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Report to Wellington Regional Council
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Bovine Tb Vector Control Rates - Alteration to Differential Special Order

1. Purpose

To seek Council approval for the alteration of the system of differential rating, by way of Special Order, to recover a portion of costs associated with Bovine Tb vector control activities for the 2000/01 financial year.

2. Background

A land area differential rating system for Bovine Tb rates was introduced in the 1995/96 financial year. The differential provided for 77.5% of rates to be funded from operational areas and the remaining 22.5% from non-operational areas. In 1996/97 Council determined that the ratio between rates from operational and non-operational areas should change to 80:20 to reflect the increased rating base for operational functions.

The Council at its meeting on 13 April 2000 agreed to amend the Funding Policy related to Bovine Tb Vector Control Operations to 90:10. The change in the ratio requires that a Special Order amending the Bovine Tb Rate differentials also be amended.

3. Comment

Section 85 of the Rating Powers Act 1988 requires that where the Council makes an alteration to the system of differential rating that applies within the district of the Council, it must do so using the Special Order procedure contained in section 716B of the Local Government Act 1974.

The Special Order procedure requires that Council put before a meeting its intention to make the Special Order and confirms the Order at a subsequent meeting. This second meeting must be held between 61 and 70 days after the first meeting or the Order lapses. It is proposed to submit the Special Order for confirmation at a Council meeting to be held on 29 June 2000.

4. Communications

In line with the statutory process the Council will publicly notify its intention to make the Special Order twice, on 29 April and 17 June, thereby giving members of the public an opportunity to make submissions. Submissions must be accepted up until the Council considers the confirmation of the Special Order.

5. Recommendation

- (1) *That the Council adopt, by way of Special Order, the alteration to the differential rating system for the purpose of collecting the 2000/01 a works and services rate, to be known as the Bovine Tb Vector Control Rate, as per Attachment 1.*
- (2) *That the Council publicly notify its intention to confirm the attached Special Order.*

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Attachments

1. Bovine Tb Vector Control Rate Special Order
2. Draft Public Notice of intention to alter Bovine Tb Vector Control Rate differentials