

Attachment B: Local Boards and Rural Advisory Panel Feedback on the Rates Remission and Postponement Policy proposal

1. 17 of the 21 local boards resolved support for the proposal in full. The remaining four boards partially endorsed the proposal as follows:
 - Franklin - supports a regional remission scheme for land with a covenant with the Queen Elizabeth the Second Trust (QEII), but otherwise supported the full proposal
 - Rodney – did not endorse the proposal for legacy schemes, but did support the development of an integrated approach to support outcomes for natural heritage, and community and sporting activities across the region.
 - Waiheke – opposes the removal of remissions for natural heritage, but supports the proposal for legacy schemes for community and sporting organisations
 - Waitākere Ranges noted concerns regarding the impact of removing remissions property owners who seek to covenant their land for long term environmental protection.
2. Great Barrier Local Board requested long term support options for QEII covenanted land and Forest and Bird.
3. The Rural Advisory Panel wanted a regional remission scheme for land with a covenant with the Queen Elizabeth the Second Trust (QEII).

Local Board Resolutions for or against proposal		
Feedback	No of Boards	Boards
Support proposal in full	17	Albert-Eden Devonport-Takapuna Great Barrier Henderson-Massey Hibiscus and Bays Howick Kaipātiki Māngare-Ōtāhuhu Manurewa Maungakiekie-Tamaki Ōrākei Ōtara-Papatoetoe Papakura Puketapapa Upper Harbour Waitematā Whau
Wants regional remission scheme for QE2 covenanted land, otherwise supports proposal	2	Franklin Waiheke
Does not endorse the proposal to replace legacy schemes with grants, does support the development of an integrated funding approach	1	Rodney
Noted concerns regarding the impact on private property owners who seek to covenant their land for long term environmental protection.	1	Waitakere Ranges

Other local board feedback on proposal

Feedback	No of Boards	Boards
Requests that support for both regional and local organisations be transferred to local grant budgets	1	Albert-Eden
Requests that local boards have decision-making over the level of funding granted to groups as of June 2019	1	Albert-Eden
Generally supports grants process, but prefers three year grant allocation to minimise administration	1	Franklin
Wants regional remissions for QE2, with eligibility dependent on passing QE2 inspections or similar test	1	Franklin
Requests additional departmental support for changes to local grants processes	1	Great Barrier
Requests timely communication to all affected parties	1	Great Barrier
Notes that Aotea Great Barrier Island is exempt for the APTR	1	Great Barrier
Wants sufficient dedicated resources to support outcomes for natural heritage and community and sporting organisations	1	Hibiscus and Bays
Grants to QEII land to be automatic	1	Manurewa
Local boards to be key participants in the development of integrated funding strategies	1	Manurewa
Rates and rates remissions are a regional not a local issue	1	Rodney
Concerned about the lack of certainty for funding beyond three years	1	Rodney

Local Board Resolutions

Albert-Eden

That the Albert-Eden Local Board:

- a) Supports an approach to integrate remissions and postponements with grants schemes with a three year transition (excluding the Manukau postponement scheme for sports clubs).
- b) Requests that the regional and local organisations that receive remissions and postponements funding be moved to local grant budgets as all the groups identified are local in nature and should therefore be governed by local boards.
- c) Requests that local boards have decision-making over the level of funding granted to groups as of June 2019.

Devonport-Takapuna

That the Devonport-Takapuna Local Board:

- a) endorses the proposal in principle subject to the following amendments:
 - i. increase the local board asset based service budgets to maintain the existing level of support for local community and sports groups in the Devonport-Takapuna Local

Board area, as per paragraph 39 in the agenda report.

- ii. grant the current recipient the same proportional level of support for rates remitted, and that this be guaranteed for three years.
- iii. develop an integrated approach to supporting outcomes for natural heritage, and community and sporting activities across the region.

b) endorses the following aspects of the proposed Rates Remission and Postponement Policy in Attachment B to this report:

- i. amendments to the remission for residents of licence to occupy retirement villages and Papakāinga housing to remove references to retirement villages and the Interim Transport Levy.
- ii. amendments to simplify the remission for rates penalties.

Franklin

That the Franklin Local Board provides the following feedback on the Rates Remissions and Postponement Policy:

- a) moving from rates remissions to a grant process is generally supported, as it is an opportunity to advance equity of approach, rather than retain the inequitable approach of the legacy schemes;
- b) the cost of administering grants annually is a concern, so a three-year grant allocation is preferred;
- c) extend the remission scheme for natural heritage across the region, with eligibility dependent on passing the QEII Trust inspections or equivalent test and where the covenants have not been established as a condition of resource consent, to acknowledge the value to the environment from covenanted land.
- d) the local board supports the development of an integrated approach to achieving outcomes for natural heritage, and supporting community and sporting activities across the region, provided that local boards are a key participant in the development of this approach;
- e) subject to the above feedback, the local board endorses:
 - i) the Rates Remission and Postponement Policy in Attachment B to the report entitled "Feedback on Rates Remissions and Postponement Policy";
 - ii) amendments to the postponement for Manukau Sport Clubs to restrict the scheme to current applicants and to close off the scheme after three years.

Great Barrier

That the Great Barrier Local Board:

- a) endorse the proposal to:
 - i. transfer current budget for legacy remissions schemes for natural heritage and community and sports organisations to the operating group with relevant expertise
 - ii. transfer current budget for postponements for Great Barrier Island businesses to Great Barrier Local Board and requests departmental support for any additional operational processes that may result, including a workshop before the budget is transferred
 - iii. grant the current recipient the same support guaranteed for three years
 - iv. develop an integrated approach to supporting outcomes for natural heritage, and community and sporting activities across the region.
 - v. request long term support options for natural heritage QEII and Forest and Bird remission recipients as its important to retain this remission for environmental

protection of special places

vi. request that the communication of these changes are timely, open and frequent with all affected parties

vii. note that Aotea Great Barrier Island is exempt from the Accommodation Provider Targeted rate

b) endorse the Rates Remission and Postponement Policy in Attachment B to this report, which includes the following amendments to the existing policy:

i. amendments to simplify the remission for rates penalties

ii. removal of the legacy remissions schemes for natural heritage and community and sports organisations and postponement for Great Barrier Island.

Henderson-Massey

That the Henderson-Massey Local Board:

a) endorse the proposal to:

i. transfer current budget for legacy remissions schemes for natural heritage and community and sports organisations to the operating group with relevant expertise

ii. transfer current budget for postponements for Great Barrier Island businesses to Great Barrier Island Local Board

iii. grant the current recipient the same support guaranteed for three years

iv. develop an integrated approach to supporting outcomes for natural heritage, and community and sporting activities across the region

b) Endorses the Rates Remission and Postponement Policy in Attachment B to this report, which includes the following amendments to the existing policy:

i. introduction of a remission scheme for the Accommodation Provider Targeted rate.

ii. amendments to the remission for residents of licence to occupy retirement villages and Papakāinga housing to remove references to retirement villages and the Interim Transport Levy

iii. amendments to simplify the remission for rates penalties

iv. removal of the legacy remissions schemes for natural heritage and community and sports organisations and postponement for Great Barrier Island

c) endorse the amendments to the postponement for Manukau Sport Clubs to restrict the scheme to current applicants and to close off the scheme after three years.

d) note the confidential status of attachment D to Item 13.

Hibiscus and Bays

That the Hibiscus and Bays Local Board:

a) endorses:

i. the proposal to transfer current budget for legacy remissions schemes for natural heritage and community and sports organisations to the operating group with relevant expertise and to local boards in the case of community facilities

ii. the proposal to grant the current recipient the same support guaranteed for a minimum of three years

iii. the development of an integrated approach and sufficient dedicated resourcing to support outcomes for natural heritage, and community and sporting activities across the region

b) endorses the Rates Remission and Postponement Policy in Attachment B to this report, which includes the following amendments to the existing policy:

i. introduction of a remission scheme for the Accommodation Provider Targeted rate.

ii. amendments to the remission for residents of licence to occupy retirement villages and Papakāinga housing to remove references to retirement villages and the

Interim Transport Levy

- iii. amendments to simplify the remission for rates penalties
- iv. removal of the legacy remissions schemes for natural heritage and community and sports organisations and postponement for Great Barrier Island pending development of an integrated approach and sufficient dedicated resourcing to support outcomes for natural heritage and community and sports activities across the region.

Howick

That the Howick Local Board endorses the:

- a) proposal to:
 - i. transfer current budget for legacy remissions schemes for natural heritage and community and sports organisations to the operating group with relevant expertise
 - ii. transfer current budget for postponements for Great Barrier Island businesses to Great Barrier Island Local Board
 - iii. grant the current recipient the same support guaranteed for three years
 - iv. develop an integrated approach to supporting outcomes for natural heritage, and community and sporting activities across the region
- b) Rates Remission and Postponement Policy in Attachment B to this report, which includes the following amendments to the existing policy:
 - i. introduction of a remission scheme for the Accommodation Provider Targeted rate.
 - ii. amendments to the remission for residents of licence to occupy retirement villages and Papakāinga housing to remove references to retirement villages and the Interim Transport Levy
 - iii. amendments to simplify the remission for rates penalties
 - iv. removal of the legacy remissions schemes for natural heritage and community and sports organisations and postponement for Great Barrier Island
 - v. amendments to the postponement for Manukau Sport Clubs to restrict the scheme to current applicants and to close off the scheme after three years.

Kaipātiki

That the Kaipātiki Local Board:

- a) endorse the proposal in principle subject to the following amendments:
 - i. increase the local board asset based service budgets to maintain the existing level of support for local community, arts and sports groups in Kaipatiki.
 - ii. grant the current recipient the same proportional level of support for rates remitted, and that this be guaranteed until this policy is reviewed.
 - iii. develop an integrated approach to supporting outcomes for natural heritage, cultural, community and sporting activities across the region.
- b) endorse the following aspects of the proposed Rates Remission and Postponement Policy in Attachment B in the agenda report:
 - i. amendments to the remission for residents of licence to occupy retirement villages and Papakāinga housing, to remove references to retirement villages and the Interim Transport Levy
 - ii. amendments to simplify the remission for rates penalties

Māngere-Ōtāhuhu

That the Māngere-Ōtāhuhu Local Board:

- a) endorses the proposal to:
 - i. transfer current budget for legacy remissions schemes for natural heritage and community and sports organisations to the operating group with relevant

- expertise.
 - ii. transfer current budget for postponements for Great Barrier Island businesses to Great Barrier Island Local Board.
 - iii. grant the current recipient the same support guaranteed for three years.
 - iv. develop an integrated approach to supporting outcomes for natural heritage, and community and sporting activities across the region.
- b) endorses the Rates Remission and Postponement Policy in Attachment B to this report, which includes the following amendments to the existing policy:
- i. introduction of a remission scheme for the Accommodation Provider Targeted rate.
 - ii. amendments to the remission for residents of licence to occupy retirement villages and Papakāinga housing to remove references to retirement villages and the Interim Transport Levy.
 - iii. amendments to simplify the remission for rates penalties.
 - iv. removal of the legacy remissions schemes for natural heritage and community and sports organisations and postponement for Great Barrier Island.
- c) endorses the amendments to the postponement for Manukau Sport Clubs to restrict the scheme to current applicants and to close off the scheme after three years.

Manurewa

That the Manurewa Local Board:

- a) endorse the proposal subject to the following amendments:
- i) increase the local board asset based service budgets to maintain the existing level of support for local community and sports groups in Manurewa, as per paragraph 39 in the agenda report
 - ii) land covered by QE2 or other environmental covenants to receive grant support automatically, rather than through an application process, to acknowledge the value to the environment from covenanted land
 - iii) grant the current recipients the same proportional level of support for rates remitted, and that this be guaranteed for three years.
- b) support the development of an integrated approach to achieving outcomes for natural heritage, and supporting community and sporting activities across the region, provided that local boards are a key participant in the development of this approach
- c) endorse the following aspects of the Rates Remission and Postponement Policy in Attachment B to the report entitled "Feedback on Rates Remissions and Postponement Policy":
- i) the amendments to the remission for residents of licence to occupy retirement villages and Papakāinga housing to remove references to retirement villages and the Interim Transport Levy
 - ii) the amendments to simplify the remission for rates penalties.

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki

That the Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board:

- a) supports the intent of the policy to increase transparency and provide support to community groups;

Ōrākei

That the Ōrākei Local Board endorses the:

- a) proposal to:
- i) transfer current budget for legacy remissions schemes for natural heritage and community and sports organisations to the operating group with relevant expertise
 - ii) grant the current recipients the same support guaranteed for three years
 - iii) develop an integrated approach to supporting outcomes for natural heritage, and

community and sporting activities across the region.

- b) Rates Remission and Postponement Policy in Attachment B to this report, which includes the following amendments to the existing policy:
- i) introduction of a remission scheme for the Accommodation Provider Targeted Rate.
 - ii) amendments to the remission for residents of licence to occupy retirement villages and Papakāinga housing to remove references to retirement villages and the Interim Transport Levy
 - iii) amendments to simplify the remission for rates penalties.

Ōtara-Papatoetoe

That the Ōtara-Papatoetoe Local Board endorses the:

- a) proposal to:
- i. transfer current budget for legacy remissions schemes for natural heritage and community and sports organisations to the operating group with relevant expertise
 - ii. transfer current budget for postponements for Great Barrier Island businesses to Great Barrier Island Local Board
 - iii. grant the current recipient the same support guaranteed for three years
 - iv. develop an integrated approach to supporting outcomes for natural heritage, and community and sporting activities across the region.
- b) rates Remission and Postponement Policy in Attachment B to this report, which includes the following amendments to the existing policy:
- i. introduction of a remission scheme for the Accommodation Provider Targeted rate
 - ii. amendments to the remission for residents of licence to occupy retirement villages and Papakāinga housing to remove references to retirement villages and the Interim Transport Levy
 - iii. amendments to simplify the remission for rates penalties
 - iv. removal of the legacy remissions schemes for natural heritage and community and sports organisations and postponement for Great Barrier Island.
- c) amendments to the postponement for Manukau Sport Clubs to restrict the scheme to current applicants and to close off the scheme after three years.

Papakura

That the Papakura Local Board:

- a) endorse in principle the Rates Remission and Postponement Policy subject to the following:
- i. increase the local board asset based service budgets to maintain the existing level of support for local community and sports groups in Papakura, as per paragraph 39 in the agenda report entitled "Feedback on Rates Remission and Postponement Policy".
 - ii. grant the current recipients the same proportional level of support for rates remitted, and that this be guaranteed for three years
 - iii. develop an integrated approach to supporting outcomes for natural heritage, and community and sporting activities across the region.
 - iv. the local grants budget increased to accommodate the Rates Remission and Postponement Policy.
- b) endorse the following aspects of the Rates Remission and Postponement Policy in Attachment B to the report entitled "Feedback on Rates Remission and Postponement

Policy”: -

- i. introduction of a remission scheme for the Accommodation Provider Targeted rate.
 - ii. amendments to the remission for residents of residents of licence to occupy retirement villages and Papakāinga housing to remove references to retirement villages and the Interim Transport Levy
 - iii. amendments to simplify the remission for rates penalties
- c) note the confidential status of attachment D to the report entitled “Feedback on Rates Remission and Postponement Policy”

Puketāpapa

That the Puketāpapa Local Board endorse the:

- a) proposal to:
- i. transfer current budget for legacy remissions schemes for natural heritage and community and sports organisations to the operating group with relevant expertise
 - ii. transfer current budget for postponements for Great Barrier Island businesses to Great Barrier Island Local Board
 - iii. grant the current recipient the same support guaranteed for three years
 - iv. develop an integrated approach to supporting outcomes for natural
- b) Rates Remission and Postponement Policy in Attachment B to this report, which includes the following amendments to the existing policy:
- i. introduction of a remission scheme for the Accommodation Provider Targeted rate.
 - ii. amendments to the remission for residents of residents of licence to occupy retirement villages and Papakāinga housing to remove references to retirement villages and the Interim Transport Levy
 - iii. amendments to simplify the remission for rates penalties
 - iv. removal of the legacy remissions schemes for natural heritage and community and sports organisations and postponement for Great Barrier Island
 - v. amendments to the postponement for Manukau Sport Clubs to restrict the scheme to current applicants and to close off the scheme after three years.
- b) thank officer Victoria Villaraza for her attendance.

Rodney

That the Rodney Local Board:

- a) does not endorse the proposal to:
- i. transfer current budget for legacy remissions schemes for natural heritage and community and sports organisations to the operating group with relevant expertise.
- b) reiterate its previous feedback provided in resolution RD/2017/42, and in particular that:
- i. it is not the local board’s role to be involved in rating and rates remissions; this is best dealt with consistently at a regional level
 - ii. the system being suggested is only for a three year period which means that there is no certainty for community groups that the arrangement would continue beyond that three year period
- c) support the development of an integrated approach, and sufficient dedicated resourcing, to support outcomes for natural heritage, and community and sporting activities across the region.
- d) note the confidential status of Attachment D - Community and Sports Remissions by local board to item 17 Feedback on Rates Remission and Postponement Policy.

Upper Harbour

That the Upper Harbour Local Board Community Forum:

- a) endorse the proposal in principle subject to the following amendments:
 - i. increase the local board asset based service budgets to maintain the existing level of support for local community and sports groups in Upper Harbour, as per paragraph 39 in the agenda report
 - ii. grant the current recipient the same proportional level of support for rates remitted, and that this be guaranteed for three years
 - iii. develop an integrated approach to supporting outcomes for natural heritage, and community and sporting activities across the region.
- b) endorse the following aspects of the proposed Rates Remission and Postponement Policy in Attachment B in the agenda report:
 - i. amendments to the remission for residents of licence to occupy retirement villages and Papakāinga housing, to remove references to retirement villages and the Interim Transport Levy
 - ii. amendments to simplify the remission for rates penalties

Waiheke

That the Waiheke Local Board:

- a) does not support transition of the regional heritage (covenanted land) remissions into a regional grant programme, in particular covenants under the Queen Elizabeth II National Trust Act.
- b) endorse the proposal to:
 - i. transfer current budget for community and sports organisations to the council operating group with relevant expertise.
 - ii. transfer current budget for postponements for Great Barrier Island businesses to Great Barrier Island Local Board.
 - iii. develop an integrated approach to supporting outcomes for community and sporting activities across the region.
- c) note the confidential status of Attachment D - Community and Sports Remissions by local board to item 13 Feedback on Rates Remission and Postponement Policy.

Waitākere Ranges

That the Waitākere Ranges Local Board:

- a) receive the report
- b) note their concerns with regard to the impact on private property owners who seek to covenant their land for long term environmental protection.

Waitematā

The Waitematā Local Board:

- a) endorse the proposal to:
 - i. transfer current budget for legacy remissions schemes for natural heritage and community and sports organisations to the operating group with relevant expertise
 - ii. transfer current budget for postponements for Great Barrier Island businesses to Great Barrier Island Local Board
 - iii. grant the current recipient the same support guaranteed for three years
 - iv. develop an integrated approach to supporting outcomes for natural heritage, and community and sporting activities across the region
- b) endorse the Rates Remission and Postponement Policy in Attachment B to this report,

which includes the following amendments to the existing policy:

- i. introduction of a remission scheme for the Accommodation Provider Targeted rate.
 - ii. amendments to the remission for residents of licence to occupy retirement villages and Papakāinga housing to remove references to retirement villages and the Interim Transport Levy
 - iii. amendments to simplify the remission for rates penalties
 - iv. removal of the legacy remissions schemes for natural heritage and community and sports organisations and postponement for Great Barrier Island
- c) endorse the amendments to the postponement for Manukau Sport Clubs to restrict the scheme to current applicants and to close off the scheme after three years

Whau

That the Whau Local Board endorses the:

- a) proposal to:
 - i. transfer current budget for legacy remissions schemes for natural heritage and community and sports organisations to the operating group with relevant expertise
 - ii. transfer current budget for postponements for Great Barrier Island businesses to Great Barrier Island Local Board
 - iii. grant the current recipient the same support guaranteed for three years
 - iv. develop an integrated approach to supporting outcomes for natural heritage, and community and sporting activities across the region
- b) Rates Remission and Postponement Policy in Attachment B to this report, which includes the following amendments to the existing policy:
 - i. introduction of a remission scheme for the Accommodation Provider Targeted rate.
 - ii. amendments to the remission for residents of licence to occupy retirement villages and Papakāinga housing to remove references to retirement villages and the Interim Transport Levy
 - iii. amendments to simplify the remission for rates penalties
 - iv. removal of the legacy remissions schemes for natural heritage and community and sports organisations and postponement for Great Barrier Island
- c) amendments to the postponement for Manukau Sport Clubs to restrict the scheme to current applicants and to close off the scheme after three years.

Rural Advisory Panel Resolutions

That the Rural Advisory Panel:

- a) endorses the proposal to:
 - i) transfer current budget for legacy remissions schemes for natural heritage and community and sports organisations to the operating group with relevant expertise.
 - ii) transfer current budget for postponements for Great Barrier Island businesses to Great Barrier Island Local Board.
 - iii) grant the current recipient the same support guaranteed for three years.
 - iv) develop an integrated approach to supporting outcomes for natural heritage, and community and sporting activities across the region.
- b) endorse the Rates Remission and Postponement Policy in Attachment B to this report, which includes the following amendments to the existing policy:
 - i) introduction of a remission scheme for the Accommodation Provider Targeted rate.
 - ii) amendments to the remission for residents of licence to occupy retirement villages and Papakāinga housing to remove references to retirement villages and the

Interim Transport Levy.

- iii) amendments to simplify the remission for rates penalties.
- iv) extend the remission scheme for natural heritage across the region with eligibility dependent on passing the QEII Trust inspections or equivalent test and the covenants have not been established as a condition of resource consent.
- v) amendments to the postponement for Manukau Sport Clubs to restrict the scheme to current applicants and to close off the scheme after three years.