

<b>Central Hawke's Bay District Council</b>  <b>REMISSION OF RATES FOR QEII TRUST AND LAND FOR NATURAL, HISTORIC OR CULTURAL CONSERVATION POLICY</b>	<b>POLICY MANUAL</b>	
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**OBJECTIVE OF THE POLICY**

To recognise and support the environmental value of such protected areas and to acknowledge the non-commercial use of such protected land. To preserve and promote natural resources and heritage by encouraging the protection of land for natural, historic or cultural conservation.

**CONDITIONS AND CRITERIA**

1. The extent of the rates remission if approved is to be 100%.
2. Applications are to be received in writing requesting rates relief be given to areas protected by the registration of a QEII Open Space Covenant.
3. Pest eradication shall be primarily the responsibility of the owner.
4. No portion of the covenanted area is to be developed or utilised in any way for commercial activity. This includes generating income for maintenance of the covenanted area.
5. Authority to consider applications is delegated to the Chief Financial Officer with right of appeal to the Chief Executive and Council.