

Rates Remission and Postponement Policy

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.