

## Wellington Regional Council Special Order Resolution

### Alteration of Differential Rating Systems for the Upper Ruamahanga River Management Rate

**That the Wellington Regional Council, pursuant to the sections 40, 80 and 84 of the Rating Powers Act 1988 and section 716B of the Local Government Act 1974, and in pursuance of all other Acts, powers and authorities enabling it in that behalf, hereby resolves by way of Special Order as follows:**

- (1) That the systems of differential rating set out below be introduced with effect from 1 July 2002.
- (2) That the systems of differential rating shall apply to the Catchment Board Separate Rates, to be known as the Upper Ruamahanga, Middle Ruamahanga, and Lower Ruamahanga River Management Rates, made and levied by the Wellington Regional Council pursuant to section 40 of the Rating Powers Act 1988, on a land area basis on all rateable property in that part of the Wellington Region determined by the Council to be the rural area of benefit from flood protection on the upper Ruamahanga River, such that the rates made and levied in respect of any specified category of property shall vary from the rates made and levied in respect of any other specified category of property as set out in this Special Order.
- (3) That in accordance with section 84(1)(c) of the Rating Powers Act 1988, the following statement is made on the introduction of the differential system:

***A. Matters taken into account in preparing the proposed introduction of the system of differential rating:***

The Council has, in consultation with the Upper Ruamahanga, Middle Ruamahanga, and Lower Ruamahanga Steering Committees (which include ratepayer representatives) redesigned the rates funding of the Upper Ruamahanga River Management Schemes.

The Council has taken into account the following matters in preparing the system of differential rates:

- The benefits that are likely to accrue directly and indirectly to any property from the degrees of flood protection and reduced erosion given to each property by the maintenance of existing flood protection structures and erosion mitigation measures,
- The characteristics or use of any property or any actions of its occupier that either contribute to, or alleviate the need for flood protection or erosion mitigation measures,
- The likelihood, frequency, depth and severity of flooding and erosion,

- The likelihood, frequency and extent of damage to land and improvements to land,
- The improvement to drainage,
- The need for water management generally,
- The establishment or preservation of economic units of land,
- The protection or establishment of water, sewerage, drainage, electrical, gas, and other services and amenities, and
- The protection or establishment of communications, and of any other property, service, or amenity with or benefiting the land.

***B. The proposed types or groups of property for differential rating and their proportions of benefit are:***

**For the Upper Ruamahanga River Management Scheme**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Proportion</b>	<b>Description</b>
A	6	Land receiving a high degree of relief from flooding and erosion threats.
B	5	Land receiving a moderate degree of relief from erosion and flooding threats.
C	4	Land receiving a moderate degree of relief from the threat of erosion.
D	3	Land receiving a low degree of relief from erosion and flooding threats.
E	2	Land receiving a low degree of relief from the threat of erosion.
F	1	Land receiving relief from flooding only.
S	57	Dwellings, commercial buildings, or commercial enterprises and their immediate surroundings, which without the current flood protection measures would be at an increased risk of being surrounded or entered by floodwaters.

**For the Middle Ruamahanga River Management Scheme**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Proportion</b>	<b>Description</b>
A	6	Land receiving a high degree of relief from flooding and erosion threats.
B	5	Land receiving a moderate degree of relief from erosion and flooding threats.
C	4	Land receiving a moderate degree of relief from the threat of erosion.

D	3	Land receiving a low degree of relief from erosion and flooding threats.
E	2	Land receiving a low degree of relief from the threat of erosion.
F	1	Land receiving relief from flooding only.
S	62	Dwellings, commercial buildings, or commercial enterprises and their immediate surroundings, which without the current flood protection measures would be at an increased risk of being surrounded or entered by floodwaters.

#### **For the Lower Ruamahanga River Management Scheme**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Proportion</b>	<b>Description</b>
A	7	Land receiving a high degree of relief from flooding and erosion threats.
B	6	Land receiving a moderate degree of relief from erosion and flooding threats.
C	5	Land receiving a moderate degree of relief from the threat of erosion.
D	4	Land receiving a low degree of relief from erosion and flooding threats.
E	3	Land receiving a low degree of relief from the threat of erosion.
F	2	Land receiving relief from flooding only.
Sa	173	Dwellings, commercial buildings, or commercial enterprises and their immediate surroundings, which without the current flood protection measures would be at a high risk of being surrounded or entered by floodwaters.
Sb	87	Dwellings, commercial buildings, or commercial enterprises and their immediate surroundings, which without the current flood protection measures would be at a moderate risk of being surrounded or entered by floodwaters.

**C. *General effect on the incidence of rates***

The alteration of this differential rate will establish a relationship between the rates received from different classes of land, and the degree of flood and erosion relief benefit anticipated from the new Scheme works. The general effect of the changes to rating area boundaries and adoption of new classifications, will be an increase in the rates to be paid by properties within the new Upper Ruamahanga Scheme by 8%, the Middle Ruamahanga Scheme by 200%, and the Lower Ruamahanga Scheme by 0%.

The rates will be levied on a per hectare basis applied differentially in terms of the stated proportions to Classes A, B, C, D, E, F and S, as detailed in the Council Classification Plans 2D/66/1-5, 2D/671-2, 2C/56/1-7, and the accompanying Classification rolls.

The effect that the introduction of the differential rates is expected to have on the incidence of rates for individual ratepayers is detailed on the accompanying Classification rolls.

- (4) That after due public notices have been given, this Special Order be submitted for confirmation at the meeting of the Wellington Regional Council to be held on 27 June 2002.