations and venues	7.0%
4. Parks and recreation*	0.0%
5. Customer and community	13.5%
6. Growth	0.3%
7. Rubbish and recycling	0.2%
8. Governance and partnerships*	0.0%

These categories represent a combination of business activity groups within Council. Parks and recreation is categorised under Customer and community. Council has not categorised debt at Governance and partnerships level.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at [www.ombudsman.parliament.nz](http://www.ombudsman.parliament.nz) or freephone 0800 802 602.

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**Subject:** OIA Request - HCC-OIA-250318-00WBY



## We've received a request for you.

This request was received on 18 March 2025 @ 4:49PM.

Here's your reference number and the request details:

**UUID**

HCC-OIA-250318-00WBY

**Name**

[REDACTED]

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**Phone number**

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**Detailed description of request**

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If you have any questions in the meantime, feel free to call us on

[\(07\) 838 6699](tel:(07)8386699) or [email our customer service team](#).

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