

Funding Tools and Maori Land

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Rating Powers

- Strong support for water metering
- Government support for cost of installing water meters
- GST on rates continues
- Common rating system (CV) be promoted i.e. would not be mandatory

Rating Powers

- No differentials on the general rate (from 2012)
- Differentials on targeted rates remain but strongly linked to benefit
- Abolition of UAGCs (but FTRs would remain)
- ‘30 percent cap’ – document contradictory



Development Contributions

- Development contributions for regional councils
- Reserve contribution – no recommendation, no comment
- Devcons policies need more work – centralised standard (LGNZ/SOLGM to produce)
- ‘Close consultation’ with developers

Other Funding Powers

- Review of the RMA to allow better access to coastal occupation charges
- Volumetric charging for wastewater (without having to form a CCO)
- Increase PPP delivery of infrastructure
- Review of fee setting powers to allow for recovery of actual and reasonable cost

Alternative Funding Sources

- The low FAR for urban arterials ‘should be reviewed’
 - new funding or from within existing
 - unquantified \$ (but for a few ...)
- No new funding for passenger transport or other roads (including no increase in FAR)
- Increase in LAPT but changes to distribution mechanism

Alternative Funding Sources

- Contestable Infrastructure Equalisation Fund for the “three waters” - c\$100m
- ‘Further consideration’ to an international visitors environmental levy
- Rates best option for main funding source for local government.

Debt

- Local government 'look more favourably' on the use of debt
- Restoration of the Securities Act exemption
- Borrowing in foreign currency

Te Ture Whenua Act Maori Land

- Maori land is a category of land not of owner
- Review of the relationship between the Treaty of Waitangi and the rating of Maori land
- Change in valuation practice for land – valuation ‘in use’

Te Ture Whenua Act Maori Land

- A work programme to address the 'problems'
- Consistent approach to rates remissions
- Some transfer of land back into Maori freehold land status
- SOLGM to lead a training programme to build knowledge of the area.