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COUNCIL RATES - HERE'S HOW IT WORKS

Following Auckland's three-yearly update of property capital values, this article provides Q & As about important topics such as: how rates are set; how property value changes affect rates income; exemptions and reliefs; and how your rates contribute.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

[Council rates - here's how it works - OurAuckland](#)

LAND VALUE RATES AND AFFORDABILITY

This article provides a counter argument in favour of Land Value Rating from a member of an organisation that advocates for LVR in Wellington, to a recently published article by a local politician who believes LVR would not work in the city.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

[Wellington.Scoop » Land Value Rates and affordability](#)

LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM: CURING THE PATIENT?

In the face of a proposed 9% increase in council rates this year, to follow 12% last year, this article reports that in response to calls for rate capping the government has introduced the Local Government (Systems Improvements) Amendment Bill to refocus councils on 'core services' and strengthen accountability.

The article can be accessed via the following link:

[Local government reform: curing the patient? | The New Zealand Initiative](#)

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