



Feedback Form

Te Kaunihera-ā-Rohe o Ruapehu
Ruapehu District Council
Draft Long Term Plan 2024/2034



Environmental Resilience Targeted Rate

Proposal to apply the Environmental Resilience Targeted Rate from 2025/26

Council is proposing to begin levying the Environmental Resilience Targeted Rate from the second year (2025/26) of the Long Term Plan to meet environmental legislative requirements. The rate will be charged as a fixed amount per rating unit on all rating units.

The increasing effects of climate change has brought an increased focus from government with new legislative requirements impacting on councils.

Council is proposing to start levying the Environmental Resilience Targeted Rate that was consulted on in the previous 2021/31 Long Term Plan to fund our work to meet these legislative requirements.

For small councils like ours it can be extremely difficult to keep up with the evolving legislation and shifting responsibilities. Enacting the Environmental Resilience Targeted Rate will enable us to properly resource the work we need to do in this area.

As the required work is legislated we would need to fund our compliance from our existing operating budgets if our preferred option is not adopted. This may require the dropping of levels of service in other areas.

While this rate will fund Council to meet our legislative requirements it should be seen as an investment in the environmental sustainability and prosperity of the district.

With our economy and way of life deeply intertwined with the environment it is a proactive step towards safeguarding the future of our rural communities.

The funded work will produce data invaluable for climate change adaption and civil defence planning contributing to our aim of building resilient, sustainable communities.

The work will benefit all ratepayers and will be charged in a transparent way via a separate line on the rates invoice.

Impact on rates	\$21.22 inc. gst per rating unit per financial (rating) year.
Impact on debt	None.
Impact on Levels of Service	Increase for all ratepayers.

Wellbeing Framework alignment

The 2024/34 Long Term Plan is informed by Council's Wellbeing Framework which includes the values, purpose, vision, and environmental outcomes we are aiming for on behalf of our communities.

The Environmental Resilience Targeted Rate proposal supports the following Wellbeing Framework objectives:



Our values:

• Kaitiakitanga (Guardianship), • Environmental stewardship, • Accountability, • Manaakitanga (care for others).



Our outcomes:

• Thriving communities, • A healthy environment



Our role as:

🏛️ Funder, 🗣️ Regulator, 🗣️ Advocate and Influencer

The options:

YES - apply

NO - do not apply

YES - is our preferred option

Tell us why or any other option you prefer:

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Name:

Organisation (if applicable):

Postal address:

Best daytime contact number:

Email:

Keep me advised of future consultations

Would you like to support your feedback by speaking to Council during the Hearings?

Yes

No

If you ticked 'yes' we will contact you to arrange a speaking date and time.

The Hearings are scheduled for Tue 14th May (Ohakune and Raetihi) and Wed 15th May (Taumarunui). You can choose to speak at either or online.

A maximum of two speakers and ten (10) minutes of total speaking time per submission is permitted.

You can bring your feedback form into any Council office or submit via:



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Private Bag 1001
Taumarunui 3946



Email:

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Please note - you can also provide feedback on-line:

Use our on-line submission form on our consultation website:
submissions.ruapehudc.govt.nz or use your phone and **the QR code** ▶

