



**WHANGANUI
DISTRICT COUNCIL**
Te Kaunihera a Rohe o Whanganui

Rates Remission and Postponement Policies 2024

**Submissions Received
Speaking**

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Submission # 856

Speaking

First name: **Colin**
Last name: **Anderson**

| Consultation Question | Submitter Feedback |
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| <p data-bbox="164 568 703 696">Rates Postponement, Rates Remission and Rates Remission on Māori Freehold Land policies</p> <p data-bbox="164 743 740 880">Do you have any comments about the proposed changes to the Rates Postponement, Rates Remission, and Rates Remission on Māori Freehold Land policies?</p> | <p data-bbox="783 743 1410 913">Submitter Comments: I agree with Rates Remission in principle. The policy details supplied are unfair as they are based on ethnicity and not financial hardship. As a Kaumatua, I find this policy deeply insulting and racist.</p> |
| <hr/> <p>Supporting documents</p> | |

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Submission # 187

Speaking

First name: **James**
Last name: **Barron**
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Rates Postponement, Rates Remission and Rates Remission on Māori Freehold Land policies

Do you have any comments about the proposed changes to the Rates Postponement, Rates Remission, and Rates Remission on Māori Freehold Land policies?

Submitter Comments: We question the feasibility of the proposed “Remission of the targeted rate for Council’s kerbside recycling and food scraps service”. It would be rare for the owner of a multi-tenant commercial property to provide this service with individual businesses instead dealing with their own recycling and (in case of food businesses) food scraps. So most properties occupied by a mix of small businesses wouldn’t qualify. In the rare case they did qualify this presumes the landlord would go to the effort of claiming rebate they receive no benefit from.

Supporting documents

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Submission # 493

Speaking

First name: **Jo**
Last name: **Buckingham**

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Do you have any comments about the proposed changes to the Rates Postponement, Rates Remission, and Rates Remission on Māori Freehold Land policies?

Submitter Comments: If you are making a change to the rates remission policy, it should be aligned with other councils that allow registered charities to apply for a rates remission if it is OWNED or OCCUPIED. WDC policy only acknowledges owned. Many charitable organisations are in traditional leases where they are responsible for the OPEX costs including rates. So where rates increase, so do their costs and their ability to provide wellbeing services for the community. Many of these charities are doing this due to poor wellbeing outcomes from under funding by central and local government and income poverty which will only increase with ongoing cost of living crisis and inflation. Palmerston North City Council, South Taranaki District Council, Thames-Coromandel District Council, Kapiti District Council, Marlborough District Council, Hastings District Council, New Plymouth District Council, Queenstown Lakes District Council, Manawatu District Council to name a few allow community remission for those who occupy a building and can prove they pay rates through OPEX costs. Very few charities own their own buildings. Rates remissions have a positive impact on community orgs to have more funding to do their activities and reduce reliance on other funding sources, such as council.

Supporting documents

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Submission # 111

Speaking

First name: **William**
Last name: **Payne**

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| <p data-bbox="164 568 703 696">Rates Postponement, Rates Remission and Rates Remission on Māori Freehold Land policies</p> <p data-bbox="164 743 740 880">Do you have any comments about the proposed changes to the Rates Postponement, Rates Remission, and Rates Remission on Māori Freehold Land policies?</p> | <p data-bbox="783 743 1426 949">Submitter Comments: I feel that due to the current cost of the living that the income limits for these services are too low. The people earning less than the current limit to receive the service are not likely to be homeowners within the current market outside of older and retired citizens.</p> |
| <hr/> <p data-bbox="164 996 437 1021">Supporting documents</p> | |

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Submission # 347

Speaking

First name: **Junette**
Last name: **Ward**

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Submitter Comments:

Supporting documents

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Submission # 110

Speaking

First name: **Peter**
Last name: **Zolno**

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Submitter Comments: Give a good warning, but let's start paying higher rates right away.

Supporting documents