

Appendix A: Questions of clarification for Ms Luiten

1. In your “*Local Government in Te Rohe Potae*” report (Wai 898 #A24) at page 332 you state that:

“Currently Ruapehu District Council has no rates remission policy specifically targeting either undeveloped or multiply-owned Maori land.”

Can you confirm whether since the time you wrote your report Ruapehu District Council has developed such a policy?

2. At page 332 of your report you note that the Ruapehu District Council offers for tender land that has been declared abandoned by the District Council in order to recover unpaid rates and you record figures from September 2010 for the forced rating sales of more than 60 properties. Can you confirm whether any of those properties were located within the Ongarue area?
3. With regard to abandoned lands and the forced rating sales of properties, are you aware of this practice being continued by the Ruapehu District Council in recent times? If so, in what areas is this practice occurring?

