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Rates Remission Policy extended

Selwyn District Council has extended a rates remission policy which provides rates relief to property owners whose dwellings were made uninhabitable as a result of the September 2010 earthquakes.

The Council adopted its current policy in October 2010 which allowed for the majority of rates to be waived if a dwelling was uninhabitable following the earthquake and no one was living at the address. It also allows ratepayers to apply to have their rates deferred for a year if they are suffering hardship as a result of the earthquakes.

The policy has been extended twice since 2010 but was due to expire on 30 June 2015. In the past year ten applications have been made under the policy and \$12,024 in rates has been waived. The Council has now extended the policy with the same conditions so it is in place until 30 June 2016.

“The Council wanted to keep the rates remission policy in place to recognise that there are still people in Selwyn whose dwellings are uninhabitable,” says Selwyn Mayor Kelvin Coe.

“The policy recognises that these property owners may be in a difficult situation financially and while they cannot use their dwellings it is appropriate to provide rates remission.”

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