

## Decision making process

A Hearings Panel made up of Councillors and Community Board members will consider all written and oral submissions and then make a recommendation to the Council. The Council will then consider the recommendation from the Hearings Panel and decide whether or not to provide grant funding and set a targeted rate.

If the Council agrees to the request from the Trust, both the grant amount and the rate requirement will be included in the Council's Annual Plan 2019/20. This would mean the rate is set for the 2019/20 year and would be charged from 1 July 2019.

The date of the Hearing will be sometime in April/May 2019. Please ensure you indicate on your feedback form if you would like to speak at the Hearing. The Council decision is then expected to be made sometime in June 2019.

All submitters will receive written updates on the project, including details of the staff and Hearings Panel recommendations and decision meeting.

## How to have your say

Consultation is open from Monday 25 February until Wednesday 27 March 2019.

### Written feedback

- Fill out the online submission form at [ccc.govt.nz/haveyoursay](http://ccc.govt.nz/haveyoursay)
- Fill out the submission form included in this leaflet
- Email your feedback to [engagement@ccc.govt.nz](mailto:engagement@ccc.govt.nz)
- Post a letter (please ensure the letter reaches us before 5 pm on 27 March 2019) to:  
Tara King  
Senior Engagement Advisor  
Akaroa targeted rate submission  
Christchurch City Council  
PO Box 73016  
Christchurch 8154
- Or hand deliver to the Civic Offices at 53 Hereford Street, Christchurch.

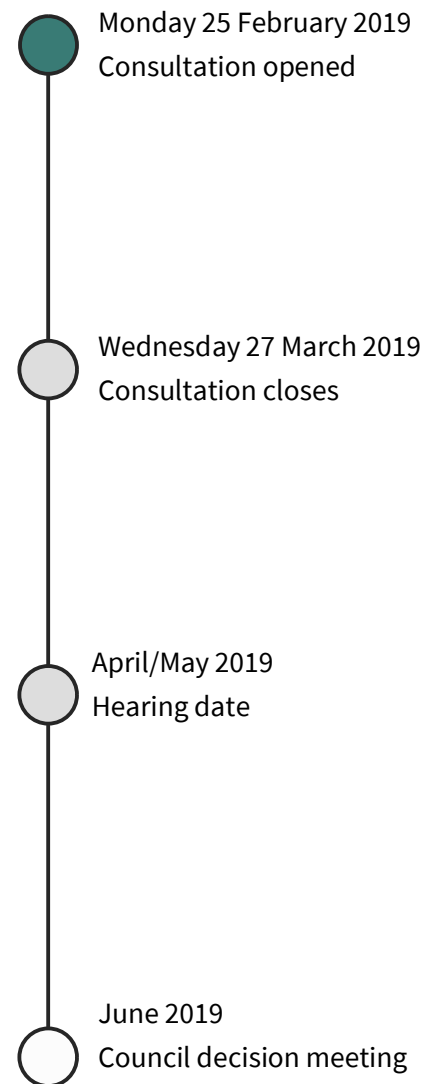
## To comment on the proposal and find out more

- 🖱️ Go online [ccc.govt.nz/haveyoursay](http://ccc.govt.nz/haveyoursay) or complete the enclosed freepost form and return to:  
Christchurch City Council,  
PO Box 73016, Christchurch 8154

- ☎️ Speak to Tara King  
03 941 5938
- ✉️ [Tara.King@ccc.govt.nz](mailto:Tara.King@ccc.govt.nz)

Consultation is open until 5pm Wednesday 27 March 2019

## Timeline:



## HAVE YOUR SAY

# Proposal to set a targeted rate to provide funding to the Akaroa Community Health Trust

Consultation closes Wednesday 27 March 2019

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The Akaroa Community Health Trust (the Trust) has requested a grant of up to \$1.3 million from the Council, and has proposed for this to be recovered through a targeted rate on all properties within the Akaroa subdivision of the Banks Peninsula ward.

The Council will agree to make the grant and set the targeted rate only if there is strong community support for it - both in terms of the number of people responding to this consultation and the level of support for the targeted rate.

### It is important to have your say

If you have a view on this project we'd like to hear from you on whether you support this targeted rate, and, if it goes ahead, whether you would prefer to pay it over four or ten years. If this grant is approved it will result in a rates increase being charged, so it is really important that we understand your views on this.

### How did this proposal come about?

The Canterbury District Health Board is rebuilding health facilities in Akaroa. It has a funding arrangement with the Akaroa Community Health Trust for a contribution to the cost of the facility so that additional services not originally proposed for the facility, such as respite and aged persons' care, could be included.

The Trust has agreed to provide \$2.5 million in community funding towards the capital cost of the new health centre. The facility is forecast to cost \$5,932,000. So far the Trust

### Talk to the team

Saturday 9 March 2019,  
9.30 am - 11.30 am  
Akaroa Farmers Market  
Madeira Car Park,  
48 Rue Lavaud, Akaroa



Artist impression of the Akaroa Health Centre

has raised \$1.34 million. The Trust will also incur additional costs estimated at \$0.5 million associated with establishing the health centre.

### What is a targeted fixed rate?

If Council makes the grant to the Trust, the cost of the grant will be recovered over time through a new targeted rate on properties in the Akaroa subdivision of the Banks Peninsula ward. The Council's Revenue and Financing Policy allows for a targeted rate to be set to recover the cost of a grant of this type.

A targeted fixed rate is a separate additional rate set on a particular part of the community to fund a service provided that benefits only or mainly that part of the community.

Ratepayers would pay an additional fixed charge on each 'separately used or inhabited part' (SUIP) of their property. A SUIP is defined as a part of a property which can be separately let and permanently occupied. The number of SUIPs associated with each property is shown on your rates invoice. It is the number of times you pay the Uniform Annual General Charge (UAGC). Most properties have only one SUIP, but a property with two flats, for example, will have two SUIPs.

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Akaroa Community Health Centre site

**Who would be included in the targeted rate?**

The targeted rate would be set on all separately used or inhabited parts of property in the Akaroa subdivision of the Banks Peninsula ward. This area closely aligns with the Canterbury DHB advice on health service patterns in Banks Peninsula. The map opposite gives you more detail on the areas included in the targeted rate. All those properties within or partially within the Akaroa subdivision boundary will be included.

Business and rural properties will also pay the targeted rate, but non-rateable properties such as churches and schools will not.

**What would the rate be and how long would it be in place?**

There are two options for you to consider in this consultation - a fixed charge over four years or over 10 years. In general, the longer the rating period the lower the annual additional rate will be. However, funding over a longer period will incur some interest costs that will be passed on through the rate.

Rating method	4 year term Additional rate per annum (incl GST)	10 year term Additional rate per annum (incl GST)
Fixed charge	\$130.20 (estimation only)	\$58.63 (estimation only)

The targeted rate is based on an estimate of there being 2,801 rateable properties in the proposed catchment area. The rate recognises Council will be able to earn interest on rates income received before the grant is made, and will incur interest when rates income is received after that date.

If the Trust raises further funds in the future to the extent that the full \$1.3 million grant is no longer required, the Council will make a smaller grant and will reduce the targeted rate accordingly.

**What happens if feedback from the community does not support the targeted rate proposal?**

This would be a matter for the Trust and the Canterbury DHB to resolve. The funding agreement between the organisations requires the community contribution to be paid by a set date and the Canterbury DHB may charge interest on any unpaid funding.

**What will the rate be used for?**

The rate will be used to reimburse the Council for making the grant to the Trust. The grant itself will be used by the Trust to meet its costs. The major component of those costs is the \$2.5 million obligation to the Canterbury DHB to fund additional services within the health centre. These additional services include aged care and respite care and are what the community has told the Canterbury DHB it wants, in addition to those the Canterbury DHB had committed to provide.

**What other options were considered in relation to this grant?**

We considered a number of options:

- An option to set the rate based on a proportionate basis. This means the rate would be based on property value instead of a fixed amount.
- To decline the application.
- To defer the request until the end of 2019, in order to have a clearer view of eventual funding requirements.

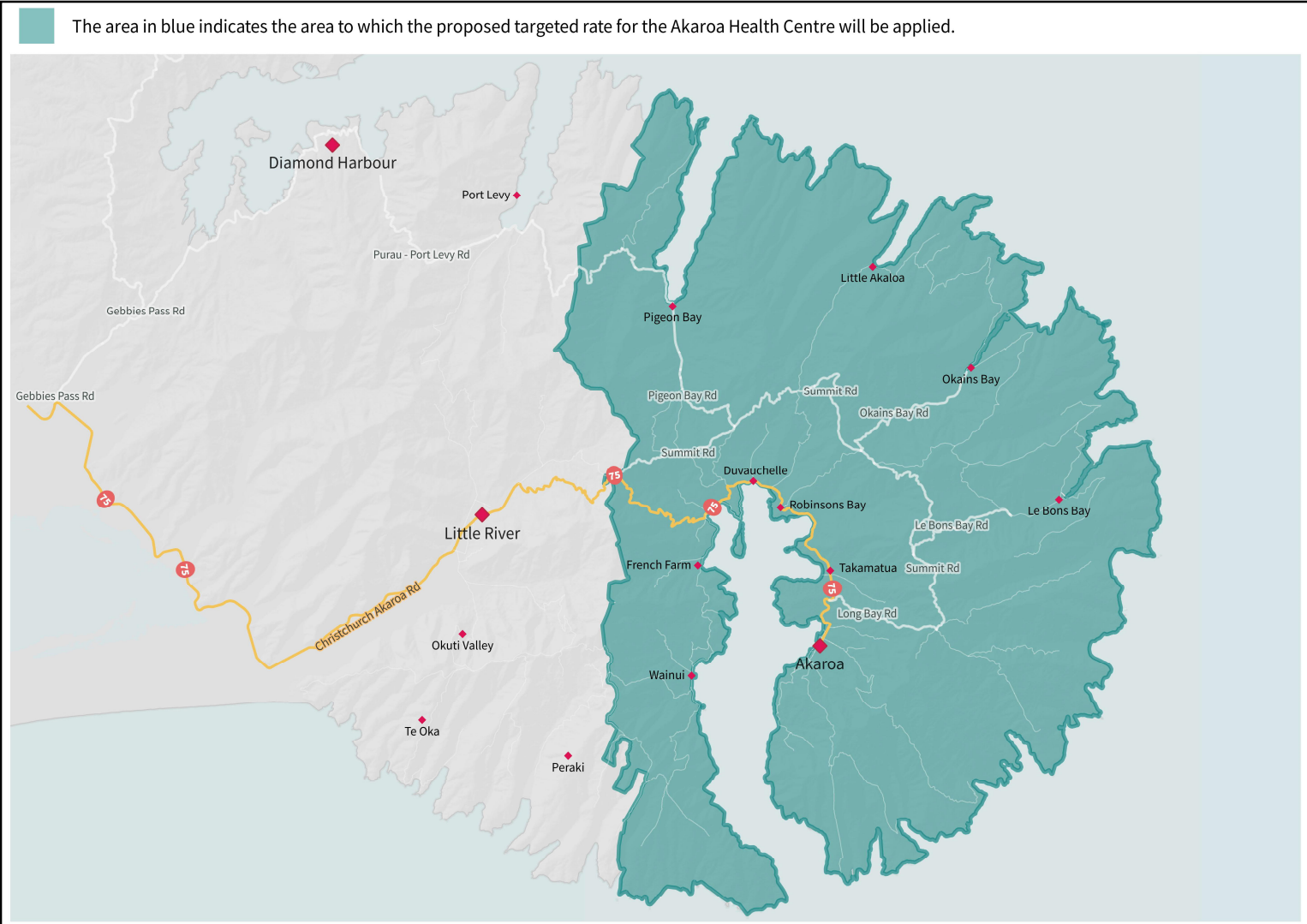
You can read more about all of these options in the staff report that was considered by elected members at the 7 February meeting of the Finance and Performance Committee of the Whole :

[http://christchurch.infocouncil.biz/Open/2019/02/FPCO\\_20190207\\_AGN\\_3471\\_AT.PDF](http://christchurch.infocouncil.biz/Open/2019/02/FPCO_20190207_AGN_3471_AT.PDF)

**Who is the Akaroa Community Health Trust?**

The Akaroa Community Health Trust was formed as a community partner in the establishment of the new health centre for Akaroa. The Trust has worked with the Canterbury District Health Board (CDHB) on behalf of the local community to ensure the new health centre meets local community needs and expectations.

For more information on the Trust and the Akaroa Community Health Centre please visit: [www.akaroahealth.co.nz/](http://www.akaroahealth.co.nz/)



The area in blue indicates the area to which the proposed targeted rate for the Akaroa Health Centre will be applied.  
Map of the Akaroa Subdivision of the Banks Peninsula ward



Construction works at the Akaroa Community Health Centre site