

# Consultation for proposed changes to Revenue & Financing Policy, Rating Policy, Rates Remission Policy and Rates Postponement Policy



**NAPIER**  
CITY COUNCIL  
*Te Kaunihera o Ahuriri*

## Summary of proposal

Many changes have taken place in Napier since the 1989 amalgamation with Hawke's Bay County Council, but some parts of our rating system haven't changed. We want to update our policies to better reflect how activities should be funded i.e. General Rates vs user pays. We also want to ensure that similar properties pay similar rates.

**These proposals will change how the rates are calculated on each property. The total amount of rates that Council collects will be the same. To see how these changes might affect you, use our rates calculator at [napier.govt.nz](http://napier.govt.nz) keyword search #ratescalculator.**

Our review of the Revenue and Financing Policy affects other policies too, so we are also reviewing the Rating Policy, Rates Remission Policy and Rates Postponement Policy.

## Privacy Statement

We are collecting feedback as part of our consultation with the community on the Revenue & Financing Statement of Proposal. Personal information (such as your name and contact details) are being collected so we can analyse your feedback and provide a written response to submissions.

Your feedback is not mandatory, and should be provided by you on a voluntary basis only.

However, we encourage you to complete as many questions as you can to provide us with a more complete view on the proposed amendments.

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## YOUR SUBMISSION ON OUR REVENUE AND FINANCING STATEMENT OF PROPOSAL

**say it!**

**Submissions close 5pm  
Wed 2 December 2020**

For more information, please refer to the Statement of Proposal and summary of changes at [sayitnapier.nz](http://sayitnapier.nz). Alternatively, printed copies are available at our Customer Services Centre and libraries.

**We encourage you to complete this form online at [sayitnapier.nz](http://sayitnapier.nz)** or post this form for free to: FreePost Authority Number 772273, Revenue and Financing Policy, Napier City Council, Private Bag 6010, Napier 4142, or drop it off at our Customer Service Centre, 215 Hastings Street Napier. You can use extra paper if you need to or you can attach a document. Your name and submission will be published, but your contact details will be kept private.

## YOUR DETAILS:

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| Full name:   |   |
| Daytime phone number:  |   |
| Email address:   |   |
| Address:   |   |
| Postal address<br>(if different from above):                                 |   |
| If you are submitting on behalf of a group/organisation?<br>What's its name: |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/>   | Please tick if you want to present your feedback to Council in person. We will be in touch to confirm a time. |

# 1. REVENUE & FINANCING POLICY

The Revenue & Financing Policy guides how we gather our revenue and how we use it to fund our activities and services.

Please tick **ONE** box only - Refer to pages 4-10 in the Statement of Proposal.

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| <b>Do you agree with how we propose to fund each activity?</b>  | <input type="radio"/> <b>Yes</b> - go to section 2 | <input type="radio"/> <b>No</b> - go to section 2 | <input type="radio"/> <b>Some</b> - Answer questions below |
| Comments:   |  |   |  |
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| <b>Do you agree with our proposal to reduce from 6 to 3 rating categories?</b>  | <input type="radio"/> <b>Agree</b>                 | <input type="radio"/> <b>Disagree</b>             | <input type="radio"/> <b>Neutral</b>                       |
| Comments:   |  |   |  |
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| <b>Do you agree with the way we want to fund Council's activities? For example the proportion of rates vs. user pays etc.</b> | <input type="radio"/> <b>Agree</b>                 | <input type="radio"/> <b>Disagree</b>             | <input type="radio"/> <b>Neutral</b>                       |
| Comments:   |  |   |  |
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# 2. RATING POLICY

The Rating Policy is the detail that supports the Revenue & Finance Policy. It provides more detail on:

- The percentage of General Rates based on the property type and;
- How Targeted Rates are assessed

Please tick **ONE** box only - Refer to page 11-12 in the Statement of Proposal.

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| <b>Do you agree with how we propose to assess General and Targeted Rates?</b>  | <input type="radio"/> <b>Yes</b> - go to section 3 | <input type="radio"/> <b>No</b> - go to section 3 | <input type="radio"/> <b>Some</b> - Answer questions below |
| Comments:  |  |   |  |
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| <b>Do you agree with the proposed General Rate percentage weights for Residential/Other, Commercial &amp; Industrial, and Rural properties?</b>              | <input type="radio"/> <b>Agree</b>                 | <input type="radio"/> <b>Disagree</b>             | <input type="radio"/> <b>Neutral</b>                       |
| Comments:  |  |   |  |
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| <b>Do you agree with the proposed increase in the City Water Rate from 50% to 70% for Rating Units that are not connected but within 100m of the system?</b> | <input type="radio"/> <b>Agree</b>                 | <input type="radio"/> <b>Disagree</b>             | <input type="radio"/> <b>Neutral</b>                       |
| Comments:  |  |   |  |
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| Do you agree with the proposed increase in the Sewerage Rate from 50% to 70% for Rating Units that are not connected but within 30m of the system?     | <input type="radio"/> Agree | <input type="radio"/> Disagree | <input type="radio"/> Neutral |
| Comments:  |                             |                                |                               |
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| Do you agree that Council should develop a proposal to charge based on the number of toilets in a property? (residential would be a one toilet charge) | <input type="radio"/> Agree | <input type="radio"/> Disagree | <input type="radio"/> Neutral |
| Comments:  |                             |                                |                               |
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| Do you agree with the proposed introduction of a Stormwater Rate?  | <input type="radio"/> Agree | <input type="radio"/> Disagree | <input type="radio"/> Neutral |
| Comments:  |                             |                                |                               |
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### 3. RATES REMISSION POLICY

The Rates Remission Policy allows us to remit (cancel) all or part of the rates or penalties where certain conditions and criteria in the policy are met.

**Please tick ONE box only - Refer to page 13-14 in the Statement of Proposal.**

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| <b>Do you agree with how we propose to discount or cancel rates or penalties?</b>                                      | <input type="radio"/> <b>Yes</b> - go to section 4 | <input type="radio"/> <b>No</b> - go to section 4 | <input type="radio"/> <b>Some</b> - Answer questions below |
| Comments:  |  |   |  |
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| Do you agree with the proposed inclusion of a Remission for Farmland Under 5 Hectares?                                 | <input type="radio"/> Agree                        | <input type="radio"/> Disagree                    | <input type="radio"/> Neutral                              |
| Comments:  |  |   |  |
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| Do you agree with the proposed inclusion of a Remission of Refuse Collection and/or Kerbside Recycling Targeted Rates? | <input type="radio"/> Agree                        | <input type="radio"/> Disagree                    | <input type="radio"/> Neutral                              |
| Comments:  |  |   |  |
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| Do you agree with the proposed inclusion of a Remission for Residential Properties Used Solely as a Single Residence?  | <input type="radio"/> Agree                        | <input type="radio"/> Disagree                    | <input type="radio"/> Neutral                              |
| Comments:  |  |   |  |
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