

### Regional Transport Rate – Differential Special Order

At a meeting on 19 April 2001 the Wellington Regional Council resolved by way of Special Order to alter the system of differential rating for the purposes of collecting the Regional Transport Rate. In accordance with the Funding Policy, the rating differentials take account of the public transport services and population of each part of the region and the degree of benefit that different categories of ratepayer derive from those services.

The approximate changes to the incidence of rates for 2001/02 will be as follows:

Constituent City/District	Residential	Business	Rural
Wellington	+\$748,749	(CBD) +\$653,676 (Suburban) +\$25,698	+\$2,967
Lower Hutt	+\$192,115	+\$91,471	+\$1,032
	<b>Urban</b>		
Upper Hutt	+\$49,672		+\$2,038
Porirua	+\$172,923		+\$2,140
Kapiti Coast (Otaki Ward)	+\$3,513		+\$1,654
(Rest of Kapiti)	+\$297,583		+\$3,467
Masterton	+\$18,812		+\$3,989
Carterton	+\$3,386		+\$2,527
South Wairarapa	+\$9,377		+\$3,673

The impact of the Transport Rate on an individual property will vary depending on the movement of that property's capital value, overall movements in the capital value experienced by that rating category and changes in the level of service in any one year.

The Special Order will be submitted for confirmation at a meeting to be held on 28 June 2001, starting at 9.30am in the Wellington offices of the Council. Submissions on the Special Order can be made up until its consideration for confirmation.

Copies of the Special Order (including the explanatory statement required by section 84(1)(c) of the Rating Powers Act 1988) can be inspected at offices of the Wellington Regional Council, 142-146 Wakefield Street, Wellington and 34 Chapel Street, Masterton during normal office hours. Any person upon inquiry either in person at the principal office of the Council or in writing addressed to the General Manager (PO Box 11-646, Wellington) shall be advised of the category of property to which a particular property will be allocated for differential rating purposes. Any ratepayer may, at any time after the confirmation of the Special Order, object to the Wellington Regional Council in accordance with section 116 of the Rating Powers Act against the allocation of a property to a particular category of property.