



Feedback Form

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



Rates Remission Policy - 2#

Proposal to extend our ability to provide rates remissions in certain circumstances

Council is proposing to modify our Rates Remission Policy to make it more flexible and allow us to offer rate relief more easily to those ratepayers facing severe financial difficulties and who meet the policy’s requirements.

Extending the Rates Remission Policy as proposed will provide more flexibility for Council to support ratepayers in extreme financial hardship should they meet the criteria.

This proposed change to the Rates Remission Policy recognises that not all situations in which it may be appropriate for the Council to remit rates will necessarily be known in advance and/or provided for in specific rating policies.

In circumstances where the rating policy is deemed by the Council to unfairly disadvantage an individual ratepayer, the Council may grant a one-off remission of part or all of the assessed rate on condition that the remission does not set a precedent that unfairly disadvantages other ratepayers.

The proposed change will provide clarity in situations were ratepayers may be eligible for relief under current policy (Remission for Extreme Financial Hardship Policy Statement 2.2.4(f)).

Extending the Rates Remission Policy will not adversely affect other ratepayers.

Any application for remission will be considered by the Rating Sub Committee in line with Council’s Delegations Policy.

Impact on rates	None.
Impact on debt	None.
Impact on Levels of Service	None.

Note on administration changes to the Rates Remission Policy

There is one change to the administration of this policy to highlight. This relates to the alignment of our policy with current administrative practice in relation to rates remissions available to arts and heritage groups, sports clubs and societies that may not be defined under Schedule 1 (Part 2(1, 2 and 3)), 50% non-rateable however still fit the Policy Statement.

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 proposal to extend our Rates Remission Policy supports the following Wellbeing Framework objectives:



Our values:

- Accountability, • Manaakitanga (care for others)



Our outcomes:

- Thriving communities, • Prosperous businesses



Our role as:

- Funder, • Regulator

The options:

YES Modify the Policy

NO Do not extend the Policy

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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Use our on-line submission form on our consultation website:

submissions.ruapehudc.govt.nz or use your phone and **the QR code** ▶

