

STAFF REPORT

TO: Mayor & Councillors

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DATE: 8 March 2010

SUBJECT: **Draft Funding Impact Statement 2010/2011 – RCN10-03-05**

PURPOSE

To adopt the draft rates for inclusion in the Draft Annual Plan 2010/2011.

BACKGROUND

The Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 sets out the methods by which local authorities can rate and details criteria around the use of those rates. The Local Government Act 2002 sets out those processes and policies that must be applied in the establishment of rating systems including the provision of information to communities.

The Draft Funding Impact Statement, outlined in this report, has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 2002, and includes revenue and funding mechanisms used and explanatory information supporting the use of identified rates.

The rating policy of Tasman District Council is that, where it is practical, identifiable beneficiaries of Council activities pay for the costs by targeted rates, direct charges or fees. The balance of Council activities are funded through the general rate which is levied on a mix of rates charged on a capital value basis, together with a Uniform Annual General Charge.

The rates in the Funding Impact Statement are GST inclusive.

GST Changes

The Government is considering changing the percentage of Goods and Services Tax (GST). The revenue (e.g. rates figures) contained in this Funding Impact Statement are inclusive of 12.5 percent GST, therefore, any changes that the Government makes to the GST percentage will change the rates and charges that Council charges.

Rating Area Maps

Each of the targeted rates has a unique rating area within which rating units are levied prescribed annual charges. Copies of rating maps for each unique area are available for inspection at Council offices.

DISCUSSION

There are two new rates being proposed for inclusion in the Draft Annual Plan, plus one rate being discontinued. Several existing rates will be changing.

Proposed New Rates 2010/2011

The Tasman Warm Home Voluntary Targeted Rate is proposed and is subject to a separate report on today's agenda.

Tourism Rate B – the inclusion of this rate is a result of Council resolution CN10/02/14 on 18 February 2010.

Rates Discontinuing 2010/2011

Murchison Urban Drainage Area

Changes to Existing Rates

The following table is a selection of key rate movements which are proposed in the draft Funding Impact Statement.

Proposed % Movement of Significant Rates

General Rate – (The average increase per property prior to allowing for the increased UAGC of \$20.00. As UAGCs are a moderator they reduce the general rate paid by high valued properties whilst increasing the general rate paid by low valued properties. On that basis the percentage increase will vary across properties.)		3.97%
Water Supply – Metered Connections		22.22%
Water Supply – Daily Charge		23.29%
Stormwater – Urban drainage Areas		19.18%
General Dist Drainage		19.44%
River Works - X & Y Classification		8.18%
River Works - Z Classification		7.69%
District Facilities Rate	From \$42.51 to \$46.82	10.14%
Regional Facilities Rate	From \$45.25 to \$50.47	11.54%
St Arnaud Wastewater	From \$395.00 to \$200.00	49.37%
Wastewater Charge	From \$606.38 to \$625.34	3.13%

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Tasman District Council proposes to set the following rates under the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 for the financial year commencing on 1 July 2010 and ending on 30 June 2011; and that these rates be included in the Draft Annual Plan 2010/2011 for public consultation.

Proposed General Rate

Council sets a general rate based on the capital value of each rating unit in the District. This rate is set at different rates in the dollar of capital value. The categories of property and the proposed rates (in cents per dollar of capital value) for 2010/2011 are:

Category	2009/2010 cents	2010/2011 cents
Infrastructural Utilities	0.0000	0.0000
Land which is not an Infrastructural Utility	0.2134	0.2200

Proposed Uniform Annual General Charge

Council sets a Uniform Annual General Charge on each rating unit in the Tasman District. The proposed rate (in dollars per rating unit) for 2010/2011 is \$260.00 (2009/2010 \$240.00).

Proposed Targeted Rates

1 Stormwater Rates

Council sets a targeted rate for the purposes of stormwater works. This rate will be based on the capital value of each rating unit. The categories of property and the proposed rates (in cents per dollar of capital value) for the 2010/2011 year are:

Category	2009/2010 cents	2010/2011 cents
Richmond/Hope Urban Drainage Area	0.0365	0.0435
Motueka Urban Drainage Area	0.0365	0.0435
Mapua/Ruby Bay Urban Drainage Area	0.0365	0.0435
Brightwater Urban Drainage Area	0.0365	0.0435
Wakefield Urban Drainage Area	0.0365	0.0435
Takaka Urban Drainage Area	0.0365	0.0435
Murchison Urban Drainage Area	0.0365	0.0435
Collingwood Urban Drainage Area	0.0365	0.0435
Kaiteriteri Urban Drainage Area	0.0365	0.0435

St Arnaud Urban Drainage Area	0.0365	0.0435
Tapawera Urban Drainage Area	0.0365	0.0435
Tasman Urban Drainage Area	0.0365	0.0435
Patons Rock Urban Drainage Area	0.0365	0.0435
Ligar Bay Urban Drainage Area	0.0365	0.0435
Tata Beach Urban Drainage Area	0.0365	0.0435
Pohara Urban Drainage Area	0.0365	0.0435
Balance of the Tasman District not in above areas	0.0036	0.0043

2 Water Supply Rates

2.1 Water Supply – Metered Connections

Council sets a targeted rate for the supply of water. This rate will be based on the volume of water supplied to all rating units with a metered connection. The categories of property and the proposed rates (in cents per cubic meters supplied) for 2010/2011 are:

Category	2009/2010 \$	2010/2011 \$
All metered connections excluding the major industrial water users	\$1.17	\$1.43
Major industrial water users	39.22 cents	41.00 cents

In addition, Council sets a targeted rate under Section 19 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 for the supply of water. This rate will be based on where the land is situated and the provision of service and will be set in relation to all rating units with a metered connection excluding those in the Motueka Township and the major industrial water users. The proposed rate for 2010/2011 is 51.04 cents per day (2009/2010 41.40 cents).

2.2 Water Supply – Rural Connections

Council sets a targeted rate for the supply of water. This rate will be based on the quantity of water supplied and will be set differentially based on the provision of service. The categories and proposed rates (in dollars per unit of water supplied) for 2010/2011 are:

Category	2009/2010 \$	2010/2011 \$
Dovedale/Neudorf Rural Water Supply Area:		
First unit supplied	546.15	584.60
Second and subsequent unit	382.10	408.90
Redwood Valley Rural Water Supply Area	313.74	374.50
Eighty-Eight Valley Rural Water Supply Area	53.04	54.10
Low flow restricted supply connections	323.60	330.00

Council sets a targeted rate for the supply of water to the Eighty-Eight Valley Rural Water Supply Area. The rate will be set in relation to all land to which the Eighty-Eight Valley Water Supply is provided. The proposed rate (in dollars per rating unit) for 2010/2011 is \$62.42 (2009/2010 \$61.20).

Council sets a targeted rate for the supply of water to all rating units with connection to the Hamama Rural Water Supply. This rate will be set in relation to all land to which the Hamama Rural Water Supply is provided. This rate is set to meet the operational costs. The proposed rate for 2010/2011 is 0.0306 cents per dollar of land value (2009/2010 0.0287 cents).

Council sets a targeted rate for the supply of water to all rating units with a connection to the Hamama Rural Water Supply. This rate will be set in relation to all land to which the Hamama Rural Water Supply is provided. This rate is set to meet the capital costs of recent scheme enhancements. The proposed rate (in dollars per rating unit) for 2010/2011 is \$156.00 (2009/2010 \$153.00).

2.3 Water Supply – Maintenance and Capital Charge

Council sets a targeted rate for the purpose of meeting capital and/or maintenance expenditure on water supply works. This rate will be set differentially based on where the land is situated. The categories and proposed rates (in dollars per rating unit) for 2010/2011 are:

Category	2009/2010 \$	2010/2011 \$
Motueka Urban Water Supply Area	72.42	73.87

2.4 Water Supply – Capital Charges

Council sets a targeted rate under Section 16 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 for the purpose of meeting loan repayments for the capital cost of the Kaiteriteri-Stephens Bay Water Supply Scheme. This rate is set in relation to land situated within the Kaiteriteri-Stephens Bay Water Supply Area where the rating unit has not elected to make a lump sum contribution to the capital cost of the scheme. The proposed rate (in dollars per separately used or inhabited part) for 2010/2011 is

\$123.00 (2009/2010 \$123.00).

A targeted rate is set for the purpose of meeting loan repayments for the capital cost of the Collingwood Water Supply Scheme. This rate is set in relation to land situated within the Collingwood Water Supply Area where the rating unit has not elected to make a lump sum contribution to the capital cost of the scheme. The proposed rate (in dollars per rating unit) for 2010/2011 is \$394.00 (2009/2010 \$394.00).

3 Wastewater Rates

3.1 Wastewater – Operation and Maintenance Charges

Council sets a targeted rate for the purpose of meeting the operating costs of the general wastewater account. This charge is based on the number of water closets or urinals connected either directly or through a private drain, to a public wastewater drain. In respect of rating units used primarily as a residence for one household, no more than one water closet will be liable for this charge. The proposed rates (in dollars per water closet or urinal) for 2010/2011 are:

Category	2009/2010 \$	2010/2011 \$
First water closet or urinal	606.38	625.34
Second to tenth water closet or urinal	454.64	469.01
Eleventh and subsequent water closet or urinal	303.09	312.67

3.2 Wastewater – Capital Charges

Council sets a targeted rate for the purpose of meeting loan repayments for the capital costs of the wastewater schemes listed below. This rate will be based on where the land is situated and set differentially based on each rating unit in each Urban Drainage Area which has not elected to make a lump sum contribution to the capital cost of the scheme. The proposed rates (in dollars per rating unit) for 2010/2011 are:

Category	2009/2010 \$	2010/2011 \$
Murchison Urban Drainage Area	85.00	-
Port Motueka Urban Drainage Area	77.00	77.00

Council sets a targeted rate for the purpose of meeting loan repayments for the capital costs of the Pohara and Pohara Stage Three Wastewater Schemes. This rate will be based on the provision or availability of service and where the land is situated. The rate will be set in relation to each rating unit in the Pohara Urban Drainage Area which has not elected to make a lump sum contribution to the capital cost of the scheme. The proposed rates (in dollars per rating unit) for 2010/2011 are:

Category	2009/2010 \$	2010/2011 \$
Connected Rating Units		
Pohara	111.00	111.00
Pohara Stage Three	250.00	250.00
Serviceable Rating Units		
Pohara	111.00	111.00
Pohara Stage Three	125.00	125.00

Council sets a targeted rate for the purpose of meeting loan repayments for the capital costs of the Pohara and Pohara Stage Three Wastewater Schemes. This rate will be based on the provision or availability of service and the use to which the land is put. The rate will be set in relation to each rating unit in the Pohara Urban Drainage Area which has not elected to make a lump sum contribution to the capital cost of the scheme. Where the rating unit is non-residential and connected a charge is made for the second and subsequent water closets or urinals. Residential rating units with more than one separately used or inhabited part are charged for the second and subsequent water closets or urinals but not for more than one water closet per part. The proposed rates (in dollars per water closet or urinal) for 2010/2011 are:

Category	2009/2010 \$	2010/2011 \$
Non-residential Connected Rating Units (for second and subsequent W/Cs or urinals)		
Pohara	74.00	74.00
Pohara Stage Three	83.35	83.35
Residential Connected Rating Units with more than one separately used or inhabited part (for second and subsequent W/Cs or urinals)		
Pohara	74.00	74.00
Pohara Stage Three	83.35	83.35

Council sets a targeted rate for the purpose of meeting loan repayments for the capital costs of the St Arnaud Wastewater Scheme. This rate will be based on the provision or availability of service and where the land is situated. The rate will be set on each rating unit in the St Arnaud Urban Drainage Area, which has not elected to make a lump sum contribution to the capital cost of the scheme. The proposed rate (in dollars per rating unit) for 2010/2011 is \$200.00 (2009/2010 \$395.00).

Council sets a targeted rate for the purpose of meeting loan repayments for the capital costs of the St Arnaud Wastewater Scheme. This rate will be based on the provision or availability of service and the use to which the land is put. The rate will be set on

each rating unit in the St Arnaud Urban Drainage Area which has not elected to make a lump sum contribution to the capital cost of the scheme. Where the rating unit is non-residential or is residential and has more than one separately used or inhabited part, a charge is made for the second and subsequent water closets or urinals.

Residential rating units with more than one separately used or inhabited part are charged for the second and subsequent water closets or urinals, but not for more than one water closet per part.

The proposed rates (in dollars per water closet or urinal) for 2010/2011 are:

Category	2009/2010 \$	2010/2011 \$
Non-residential Rating Units (for second and subsequent W/Cs or urinals)	138.35	138.35
Residential Rating Units with more than one separately used or inhabited part (for second and subsequent W/Cs or urinals)	138.35	138.35

4 Regional River Works Rates

Council sets a targeted rate for river works. This rate will be based on the land value of each rating unit and will be differentially based on where the land is situated. The categories of land and the proposed rates (in cents per dollar of land value) for 2010/2011 are:

Category	2009/2010 cents	2010/2011 cents
Classification X	0.0978	0.1058
Classification Y	0.0978	0.1058
Classification Z	0.0208	0.0224

5 Business Rates

5.1 Motueka Business Rate

Council sets a targeted rate for the purpose of promotion of the Motueka business area. This rate is based on the capital value of each rating unit and will be set in relation to where the land is situated being the Motueka Business Rating Areas A and B. The proposed rate (in cents per dollar of capital value) for 2010/2011 is Area A 0.0484 cents (2009/2010 0.0442 cents), and Area B 0.0364 cents (2009/2010 0.0306 cents).

5.2 Richmond Business Rate

Council sets a targeted rate for the purpose of promotion of the Richmond business area. This rate is based on the capital value of each rating unit and will be set in relation to where the land is situated being the Richmond Business Rating Area. The proposed rate (in cents per dollar of capital value) for 2010/2011 is 0.0457 cents (2009/2010 0.0441 cents).

6 Ruby Bay Stop Bank Rate

Council sets a targeted rate for the purpose of meeting loan repayments for the capital costs of the Ruby Bay Stop Bank. This rate is based on where the land is situated and will be set on each rating unit in the Ruby Bay Stop Bank Rating Area which has not elected to make a lump sum contribution to the capital cost of the scheme. The proposed rate (in dollars per rating unit) for 2010/2011 is \$1049.00 (2009/2010 \$1049.00).

7 Mapua Stop Bank Rate

Council sets a targeted rate for the purpose of meeting loan repayments for the capital costs of the Mapua Stop Bank. This rate is based on where the land is situated and will be set on each rating unit in the Mapua Stop Bank Rating Area which has not elected to make a lump sum contribution to the capital cost of the scheme. The proposed rate (in dollars per rating unit) for 2010/2011 is \$106.44 (2009/2010 \$106.44).

8 District Facilities Rate

Council sets a targeted rate for the purpose of meeting part of the costs of capital funding for new, large, community, recreational, sporting or cultural district or regional projects which have met defined criteria, and will provide benefit to the residents of Tasman District. This rate is set in relation to all rateable units within the Tasman District. The proposed rate (in dollars per rating unit) for 2010/2011 is \$46.82 (2009/2010 \$42.51).

9 Motueka Stop Bank Rate

Council sets a targeted rate for the purpose of meeting loan repayments for the capital costs of the Motueka Stop Bank. This rate is based on where the land is situated and will be set on each rating unit in the Motueka Stop Bank Rating Area, being the Motueka Stop Bank Rating Areas A and B. The rate (in cents per dollar of land value) for Area A for 2010/2011 is 0.0064 cents (2009/2010 0.0024 cents). The proposed rate (in cents per dollar of land value) for Area B for 2010/2011 is 0.0012 cents (2009/2010 0.0005 cents).

10 Shared Facilities Rate

Council sets a targeted rate for the purpose of meeting part of the costs of capital funding for new, large, community, recreational, sporting or cultural district or regional projects which have met defined criteria, and will provide benefit to the residents of Tasman District and Nelson City. This rate is set in relation to all rateable units within the Tasman District. The proposed rate (in dollars per rating unit) for 2010/2011 is \$50.47 (2009/2010 \$45.25).

11 Facilities Operations Rate

Council sets a targeted rate for the purpose of meeting the operating costs of various community facilities within the District. This rate is set in relation to all rateable units within the Tasman District, excluding the Golden Bay Ward. The proposed rate (in dollars per rating unit) for 2010/2011 is \$28.60 (2009/2010 \$24.24).

12 Museums Facilities Rate

Council sets a targeted rate for the purpose of meeting part of the costs of capital funding for the Regional Museum and for the annual operation of the Regional Museum and Council's District museums. This rate is set in relation to all rateable

units within the Tasman District. The proposed rate (in dollars per rating unit) for 2010/2011 is \$54.20 (2009/2010 \$52.49).

13 Wai-iti Valley Community Dam Rate

Council sets a targeted rate for the purpose of funding the costs of the Wai-iti Valley Community Dam. This rate is based on where the land is situated and the provision of service provided and will be set in relation to the number of hectares as authorised on all water permits granted under the Resource Management Act 1991. The proposed rate (in dollars per hectares) for 2010/2011 is \$315.00 (2009/2010 \$315.00).

14 Fireblight Control Rate – Waimea

Council sets a targeted rate for the purpose of funding the cost of the removal of hawthorn in the Waimea area. This rate is based on the planted horticultural hectares within the defined rating boundary at 31 January 2006. The proposed rate (in dollars per planted hectare) for 2010/2011 is \$52.50 (2009/2010 \$52.50).

15 Takaka Fire Fighting Water Supply Rate - Capital

Council sets a targeted rate for the purpose of funding loan repayment costs of constructing a reticulated fire fighting water supply within the Takaka CBD. This rate is based on where the land is situated and will be set on each rating unit in the Takaka Fire Fighting Rating Area. The proposed rate for the Commercial CBD (in cents per dollar of capital value) for 2010/2011 is 0.0975 cents (2009/2010 0.0975 cents). The proposed rate (in dollars per rating unit) for 2010/2011 is \$51.00 for Takaka Residential, (2009/2010 \$51.00), and \$15.00 (in dollars per rating unit) for the remainder of the Golden Bay Ward (2009/2010 \$15.00).

16 Takaka Fire Fighting Water Supply Rate - Operating

Council sets a targeted rate for the purpose of funding the maintenance costs of the reticulated fire fighting water supply within the Takaka CBD and residential area. This rate is based on where the land is situated and will be set on each rating unit in the Takaka Fire Fighting Rating Area. The proposed rate (in dollars per rating unit) for 2010/2011 is \$45.00 (2009/2010 \$45.00).

17 Refuse/Recycling Rate

Council sets a targeted rate for the purpose of funding kerbside recycling. This rate is based on where the land is situated and will be set on each rating unit in the Refuse/Recycling Rating Area. The proposed rate (in dollars per rating unit) for 2010/2011 is \$115.00 (2009/2010 \$112.50).

18 Hamama Road Sealing Rate

Council sets a targeted rate for the purpose of funding loan repayment costs for the sealing of Hamama Road. This rate is based on where the land is situated and will be set on each rating unit in the Hamama Road Sealing Rating Area which has not elected to make a payment in advance to the capital cost of the scheme. The proposed rate (in dollars per rating unit) for 2010/2011 is \$645.00 (2009/2010 \$645.00).

19 Mapua Rehabilitation Rate

Council sets a rate for the purpose of meeting costs in respect of the Mapua Rehabilitation project. The proposed rate (in dollars per rating unit) for 2010/2011 is \$12.00 (2009/2010 \$12.00).

20 Kaiteriteri Refuse Rate

Council sets a targeted rate for the purpose of meeting costs in respect of the additional summer refuse collection service provided to the Kaiteriteri area. This rate is based on where the land is situated and is set on each rating unit in the Kaiteriteri Refuse Rating Area. The proposed rate (in dollars per rating unit) for 2010/2011 is \$18.11 (2009/2010 \$17.61).

21 Waimea Water Augmentation (Lee Valley) Rate

Council sets a targeted rate for the purpose of meeting costs in respect of the Waimea Water feasibility study. This rate is based on where the land is situated and is set on each rating unit in the Waimea Water Augmentation Rating Area. The proposed rate (in dollars per rating unit) for 2010/2011 is \$25.00 (2009/2010 \$25.00).

22 Torrent Bay Replenishment Rate

Council sets a targeted rate for the purpose of meeting the costs of reinstating and maintaining the beach at Torrent Bay. This rate is based on where the land is situated and will be set on each rating unit in the Torrent Bay Replenishment Rating Area, being the Torrent Bay Replenishment Rating Areas A and B. The proposed rate (in dollars per rating unit) for Area A for 2010/2011 is \$1,500.00 (2009/2010 \$1,500.00). The proposed rate (in dollars per rating unit) for Area B for 2010/2011 is \$450.00 (2009/2010 \$450.00).

23 Tourism Rate

Tourism Rate A

The Council sets a targeted rate for partly funding the Council's contribution to the cost of destination marketing by Tourism Nelson Tasman Limited. The targeted rate is set in relation all rateable land falling within one or more of the following categories:

- (a) All rateable land within Tasman District where all or part of the land is premises registered under the Health (Registration of Premises) Regulations 1966 or premises exempt from compliance with the Food Hygiene Regulations 1974 by virtue of an exemption granted under Part 1A Food Act 1986.
- (b) All rateable land within Tasman District Council where all or part of the land is premises on which liquor may be sold pursuant to a licence under the Sale of Liquor Act 1989.
- (c) All rateable land within Tasman District Council listed in the Council's Rating Information Database as having a Quotable Value Property Category Code of CS or IS and on which petrol is sold.
- (d) All rateable land within Tasman District Council used in connection with a commercial public transport system registered under the Public Transport Management Act 2008.
- (e) All rateable land within Tasman District used in connection with a tourism activity identified on the Tourism Nelson Tasman Limited advertisers database.

- (f) All rateable land within Tasman District listed in the Council's Rating Information Database as having a Quotable Value Property Use Code of 5, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 71, 81, 82 or 83 and a QV Property Category Code of CR, CL, CT or CS, and sell goods to the public.

The proposed rate (in dollars per separately used part) for 2010/2011 is \$141.50 (2009/2010 \$137.21).

Tourism Rate B

The Council sets a targeted rate for partly funding the Council's contribution to the cost of destination marketing by Tourism Nelson Tasman Limited. The targeted rate is set in relation to all rateable land within Tasman District listed in the Council's Rating Information Database as having 1 or more of the following Quotable Value Improvement Nature Codes ACCOM, CABIN, BACH, MOTEL, HOTEL, LODGE, or BPK ACCOM and either:

- (a) 1 of the following Quotable Value Property Category Codes LI, RD, RF, RH,RR, CT or CA; or
- (b) 1 of the following Quotable Value Property Use Codes 9, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96 or 97;

and is used, or is available, for accommodation of less than 90 days, for which a fee or charge is payable.

The proposed rate (in dollars per rating unit) for 2010/2011 is \$141.50. (2009/2010 \$137.21).

24 Motueka Community Board Rate

Council sets a targeted rate for the purpose of funding the costs of the Motueka Community Board. This rate is based on where the land is situated and is set on each rating unit in the Motueka Community Board Rating Area. The proposed rate (in dollars per rating unit) for 2010/2011 is \$10.95 (2009/2010 \$10.63).

25 Golden Bay Community Board Rate

Council sets a targeted rate for the purpose of funding the costs of the Golden Bay Community Board. This rate is based on where the land is situated and is set on each rating unit in the Golden Bay Community Board Rating Area. The proposed rate (in dollars per rating unit) for 2010/2011 is \$16.20 (2009/2010 \$16.45).

26 Tasman Warm Home Voluntary Rate

Council sets a voluntary targeted rate for the purpose of funding the costs of the Tasman Clean Heat Warm Home scheme. The rate is set in relation to all rateable units in the Tasman District which opt into the scheme. The rate will commence in year 2 of the grant being approved. The proposed rate (in cents per dollar of the combined costs of the grant and administration fee) for 2010/2011 is \$0.1555 (2009/2010 nil).

Definitions

1 Infrastructural Utility

The Infrastructural Utility category includes rating units identified by the following valuation roll numbers:

9995100100	9995100200	9995100300	9995100400
9995100500	9995100900	9995101000	9995101400
9995101500			

2 Major Industrial Water User

The Major Industrial Water User category includes the property identified by the valuation roll number 1938098700.

3 Unit

A unit of water on the Dovedale and Redwood Valley Rural Water Supply Schemes, and the Urban Extension Schemes at Hope, Richmond, Collingwood, Wakefield, Brightwater, and Best Island is the equivalent of 2,000 litres of water a day. A unit of water on the Eighty-Eight Valley Rural Water Supply and the Mapua/Ruby Bay Urban Extension is the equivalent of 1,000 litres of water per day.

4 Pip Fruit Use

For the purposes of Fireblight Control Rate, properties used for pip fruit production are those properties where apples or pears are grown for commercial use. A map showing the properties identified as being used to grow pip fruit can be viewed at any Council office.

Assessment and Invoicing

Rates assessment will be rounded down to the nearest ten cents where applicable, will be inclusive of Goods and Services Tax and are due and payable to the Tasman District Council at the Council Offices in four instalments.

Council invoices rates quarterly, with final dates for payment of each instalment being 31 August, 30 November, 28 February and 31 May. The 2010/2011 rates instalments become payable on the following days:

Instalment 1	Instalment 2	Instalment 3	Instalment 4
1 August 2010	1 November 2010	1 February 2011	1 May 2011

Metered water rates are invoiced separately from other rates. Invoices for domestic users are issued six monthly and invoices for industrial users are issued monthly. All invoices are due for payment on the 20th of the month following the month in which the invoice is issued.

Penalties

Under Section 57 and 58 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 Council prescribes the following additional charge of ten percent (10%) of the amount of rate instalments remaining unpaid to be added on the following dates:

Instalment 1	Instalment 2	Instalment 3	Instalment 4
1 September 2010	1 December 2010	1 March 2011	1 June 2011

A further additional charge of five per cent (5%) will be added to rates that remain unpaid from previous years as at the date five working days after the date on which Council passes a resolution authorising penalties, and the additional charge will be added at six monthly intervals thereafter.

As an alternative to payment by the above four instalments, the total annual rates on any property may be paid in one lump sum by 30 November 2010 and any first instalment penalty already incurred is to be remitted. If not paid by 30 November 2010, the penalties relating to the four instalments as above will apply.

A penalty of ten percent (10%) will be added to the amount of metered domestic water rates remaining unpaid on the day after the final date for payment as shown on the metered water invoice.

The above penalties will not be charged on a rating unit where Council has agreed to a programme for payment of rate arrears.

Uneconomic Balances

Council will not collect total annual rates (not including metered water rates) of \$10.00 or less as provided for under Section 54 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002.

Early Payment of Rates

Section 55 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 empowers Council to accept early payment of rates. Council will allow a discount of three percent (3%) of the total year's rates if payment of same is received on or before 31 August 2010.

The rates revenue sought from the uniform annual general charge and targeted rates set on a uniform basis is 19.96 percent of the total revenue from all rates sought by Council in accordance with Section 21 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002.

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