

Remission of Rates on Voluntarily Protected Land

Policy 24/114

Applicant details

Owners Name _____

Postal Address _____

Contact number _____ Email _____

Property ID for remission _____

I have read the conditions and criteria on page 2 and apply for a remission of rates and charges on the above property ID under Policy 24/114 for the following reasons;

Comments

Required documents

Please attach the following documents with your application:

☐ QEII National Trust Covenant documentation or Conservation Covenant document

☐ Copy of Certificate of Title

I declare that all the details provided are true and correct.

Signature _____ Date _____

Name (please print) _____

Office use only

Application: Approved / Declined

Date _____

Delegated officer's signature _____

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Objectives of the Policy

In the past legislation provided for non-rateable status on the portions of land set aside under the Queen Elizabeth II (QEII) National Trust. However, the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 does not provide this relief. QEII National Trust helps private landowners in New Zealand protect special natural and cultural features on their land with open space covenants.

Council wishes to encourage and promote the conservation and protection of significant natural resources in the district. This will enable council to act fairly and equitably in the assessment of rates, in line with land forming part of a reserve under the Reserves Act 1977.

Conditions and Criteria

Council may remit the rates where the application meets the following conditions and criteria:

1. Council is satisfied that the land is subject to permanent protection under a QEII Open Space Covenant or similar permanent conservation covenant. That the covenant must be registered on record of title(s).
2. The land is not inhabited, used or otherwise occupied and no building structures are within the boundaries of the covenanted area.
3. Where part of the covenanted area is not inhabited, used or otherwise occupied and no building structures are within the boundaries of the covenanted area, Council may remit the general and targeted rates on that area.
4. The ratepayer has applied for rates remission under this policy and provided information in the prescribed form on how the relevant criteria and conditions are satisfied and has completed relevant statutory declarations as may be required by Council.

Delegations

Decisions on remission of rates under this policy will be delegated to officers as set out in Council's delegation manual