

How could this change **your** rates?

How do you know how the proposed re-calculation of rates in the Buller District will affect you?

All ratepayers will be sent an example of how this proposal would change **their annual rates - if it was to be adopted**. A summary proposal and submission form will also be included.

The **annual rate examples** being posted to individuals, including the information contained in this Consultation Document, are an **estimation only** and are based on what Council has budgeted for this 2017/2018 rating year.

During 2018 Council will carry out consultation on its draft 2018-2028 Long Term Plan. When the LTP is finalised and adopted the outcome will then determine the *actual* amount Council requires from rates for the year beginning 1 July 2018.

How can you have your say?

We would like to hear what you think of the proposal as contained in this Consultation Document.

Please tell us what you like about the rating proposal, and what you don't like.

Consultation on this document is open from **Wednesday 15 November 2017** with the document open for public consideration and written submissions until 4:30pm **Monday 18 December 2017**. During this time there are a number of ways you can find out more information about any aspect of this Consultation Document, the summary version and the wider process.

Electronic submission forms can be downloaded from Council's website www.bullerdc.govt.nz.

Further information relating to the Rates Overhaul Project can be found on Council's website, or by visiting Council's offices in Westport or Reefton.

What happens next?

The consultation period will close at 4:30pm on Monday 18 December 2017. Submissions must be received by Council by that date, late submissions will not be considered.

Council will meet on 24 January 2018 to hear and consider submissions. **If you have chosen to speak in support of your submission, you will be contacted with a time to come along and address Council.**

After hearing and considering all submissions, Council will then debate the issues that are raised and the formal Draft Rating Policy will then be agreed to reflect decisions made.

The Draft Rating Policy will then be included in the 2018-2028 Draft Long Term Plan which will be put out for consultation in April 2018. The final LTP will be adopted during June 2018 with any changes agreed coming into effect from 1 July 2018.

To consider when completing your submission:

- Drop-in sessions will be held throughout the district (details below), where elected members and staff will be available to answer your questions.
- Do you want to address the Councillors and speak to your submission? If so tick **YES** on the submission form - you will be contacted with a time to attend the special Council meeting on 24 January 2018.
- If you decide to address Council at their special meeting, presentations should be brief points relating to your submission or new information that isn't covered in your written submission - this is not an opportunity for you to read your submission, as the elected members have already done this.
- You will be given 10 minutes to present your submission and answer questions.

If you require further information this can be found on Council's website www.bullerdc.govt.nz, and at Council offices in Westport and Reefton.

Drop-in sessions:

Monday, 20 November 2017

4pm-7pm @ **Karamea**
(Last Resort, restaurant)

Tuesday, 21 November 2017

4pm-7pm @ **Ngakawau**
(Ngakawau Hall)

Wednesday, 22 November 2017

12noon-3pm @ **Westport**
(Clocktower Building)

Tuesday, 28 November 2017

4pm-7pm @ **Punakaiki**
(Department of Conservation workshop)

Tuesday, 5 December 2017

12noon-2pm @ **Reefton**
(i-SITE Visitor Centre, meeting room)

Public meetings:

Wednesday, 29 November 2017

6:30pm @ **Westport**
(NBS Theatre, main cinema)

Tuesday, 5 December 2017

6:30pm @ **Reefton**
(i-SITE Visitor Centre, meeting room)

Further details are available on Council's website
or email ratesoverhaul@bdc.govt.nz
www.bullerdc.govt.nz.