



Submission on Porirua City Council's 2017-18 Annual Plan

from Pauatahanui Residents Association

The PRA submission on the 2017-18 Annual Plan is that there should be no adjustment to the rates Rural Differential which should remain at 70%.

This proposal within the Annual Plan has brought very strong feelings from the rural community that the Pauatahanui Residents Association represents. Council will gain a small amount in dollar terms (calculated to be approximately \$100,000) but we believe will lose support from within this community. In previous years, when the rural ratepayers have had significant increases in their valuations compared to residential valuations, there has been no “rebalancing” to offset the rates burden this placed on rural ratepayers. The rural ratepayers already pay proportionately more in rates – 2% of Porirua’s population but paying 3.5% of the rates.

Of the options presented, Option 4 is considered the most preferred as long as the change to the Rural Differential is not included.

We wish to be heard in support of this submission.

Ken McAdam
Chairperson