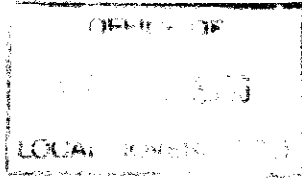


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Dear Shane;

Re : Recommendations Paper on Differential Rating Options

In response to the matters raised in your Recommendations Paper on Differential Rates I can advise that:

1. Council has for many years used locality, based on land within declared town boundaries and all other land, to declare 2 Differential General Rates. The "town" rate is higher to account for the increased benefits provided. Our current system is very simple and easily understood by our ratepayers.
2. Our Auditor has suggested that we consider additional rates next year as we have well established Industrial Estates at Bordertown and Keith that are outside the town boundaries.
3. Council does not support any changes that would reduce the flexibility on which Councils can impose differential rates especially as the reason why the original Discussion Paper was formulated was to look at ways to increase Council flexibility. Hence Tatiara Council opposes the recommendation to remove the option of differential rating according to Development Plan zones.

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Councillors found the paper very informative. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Yours sincerely

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