

REMISSION OF RATES ON UNUSABLE LAND

Eligibility/Application Form

R21/02

Please complete this form in full.

APPLICANT DETAILS

Applicant name	<input type="text"/>		
Owner name (if different)	<input type="text"/>		
Postal address	<input type="text"/>		
Email	<input type="text"/>		
Phone	(09) <input type="text"/>	Mobile	<input type="text"/>

REMISSION/PROPERTY DETAILS

1. Valuation number	<input type="text"/>	Rate A/C number	<input type="text"/>
Property location	<input type="text"/>		
2. Valuation number	<input type="text"/>	Rate A/C number	<input type="text"/>
Property location	<input type="text"/>		
3. Valuation number	<input type="text"/>	Rate A/C number	<input type="text"/>
Property location	<input type="text"/>		

(If there are more than three properties, please list the details on a separate sheet)

Grounds for the application

This must describe the nature of the natural calamity that has caused the land to be unusable and estimated time that it is expected the land will remain in that state:

(Attach additional paper if required)



This is a new application

Report attached from a registered Engineer or other similarly qualified expert setting out the reasons why the land has become unusable

Outline the steps the owner has taken or will take to return the land to a usable state (if that is not possible, you must state why)

(Attach additional paper if required)

DECLARATION

I understand that upon signing this application, I am entering into an agreement with Far North District Council. I declare that the content of this application is true and correct and to the best of my understanding complies with the policy below.

Signed

Date / / 20

Name *(Please print)*

REMISSION OF RATES ON UNUSABLE LAND (POLICY #R21 / 02)

Background

Natural disasters can cause land to become unusable for a long period of time. This policy addresses the issue of land that had been made unusable by a natural disaster.

Policy Objectives

To provide rating relief to the owners of properties that have become unusable as a result of a natural disaster, and where the loss of the use of the property will result in financial hardship to the owner.

Scope

This policy applies to both General Title and Māori Freehold Land.

Policy Statement

Council may grant a remission of rates on land that has become indefinitely unusable as a result of a natural disaster.

Conditions and criteria

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The applicant must set out in detail the nature of the natural disaster that has caused the land to be unusable. The application must outline the steps that the owner has taken, or will take, to return the land to a usable state. If this is not possible, the application must state why. The application must be supported by a report from a registered engineer or other similarly qualified expert setting out the reasons why the land has become, and will remain, unusable. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The maximum term for the remission of rates will be 5 years. At the end of that period, if the land remains unusable a further application will be required, including a statutory declaration that confirms that the conditions of the original expert's report remain unchanged, this must be confirmed in writing by the expert. The applicant will be required to sign an agreement that any remission will be cancelled immediately if the land is returned to a usable state. |
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