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REPORT SUMMARY

Report to: Full Council
Meeting Date: 26 January 2012
Report Author Jeff Cuthbertson, Utilities Asset Manager
Subject: **Long Term Plan Policy on Remission of Excess Metered Water Rates**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Local Government Act 2002 (LGA) provides Council with the powers to adopt a rates remission policy. This policy is included in the Draft Long Term Plan 2012-2022 for public consultation.

RECOMMENDATION/S

That the proposed policy be adopted for inclusion in the Draft Long Term Plan 2012-2022.

DRAFT RESOLUTION

THAT the Tasman District Council receives the report RCN12-01-06, Policy on Remission of Excess Metered Water Rates; and

THAT the Tasman District Council approves the Policy on Remission of Excess Metered Water Rates for inclusion in the Draft Long Term Plan 2012-2022 as noted in the report RCN12-01-06.

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1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval of the Policy on Remission of Excess Metered Water Rates for inclusion in the Draft Long Term Plan 2012-2022.

2. LEGISLATIVE BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Section 102(3) of the Local Government Act 2002 (the Act) provides Council with the powers to adopt a rates remission policy. Sections 109 and 110 of the Act set out the criteria for these policies and the review process.
- 2.2 A revised Policy on Remission of Excess Metered Water Rates is attached as Appendix 1 for Council's consideration. The existing policy is attached as Appendix 2 to enable a comparison of the differences. Only minor changes are proposed to the policy, which are identified as highlighted in Appendix 1.

3. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 The amount of rates remissions is collected from other ratepayers. This is budgeted for within the Draft Long Term Plan.

4. OPTIONS

- 4.1 Council can confirm or amend the remission policy.

5. SIGNIFICANCE

- 5.1 The adoption of the rating remissions policy is considered important as it impacts on all ratepayers to a small extent, in that any rates which are remitted need to be covered either in their entirety or the short-term by other ratepayers. The benefit from remission of rates is important to those ratepayers who receive them as the policy will remove some unfairness that

might have arisen eg, through water leaks. Because this policy has an impact on Council's Funding Impact Statement it is required to go through a special consultative procedure which will be undertaken through the Long Term Plan process.

6. RECOMMENDATION

6.1 That the proposed policy be approved for inclusion in the Draft Long Term Plan 2012-2022.

7. DRAFT RESOLUTION

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THAT the Tasman District Council approves the Policy on Remission of Excess Metered Water Rates for inclusion in the Draft Long Term Plan 2012-2022 as noted in the report RCN12-01-06.

Appendices

Appendix 1 – New Policy on Remission of Excess Metered Water Rates

Appendix 2 – Previous Policy on Remission of Excess Metered Water Rates