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2022 Rates Remissions on Māori Land Policy



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E tūtohi ana a Te Pane Matua Taiao ki te panoni i te Kaupapa Here Whakaitinga Rēti me Whakatārewa hoki mō ngā Whenua Māori Herekore. Ka kīia ko Te Kaupapa Here Whakaitinga Rēti mō ngā Whenua Māori.

E arotakehia ana e Te Pane Matua Taiao te kaupapa here nei i muri i ngā panonitanga ki te Ture Local Government 2002 me te Ture Local Government (Rating) 2002 i whakamanahia i te Hōngongoi 2021, e pāngia nuitia ana ki te rēti o ngā whenua Māori. Ko ngā panonitanga ki te kaupapa here kia tika i te wā iti nei, kia hāngai hoki ki ngā ture mō te rēti whenua Māori me ngā mātāpono o Te Ture Whenua Māori 1993, me te toro āwhina whānui ki te hunga whaipānga o ngā whenua Māori kia tiakina te

whenua mō ngā whakatupuranga o te nāiane me te āpōpō.

Ahako ka pāngia tēnei kaupapa here ki te hunga whaipānga whenua Māori ki te rohe o Pōneke, ka whai wāhi mai ngā tāngata katoa o tō mātou hapori, ā, e pōwhiritia rātou ki te tuku whakaaro mō ēnei panonitanga ki te kaupapa here.

Hei tāpiri ki te arotake o tēnei kaupapa here, i whiriwhirihia e Te Pane Matua Taiao kia puritia tēnei kaupapa here, engari e whāia ana kia uiui haere me ngā panoni tūtohi kei tēnei pukapuka i te mea e hāngai ake ana ēnei ki te rautaki matua o te Kaunihera ki te whakatika ake i ngā hua mō te mana whenua me te Māori, tae noa ki te Rautaki Hua Māori kua whakaaetia e te Kaunihera.

E tono atu ana ki a koe kia Kōrero Mai

Tāria ana ngā whakahoki kōrero ki Te Kaupapa Here Whakaitinga Rēti mō ngā Whenua Māori. Koinei tō wā ki te whakapā mai ki a mātou ki te whakatakoto i ō whakaaro mō ngā

tūtohiinga panonitanga o te kaupapa here.

Māu e whiriwhiri me pēwhea koe e kōrero mai. Kua whakaritea e mātou tētehi puka ā-ipurangi ngāwari

e taea ana i runga i te nuinga o ngā hangarau, ā, ki hea kē atu. Mehemea kāore tēnei momo puka ā-ipurangi e pai ana ki a koe, tēnā, imēra mai ō whakaaro ki whenuamaori@gw.govt.nz (Kaua e wareware ki te kī mai mehemea e pīrangi ana koe ki te kōrero hoki ki tō pukapuka).

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2022 Rates Remissions on Māori Land Policy

Greater Wellington Regional Council (Greater Wellington) proposes to make changes to the Rates Remissions and Postponements on Māori Freehold Land Policy. This will become known as the Rates Remissions on Māori Land Policy.

Greater Wellington is reviewing the policy following changes to the Local Government Act 2002 and Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 that took effect in July 2021, which included significant changes to the rating of whenua Māori.

The proposed changes to the policy will ensure it is up to date and compliant with the legislation for rating of whenua Māori and the principles of Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993, and offer wider

support to owners of whenua Māori to look after the whenua for current and future generations.

While this policy particularly affects Māori landowners in the Wellington region, everyone in our community may have an interest and is invited to provide a submission on the proposed changes to the policy.

As part of the review of this policy, Greater Wellington has considered the option of retaining the existing policy and has decided instead to consult on the proposed changes in this document as these better align with Council's strategic priority of improving outcomes for mana whenua and Māori, and with Council's adopted Māori Outcomes Framework.

We invite you to Have Your Say

The Rates Remissions on Māori Land Policy is now open for feedback. This is your opportunity to let us know what you think about the proposed changes to the policy.

You can choose how you have your say. We have prepared an easy **online submission form** that you can do on almost any device and almost anywhere you want.

If the online survey isn't for you, feel free to email us your thoughts to whenuamaori@gw.govt.nz (Please don't forget to let us know if you want to speak to your submission too)

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Ko ngā mea kia mōhio ai koe

He aha te Kaupapa Here Whakaitinga Rēti mō ngā Whenua Māori?

Katoa ngā kaunihera me whai kaupapa here e pā ana ki te whakaitinga, whakatārewa hoki i ngā rēti mō ngā whenua Māori herekore. Kei tēnei kaupapa here e takoto ana ngā paearu ka whakamahia e Te Pane Matua Taiao ki te whiriwhiri i ngā tono kia whakaitihia, kia whakatārewatia hoki ki runga i ngā whenua Māori herekore i te rohe.

Ko te whakaitinga rēti nei, ko te whakaaetanga o te Kaunihera ki te hiki i te kawenga ki te utu rēti ki runga i tētehi whenua i tētehi tau pūtea. Ko te whakatārewatanga nei, ko te whakaaetanga o te Kaunihera ki te putu i ngā nama o te whenua i tētehi tau pūtea kia utua hei te wā heke.

He aha atu ngā kaupapa here arumoni o Te Pane Matua Taiao?

E toru ngā kaupapa here arumoni matua o Te Pane Matua Taiao hei tautoko i te Mahere Pae Tawhiti. Ko ērā:

- Ko te Kaupapa Here Revenue me Financing
- Ko te Kaupapa Here Treasury Risk Management
- Ko ngā Kaupapa Here Whakaitinga me Whakatārewa mō ngā whenua whānui

E taea ana e koe ētehi atu taipitopito mō ngā kaupapa here o Te Pane Matua Taiao ki [konei](#).

He aha atu ngā kaupapa here arumoni e arotakengia ana i tēnei wā?

Kei te arotakengia hoki e Te Pane Matua Taiao te Kaupapa Here Revenue me Financing. Kua panonitia ētehi wāhanga o te kaupapa here, pēnei i ētehi tukanga tuku moni me ētehi rēti hou. E whakapono ana mātou ko ēnei panonitanga o te kaupapa here e matatika ana, e tōkeke ana, ā, e whai painga ana te katoa i te rohe.

He aha ngā panonitanga?

I muri mai i ngā panonitanga ki te Ture Local Government (Rating) i te Hōngongoi 2021, ko ngā whenua Māori herekore i māraurau o mua mō te whakaitinga rēti, ka huri hei whenua rēti kore i te mea kāore i te whakamahia. E mea ana, kāore e namahia rēti te whenua, nā reira kāore he take ki te tono whakaitinga rēti.

E tūtohi ana Te Pane Matua Taiao ki te whiriwhiri i ngā tono whakaitinga ki runga i te whenua Māori kāore e mau taitara whenua Māori herekore, ki ēnei whakaritenga:

- Ki te whenua i whakawhiti hei taitara herekore Māori ki te taitara whānui nā te whakahau whakawhiti i raro i te Ture Māori Affairs Amendment 1967
- Ki ngā whenua i whakahokia e ngā whakataunga Tiriti; ā,
 - Kāore i te whai whakahokinga arumoni; ā,
 - Kāore i utua e te Karauna ngā rēti whenua i mua i te whakawhitinga ki ngā whaipānga Māori
- Ki te whenua e mau taitara whānui ana e whaipāngahia ana e te Māori e whakatutuki ana i ngā paearu o te kaupapa here
- Ki ngā whenua Māori e whakatupuria ana, e mau taitara whānui ana

E tūtohi ana hoki mātou ki te panoni i te whakahaeretanga o te kaupapa here:

- Kia whakarahi ake i te roanga o ngā whakaitinga mai i te kotahi tau ki ngā tau e toru
- Kia whakakore ake i te whakatārewatanga rēti i runga i ngā whenua Māori mai i te kaupapa here

Kei tēnei pukapuka uiuinga tētehi tirohanga whānui o ngā panonitanga e tūtohia ana, he aha hoki e pēnei ai me ētehi taura o te whakatinanatanga o ēnei mahinga. E akiaki ana mātou i a koe kia pānuitia katoatia te kaupapa here me tēnei pukapuka i mua i tō tono mai: <https://www.haveyoursay.gw.govt.nz/maori-land-rates-remissions>

What you need to know

What is the Rates Remissions on Māori Land Policy?

All councils are required to have a policy on rates remissions and postponements on Māori freehold land. This policy sets out the criteria under which Greater Wellington will consider applications for remissions and postponements on Māori freehold land in the region.

A rates remission is when Council agrees to waive the obligation to pay rates on a property in a particular financial year. A postponement is when Council agrees that rates for a particular financial year can accumulate against the property to be paid in the future.

What other financial policies does Greater Wellington have?

Greater Wellington has three main financial policies that support the Long Term Plan. They are:

- Revenue and Financing Policy
- The Treasury Risk Management Policy
- The Rate Remission and Postponement Policies for general land issues

You can find out more about GW financial policies [here](#).

What other financial policies are being currently reviewed?

Greater Wellington is also reviewing the Revenue and Financing Policy. Several proposed changes have been made to the policy, including some funding methods, and some new activity rates. We believe the proposed changes makes the policy more equitable, fair, and beneficial to everyone in the region.

What's changing?

Following the changes to the Local Government (Rating) Act in July 2021, many of the Māori freehold land properties which previously would have been eligible for a rates remission are now treated as non-rateable as the land is unused. This means that rates are not charged against the property in the first instance so no remission needs to be applied for.

Greater Wellington is proposing to consider applications for remissions on whenua Māori that is not in Māori freehold title, in the following areas:

- Land converted from Māori freehold title to general title by a status order change under the Māori Affairs Amendment Act 1967
- Land returned through Treaty settlements, where:
 - The land is not generating a commercial return; and
 - The Crown had not been paying rates on the land prior to its transfer to Māori ownership
- Land in general title owned collectively by Māori that meets the criteria of the policy
- Māori land under development that is in general title

We are also proposing changes to administration of the policy:

- Extending the duration of remissions granted from one year to three years
- Removing postponement of rates on Māori land from the policy

This consultation document includes an overview of the proposed changes, why the changes are being proposed and some examples of what this might mean in practice. We encourage you to read the full policy as well as this document before making a submission: <https://www.haveyoursay.gw.govt.nz/maori-land-rates-remissions>

Ko te Whenua Māori Herekore

Ko tā Te Pane Matua Taiao kaupapa here o nāianei e whakahaere ana i te whakaitinga rēti mō ngā whenua Māori herekore ki tēnei rohe, ā, kāore e panoni i tērā. Ko ngā rerekētanga i puta i tērā tau, he nui ngā whenua Māori herekore e māraurau ana mō te whakaitinga kua huri kē hei whenua rēti kore i te mea he whenua kāore e whakamahia ana ki tā te Ture Local Government (Rating).

E akiaki ana mātou i te hunga whaipānga whenua Māori herekore ki te whakapā atu ki ō rātou kaunihera ā-rohe mehemea kua tau ki ō rātou whenua he nama rēti, he kore rēti i runga i ngā panonitanga ki te ture. Ki te namahia tō whenua, tirohia ngā paearu mō te whakaitinga rēti i tā mātou kaupapa here me te whiriwhiri koe kia tuku mai tētehi tono mehemea e āhei ana.

Paearu

Ka hoatu e Te Pane Matua Taiao he whakaitinga e eke ana ki te 100 ōrau o ngā nama rēti mō ngā whenua māraurau mō ngā tau e whakaaetia ana, ā, me te nui o te whakaitinga rēti i runga i te pānga ki ēnei:

1. Ki te tautoko i te whakamahinga o te whenua o te hunga whaipānga mō ngā kaupapa tuku iho
2. Ki te tautoko i te hononga o te Māori ki ō rātou ahurea, kaupapa tuku iho hoki o ō rātou whenua taketake
3. Ki te kaupare i te rironga anō o te whenua Māori herekore
4. Ki te whakahaere i ngā tūmanako o te hunga whaipānga ki te whakatupu i te whenua hei rawa ōhanga
5. Ki te mōhio, ki te whakaaro hoki mō ngā wāhi tapu, me te pānga atu o tēnei ki te whakamahinga o te whenua
6. Ki te mōhio, ki te whakaaro hoki i te hiranga o te whenua ki te tautoko i te ōhanga, i te hanganga mō ngā marae me ngā whare papakāinga (mehemea ki te whenua, ki wāhi kē rānei)
7. Ki te mōhio, ki te whakaaro hoki mō te hiranga o te whenua ki ngā kaupapa ā-hapori e pā ana ki te:
 - a. tiakitanga o te māoritanga o te taiao tai
 - b. tiakitanga o ngā mīharotanga
 - c. tiakitanga o ngā hua taketake nui me ngā nohoanga o ngāi kīrehe
8. Ki te mōhio ki ngā ratonga ā-hapori ki te whenua me ngā kainoho
9. Ki te mōhio ki ngā āheinga o te whenua

Māori Freehold Land

The existing Greater Wellington policy already provides for rates remissions on Māori freehold land in the region, and this is not suggested to change. What has changed in the last year is that a large number of Māori freehold properties that were eligible for a remission are now classified as non-rateable as they are considered unused land under the Local Government (Rating) Act.

We encourage Māori freehold landowners to check with their local council whether their land is considered rateable or non-rateable following the changes to the legislation. If your land is rateable, take a look at the criteria for a rates remission under our policy and consider making an application if you think you may be eligible.

Criteria

Greater Wellington will give a remission of up to 100 percent of all rates due for eligible land for the years for which it is granted based on the extent to which the remission of rates will:

1. Support the use of the land by owners for traditional purposes
2. Support the relationship of Māori and their culture and traditions with their ancestral lands
3. Avoid further alienation of Māori freehold land
4. Facilitate any wish of the owners to develop the land for economic use intention
5. Recognise and take account of the presence of wāhi tapu that may affect the use of the land for other purposes
6. Recognise and take account of the importance of the land in providing economic and infrastructure support for marae and associated papakāinga housing (whether on the land or elsewhere)
7. Recognise and take account of the importance of the land for community goals relating to:
 - a. The preservation of the natural character of the coastal environment
 - b. The protection of outstanding natural features
 - c. The protection of significant indigenous vegetation and significant habitats of indigenous fauna
8. Recognise the level of community services provided to the land and its occupiers
9. Recognise matters related to the physical accessibility of the land

Ko te whenua i whakawhiti hei whenua Māori herekore ki te taitara whānui

I runga i te Ture Māori Affairs Amendment 1967, he maha ngā poraka whenua Māori herekore i whakaturehia ki te taitara whānui. Ko te nuinga o ngā whenua whaipānga Māori kāore i te mōhio i pēneitia ō rātou whenua i tērā wā, ā, kāore hoki ētehi i tēnei rā tonu i te mōhio ki tēnei panonitanga ki runga i ō rātou whenua.

Ka nui te pānga atu o ēnei panonitanga ki runga i ngā whenua i runga i ngā whakahaeretanga o ngā kaunihera mō te nama rēti, me te ngāwari hoki ki te hoko atu i te whenua ki a tauwi. Ko ngā whenua taitara whānui kāore i te māraurau ki ngā whakaitinga rēti i raro i tēnei kaupapa here.

Ko ā mātou panonitanga e tūtohi ana:

E tūtohi ana Te Pane Matua Taiao, ko te whenua i whakawhiti atu i te whenua Māori herekore ki te taitara whānui mā tēnei ara, kia rite tōna āhua ki te whenua Māori herekore i raro i tā mātou kaupapa here.

He aha mātou e pēnei ai?

E mea ana, ko te hunga whaipānga Māori o ngā whenua whānui, mehemea e taea ana e rātou te whakaatu mai nā te Ture Māori Affairs Amendment 1967 i pēnei ai, e māraurau ana mō te whakaitinga rēti i raro i ngā paearu me

ngā here o te whenua Māori herekore i roto i tā mātou kaupapa here. Ko tētehi here, ko te hunga whaipānga he uri nō ngā kaiwhaipānga tūturu i te wā o te whakahau whakawhiti i raro i te Ture 1967.

Ko te whenua Māori nō te Māori ki roto i te taitara whānui

He nui te whenua Māori te kāinga mō te marae, papakāinga, wāhi tapu, wāhi tūpuna, me ētehi wāhi hirahira pērā i te ngahere taketake, i te whenua māori.

I tēnei wā tonu, ko tā mātou kaupapa here mō te whakaitinga rēti mō ngā whenua Māori herekore e whakamahia pēneitia ana.

Ko ā mātou panonitanga e tūtohi ana:

Ko tā Te Pane Matua Taiao tūtohi, ko te whenua Māori nō te Māori e mau nei i te taitara whānui ka whiriwhirihia mō te whakaitinga rēti hei te wā, ki te whakatutukihia ngā paearu mō te whakaitinga i roto i te kaupapa here.

He aha mātou e pēnei ai?

He āheinga mō ngā whānau, hapū, iwi ki te tonu i te whakaitinga rēti mō ngā whenua whānui kia tautoko i te pupuri o te whenua ki te Māori. He painga pea mō te Māori ka piri atu te wāhi tapu. He mea tiaki i te wāhi tapu me te tautoko i te hunga whaipānga Māori ki te mārama i te hiratanga ake o te whenua.

herekore, kua āhei hoki ki te tonu i te whakaitinga rēti mō ngā papakāinga me ētehi atu hanganga e tautoko ana i te marae, engari e tū kē ana ki runga i te whenua whānui. He tautoko tēnei ki ngā hāpori marae katoa i te rohe kia taea e ō rātou whānau te noho tata ki te marae, tautoko i te marae me te kuhukuhu ki roto i ngā nekeneke katoa o te marae.

Ko tētehi atu tauira, ko ngā marae mātāwaka kāore e tū, e tata rānei ki te whenua Māori

Land converted from Māori freehold to general title

As a result of the Māori Affairs Amendment Act 1967, a large number of Māori freehold land blocks were compulsorily converted to general title. Many Māori landowners did not know this had happened to their land at the time, and some are not aware even today about the change in the status of their land.

These changes can have big impacts on how land is treated by councils for rating purposes though, as well as making it easier for land to be sold to non-Māori. Land in general title is not currently eligible for a rates remission under this policy.

What we are proposing to change:

Greater Wellington is proposing that land which was converted from Māori freehold to general title in this way be treated the same as Māori freehold land under our policy

Why are we proposing to do this?

This will mean that Māori landowners of general land, if they can show that their land status was changed as a result of the Māori Affairs Amendment Act 1967, will be eligible for a rates remission under the same criteria and conditions as Māori freehold land in our policy.

The only requirement is that current owners must be a descendant of the landowners at the time of the status order change under the 1967 Act.

Collectively owned Māori land in general title

A lot of Māori land is home to marae, papakāinga, wāhi tapu and wāhi tūpuna, as well as significant areas of native forest and other natural landscapes.

At the moment our policy only offers a rates remission for Māori freehold land that is used in this way.

What we are proposing to change:

Our proposal is that collectively owned Māori general land will also be able to be considered for a rates remission in future, where it meets the criteria required for remissions in the policy.

Why are we proposing to do this?

This will enable whānau, hapū and iwi to apply for a rates remission on general land to support the retention of land in Māori ownership. Examples of how this may benefit Māori could include wāhi tapu. This is intended to help protect the wāhi tapu as well as support Māori ownership of more land of significance to Māori.

Another example is that mātāwaka marae, which are not usually located on or near Māori freehold land, can apply for a rates remission for papakāinga and other infrastructure that supports marae but is located on general land. This will provide support to all marae communities in the region to ensure their whānau can live near marae, support marae and participate fully in the life of marae.

Ko ngā whenua i whakahokia e ngā whakataunga Tiriti

Ko te nuinga o ngā whenua i whakahokia e ngā whakataunga Tiriti e taitara whānui ana, ā, i runga i tā Te Pane Matua Taiao kaupapa here o nāianei, kāore ēnei whenua e māraurau ana ki te whakaitinga rēti.

Ko ā mātou panonitanga e tūtohi ana:

Kei te kōkirihiā e Te Pane Matua Taiao ki te whakapiri atu ngā whenua i whakahokia e ngā whakataunga Tiriti, engari:

- Kāore i te whai whakahokinga pūtea ki runga i te whenua
- Kāore i utua e te Karauna ngā nama rēti o mua
- Ka ea e te whenua ngā paearu e whakarāangi ana ki te kaupapa here

He aha mātou e pēnei ai?

I roto pea i ngā whakataunga Tiriti ko te whakahoki i te whenua me ngā here; ka nama rēti te whenua ahakoa kāore pea i pērā i te wā i te Karauna, ka whakamahia te whenua hei painga mō ngā iwi, hapū, whānau me te haporī whānui, ka whakahokia te whenua i runga anō i te

pitomata arumoni kāore anō kia puta. E hiahia ana Te Pane Matua Taiao ki te tautoko i ngā tūmanako o te mana whenua i muri i te whakataunga, ā, ko te whakaitinga rēti ki ēnei whenua tētehi huarahi tautoko e taea ana e mātou.

Ko te whakatupu i te whenua Māori

Ko ngā panonitanga ki te Ture Local Government (Rating) e āhei ana te hunga whaipānga o te whenua Māori herekore ki te tono mō te whakaitinga mō te wā e whakatupuria ana te whenua, e tutuki ana hoki i ētehi paearu.

Ko ā mātou panonitanga e tūtohi ana

Ko tēnei panonitanga ki te kaupapa here o Te Pane Matua Taiao e āhei ana te hunga whaipānga Māori o te whenua whānui kia whiriwhirihiā he tono whakaitinga nā rātou i raro i ēnei paearu:

- ngā painga ki te rohe mā te whakatū whiwhinga mahi
- ngā painga ki te rohe mā te whakatū whare hou
- ngā painga ki te kaunihera mā te whakawhānui i tā te kaunihera papa rēti i te takanga wā roa
- ngā painga ki te Māori i te rohe mā te tautoko i ngā marae i te rohe
- ngā painga ki te hunga whaipānga mā te whakanoho, whakatupu, whakamahi hoki o te whenua

He aha mātou e pēnei ai?

Mā te tāpiri ki te kaupapa here i te whenua whānui e puritia ana e te Māori, he āheinga, he painga hoki o te whakatupu whenua mō te mana whenua ki ngā wāhi katoa o te rohe, ahakoa te tū a te whenua. Hei tauira, mā te tāpiri o te whenua Māori e whakatupuria ana, e taea ana e te iwi, e tētehi

hapū rānei ki te hoko i te whenua, whakahaere whakatū whare mō ngā whānau, whakawhiwhia ki te whakaitinga rēti mō te roanga o te wā e whakatupuria ana, ā, ka mutu te whakatū whare me te noho o ngā whānau, ka mutu te whakaitinga rēti.

Land returned through Treaty settlements

Almost all land returned through Treaty settlements is in general title and as a result, this land is not eligible for rates remissions under the current Greater Wellington policy.

What we are proposing to change:

Greater Wellington is proposing to include land returned through Treaty settlements where:

- No commercial return is being made on the land; and
- The Crown was not previously paying rates on the land; and
- The land meets the criteria set out in the policy

Why are we proposing to do this

Treaty settlements can include the return of land with conditions that make the land rateable where this may not have been the case while in Crown ownership, land that is used for the benefit of iwi, hapū, whānau or the wider community,

or return of land with commercial potential that is not immediately realised. Greater Wellington looks to support the aspirations of mana whenua post-settlement, and rates remissions on these properties is one way we can do so.

Māori land under development

Changes to the Local Government (Rating) Act included the ability for owners of Māori freehold land to apply for a remission to cover the period

in which the land is being developed, if it meets certain criteria.

What we are proposing to change

This proposed change to Greater Wellington's policy will mean that general land that is collectively owned by Māori, can be considered for a remission under the below criteria:

- benefits to the district by creating new employment opportunities
- benefits to the district by creating new homes
- benefits to the council by increasing the council's rating base in the long term
- benefits to Māori in the district by providing support for marae in the district
- benefits to the owners by facilitating the occupation, development, and utilisation of the land

Why are we proposing to do this?

Including general land in Māori collective ownership in the scope of the policy means that the opportunities and benefits of land development are available to mana whenua in all parts of the region, regardless of land status. For example, including the provisions for Māori land under development means that an

iwi or hapū group could purchase land, lead a housing development for whānau, receive a rates remission for the duration of the development process, and then once the homes are completed and occupied by whānau, the rates remission would end.

Ko ngā panoni Whakahaere

E rua ngā panoni nui mō te whakahaere o te kaupapa here. E pā ana ēnei ki:

- te roa o tēnā whakaitinga, o tēnā whakaitinga ka whakaaetia, ā,
- te whakakorenga o te rēti whakatārewa hei whiringa mai i te kaupapa here

Ko ā mātou panonitanga e tūtohi ana:

E kōkirihiā ana e Te Pane Matua Taiao kia whakarahi ake i te wā o te whakaitinga mai i te kotahi tau ki te toru tau. Ka puritia tonutia te mana e te Kaunihera ki te whakakore i te whakaitinga, ki te whakapoto i te wā o te whakaitinga ki te kore e tutukihia ana ngā paearu.

E tūtohi ana Te Pane Matua Taiao ki te whakakore i te whiringa whakatārewa rēti mō ngā whenua Māori mai i te kaupapa here.

He aha mātou e pēnei ai?

Ko te panoni i te wā o te whakaitinga e mea ana, kotahi te wā i ia toru tau ka tonu atu te hunga whaipānga mō te whakaitinga rēti me te mōhio pū ka pēnei te whakaitinga mō ngā tau e toru, māna, ka rerekē te māraurau i tērā wā. Ko ngā whenua Māori e māraurau ana ki te whakaitinga i raro i tēnei kaupapa here e mea ana, ka whakatutuki i ngā paearu i te wā roa ki te roa rawa, kua i te wā poto. Ko te whai kia hāngai te toru tau ki tā mātou Pae Tawhiti kia mōhio ki te nui o te utu ki te whakahaere i ēnei whakaitinga. Hei whakakapi, ko te roa o te whakaitinga mō te toru tau ka tau ai ngā whakaaro o ngā kaiwhaipānga ki te whakamahere i te whakamahinga pai mō ō rātou whenua.

He nui ngā take o te tūtohi kia unuhia te whiringa whakatārewa ki runga i ngā whenua Māori. Kāore e tino whakamahia ana te tukanga whakatārewa rēti, ā, karekau hoki i a Te Pane Matua Taiao ētehi whakatārewa rēti mō ngā whenua Māori herekore.

Ka whiwhi i ngā kaunihera ngā whakatārewa rēti i te wā e hoko atu ana te whenua, engari e tukituki ana tēnei ki ngā pūtake o ngā whāinga o te kaupapa here o Te Pane Matua Taiao kia kua te Māori e rongō anō i te rironga o ō rātou whenua. He putunga nama hoki ki runga i te whenua te otinga atu o te whakatārewa, ā, e ngana ana Te Pane Matua Taiao me te kāwanatanga ki te kaupare i tērā mō te whenua Māori. Ko ngā kēhi whakatārewa rēti i runga i te pōharatanga, i ētehi atu āhuatanga rānei ka whiriwhirihiā e te Kaunihera mō te whenua Māori i raro i te kaupapa here whakatārewa whānui o Te Pane Matua Taiao ki te puta mai tētehi take.

Administration changes

There are two notable changes for the administration of the policy to highlight also. These relate to:

- the duration of each remission that is granted, and
- the removal of rates postponements as an option from the policy.

What we are proposing to change:

Greater Wellington is proposing to extend the term of the remissions from one to three years. The Council would retain the ability to cancel a remission or reduce the term of a remission if the criteria are no longer being met.

Greater Wellington is also proposing to remove the option rates postponements on Māori land from the policy.

Why are we proposing to do this?

The change to the duration of the remission means owners will only need to apply for a rates remission once every three years and will have security about the remission being in place for three years, unless eligibility changes during that time. The nature of Māori land eligible for remissions under this policy realistically means that the criteria is met on a medium to long term basis, rather than any shorter period.

The intention would be to align the three year period with our Long Term Plan cycle to help provide certainty around the costs of running these remissions. Lastly, the length of the remission period being three years will offer greater certainty to landowners in planning for the best use of their land.

Removing the option of postponements on Māori land is proposed for several reasons.

Postponements of rates are rarely utilised, and Greater Wellington does not currently have any rates postponements in place on Māori freehold land. Rates postponements are usually recovered by councils on the future sale of a property, however this runs contrary to the purposes of Greater Wellington's policy objectives to prevent further alienation of Māori from their land. Postponements also create long term debt against land which is something that both Greater Wellington and the government are looking to avoid for Māori land. Rates postponement in cases of hardship or other extenuating circumstances can still be considered by Council for Māori land under Greater Wellington's general postponements policy, should this ever be required.

E tonono atu ana ki a koe kia Kōrero Mai

Me whakarite kia tuku atu i tō tonono i mua i te **5pm Rāhina 2 o Haratua 2022**. Ko ngā tonono ka tae tōmuri mai, mā te Kaunihera anake e whakatau mehemea ka pānuitia i runga i te here o te wā ki te whakaoti i te kaupapa here i mua i te 30 o Pipiri, me te whakapae kāore e whakaaetia.

Māu e whiriwhiri me pēwhea koe e kōrero mai. Kua whakaritea e mātou tētehi puka ā-ipurangi ngāwari e taea ana i runga i te nuinga o ngā hangarau, ā, ki hea kē atu. Mehemea kāore tēnei momo puka ā-ipurangi e pai ana ki a koe, tēnā, imēra mai ō whakaaro ki whenuamaori@gw.govt.nz (Kaua e wareware ki te kī mai mehemea e pīrangī ana koe ki te kōrero hoki ki tō pukapuka).

E tāpirihia ana hoki tētehi pukapuka hei mahi māu, ā, whakakāia, whakahokia ki tētehi o ēnei i raro nei:

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- whenuamaori@gw.govt.nz

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Greater Wellington
Regional Council office
PO Box 11646
Manners St,
Wellington City, 6142

Drop it off at one of our offices:

- 100 Cuba Street, Te Aro
Wellington City, 6011
- 1056 Fergusson Drive
Upper Hutt City, 5140
- 34 Chapel Street
Masterton, 5840

Ki te pīrangī koe ki tētehi tānga o tēnei pukapuka tonu, tēnā, imēra whenuamaori@gw.govt.nz me ngā whakamārama mai kia hia ngā kape māu me te wāhi kia tukuna atu ai e mātou, ā, ka wawe tuku atu ki a koe ASAP. Whakapā mai **i mua i te 23 o Paengawhāwhā 2022** kia tae atu ki a koe ki te whakarite i tō pukapuka.

Kaua e wareware kei te uiui hoki i te Kaupapa Here Revenue me Finance. [Pēhia ki konei](#)

We invite you to Have Your Say

Be sure to get your submission in before **5pm Monday 2 May 2022**. Submissions received after this point may be received at Council's discretion only and given the timeframes needed to finalise the policy before 30 June are unlikely to be accepted.

You choose how you have your say. We have prepared an easy online submission form that you can do on almost any device and almost anywhere you want. If the online survey isn't for you, feel free to email us your thoughts to whenuamaori@gw.govt.nz (Please don't forget to let us know if you want to speak to your submission too).

A submission form is provided with this document too, just fill it out and send it to us by:

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Remember the Revenue and Finance Policy is being consulted on too. [Click here to have your say](#)

Pukatono

Katoa ngā pātai ki tēnei wāhanga, he whiringa. Māu e whiriwhiri ō whakautu ki te katoa, ki ētehi rānei. Engari, ki te pīrangī koe ki te kōrero mai ki tō tono ki te huinga tūmatanui, me homai koa ki a mātou ngā taipitopito whakapā atu tika. Reo Māori mai, kōrero ā-rotarota mai, reo Pākehā mai. Me mōata koa te whakamōhio mai kia taea e mātou tētehi kaiwhakawhiti te whakarite.

Ki te whakaoti mā te ipurangi, tēnā tirohia <https://www.haveyoursay.gw.govt.nz/maori-land-rates-remissions>

Kianga Tūmataiti: Ko ngā taipitopito ā-tangata i kohia i a koe e whakauru ana, ā, ki roto hoki i tō tono ka puritia rawatia e Te Pane Matua Taiao. Ka whakamahia e mātou ēnei kōrero ki te whakatupu, ki te ārahi hoki i Te Kaupapa Here Whakaitinga Rēti mō ngā Whenua Māori (tae noa ki ngā mōhiohio tauanga) me te whakapā atu ki a koe e pā ana ki te tukanga. He whakamārama anō mō tō mātou tiaki i ō kōrero tūmataiti ki roto i tō mātou Kupu Matatapu ki konei: <https://www.haveyoursay.gw.govt.nz/maori-land-rates-remissions>

Mehemea he pātai āu i mua i te whakarite o tō tono, tēnā, whakapā mai, imēra whenuamaori@gw.govt.nz

Ingoa:

Tōpūtanga (mehemea e tika ana):

Imēra:

Waea:

He taipitopito e pā ana ki a koe:

Nō hea koe? Māori (mana whenua) Māori (mātāwaka) NZ European Pacific Asia Other

Mehemea i kīia, he Māori (mana whenua), ko wai rā ō iwi?

Mehemea i kīia, he Māori (mātāwaka), ko wai rā ō iwi?

E noho ana koe ki hea? Carterton Kāpiti Coast Lower Hutt Kāore au e noho ki te rohe o Pōneke Kāore au e noho ki te rohe o Pōneke, engari he whenua ōku ki te rohe Masterton Porirua South Wairarapa Tararua Upper Hutt Wellington

He kaiwhaipānga koe o te whenua Māori herekore, he kaitiaki tōpū rānei e whaipānga ana ki te whenua mō te Māori te take? Āe Kāo He tūnga anō? (whakamāramatia mai)

He aha te momo whenua Māori i a koe? Whenua Māori Herekore Whenua Māori Taitara Whānui Whenua whakataunga Tiriti Marae

Submission form

All questions asked here are completely optional. You can answer as many or as few as you like. However, if you do wish to speak at a public hearing to your submission, please make sure you provide us with accurate contact information. This can be made in te reo Māori, New Zealand sign language or English. Please let us know early so we can arrange for a translator.

To do this online, please visit <https://www.haveyoursay.gw.govt.nz/maori-land-rates-remissions>

Privacy statement: The personal information collected from you during registration and in your submission is held securely by Greater Wellington. We use this information to develop and advise on the **Rates Remissions on Māori Land Policy** (including compiling statistical information) and to contact you about the process. Find out more about how we look after your privacy in our Privacy Statement here: <https://www.haveyoursay.gw.govt.nz/maori-land-rates-remissions>

If you would like to ask any questions before making your submission, please get in touch, email whenuamaori@gw.govt.nz

Name:

Organisation (if applicable):

Email:

Phone:

A little more about you:

What is your ethnicity? Māori (mana whenua) Māori (mātāwaka) NZ European Pacific Asia Other

If you selected Māori (mana whenua), what are your iwi affiliations?

If you selected Māori (mātāwaka), what are your iwi affiliations?

Where in the region do you live? Carterton Kāpiti Coast Lower Hutt I don't live in the Wellington Region I don't live in the Wellington Region, but I have land in the region Masterton Porirua South Wairarapa Tararua Upper Hutt Wellington

Are you the owner of Māori freehold land, or acting on behalf of an organisation that collectively owns land for the benefit of Māori? Yes No Other (please specify)

What kind of Māori land do you represent?

Māori freehold land Treaty settlement land Māori land in general title Marae

Ko te kōrero mai ki tō tono:

E whakapae ana ka tū ngā huinga tūmatanui ki te arotake i te Kaupapa Here Whakaitinga Rēti mō ngā Whenua Māori hei te **17-19 o Haratua 2022**, engari ko ngā rangi, ngā wā me ngā wāhi o ngā huinga ka whakapūmautia i te mutunga haere o te wā uiuinga. Mehemea e kī ana koe “āe” ināianei, e wātea ana koe ki te tīni i ō whakaaro i te wā ka whakapā atu mātou ki a koe mō tō wā tū.

E pīrangi ana koe ki te kōrero mai ki tō tono? Āe Kāo
(Mehemea kāore e tohu mai, ka whakaarotia e mātou kāore koe e tū)

Mō ngā tūtohunga:

E tautoko ana koe kia uru atu “Ngā Whenua Māori Herekore i whakawhiti ki te taitara whānui i raro i te Ture Māori Affairs Amendment 1967” hei whenua māraurau i raro i tēnei kaupapa here? Āe Kāo

He kupu āu:

E tautoko ana koe kia uru atu “Ngā whenua whakataunga Tiriti” hei whenua māraurau i raro i tēnei kaupapa here? Āe Kāo

He kupu āu:

E tautoko ana koe kia uru atu “Ngā Whenua Māori nō te Māori e mau nei i te taitara whānui” hei whenua māraurau i raro i tēnei kaupapa here? Āe Kāo

He kupu āu:

E tautoko ana koe kia uru atu “Ngā whenua Māori taitara whānui e whakatupuria ana” hei whenua māraurau i raro i tēnei kaupapa here? Āe Kāo

He kupu āu:

Speaking to your submission:

Public hearings for the Rates Remissions on Māori Land Policy review are **expected to take place between 17-19 May 2022**, however dates, times and locations of the hearings are not expected to be confirmed until near the end of the consultation period. If you select “yes” now, you are free to change your mind later once we reach out to confirm with you your speaking time.

Do you want to speak to in support of your submission? Yes No
(If no boxes are ticked, we'll assume you don't want to be heard)

About the proposals:

Do you support the proposed inclusion of “Māori freehold land converted to general title under the Māori Affairs Amendment Act 1967” as eligible land under the policy? Yes No

Please comment:

Do you support the proposed inclusion of “Treaty settlement land” as eligible land under the policy? Yes No

Please comment:

Do you support the proposed inclusion of “Land in general title collectively owned by Māori” as eligible land under the policy? Yes No

Please comment:

Do you support the proposed inclusion of “Māori land in general title under development” as eligible land under the policy? Yes No

Please comment:

