

## STATEMENT OF PROPOSAL

### NEW RATES REMISSION POLICY FOR MĀORI FREEHOLD LAND USED FOR PAPA KĀINGA HOUSING



#### REASON FOR THE PROPOSAL

When Council wishes to introduce a new rates remission policy we must use a special consultative procedure to do so. Wairoa District Council is considering introducing a rates remission policy for the remission of Uniform Annual General Charges and waste management rural charges for Māori Freehold Land used for Papa Kāinga housing. Wairoa District Council recognises that often occupation licenses and other informal arrangements:

- Only provide a temporary right to occupy an area of land for the purposes of establishing a dwelling; and
- Do not provide a right to permanent occupation or succession; and
- Are often not commercial in nature, and
- Hinder occupants from being eligible to apply for a rates rebate.

***Council is considering whether it should adopt a rates remission policy for Māori Freehold land used for Papa Kāinga housing. It considers that this is a matter for local communities to provide feedback on. There is also a legislative requirement for the special consultative procedure to be used. Council is therefore seeking feedback from its communities on whether they believe Council should adopt this proposed policy.***

#### More Information

##### Where to get a copy of the submission form

The submission form may be collected from the Council's Main Office in Wairoa, or filled out online on the Council's website [www.wairoadc.govt.nz](http://www.wairoadc.govt.nz)

##### Period for Consultation

Written submissions may be made until **4.30pm Thursday 18 April 2019**

Those who make a written submission may choose to make an oral submission. Hearing of oral submissions are tentatively scheduled for 30 April 2019.

Please indicate on your submission form if you wish to speak to your submission.

If you have any questions about this proposed rates remission policy please contact our Senior Rates Officer, David Doole or Maori Relationships Manager, Duane Culshaw on 06 838 7309.

