

## **A message from Ratepayers like you.**

**Are the rates demands from KDC valid and legal?**

**Should you pay them?**

**The Government's Commissioners say you should.**

**But the Government's Commissioners represent the banks and other interests. They don't represent your interests .**

**The validity of the rates is being considered by the High Court right now.**

**The High Court will determine what we will all have to do.**

**It might take days weeks or months for that decision.**

**Until then, keep your money in the bank, or somewhere else that's safe, but don't pay one cent to KDC until the court speaks.**

Read the other side for more information.

The senders of this message are your friends- we are working to protect your rights and your wealth from people who behave as if you don't have any rights. The people against you are banks and corporations assisted by government departments like the Department of Internal Affairs.

**They need to come and ask us, not tell us.**

If enough people do not pay rates, then the council (commissioners) will have to come and consult the community about the options for going forward. They will be forced to **ask** you instead of **telling** you . The community knows the best way forward, the commissioners and the government **DO NOT**.

**Does the sky fall in if rates aren't paid? NO it does not!**

If you don't pay any rates, nothing bad will happen. The roads will still work, the power will stay on, your phone will work, the shops will still open and close, and the sewage and water will continue to run. We are not talking about never paying rates again- just long enough to stop the madness. We are happy to pay reasonable lawful rates.

**What is the downside- for YOU?**

If you don't pay, and the commissioners get their way, you might have to pay a 10% penalty on the rates you didn't pay. This is a very low risk decision for you to make.

**What is the upside for YOU?**

If the Ratepayers win, your rates may well be prevented from increasing and might even decrease over the medium term. Not paying rates is NOT ILLEGAL. Nobody can touch you if you do not pay rates. If the COURT orders you to pay rates- pay them, but not until then! This will put the ratepayers in the driving seat.

**Want more information, or want to comment?**

Contact the MRRA for more information [MRRA@vodafone.co.nz](mailto:MRRA@vodafone.co.nz), or website [www.MRRA.org.nz](http://www.MRRA.org.nz) or phone Bruce on 02108180162 or Neil 021898800.

Contributions to legal costs may be made via the website. Every dollar is appreciated and receipted for possible future refund..

**Some background:**

- The MRRA went to court to challenge ratepayer liability for illegal debts. The past needs fixing, but it is the future that is the big concern.
- Our rights to justice were trampled underfoot. We went to court and the commissioners put a Bill through Parliament to kill off the court action. Even if you don't think we should have gone to court, you should be outraged at this method of the commissioners dealing with it.
- This is not about Mangawhai, or even about Kaipara- it is about Local Government's respect for the Rule of Law.

