

# Wellington Regional Strategy

## Alternative Regional Rating Options

The Statement of Proposal for the Governance and Funding of the Wellington Regional Strategy included a regional rate to help fund the proposed regional economic development agency. The proposal (outlined on p17 of the *Proposed Amendment to the LTCCP 2006-16* document) was for a rate based on capital value, distributed evenly across the region.

The proposal was very clear that while a particular option was proposed, submissions on alternative options would be very welcome. Other options were signalled to be investigated and this work has now been undertaken. Below and over the page are four alternative options with rate amounts shown for the 2007/08 year. We also show a comparison to the current rates charged by territorial authorities. Territorial authorities will stop rating by these amounts should the regional rate option be confirmed.

**Option 1** is similar to the capital value option outlined in the Statement of Proposal, but without a transition in the 2007/08 year. The proposal provides a transition from the current amounts being rated, so that ratepayers outside Wellington City would pay less in this first year than if the regional rate had moved directly to a capital rating.

**Option 2** has a residential and rural rate in the form of a uniform annual charge of \$10 +GST, with businesses in the region paying the balance of the \$4.5m allocated according to capital value. There is no transition from the current rates charged by territorial authorities.

**Option 3** has a residential rate in the form of a uniform annual charge of \$12.50 +GST, a rural rate in the form of a uniform annual charge of \$25 + GST, with businesses in the region paying the balance of the \$4.5m allocated according to capital value. There is no transition from the current rates charged by territorial authorities.

**Option 4** has businesses paying 40% of the \$4.5m allocated on capital value, with the balance being rated on all ratepayers (including businesses) based on capital value. Again there is no transition from the current rates charged by territorial authorities.

See over for the details of the impacts of these options.

Please consider these (and other) options and let us know what you think. Submissions on the Wellington Regional Strategy and the governance and funding proposal close on the **13<sup>th</sup> November 2006**.

*For more detail on the Wellington Regional Strategy and the governance and funding proposal see our website [www.gw.govt.nz](http://www.gw.govt.nz)*

