

SUBMISSION



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To: Tasman District Council

Submission on: Proposed Rates Remission Policy for Land Affected by Natural Disaster

From: Nelson and Golden Bay Provinces of Federated Farmers of New Zealand

Date: 30 July 2012

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Federated Farmers of New Zealand

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Federated Farmers would like to be heard in support of this submission

KEY SUBMISSIONS

1. The Nelson and Golden Bay Provinces of Federated Farmers oppose the Proposed Rates Remission Policy for Land Affected by Natural Disaster in general terms and seek that it is withdrawn.
2. Federated Farmers are concerned that the Proposed Rates Remission Policy for Land Affected by Natural Disaster is limited to properties that have lost access to water or sewage services. Understanding that the Council might seek to remit rates in certain circumstances, Federated Farmers sees it as unhelpful to limit discretion to residential property, and seek that a broader range of property types and services be provided for. Accordingly we seek the following amendments to Part 2, Clause 4 of the Statement of Proposal:

In determining whether or not a property is ~~uninhabitable or unable to be used~~ and the period of time for which the rates remission policy is to apply, Council may take into account:

- a) The extent to which essential services such as water, ~~or sewage, or roading~~ to any dwelling, ~~or building or production land~~ were interrupted or could not be supplied;*
 - b) Whether essential services such as water, ~~or sewage, or roading~~ to any dwelling, ~~or building or production land~~ are not able to be provided; and*
 - c) Whether any part of the building or land remains available for use;*
 - d) The degree of financial loss, hardship, or business interruption incurred.*
3. Federated Farmers also seeks consequential amendments to give effect to our relief sought, and achieve consistency and coherence with other parts of the Proposed Rates Remission Policy for Land Affected by Natural Disaster.

**SUBMISSION TO TASMAN DISTRICT COUNCIL ON
PROPOSED RATES REMISSION POLICY FOR LAND AFFECTED BY NATURAL
DISASTER**

1. GENERAL SUBMISSION

- 1.1. Federated Farmers welcomes the opportunity to submit on the Proposed Rates Remission Policy for Land Affected by Natural Disaster (the Proposed Policy). Tasman District has had to cope with several heavy rainfall and flood events in recent times, with significant damage caused to infrastructure and property and social and economic disruption for many people, including farmers and other members of the rural community.
- 1.2. Despite the damage caused and the obvious good intentions of making things easier in time of disaster, the Nelson and Golden Bay Provinces of Federated Farmers are not comfortable with the Proposed Policy in general terms. Reasons for our concern include:
- Remission of rates will create additional financial burdens at a time when the Council will already be spending money on disaster response and repair of infrastructure;
 - In almost every case, those who lose the use of land will receive insurance cover to compensate for financial loss;
 - Subsidy of some ratepayers by others;
 - Tasman District Council faces challenges in balancing increasing costs of services and income;
 - Potential reduced incentive to repair infrastructure in a timely manner to prevent adverse effects on human health.
- 1.3. The proposed rates remission policy (the proposed policy) is potentially unaffordable because it will aggravate the already considerable costs of coping with natural disaster. We also point out that substantial ratepayer funds will be spent on repair or restoration of services to properties proposed for rates relief subsequent to any disaster; why then should these properties be given relief?
- 1.4. The proposed policy is also an intervention in a matter that will be covered by insurances that will compensate for loss of use of or damage to property. While use of the property might be suspended for a time, this is not completely true as insurance will completely or partially offset any loss. Those who have chosen to 'self insure' have chosen to take risk upon themselves, and should not expect help from ratepayers.
- 1.5. It is well known that Tasman District Council, due to its unique geographical situation, faces particular difficulties in balancing increasing costs of services against income. Additional spending must not be contemplated lightly.
- 1.6. Water supply and sewage services are essential to maintain public health. If services are lost, they should be restored as quickly as practicable. It would not be

appropriate for 'rates reimbursement' to be used as a reason to do other than restore services in a timely manner.

- 1.7. Despite our concerns, we emphasize that we do not oppose the Council helping people in time of natural disaster. There are a number of completely appropriate things for a Council to do at such a time, but we are not convinced that remission of rates is one of these things. Issuing of warnings and information, monitoring health and safety, assisting people affected by disaster, and undertaking timely repair of critical infrastructure, are all things that the community needs from the Council (and that are greatly appreciated by many of our members) after a disaster, and that should in our view take priority.

Relief Sought:

- 1.8. The Nelson and Golden Bay Provinces of Federated Farmers oppose the Proposed Rates Remission Policy for Land Affected by Natural Disaster in general terms and seek that it is withdrawn.**

2. RATES REMISSION POLICY

- 2.1 Despite our concerns, it is wise to consider what might eventuate if the Council chooses to retain the Proposed Policy so that it has the ability to remit rates if it chooses to do so under the Local Government (Rating) Act – 2002:

85 Remission of rates

(1) A local authority may remit all or part of the rates on a rating unit (including penalties for unpaid rates) if—

- *(a) the local authority has adopted a rates remission policy under section 109 of the Local Government Act 2002; and*
- *(b) the local authority is satisfied that the conditions and criteria in the policy are met.*

(2) The local authority must give notice to the ratepayer identifying the remitted rates.

- 2.2 The purpose of the Proposed Policy therefore is to give the Council the discretion to remit rates, should it choose to do so, not to direct remission of rates after every natural disaster. On this basis, Federated Farmers are concerned that only residential properties that have lost water supply or sewage are to be provided for. We point out that in all fairness, that a variety of things can happen to a farm following a natural disaster, not least of which is loss of access to the road network and other Council services, and that the overall consequences can be financially crippling.
- 2.3 Under the circumstances, Federated Farmers sees it as unhelpful to limit the Council's discretion in remitting rates to residential properties that have lost water or sewage services. If the Proposed Policy is to remain, it would be improved by provision for a wider variety of options for Council should special circumstances

arise that justify remission of rates that are not covered by the Proposed Policy as presented to the community.

Relief Sought

2.4 Our concerns aside about the overall policy aside, Federated Farmers point out that it is very difficult to predict what might befall the region or a particular property following a natural disaster, and see it as unhelpful to limit it to properties that have lost access to water or sewage services. Accordingly, Federated Farmers seeks that a broad range of property types and services, including farms and road usage, be provided for in the Proposed Rates Remission Policy for Land Affected by Natural Disaster.

2.5 Federated Farmers also seeks consequential amendments to give effect to our relief sought, and achieve consistency and coherence with other parts of the Proposed Rates Remission Policy for Land Affected by Natural Disaster.

3. ABOUT FEDERATED FARMERS

3.1. Golden Bay and Nelson Federated Farmers welcome the opportunity to submit on the Proposed Rates Remission Policy for Land Affected by Natural Disaster.

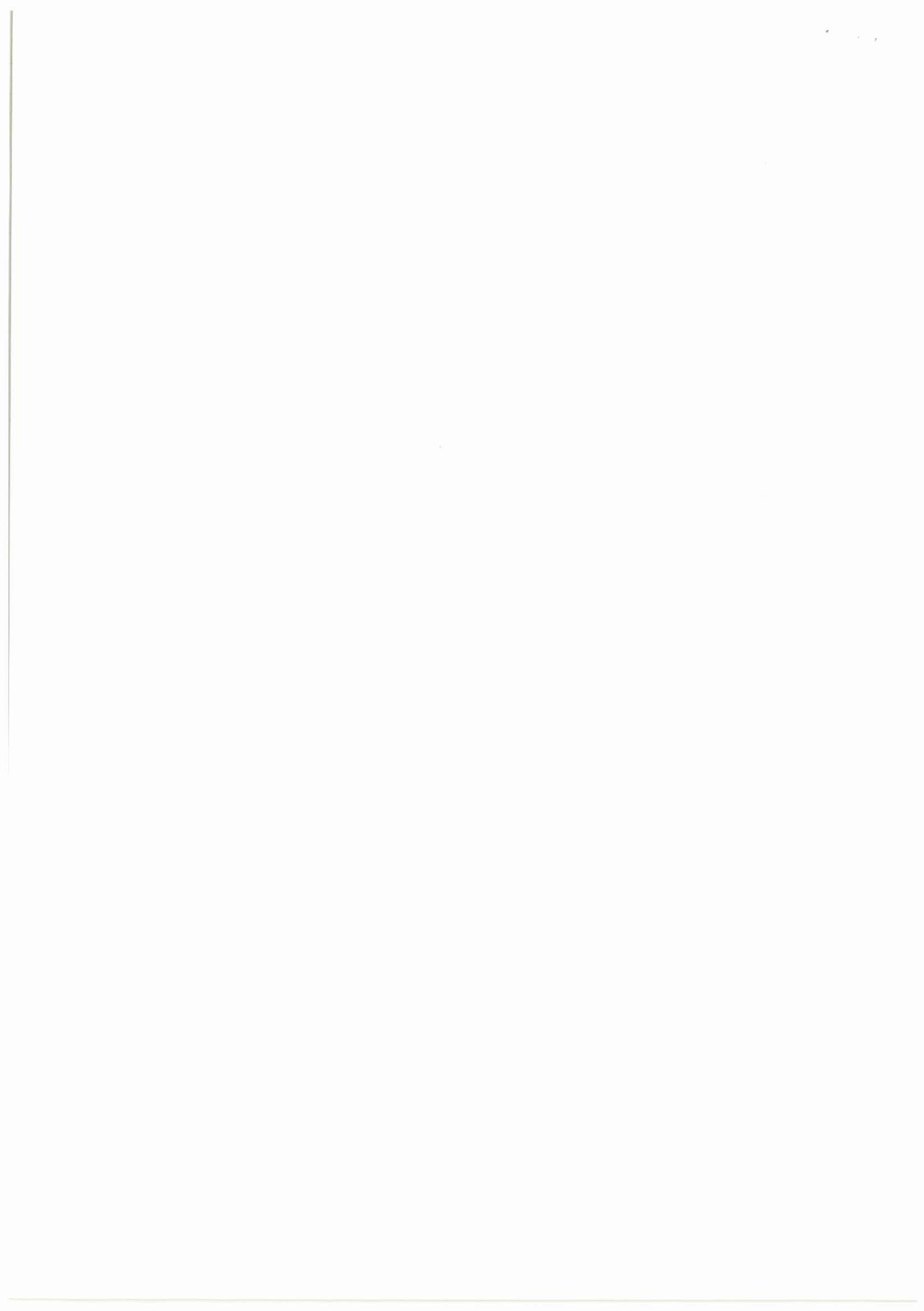
3.2. Federated Farmers of New Zealand is a primary sector organisation that represents farming and other rural businesses. Federated Farmers has a long and proud history of representing the needs and interests of New Zealand farmers.

3.3. The Federation aims to add value to its members' farming business. Our key strategic outcomes include the need for New Zealand to provide an economic and social environment within which:

3.3.1. Our members may operate their business in a fair and flexible commercial environment;

3.3.2. Our members' families and their staff have access to services essential to the needs of the rural community; and

3.3.3. Our members adopt responsible management and environmental practices.



Pamela White

From: Angela Brown on behalf of Reception Richmond
Sent: Friday, 24 August 2012 11:16 a.m.
To: Pamela White
Subject: FW: Website Submission - Proposed Rates Remission on Land Affected by Natural Disasters

From: website@tasman.govt.nz [mailto:website@tasman.govt.nz]
Sent: Friday, 24 August 2012 10:54 a.m.
To: Reception Richmond
Subject: Website Submission - Proposed Rates Remission on Land Affected by Natural Disasters

Website Submission - Proposed Rates Remission on Land Affected by Natural Disasters

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Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing?

No

If yes, what is your preferred hearing location?

Richmond

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Your comments *

Many people have suffered from the results of the floods in December 2011. Ongoing heavy rainfall has added to difficulties. With damage to property and in some instances having to vacate the house whilst awaiting assessment, the rate demand has added to, in some cases depression and financial hardship. I agree with the proposal to afford a rate rebate where damage has been costly and in some cases owners have not been able to live in their property.

My submission therefore requests the TDC to agree to making a rates rebate to those who have not received services and have suffered property damage as a result of the December 2011 flood.

Attach a file to your submission

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Pamela White

From: Angela Brown on behalf of Reception Richmond
Sent: Friday, 24 August 2012 10:24 a.m.
To: Pamela White
Subject: FW: Website Submission - Proposed Rates Remission on Land Affected by Natural Disasters

From: website@tasman.govt.nz [mailto:website@tasman.govt.nz]
Sent: Friday, 24 August 2012 10:06 a.m.
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Website Submission - Proposed Rates Remission on Land Affected by Natural Disasters

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No

If yes, what is your preferred hearing location?

Richmond

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Your comments *

I support the proposal to provide a rates remission for home affected by the December flood.

Attach a file to your submission

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<http://www.tasman.govt.nz/>

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Pamela White

From: Tracey McNally on behalf of Reception Richmond
Sent: Tuesday, 21 August 2012 11:01 a.m.
To: Pamela White
Subject: FW: Submission on Rates Relief Proposal

-----Original Message-----

From: Beth [<mailto:philnbeth@paradise.net.nz>]
Sent: Tuesday, 21 August 2012 9:44 a.m.
To: Reception Richmond
Subject: Submission on Rates Relief Proposal

I support the rates relief proposal as outlined in the paper put out by Tasman District Council.

I do not wish to speak at any hearing.

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Beth Burdett

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#5

Pamela White

From: Tracey McNally on behalf of Reception Richmond
Sent: Monday, 20 August 2012 8:30 a.m.
To: Pamela White
Subject: FW: Submission on The TDC Proposal of a Rates Remission Policy for Land affected by Natural Disasters

From: Carolyn Simon [<mailto:carolynsimon1@gmail.com>]
Sent: Sunday, 19 August 2012 12:39 p.m.
To: Reception Richmond
Subject: Submission on The TDC Proposal of a Rates Remission Policy for Land affected by Natural Disasters

To TDC Chief Executive, Mayor and Councillors

Please accept my submission in support of the TDC Proposal of a Rates Remission Policy for Land affected by Natural Disasters. Giving rates relief to people in such circumstances as the proposal outlines is a matter of right action and as a ratepayer I support it.

Carolyn Simon
8 Onekaka Iron Works Rd
Takaka 7182

#6

Pamela White

From: Tracey McNally on behalf of Reception Richmond
Sent: Monday, 20 August 2012 8:30 a.m.
To: Pamela White
Subject: FW: Website Submission - Proposed Rates Remission on Land Affected by Natural Disasters

From: website@tasman.govt.nz [<mailto:website@tasman.govt.nz>]
Sent: Sunday, 19 August 2012 6:02 p.m.
To: Reception Richmond
Subject: Website Submission - Proposed Rates Remission on Land Affected by Natural Disasters

Website Submission - Proposed Rates Remission on Land Affected by Natural Disasters

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Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing?

No

If yes, what if your preferred hearing location?

Richmond

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Your comments *

I support a Rates Remission for land affected by Natural Disasters to provide rating relief for dwellings or buildings which are unable to be inhabited. It seems reasonable and fair to NOT charge for services at a time when services are not required because the housing is not able to be used or occupied. I think it is important that people receive this relief at the time the dwelling is no longer inhabitable, during the rating year. The impact on the owners is tremendous and they should not be charged for something they are not able to use, through no fault of their own.

Thank you.

Judith Rothstein

Attach a file to your submission

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Pamela White

From: Tracey McNally on behalf of Reception Richmond
Sent: Monday, 20 August 2012 8:29 a.m.
To: Pamela White
Subject: FW: Website Submission - Proposed Rates Remission on Land Affected by Natural Disasters

From: website@tasman.govt.nz [mailto:website@tasman.govt.nz]
Sent: Sunday, 19 August 2012 9:54 p.m.
To: Reception Richmond
Subject: Website Submission - Proposed Rates Remission on Land Affected by Natural Disasters

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No

If yes, what if your preferred hearing location?

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Your comments *

I fully support TDC's proposal to create a mechanism to allow rates relief for those who have suffered badly in natural disasters. Our property was not damaged in the December 2011 storms, but others in our community of Golden Bay were not nearly as fortunate, and it is only fair that we all pull together in such a situation.

Attach a file to your submission

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Pamela White

From: Vicki Thatcher on behalf of Reception Richmond
Sent: Thursday, 16 August 2012 10:44 a.m.
To: Pamela White
Subject: FW: Submission on The TDC Proposal of a Rates Remission Policy for Land affected by Natural Disasters

-----Original Message-----

From: Albie and Felicity Burgers [<mailto:albie.fill@gmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, 15 August 2012 5:25 p.m.
To: Reception Richmond
Subject: Submission on The TDC Proposal of a Rates Remission Policy for Land affected by Natural Disasters

Dear sir/madam,

We support the rates remission policy for land affected by natural disasters. It seems nonsensical to charge rates on land which is uninhabitable.

We live in Kotinga, and were not affected by the recent flooding.

Yours Faithfully,

Felicity and Albie Burgers

386 long plain road

Kotinga

Takaka

Ph: 03 525 9138

#9

Pamela White

From: Robyn Laing on behalf of Reception Richmond
Sent: Wednesday, 15 August 2012 2:21 p.m.
To: Pamela White
Subject: FW: Submission on The TDC Proposal of a Rates Remission Policy for Land affected by Natural Disasters

-----Original Message-----

From: Pam and Charles [<mailto:pamchas@clear.net.nz>]
Sent: Wednesday, 15 August 2012 2:20 p.m.
To: Reception Richmond
Subject: Fw: Submission on The TDC Proposal of a Rates Remission Policy for Land affected by Natural Disasters

We wish to commend to the Council the proposed rates remission policy for those who have had their land affected by the disastorous floods in the Nelson area .Yours sincerely, Pam Pruden Charles Naylor, 18 Paradise Way, Pohara, R.D.1 TAKAKA

Pamela White

From: Robyn Laing on behalf of Reception Richmond
Sent: Wednesday, 15 August 2012 8:13 a.m.
To: Pamela White
Subject: FW: Submission on Rates Remission Policy

From: Andrew Tilling [<mailto:ajtilling@xtra.co.nz>]
Sent: Tuesday, 14 August 2012 7:54 p.m.
To: Reception Richmond
Subject: Fwd: Submission on Rates Remission Policy

Please replace the submission that I sent in On August 5 2012 with this amended one.

I have read through the proposal and fully support rates remission for the owners of property made uninhabitable by natural disasters. My home was not affected by the floods.

Moira Tilling (TDC ratepayer)
1090D Abel Tasman Drive
Ligar Bay
RD1 Takaka

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Pamela White

From: Robyn Laing on behalf of Reception Richmond
Sent: Tuesday, 14 August 2012 8:25 a.m.
To: Pamela White
Subject: FW: Website Submission - Proposed Rates Remission on Land Affected by Natural Disasters

From: website@tasman.govt.nz [mailto:website@tasman.govt.nz]
Sent: Monday, 13 August 2012 5:46 p.m.
To: Reception Richmond
Subject: Website Submission - Proposed Rates Remission on Land Affected by Natural Disasters

Website Submission - Proposed Rates Remission on Land Affected by Natural Disasters

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Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing?

No

If yes, what if your preferred hearing location?

Richmond

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Your comments *

We, Helen and Derry Kingston support the proposal to provide rating relief for ratepayers unable to inhabit their dwellings or buildings as a result of natural disaster.

(We would not ourselves benefit financially from such a policy).

Thank you

Helen and Derry Kingston

Attach a file to your submission

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<http://nz.mc961.mail.yahoo.com/mc/welcome?.partner=tnz&.gx=1&.tm=1316500797&.rand=5h3e44fot8kbe>

Pamela White

From: Robyn Laing on behalf of Reception Richmond
Sent: Monday, 13 August 2012 2:01 p.m.
To: Pamela White
Subject: FW: Website Submission - Proposed Rates Remission on Land Affected by Natural Disasters

From: website@tasman.govt.nz [<mailto:website@tasman.govt.nz>]
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To: Reception Richmond
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Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing?

Yes

If yes, what is your preferred hearing location?

Takaka

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Your comments *

Re sections 160-164-167 Nyhane Drive West and 95-97 Matenga Rd Ligar Bay Takaka

Dear Sir,

Firstly I would like thanjk Council for remitting the rubbish and recyling rate on these sections. However they still incur \$74026.90 (ave. \$1485.38) annual rates - and are virtually unsaleable at present. The road and culvert on Nyhane Dr. West are damaged but negotiable at this time. I hope council would find it reasonable to reduce these rates.

Yours faithfully

Peter Woods

Attach a file to your submission

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<http://www.tasman.govt.nz/council/media-centre/public-notice/proposed-rates-remission-policy/>

Pamela White

From: Robyn Laing on behalf of Reception Richmond
Sent: Monday, 13 August 2012 8:32 a.m.
To: Pamela White
Subject: FW: Submission on the TDC Proposal of a Rates Remission Policy for Land affected by Natural Disaster

From: Ro & Joanna [<mailto:rojoanna@ihug.co.nz>]
Sent: Saturday, 11 August 2012 10:03 p.m.
To: Reception Richmond
Subject: Submission on the TDC Proposal of a Rates Remission Policy for Land affected by Natural Disaster

from **Ro & Joanna Piekarski**, Golden Bay

We support this proposal with these two changes:

* Delete the word "Natural" from the title of the policy. The name of the proposal is misleading, since it wasn't a "natural disaster" that caused homes in Golden Bay to become uninhabitable on 14 December 2011. It was upstream land use practices of steep hill farming and negligent forestry that caused the slips and pine lahar.

* The rates remission should be extended to owners whose homes are still habitable but who suffered trauma and loss of in some cases many years of hard work on their land, who are innocent victims of a violation of their human rights caused by improper uphill land use.

This event has once again shown that we must lessen such calamities where we can by avoiding and remedying unacceptable land use practices. Common sense rules and policies must be adequate, monitored and enforced.

There is a shared responsibility for the amplification of a natural hazard by irresponsible land management uphill. This shared responsibility lies with both the land manager uphill and the TDC who issued a consent to allow these kinds of activities to occur above residential areas. There is clearly amplified hardship and cost put upon innocent property owners caused by land management practices that have amplified rather than mitigated risk to down hill and downstream property owners.

Recipe for disaster in Pohara Valley

- * Take a warming atmosphere and its resultant extreme and unusual weather events.
- * Stir in a stream rerouted from its natural course to accommodate houses on both sides of the road.
- * Take hillsides of ancient, weathered Separation Point granite, now crumbly and mobile when saturated.
- * Strip these hillsides of their natural cover of mixed species with deep intertwining roots.
- * Replace with monoculture forestry and farming.
- * Leave behind on the slopes hundreds of tonnes of logging slash and logs too large or too small for the mill.
- * Add thousands of tonnes of rocks and silt slipped from steepland pasture.
- * Mix with a large handful of undersize culverts, an obstructive concrete bridge and a narrow concrete raceway.
- * Blend well with centralised water and sewerage schemes.
- * Add houses sited on the fan of the creek where hill-country erosion debris is naturally deposited.

Can be prepared decades in advance and then cooked overnight.



#14

Pamela White

From: Edna Brownlee on behalf of Reception Richmond
Sent: Wednesday, 8 August 2012 2:32 p.m.
To: Pamela White
Subject: FW: Website Submission - Proposed Rates Remission on Land Affected by Natural Disasters

From: website@tasman.govt.nz [<mailto:website@tasman.govt.nz>]
Sent: Wednesday, 8 August 2012 1:53 p.m.
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Subject: Website Submission - Proposed Rates Remission on Land Affected by Natural Disasters

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Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing?

No

If yes, what if your preferred hearing location?

Richmond

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Your comments *

I wish to support the Council's proposed Rates Remission Policy for land affected by Natural Disasters.

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Pamela White

From: Paula Cater on behalf of Reception Richmond
Sent: Wednesday, 8 August 2012 10:36 a.m.
To: Pamela White
Subject: FW: Rates Remission appeal

From: Bron Thorneycroft [<mailto:thorneycroft@actrix.co.nz>]
Sent: Wednesday, 8 August 2012 10:23 a.m.
To: Reception Richmond
Subject: Rates Remission appeal

Dear T.D.C.,

My property, 11 Paradise Way, was severely flooded and eroded in the Dec.2011 flood. Water went right through my house which had to be stripped out to concrete foundation, internal walls cut back up to 60cm. to dry out and all joinery bathroom units removed and repaired. Also the water supply was contaminated, the tank buckled from slipping etc. Though the house was green stickered as safe to go into it was not liveable and I was in a rented house from Dec.14 2011 until June 28 this year. I am still on a temporary water supply until repairs done and retainer walls can be built. I am paying \$832.20 3 monthly in rates for my home property and am asking for a remission for that time I was not able to live in my house. Essential repairs to my house and land are costing me a lot!

With regards,

Bron Thorneycroft.

Bron Thorneycroft
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#16

Pamela White

From: Paula Cater on behalf of Reception Richmond
Sent: Wednesday, 8 August 2012 9:01 a.m.
To: Pamela White
Subject: FW: Website Submission - Proposed Rates Remission on Land Affected by Natural Disasters

From: website@tasman.govt.nz [<mailto:website@tasman.govt.nz>]
Sent: Tuesday, 7 August 2012 6:01 p.m.
To: Reception Richmond
Subject: Website Submission - Proposed Rates Remission on Land Affected by Natural Disasters

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Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing?

No

If yes, what if your preferred hearing location?

Richmond

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Your comments *

I wish to strongly support the Proposed Rates Remission Policy for Land Affected by Natural Disasters. Living right among those who have been badly affected and seeing the ongoing devastaion and long lasting effects it is the least we ratepayers can do to ease their situations.
Sincerely Anne Gentleman

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Pamela White

From: Marewa Scott on behalf of Reception Richmond
Sent: Tuesday, 7 August 2012 4:14 p.m.
To: Pamela White
Subject: FW: Website Submission - Proposed Rates Remission on Land Affected by Natural Disasters

From: website@tasman.govt.nz [<mailto:website@tasman.govt.nz>]
Sent: Tuesday, 7 August 2012 4:00 p.m.
To: Reception Richmond
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Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing?

No

If yes, what is your preferred hearing location?

Richmond

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Your comments *

I would like to submit my approval of the proposed Rates Remission Policy for land affected by natural disaster. It is a 'no-brainer' to remove the burden of paying rates on property which is not viable for its intended purpose due to a natural disaster. Since the December 2011 floods, there have been many people struggling to cope with the aftermath, without also being landed with unreasonable costs for uninhabitable property. I must add that we do not qualify for such a remission, but as a ratepayer, can empathise with those affected and fully support such a policy change.

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Sent: Monday, 30 July 2012 8:41 a.m.
To: Pamela White
Subject: FW: Website Submission - Proposed Rates Remission on Land Affected by Natural Disasters

From: website@tasman.govt.nz [mailto:website@tasman.govt.nz]
Sent: Sunday, 29 July 2012 12:50 p.m.
To: Reception Richmond
Subject: Website Submission - Proposed Rates Remission on Land Affected by Natural Disasters

Website Submission - Proposed Rates Remission on Land Affected by Natural Disasters

Title *

Mrs

First Name

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Last Name *

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Address *

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Suburb

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Takaka

Postcode *

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leejl@xtra.co.nz

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Organisation

Position

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing?

No

If yes, what is your preferred hearing location?

Richmond

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Your comments *

I would like to support those people who, because of disasters are unable to inhabit their property. That they should not have to pay rates while their property is uninhabitable.

Attach a file to your submission

Referrer

<http://www.tasman.govt.nz/council/media-centre/public-notice/proposed-rates-remission-policy/>

Pamela White

From: Angela Brown on behalf of Reception Richmond
Sent: Monday, 30 July 2012 8:20 a.m.
To: Pamela White
Subject: FW: Website Submission - Proposed Rates Remission on Land Affected by Natural Disasters

From: website@tasman.govt.nz [<mailto:website@tasman.govt.nz>]
Sent: Monday, 30 July 2012 12:17 a.m.
To: Reception Richmond
Subject: Website Submission - Proposed Rates Remission on Land Affected by Natural Disasters

Website Submission - Proposed Rates Remission on Land Affected by Natural Disasters

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Mr

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Last Name *
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Address *
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Suburb
Town *
Takaka

Postcode *
7110

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Daytime Phone Number
03 5256202

Mobile Phone Number
Email Address *
francamorani@hotmail.it

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Organisation
Position

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing?
No

If yes, what if your preferred hearing location?

Richmond

EditableLiteralField1146

Your comments *

I think this Rates Remission Policy for Land Affected by Natural Disasters is great!

Attach a file to your submission

Referrer

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Pamela White

From: Angela Brown on behalf of Reception Richmond
Sent: Monday, 30 July 2012 8:20 a.m.
To: Pamela White
Subject: FW: Website Submission - Proposed Rates Remission on Land Affected by Natural Disasters

From: website@tasman.govt.nz [mailto:website@tasman.govt.nz]
Sent: Sunday, 29 July 2012 5:38 p.m.
To: Reception Richmond
Subject: Website Submission - Proposed Rates Remission on Land Affected by Natural Disasters

Website Submission - Proposed Rates Remission on Land Affected by Natural Disasters

Title *

Mr

First Name

Laurie

Last Name *

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Address *

59A Selwyn Street

Suburb

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Town *

RD 1, Takaka

Postcode *

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Daytime Phone Number

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Mobile Phone Number

Email Address *

laurie.healy@xtra.co.nz

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Organisation

Position

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing?

No

If yes, what is your preferred hearing location?

Richmond

EditableLiteralField1146

Your comments *

I support rates relief for all those ratepayers whose properties have been adversely affected with a consequent reduction in capital value.

Attach a file to your submission

Referrer

<http://www.tasman.govt.nz/council/media-centre/public-notice/proposed-rates-remission-policy/>

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Pamela White

From: Angela Brown on behalf of Reception Richmond
Sent: Thursday, 26 July 2012 12:30 p.m.
To: Pamela White
Subject: FW: Website Submission - Proposed Rates Remission on Land Affected by Natural Disasters

From: website@tasman.govt.nz [mailto:website@tasman.govt.nz]
Sent: Thursday, 26 July 2012 10:20 a.m.
To: Reception Richmond
Subject: Website Submission - Proposed Rates Remission on Land Affected by Natural Disasters

Website Submission - Proposed Rates Remission on Land Affected by Natural Disasters

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Mr

First Name

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Last Name *

Paine

Address *

3 Rays Way

Suburb

Town *

Richmond

Postcode *

7020

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Daytime Phone Number

Mobile Phone Number

Email Address *

sueniven@xtra.co.nz

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Organisation

Position

Would you like to present your submission in person at a hearing?

No

If yes, what if your preferred hearing location?

Richmond

EditableLiteralField1146

Your comments *

I would remove the 'Earthquake' option from the four causes which could generate a request for remission. As seen in Christchurch this could result in a large number of claims which could have a significant impact on TDC cashflow and finances. This cost would be from loss of rates and from the cost of assessment. The other causes resulting from an earthquake ie a landslide caused by an earthquake should remain as an allowable cause.

Attach a file to your submission

Referrer

<http://www.tasman.govt.nz/council/media-centre/public-notice/proposed-rates-remission-policy/>

Golden Bay Community Board

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C/- Tasman District Council
Golden Bay Service Centre
78 Commercial Street
P.O. Box 74
Takaka 7142
Phone 03 525 0020



Submission on the Tasman District Council Rates Remission Policy

Conditions and Criteria of the Policy

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1 (a) and (b) support

2. We agree and we would like to see that payments for rates which have continued to be made to Council in respect of properties made uninhabitable, by the flood and debris flow event, be refunded to the date of the event.

To also apply in respect of bare sections. We accept that rates will continue to be paid on land value.

3. Agree

4. Agree. We submit that pan charges, recycling and rubbish collection charges should also be removed from these properties where land and buildings are deemed uninhabitable.

5. All affected property owners to be notified of the results of this rates remission consultation. If this policy is successful then all affected property owners to have 6 months from the time the policy becomes effective to make application for remission.

6. Agree.

7. Agree. However there should be some system of peer review to ensure fairness and equity and a process for dispute resolution in the event of a dispute.

We do wish to be heard; preferably in Golden Bay.

Carolyn McLellan
Chairperson
Golden Bay Community Board
C/- Golden Bay Service Centre
78 Commercial Street
Takaka
21 August 2012



#23

National Council of Women of New Zealand {inc}
Tasman Local Issues Group.

Proposal for a Rates Remission Policy for Land Affected by Natural Disasters.

The Tasman Local Issues Group makes the comment that where a person is unable to occupy their dwelling as a result of natural disaster the Tasman District Council should waive the rates on that property until it is declared safe to occupy.

The owner/occupier would have to rent another place in the area to live and would therefore be paying rates to the Council through the rent payment.

We do not wish to speak to this matter.

Alison Heslop
Convenor NCW Tasman Local Issues Group
23 August 2010



#24

24 August 2012

Tasman District Council



To whom it may concern

Rates Remission Policy for Land Affected by Natural Disaster

We write to you in regards to your proposal to provide Rates Relief to those affected by Natural Disaster such as the Flood event that happened on the 14th December 2011.

We ask that the council votes in Favour of giving Rates Remission to anyone whose home is destroyed by a natural disaster.

We owned a house at 45 Nyhane Drive, Ligar Bay Rates, Valuation No 1871006176 that was destroyed on the evening of 14 December 2011 by a violent and sudden Debris Flow that inundated our property and house with Silt, Mud, Rocks, Trees and Water.

Luckily we and our four children managed to get out of the house before it was slammed by a force of nature that we never believed was possible.

The community and friends have helped us immensely through the last eight months while we have been trying to come to terms with the loss of our home and possessions as well as the reality on how close we came to losing our lives.

Your mortgage does not go away even when you lose your home in an event such as this. Insurance covers Rent but because of the damage to the land, eight months on we have not had any form of settlement on our home by our insurance company. Because the land has been compromised decisions on its fate is still to be decided upon by the council, after it receives its findings from GNS. The first draft is due November 2012.

We have attached a photo of our home taken after the event so you can see the damage and debris that nature threw at us on the evening of December 14, 2012. Hard to believe it once was a two storied house.

We ask you as the council to put yourselves in our shoes. We have suffered a massive loss, and the reality is we may never be able to live at this address again. Anyone we talk to cannot believe we still have to pay rates. It seems totally unfair and unreasonable. Our home has been destroyed and the land not habitable.

Please vote in favour of passing this policy. Compassion and understanding is what we need at this time. Take the time to visit those of us who have had our homes destroyed. We are families in need and we need the support of our community and the council.

Yours Faithfully

Jane and Paul Childs

Parents of Josh (13), Kynan (9), Jessica (7) and Lochlan (3)

CHILD'S HOUSE
↓

Two houses in Ugar Bay felt the full force of the floodwater after it surged down the valley. The water swept through the garage of Jane and Hagen Davis's home and continued down the hillside. The retired couple have since sought refuge in a beach next to their ruined home. Jane's still mulling the remnants of their raised vegie patch. Ironically, after the hot sun that followed later in the summer, she found herself wishing for rain.



As part of the process of receiving Submissions, Council will acknowledge the receipt of your Submission in writing. You will also receive an email copy of this form for your records.

Your Contact Details

Title *

Mr

First Name

Francis

Last Name *

Beigent

Address *

P.O. Box 5

Suburb

TAKARA

Town *

NELSON

Postcode *

7142

[Find your correct postcode](#)

Daytime Phone Number

035259689

Mobile Phone Number

Email Address *

k.beigent@xtro.co.nz

If you are submitting on behalf of an organisation, please indicate your position and the organisation.

Organisation

<http://www.tasman.govt.nz/policy/public-consultation/proposed-rates-remission-policy...> 3/08/2012

- Yes
- No

Your Submission

Enter your comments in the box below. You can also attach a file (such as a Word document, or a PDF) that details your submission.

Your comments *

Due to 2 large slips we are unable to use our building.

Attach a file to your submission

27 Willow St
Takaka 711

#26

7-8-12.

Chief Executive's Office
Tasman District Council
Private Bag 4
Richmond 7050

**Submission on The TDC Proposal of a Rates Remission Policy for Land
affected by Natural Disaster**

I support the above proposal.
Tāwhiri Te Whiri
Caroline J. Forriep



Submission on Resource Consent Application

To: The Resource Consent Administration Officer
Tasman District Council
Private Bag 4
Richmond, Nelson 7050



Notes:

- (1) Please ensure that all sections of this form, on both sides, are completed.
- (2) This submission form may be delivered to any of the Council offices, mailed, faxed, or e-mailed to the Council (the various contact details are presented at the bottom of this form). If the submission is faxed or e-mailed then it would be helpful if the original submission was also posted or delivered to the Council as soon as is practicable.

Submitter Details

Full Name: Lynne Helen Udell

Contact Person (if different from above): _____

Address for Service: 64 Pohara Valley Rd
Takaka

Postcode: 7183

Phone: 03 525-8844

Fax: _____

E-mail: nature.craft.extra.co.nz

Submission Details

This is a submission on the following application for resource consent lodged with the Council:

Name of Applicant: Chris and Lynne Udell

Proposed Activity (include location): Rate Remission Policy for Land affected by
Natural Disaster - TPC

Tasman District Council Application Number (if known): RM

1) The specific part(s) of the application that my submission relates to is/are (Give details*):

Full application - in support of the adoption of this Policy

*Note: Any additional information should be submitted on a separate sheet(s).

2) The reasons for my submission are (Give details*):

As ratepayers directly affected by the December 2011 floods and
currently unable to live at our Rated address due to '124'
notice, we speak for ourselves and any future affected in
stating that this adoption of this policy ~~has~~ is sensible
and helpful in rectifying and restoring our circumstances
to prior to disaster.

*Note: Any additional information should be submitted on a separate sheet(s).

3) The nature of my submission is that: (Tick one of the following three boxes):

- I support the application
 I oppose the application
 I am neutral regarding the application

4) The decision I would like the Council to make is (Tick one of the following two boxes):

- To grant consent
 To refuse/decline consent

If consent is granted, I wish the council to impose the following conditions

(Note: you do not have to suggest conditions, particularly if you want the council to refuse consent):

We feel that the suggested policy is fair and can stand the
test of time as stated...

5) Attendance at any Council Hearing (You must tick one of the following two boxes):

- I wish to be heard in support of my submission
 I do not wish to be heard in support of my submission

Note: If you indicate that you do not wish to be heard, you will still receive a copy of the Council's decision but you will not receive a copy of the hearings report if a hearing is held.

Print Full Name: Lynne Udel

Signature*: 
(Person making submission or authorised agent)

Date: 24/07/2012

*Note: A signature is not required if you make your submissions by electronic means.

A copy of this submission MUST also be sent to the applicant as soon as reasonably practicable after serving a copy on the Council.

Feel free to contact us:



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Email info@tasman.govt.nz
Website www.tasman.govt.nz
24 hour assistance

Richmond
189 Queen Street
Private Bag 4
Richmond, Nelson
7050, New Zealand
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Fax 03 543 9524

Murchison
92 Fairfax Street
Murchison 7007
New Zealand
Phone 03 523 1013
Fax 03 523 1012

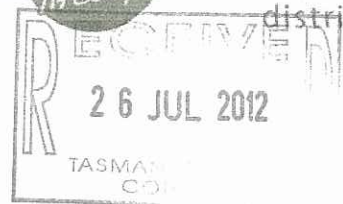
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Motueka 7143
New Zealand
Phone 03 528 2022
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PO Box 74
Takaka 7142
New Zealand
Phone 03 525 0020
Fax 03 525 9972

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tasman district council



Submission Form to

Proposal for a Rates Remission Policy for Land Affected by Natural Disaster

The Council has approved a Summary of Information and a Statement of Proposal for public consultation under section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002.

Submitter details (please print clearly):

Your name: HAGEN JURKE

Your postal address: Street: 41 NYHANE DRIVE

Suburb: RDI, LIGAR BAY

Town: TAKAKA Postcode: _____

Your daytime phone number: 03 525 7579

Your email address: hjurke@extra.co.nz

Would you like to speak to your submission at a Council meeting held for this purpose?
 YES NO

If yes, please indicate your preferred location with a "1" and your second preference with a "2":
 Richmond Motueka Takaka Murchison (depending on number of submitters wishing to be heard)

Are you writing this submission as: an individual or on behalf of an organisation

If an organisation, please name the organisation and your position: _____

Your submission on the Proposal for a Rates Remission Policy for Land Affected by Natural Disaster (please continue overleaf if you require more space):

I FULLY SUPPORT THE PROPOSAL.
RESIDENTS WITH 5124 NOTICES ON THEIR HOMES AND WITH
SECTIONS RENDERED USELESS BECAUSE OF INUNDATION SHOULD NOT
HAVE TO PAY FULL RATES ON THEIR PROPERTY.

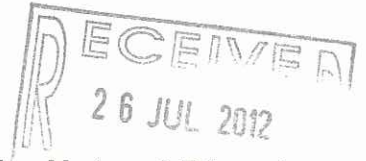
Please note: All written submissions will be made available to Councillors and the public.
 Please write clearly, as all submissions are photocopied.

Please send your submission to:
 Submissions on Rates Remission Policy
 Chief Executive's Office
 Tasman District Council
 Private Bag 4
 Richmond 7050

Or drop your submission into Council at 189 Queen Street, Richmond, or your local library or service centre. Alternatively email your submission to: info@tasman.govt.nz or fax to 03 543 8560. Submission forms are available for download from Council's website (www.tasman.govt.nz).



Submission Form to



Proposal for a Rates Remission Policy for Land Affected by Natural Disaster

The Council has approved a Summary of Information and a Statement of Proposal for public consultation under section 83 of the Local Government Act 2002.

Submitter details (please print clearly):

Your name: JANE M JURKIE

Your postal address: Street: 41 NYHANE DRIVE

Suburb: LIGAR BAY

Town: TAKAKA Postcode: _____

Your daytime phone number: (03) 525 7579

Your email address: _____

Would you like to speak to your submission at a Council meeting held for this purpose?

YES NO

If yes, please indicate your preferred location with a "1" and your second preference with a "2":

Richmond Motueka Takaka Murchison (depending on number of submitters wishing to be heard)

Are you writing this submission as: an individual or on behalf of an organisation

If an organisation, please name the organisation and your position: _____

Your submission on the Proposal for a Rates Remission Policy for Land Affected by Natural Disaster (please continue overleaf if you require more space):

I FULLY SUPPORT THE REMISSION POLICY FOR
PROPERTIES MADE UNINHABITABLE BY NATURAL
DISASTERS. RESIDENTS WHO HAVE LOST EVERYTHING SHOULD N
HAVE TO PAY RATES.

Please note: All written submissions will be made available to Councillors and the public. Please write clearly, as all submissions are photocopied.

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