

<b>Central Hawke's Bay District Council</b>	<b>POLICY MANUAL</b>	
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<b><i>REMISSION OF RATES FOR NATURAL CALAMITIES POLICY</i></b>	<b>Approved by:</b>	Council
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**OBJECTIVE OF THE POLICY**

To assist ratepayers experiencing financial hardship as a result of a natural event detrimentally affecting the use of the land or the income derived from the land, and which directly affects their ability to pay rates.

**CONDITIONS AND CRITERIA**

Council may postpone wholly or in part, any rate or charge in respect of the property, where it considers it to be fair and reasonable to do so. This will be in circumstances where Central Government have recognized the seriousness of the event and provided financial assistance to enable the remission to occur.

The term and nature of the postponement, the proof of financial hardship and any other criteria considered necessary will be determined by Council in each case.

Decisions on the extent of remissions shall be as determined by the Corporate Services Manager through the Chief Executive, as meeting the relevant criteria.