

Questions and Answers

The proposed Hurunui / Kaikōura Earthquakes Recovery (Rating Valuations Act 1998 – Kaikōura District Council) Order 2017



Q&As

WHAT DOES THE PROPOSAL TO POSTPONE RATING VALUATIONS COVER?

If it goes ahead, Kaikōura District Council will not be updating rating valuations for earthquake-damaged homes this year. The Council will still be able to make alterations to reflect other changes, such as building work that increases a property's value.

WHERE WOULD THE PROPOSAL APPLY?

The proposal will apply to all properties in the Kaikōura District.

IF MY PROPERTY HAS BEEN SIGNIFICANTLY DAMAGED AND I CAN'T OCCUPY IT, WILL POSTPONING OF CHANGES TO MY RATING VALUATION MEAN I WILL HAVE TO PAY FULL RATES?

No. The property valuation is only one factor in your rates bill; the Council determines the rates bill for each property. The Council currently has a rates remission policy in place which provides rates relief for ratepayers with buildings that cannot be safely occupied. The Order will not affect this rates policy.

MY HOME IS FREE OF QUAKE DAMAGE AND I'M LOOKING TO SELL. HOW DO I GO ABOUT GETTING MY RV ADJUSTED?

HOW LONG WILL THE ORDER BE IN PLACE?

The Order will be in place until either the next general revaluation takes place in late 2018, or if that is not possible, until 30 June 2019.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR VALUERS WORKING IN THE AREA?

Valuers will continue to carry out their normal job but will not be able to value the impacts of any earthquake damage. They will undertake valuations for things like new houses, extensions, modernisations and non-earthquake damage related reassessments that are requested by ratepayers.

WHEN WILL THE NEXT GENERAL REVALUATION BE COMPLETED?

The next general revaluation is scheduled for late 2018 however a decision will be made next year about the viability of doing this.