



Rates Review

NON-CONTIGUOUS RATING UNITS

Rural landowners whose land isn't all in one land parcel or right next to each other, right now can receive a remission on annual uniform charges. Council is looking to remove that remission to save ratepayers picking up extra costs. Let's draw a new boundary around this issue together.

Context

Up until now Council has given some rates relief to rural landowners whose properties are situated across non-contiguous titles—meaning they aren't adjacent, touching, or sharing a border.

These landowners receive relief in the form of remission on uniform charges for their non-contiguous land, which does apply to those properties which are contiguous or where the land owned is all in one piece.

There are some provisos to get the relief. To qualify owner/s must own all the land, use it together, and have just one house on the whole property. Plus, it must be in our rural areas.

Right now there are about 173 properties in the Tararua District that fit this bill, each with varying distances between their titles. The discount equates to \$263,203 and that has been divvied up among other ratepayers in their General Rates.

What's happening now?

Council has been providing help that is beyond what is required by law by giving this discount and so we think it's time for a change.

There are a few ways we could handle this. Setting limits on the distance between properties or only giving discounts to properties in town. But those plans are a bit tricky to manage so, like many other councils, the preference is to remove this relief for non-contiguous properties and we want your input to make sure we are all on the same page.

Let's take a look at the options

OPTION 1 - No change, status quo	
No change to rates. Rate burden is spread to other ratepayers	What is the cost?
	\$263,203
	How does that impact rates?
	General Rates per 100k land value is \$194.85
	What is the impact on debt?
	NIL
	Impact on level of service?
	No change

We prefer this option

OPTION 2 - Remove the remission for non-contiguous properties

The rates requirement for other ratepayers is reduced by \$263,203

There is rates increase for the 173 properties affected

What is the cost?

NIL

How does that impact rates?

General Rates per 100k land value is \$190.39

What is the impact on debt?

NIL

Impact on the level of service?

No change



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OUR PREFERRED OPTION.

We prefer option 2.

We think it's time we move in the same direction as many Councils around New Zealand and remove this relief for non-contiguous properties.

Closing date for submissions is 30 May 2024 at 5pm

Let us know

What do you think?

We want to hear your thoughts on the proposed options.

1. Stick with what we currently have?
2. Remove the relief for non-contiguous properties.

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