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Subject: Response to request for information on how targeted rates are made
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Kia ora

I refer to your official information request dated 4 April 2025 for information on how targeted rates are developed.

The information you have requested is outlined below.

Question 1: How are targeted rates are developed by council? E.g. ones that people opt into.

Answer: Targeted Rates are a rate that is to fund particular services or projects to certain areas, groups of ratepayers or property. These rates apply to only the ratepayers who directly benefit from any specific service or infrastructure. During Council's Long Term Plan process it reviews its Revenue and Financing policy that specifies each rate type/fee, and how it can be applied. This policy is in place for a 3 year period (unless reviewed outside of the Long Term Plan cycle). This can be found in part three of our Long Term Plan pages 128 – 159:

<https://www.tararua.govt.nz/publications/plans-and-reports/long-term-plan>

Our understanding from your question is that it is specific to an 'opt in' rate. While we are aware of other Councils (predominantly regional Councils) having this ability it is not something that we at Tararua District Council have in our revenue and financing policy.

Question 2: What are the key issues or trade-offs that need to be considered, and what are the legislative requirements to comply with.

Answer: We need to comply with our revenue and financing policy, our rating system is quite restrictive and must comply with the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002.

For the suggestion you make below, because this would not be something that we could easily determine benefits certain ratepayers over others, it would more likely need to be a general rate which would be a rate to all ratepayers in our district.

We do already have a number of areas in which we perform resilience work and waste minimisation to help mitigate climate change. These are already funded within activities of Council and are either rated for or have other income sources to support this work.

Ngā mihi

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From: Simone Anthony
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Subject: RE: How are targeted rates made?

Kia ora [REDACTED]

This email is to acknowledge receipt of your request for information, regarding development of targeted rates.

We will endeavour to respond to your request as soon as possible and in any event no later than 7 May 2025, being 20 working days after the day your request was received. If we are unable to respond to your request by then, we will notify you of an extension of that timeframe.

As part of our commitment to openness and accountability, we are now proactively publishing copies of requests for information and the responses provided to these requests, on our website. In doing so, we will ensure we comply with the provisions of the Privacy Act 2020 and redact any personal / identifying information from any response published.

If you have any questions about this, please don't hesitate to get in contact with me. Ngā mihi,



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Subject: How are targeted rates made?

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Kia ora tatou

I was wondering if someone would be able to tell me about how targeted rates are developed by council? E.g. ones that people opt into.

I'm particularly interested in what are the key issues or trade-offs that need to be considered. And any legislative requirements to comply with.

(I'm thinking to suggest the council consider developing one around climate resilience, but would like it to be an informed request.)

Ngā mihi nui

