

What do you think? He aha ō whakaaro?



Have your say on Bay of Plenty Regional Council's Statement of Proposal to amend the Revenue and Financing Policy



What's this about?

The Revenue and Financing Policy describes how Council will use revenue and financing sources to fund its activities. Council reviews its Revenue and Financing Policy every three years as part of developing the Long Term Plan. This year, we are proposing two changes outside of this normal review cycle. Submissions on these proposed amendments are being sought using the same process and timeline for the Annual Plan 2019/20. For details on how to make a submission and timelines please see pages 4 and 5.

How can you have your say

We're consulting on this Statement of Proposal to amend the Revenue and Financing Policy between 18 March and 6 May 2019. You can provide a written submission on the proposals outlined in this Statement of Proposal using our online form at www.boprc.govt.nz/annualplan by email to annualplan@boprc.govt.nz or by using the submission form attached to this document on page 5.

Through the consultation period, we will be holding a series of information events and 'Have Your Say' workshops. A list of where we will be and when we will be available, are on our website at www.boprc.govt.nz/annualplan

Find out more - we're coming to see you and speak to you about the proposals in this plan - if you see us, have questions, or if you'd like more information, please stop by and talk to us.

Have your say - towards the end of the consultation period we'll be holding four 'Have Your Say' events. These are an opportunity for you to come together with other members of the community and to discuss the issues in more depth with Councillors - face-to-face. You will also be able to make submissions at the events. These are being held as an alternative to formal hearings. Once consultation has closed on 6 May 2019, we will discuss all the feedback we have received and make some decisions about what should and shouldn't be included in the Annual Plan 2019/20. These decisions will be made public and we intend to formally adopt our Annual Plan for 2019/20 in late June.

You can provide a written submission at any time during the consultation period using our online form at www.boprc.govt.nz/annualplan, by email to annualplan@boprc.govt.nz, or by using the submission form attached to this document. Anyone who provides a written submission can also present their views in person to councillors at our 'Have Your Say' community events.

Have your say
18 March
to 6 May 2019

Deliberations
Early
June 2019

**Annual Plan
Adopted**
Late June 2019

We want to hear from you!

Proposed Changes to Council's Revenue and Financing Policy

Council is proposing new targeted rates to partially fund two activities. These are for the Community Engagement Activity, to provide transparency of revenue collected for regional safety and rescue services, and for the Regional Infrastructure Activity to allow for possible infrastructure funding that benefits specific geographic areas. Further information is provided in our Annual Plan Consultation Document, available online at www.boprc.govt.nz/annualplan

A full tracked-changes version of the proposed Revenue and Financing Policy is available through our website or at Regional Council offices. The section below outlines why we're proposing the changes, and the other options we considered.

Community Engagement Activity

The Community Engagement Activity is currently funded 100% through general funds. The Annual Plan 2019/20 proposes a new approach to council funding of regional safety and rescue services which has led us to re evaluate whether this continues to be appropriate.

After considering the funding needs set out in the Local Government Act (2002) section 101(3)A, we think a targeted rate could be an appropriate way for us to fund regional safety and rescue services. Implementing a targeted rate would help us make sure the costs of this work matches the geographic distribution of benefits, ensures there is transparency of the costs and that these funds are only used for regional and rescue services. We are not proposing to set any targeted rate for this in 2019/20 – this amendment only enables targeted rates to be used in the future if it is considered appropriate.

The other option we have is to fund regional safety and rescue services through general funds, which would not allow us to provide transparency, ring-fence funds, or match the geographic distribution of benefits.

Regional Infrastructure Activity

The Regional Infrastructure activity is currently funded 100% through reserves.

After considering the funding needs set out in the Local Government Act (2002) section 101(3)A, we think a targeted rate could be an appropriate way for us to recover the cost of specific projects. Reserves or debt would be used for up-front costs, which would be recovered through general funds if there is region-wide benefit, or through targeted rates, if the benefit is limited to a certain geographic area. We are not proposing to set any targeted rate for this in 2019/20 – this amendment only enables targeted rates to be used in the future if it is considered appropriate.

Another option we have is to continue to fund the Regional Infrastructure Activity solely from reserves. While this has been appropriate to date, it may not be appropriate for the variety of funding requests that could be received in the future.



How to have your say

You can have your say by providing a submission in any of the ways outlined below.

Submissions close midday on Monday 6 May 2019.

Complete a submission at an event:

Complete a submission at one of our Information or Have you Say community events.

Complete a submission online:

Visit www.boprc.govt.nz/annualplan

Email your submission form to:

annualplan@boprc.govt.nz

Complete the submission form attached and post it to us at:

Freepost Number 122076
Revenue and Finance Policy Submissions
Bay of Plenty Regional Council
PO Box 364
Whakatāne 3158

Visit any of our offices across the Bay of Plenty:

- 5 Quay Street, Whakatāne
- 87 First Avenue, Tauranga
- 1125 Arawa Street, Rotorua

What do you think?



Your details

First name: _____

Surname: _____

Are you submitting as an individual, or on behalf of an organisation?

Individual Organisation

Organisation (if applicable): _____

Phone number: _____

Email address: _____

Postal address: _____

Your gender:

- Male
- Female
- Gender diverse

Your age:

- 0-17 years
- 18-24 years
- 25-34 years
- 35-44 years
- 45-54 years
- 55-64 years
- 65 or older
- I'd rather not say

Your ethnicity:

- European
- Maori
- Pacific Islander
- Asian
- Middle Eastern/
Latin American/African
- Other, please specify:

I wish to keep my contact details confidential Yes No

Please see over the page to provide your feedback.

If you require more space, please feel free to attach extra pages.

You can also make a submission online at **www.boprc.govt.nz/annualplan**

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