

## STATUTORY DECLARATION RELATING TO APPLICATION FOR POSTPONEMENT OF RATES FOR RURAL AND COASTAL FARMLAND

I \_\_\_\_\_ hereby request the Auckland Regional Council to  
postpone

(Full name)

the payment of 25% of the rates due and owed by me for the \_\_\_\_\_ financial year on the  
rating unit

at \_\_\_\_\_ ("the rating unit").

### Tick relevant squares and/or fill out details as required:

1 A  I am the sole owner of the rating unit.

or

B  The rating unit is jointly and severally owned by me and others and as a part owner I  
have been authorised by the other owner(s) to make this application.

or

C  The rating unit is owned by me and \_\_\_\_\_ people as tenants in common and as  
one of the owners I have been authorised by all of the other owners to make this  
application.

2  All rates and charges due and owing in respect of the rating unit to 30 June last  
(excluding any rates which have been previously postponed) have been paid in full.

3  'Farmland outside the Metropolitan Urban Limits' is farmland outside the  
Metropolitan Urban Limits of the Auckland region as specified in the Regional Policy  
Statement and indicated in map 3242, is greater than 12 hectares (either by itself or  
together with adjacent rural farmland having the same owner and used as a single  
farm) and is used for a farming business which is GST registered.

'Coastal farmland' is farmland directly abutting the line of mean high water springs  
or separated from that line only by a marginal strip or esplanade reserve; as  
indicated on map 3241.

I make this application on the grounds that the rating unit is:

Farmland outside the Metropolitan Urban Limits **or**

Coastal farmland

(tick one box only)

- 4  The rating unit has been used as farmland for not less than two years
- 5  I acknowledge that unless the postponed rates become payable in accordance with clause 6 of this policy, the postponed rates will be deemed to have been written off after five years.
- 6  Further, I acknowledge that the following conditions will apply in the event that this application is successful and any rates are postponed:
- (a) 25% of the rates will be postponed from the beginning of the rating year in which the application is made.
  - (b) All rates which have been postponed under this policy and which have not been written off under clause 5, become due and payable immediately on—
    - (a) The rating unit ceasing to be farmland; or
    - (b) The rateable value of the farmland ceasing to be in some measure attributable to the potential use to which the land may be put for residential, commercial, industrial or other non-farming development; or
    - (c) The farmland ceasing to be coastal farmland or farmland outside the Metropolitan Urban Limits, as the case may be; or
    - (d) The interest of the person who was the ratepayer at the date on which the rates were postponed becoming vested in some person other than—
      - (i) The ratepayer's spouse or former spouse; or
      - (ii) The executor or administrator of the ratepayer's estate; or
      - (iii) Where the ratepayer was the proprietor of the interest as a trustee, a new trustee under the trust
- 7  I accept that the Council may require further information from me, or carry out such other investigations as it thinks fit, to substantiate the correctness of this application before deciding whether or not to grant a postponement of rates.
- 8  I acknowledge that the Council gives no assurance that it will continue to administer a rates postponement policy for farmland along the lines provided for in this application in future years, or indeed grant rates postponement relief for farmland at all, and that that matter will be decided by the Council on a year by year basis. However, whether or not the policy itself continues, rates already postponed will remain postponed until they become payable under the policy above.

All postponed rates will be registered as a statutory land charge against the title of the rating unit.

A fresh application on the prescribed form, confirming that the rating unit continues to meet all the criteria set out in this policy, must be lodged with the Council annually.

A postponement fee will be added to the postponed rates. This will not exceed the administrative and financial costs to the Council of the postponement.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ of Auckland, \_\_\_\_\_  
(Full name) (Occupation)

do solemnly and sincerely declare that the above information is true and complete

**AND I MAKE** this declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true and by virtue of the Oaths and Declarations Act 1957.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

**DECLARED** at \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 200\_\_ before  
me:

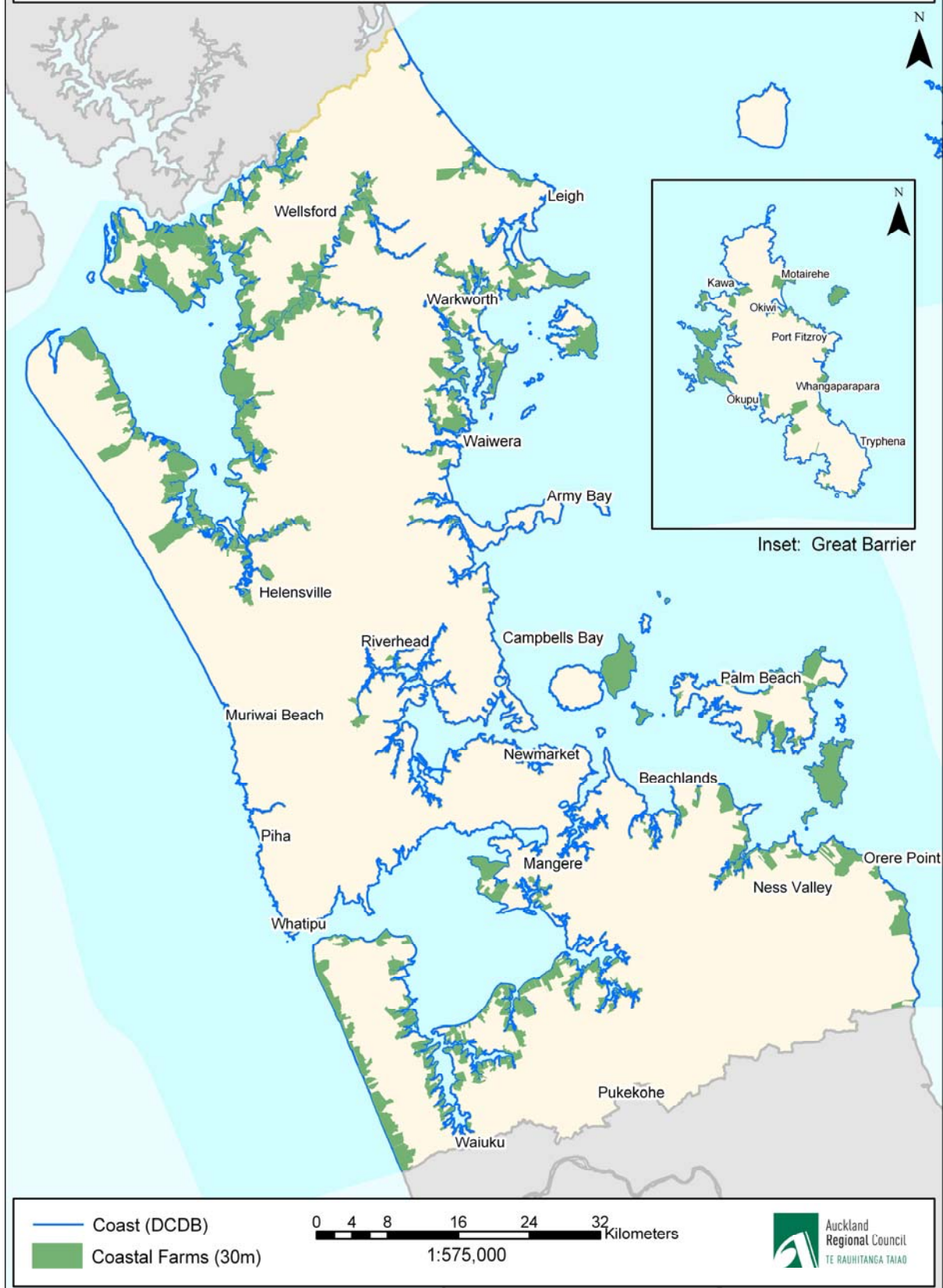
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(Person authorised to witness statutory declarations)

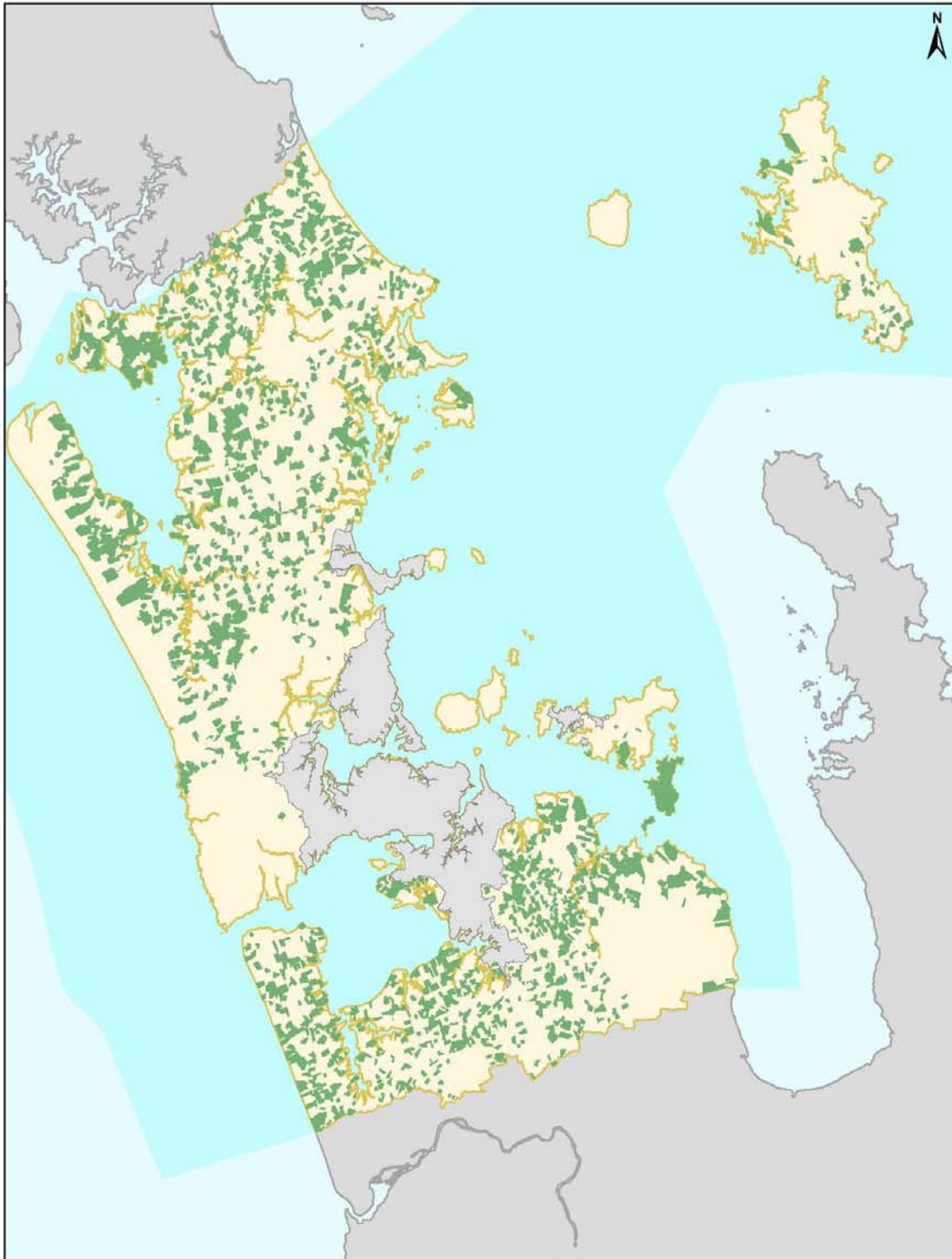
#### REMINDER

Check that you have provided with this application:

- your rates assessment

Map 3241: Pastoral and Dairy Land within 30 metres of the Coastline





Map 3242: Pastoral and Dairy Land Outside the MUL  
and Greater than 12 Ha

MUL  
Land Parcel

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Date \_\_\_\_\_ Valuation No. \_\_\_\_\_ (Rate A/C) \_\_\_\_\_

Officer dealing with \_\_\_\_\_ C/T No. \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount of rates and penalties previously postponed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total rates due for year \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Amount approved as postponed for the \_\_\_\_\_ year

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other comments (including general reasons as to basis for agreeing to postponement relief):

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Approved By:

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