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Good afternoon

Please find attached our response to your above letter.

Kind Regards

John & Marj Kaati

On Fri, May 17, 2024 at 3:42 PM haveyoursay <haveyoursay@waitomo.govt.nz> wrote:

To whom it may concern

Please see the attached letter from Waitomo District Council regarding proposals for the roading rate.

We are seeking your feedback on a potential alternative. Feedback can be sent in to this email address by Friday 24th of May for consideration.

Many thanks

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23 May 2024

Waitomo District Council
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Attention: Ben Smit
Email:

Tena koe Ben

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to your email dated 17 May 2024, regarding the Long-Term Plan including the District Rooding rate for Forestry Exotic properties which we are landowners of.

This is towards the suggestion of damage to roads created by heavy loaded forestry transportation.

- 1) Prior to harvesting a period of 25-30 years no damage is caused by laden trucks.
- 2) Consideration should be given to the value of a commercial forest. Planting a forest creates financial gain for a community and nation.
- 3) Rooding to rural and farming communities are the lifeline of the NZ economy. Commercial trees should be classified, and not differ from other forms of farm produce e.g. sheep, cattle, milk, including the large and heavy transportation travelling daily into the Taharoa Minesite.
- 4) Roads are the most important commodity to people's lives within this district and other districts.
- 5) Trees have always been before climate change; it does not differ from other farming produce. Reasonable rooding must be given the highest rating by this council.

This letter believes that **all properties must** be rated the same for rooding purposes on property, not charges, and not by category.

We firmly believe Waitomo has a dedicated rooding rate. This should be a source in which to future proof sufficient funding regime to maintain Waitomo roads at a cost-effective level.

If an opportunity arises for verbal submission, please advise, I would like to be present.

Naaku naa



J R Kaati
Forest owner

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