



SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

Draft Rates Remission Policy

Reason for the proposal

Council's Rates Remission Policy is required under section 102 of the Local Government Act 2002, with the specific requirements set out under section 109.

The policy provides for remission of rates under specific objectives and criteria.

Major changes to the Policy

- Improvement to administration processes for applying for rates relief for economic development.
- Limiting the criteria for rates relief for development, with the inclusion of "economic" development.
- Removal of Incentives for Business Expansion.
- Limiting applications to the northern end of the District for 'Incentivising Residential Development'.
- Removal of contiguous rating units owned or leased by a single ratepayer – this is removed as it is covered by other legislation.
- Additional information to make it clearer on how to apply for remissions.
- Other various amendments have been made for clarification.

The major aspects of the Policy include:

Objectives

The Policy sets out objectives for rates remission.

Conditions and Criteria

The Policy identifies conditions and criteria for eligibility for a rates remission:

- Land affected by natural calamity
- Land protected for natural conservation purposes
- Financial hardship, disproportionate rates compared to the value of the property, or other extenuating circumstances
- Incentivising residential development

Submissions

Written submissions from the public are open until **5pm Monday 9 May 2022**

Parties who make a written submission may also make an oral submission. Oral submissions are scheduled to be held Thursday 19 May 2022.

You need to indicate on your submission form if you wish to speak to your submission.

Further information and a submission form, is available at the following places:

- Council's website www.rangitikei.govt.nz
- Council's libraries in Marton, Bulls and Taihape
- Council's Main Office in Marton
- By calling 0800 422 522

