

Māori Freehold Land Rates Postponement and Remission Policy

Meeting: Kaipara District Council
Date of meeting: 29 June 2022
Reporting officer: Shireen Munday, Policy Specialist & Christine Toms, Revenue Manager

Purpose | Ngā whāinga

To adopt the amended Māori Freehold Land Rates Postponement and Remission Policy (the Policy).

Executive summary | Whakarāpopototanga

Council has now completed the statutory consultation process, after approving a Consultation Document at the April 2022 Council meeting. No submissions were received on the proposed amended Policy, nor did anyone elect to talk to a Councillor about their views on the proposal. Council can now proceed to making a final decision on the Policy.

Recommendation | Ngā tūtohunga

That Kaipara District Council:

- a) Adopts the amended Māori Freehold Land Rates Postponement and Remission Policy as provided in Attachment A.
- b) Delegates the Mayor and Chief Executive the authority to approve any minor editorial changes to the Policy that do not alter the intent of the Policy.
- c) Delegates all responsibilities, duties, and powers under the Policy to the Chief Executive.

Context | Horopaki

Recent changes to the Local Government Act 2002 include a requirement for councils to review their Māori Freehold Land Rates Postponement and Remission Policy by 1 July 2022, in accordance with the requirements of The Local Government (Rating of Whenua Māori) Amendment Act 2021.

Due to time constraints, Council has proceeded with an initial review of the Policy to ensure compliance with the new legislative framework, ahead of a more detailed, best practice review scheduled for the 2022/2023 year.

Consultation on the proposal in accordance with the above approach closed on 20 May 2022. No submissions were received, nor did anyone request to present their views to Council in person.

Council can therefore proceed to make a final decision on the matter.

Discussion | Ngā kōrerorero

Options

As no submissions were received on the proposed amendments to the Policy and no further officer advice has been provided, the scheduled deliberations meeting on 1 June was cancelled.

Council now has two reasonably practicable options for consideration:

Option 1	Adopt the amended Policy as presented to Council at the April Council meeting for consultation and as provided in Attachment A.
Option 2	Request additional amendments to the Policy.

Option 1 is the recommended option.

Impacts on Māori

As has been outlined in this and previous reports, a more detailed review of the Policy is planned, and this will allow for thorough engagement with key stakeholders at that time. The Iwi Relations Team have liaised with our Mana Whenua partners on this two-step review approach.

Delegations

To ensure staff are appropriately authorised to administer the Policy, it is proposed that the Council delegates all responsibilities, duties and powers under the Policy to the Chief Executive who will then sub-delegate any necessary authorities to the relevant position title(s) as required.

Significance and engagement | Hirahira me ngā whakapāpā

Council has consulted with the community on the Policy in accordance with the statutory requirements of the Local Government Act 2002. The decisions are made in accordance with the legislative requirements and after appropriate consultation and engagement with the community.

Next steps | E whaiake nei

Staff will amend all internal processes, systems, and records accordingly and upload the amendment Policy to Council's website.

Attachments | Ngā tapiritanga

	Title
A	Māori Freehold Land Rates Postponement and Remission Policy