Proposal to amend the Māori Land Rates Remission and Postponement Policy

Feedback must be received by **28 March 2023**

About the Māori Land Rates Remission and Postponement Policy

We recognise that land is a taonga tuku iho of special significance to Māori people. One of the ways that we seek to support Māori landowners is by providing assistance with rates through our Māori Land Rates Remission and Postponement Policy. The objectives of our Māori Land Rates Remission and Postponement Policy are to:

- support the principles set out in the Preamble to Te Ture Whenua Māori Act 1993 by supporting Māori ownership and use of Māori land
- support achievement of Kia Ora Tāmaki Makaurau (Māori Outcomes Framework) objectives
- provide equity in rating by recognising limitations on the use, development and sale of Māori freehold land (MFL) compared to other land.

The Māori Land Rates Remission and Postponement Policy provides support to owners of Māori freehold land. Remissions for Māori owned general title land are only available in very limited circumstances (such as land returned for cultural redress). Currently, land that has been returned for commercial redress or which has been purchased by iwi is not generally eligible for remissions.

What we need your feedback on

We propose to amend the Māori Land Rates Remission and Postponement Policy to provide a partial remission of rates to general title papakāinga, where that land is:

- protected from being sold out of Māori ownership
- for the sole use of hapū/iwi.

We are proposing this remission to recognise the similarities between such properties, and papakāinga on Māori freehold land. The proposed remission would apply a discount similar to what is applied to Māori freehold land (up to 10 per cent of the rateable land value).

Further information on our proposal and the reasons for it can be found [insert reference to supporting information document]

What happens if we don't make the proposed changes?

If we do not amend the Māori Land Rates Remission and Postponement Policy, there will be no change in remissions for papakāinga housing. Under our existing policy, we only offer a remission for low income papakāinga households who are unable to access government rates rebates due to the nature of their tenancy agreements (licence to occupy tenancies). We do not offer a general remission for papakāinga housing.

We encourage you to give feedback online at akhaveyoursay.nz, or you can:

Scan and Email your completed form to:
akhaveyoursay@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

Post your completed form to:
Proposal to amend the Māori Land Rates Remission and Postponement Policy
Auckland Council
Private Bag 92300, Victoria Street West
Auckland, 1142

Your details

Your name and feedback will be included in public documents. All other personal details will be kept private.

First name: Last name:

Email address or postal address:

Your local board or suburb:

Is your feedback on behalf of an organisation or business? (If yes, this confirms you have authority to submit on the organisation's behalf)

☐ Yes ☐ No Name of organisation/business:

Important privacy information

The personal information that you provide in this form will be held and protected by Auckland Council in accordance with our privacy policy (available at **aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/privacy** and at our libraries and service centres) and with the Privacy Act 1993. The privacy policy explains how we can use and share your personal information in relation to any interaction you have with the council, and how you can access and correct that information. You should familiarise yourself with this policy before submitting this form.

These questions are optional but will help us understand which groups of the community are engaging with us.

What gender are you?

☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Another gender (please specify):

What age group do you belong to?

☐ Under 15 ☐ 15-17 ☐ 18-24 ☐ 25-34 ☐ 35-44
☐ 45-54 ☐ 55-64 ☐ 65-74 ☐ 75+

Which ethnic group(s) do you feel you belong to? (Please select as many as apply)

☐ Pākehā/NZ European ☐ Other European ☐ Māori
☐ Cook Islands Māori ☐ Samoan ☐ Tongan
☐ Indian ☐ Chinese ☐ Southeast Asian
☐ Other (please specify):

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- ☐ Our Auckland – your weekly guide to what's happening in Auckland
- ☐ Auckland Conversations - free public events, offering ideas, inspiration and action for world-class cities

You can also visit AK Have Your Say at akhaveyoursay.nz to find out about, or register to receive regular updates on, consultation activities happening across Auckland

Your feedback (all questions are optional)

1. What do you think of the proposed changes to the Māori Land Rates Remission and Postponement Policy?

- ☐ Support
- ☐ Do not support
- ☐ Other
- ☐ I don't know

Tell us why

Need more room? You can attach extra pages.