



SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

Amendment to 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

Reinstatement of rates remission for contiguous rating units owned or leased by a single ratepayer. This section had been removed alongside other amendments in 2022 but is now proposed to be reinstated as its exclusion has been found to cause unnecessary administrative burden.

The major aspects of the Policy include:

Objectives, Conditions and Criteria:

The Policy sets out objectives, conditions, and criteria for rates remission, being:

- Economic Development
- Incentives to address earthquake-prone buildings
- Community, sporting and other not-for-profit organisations
- Multiple toilet pans
- Penalties
- 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
- Any other matters

Submissions

Written submissions from the public are open until **5pm Tuesday 25 April 2023**

Parties who make a written submission may also make an oral submission. Oral submissions are scheduled to be held Thursday 11 May 2023. 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