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 Subject: **Request for Information re Charges for Wastewater Disposal**
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Hi one

I refer to your official information request dated 17 December 2024, and your follow up email dated 22 January 2025, seeking information about charges for wastewater disposal for rural ratepayers. The information you have requested is outlined below.

The pages of the Long Term Plan that are referred to in your original letter provides a break down of how every \$100 of rating income collected contributes to each of the Council activities. However, not every ratepayer is charged the same, for example, rural ratepayers are not charged for wastewater services. This is where the differentiation in the types of rates that the Council collects revenue from is used (urban vs rural). On the back of each rate demand is a list showing the different types of rates applied to your property.

I have copied below an extract from the rating information for the properties that you own that shows that you are not charged for wastewater for your properties:

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Key Number	Destination	Code	Description	Diff	Description	Year For	Period	Rate Year	Period	Levy No	Calculated	Effective Date	Valuation	Levy Amt
2376315	2	Uniform Annual General	1	Uniform Annual Ge	2025	1	2025	1	1	C	0.00	01/07/2024	[Redacted]	[Redacted]
2376316	3	Roading Rate	1	District Wide Roa	2025	1	2025	1	1	C	0.00	01/07/2024	[Redacted]	[Redacted]
2376317	5	District General Rate	1	District General	2025	1	2025	1	1	C	0.00	01/07/2024	[Redacted]	[Redacted]
2376318	8	Libraries	1	Libraries	2025	1	2025	1	1	C	0.00	01/07/2024	[Redacted]	[Redacted]
2376319	9	Swimming Pools	1	Swimming Pools	2025	1	2025	1	1	C	0.00	01/07/2024	[Redacted]	[Redacted]
2376320	12	DIST Town Centre Refu	1	DIST Town Centre	2025	1	2025	1	1	C	0.00	01/07/2024	[Redacted]	[Redacted]
2376321	23	Farming (Non Dairy) R	1	Farming (Non Dairy)	2025	1	2025	1	1	C	0.00	01/07/2024	[Redacted]	[Redacted]
2376322	65	Roadway TR	1	Rural Roadway T	2025	1	2025	1	1	C	0.00	01/07/2024	[Redacted]	[Redacted]
2376323	70	Roadway Uniform Tar	1	Rural Roadway Tar	2025	1	2025	1	1	C	0.00	01/07/2024	[Redacted]	[Redacted]

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Key Number	Destination	Code	Description	Diff	Description	Year For	Period	Rate Year	Period	Levy No	Calculated	Effective Date	Valuation	Levy Amt
2376384	2	Uniform Annual General	1	Uniform Annual Ge	2025	1	2025	1	1	C	0.00	01/07/2024	[Redacted]	[Redacted]
2376385	3	Roading Rate	1	District Wide Roa	2025	1	2025	1	1	C	0.00	01/07/2024	[Redacted]	[Redacted]
2376386	5	District General Rate	1	District General	2025	1	2025	1	1	C	0.00	01/07/2024	[Redacted]	[Redacted]
2376387	8	Libraries	1	Libraries	2025	1	2025	1	1	C	0.00	01/07/2024	[Redacted]	[Redacted]
2376388	9	Swimming Pools	1	Swimming Pools	2025	1	2025	1	1	C	0.00	01/07/2024	[Redacted]	[Redacted]
2376389	12	DIST Town Centre Refu	1	DIST Town Centre	2025	1	2025	1	1	C	0.00	01/07/2024	[Redacted]	[Redacted]
2376390	23	Farming (Non Dairy) R	1	Farming (Non Dairy)	2025	1	2025	1	1	C	0.00	01/07/2024	[Redacted]	[Redacted]
2376391	65	Roadway TR	1	Rural Roadway T	2025	1	2025	1	1	C	0.00	01/07/2024	[Redacted]	[Redacted]
2376392	70	Roadway Uniform Tar	1	Rural Roadway Tar	2025	1	2025	1	1	C	0.00	01/07/2024	[Redacted]	[Redacted]

With regards to the charge for septic tank discharge disposal, because the Council does not collect rates from rural ratepayers towards the wastewater system we have a charge in our fees and charges of \$62.00 including GST per cubic metre when a plumber is disposing of waste from a septic tank. This is because the waste goes through the wastewater system at that point and is a way to ensure that the costs associated with that waste processing are recovered.

If you have any further questions regarding this, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Ngā mihi



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Hi

I have asked for an explanation of this fee applying to rural ratepayers who are apparently paying a levy in their rates for waste water and sewage disposal.(email 16 Dec).So far no explanation of the levy ,or for that matter any form of reply have been received .I look forward to the council's position regarding this matter.

Regards

[REDACTED]



Good Morning,

I own two properties paying a total of \$4,087.77 each rate instalment. According to Ka ahatia au moni reti for every \$100 collected \$14.21 goes to wastewater .So I am paying some \$580.87 each instalment for this service .We are of course not on the town system out here and have to supply our own sewage system i.e. a septic tank. I recently had this cleaned by a registered plumber and was surprised that part of the bill comprised a "Council Septic Dump Fee,3" of \$204.00 ex GST.Such a charge I understand for campervans and those outside the region availing themselves of this facility .However, in view of my contribution to the maintenance of the service I am a loss to understand why a charge is levied on sewage from a ratepayer who pays a not unsubstantial amount towards the council's sewage facilities and then is charged for the "privilege" of using them. Could you please explain this double dipping (no pun intended), rural/urban subsidy, whatever, to me.?

Yours Sincerely

