

Mr Brooks

**MARLBOROUGH COUNTY COUNCIL
EMPOWERING**

[LOCAL]

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A BILL INTITULED

**An Act to empower the Marlborough County Council to
adopt a system of rating whereby a combined uniform
annual charge and a general rate is made and levied
5 within the County of Marlborough or any division of the
county**

WHEREAS the Marlborough County Council has, under the
provisions of the Counties Act 1956 and the Rating Act 1967,
made and levied rates upon the system of the unimproved
10 value of all the rateable property in the Marlborough Division
of the County of Marlborough: And whereas in the opinion
of the Marlborough County Council the rateable values placed
on certain land within the county has resulted in excessively
high general rates being made and levied on such land in
15 comparison with the amount of such general rates made and
levied on other land within the county: And whereas in the
opinion of the council it is therefore equitable and expedient
that the council be empowered to make and levy a uniform
annual charge together with a general rate: And whereas
20 until council can adopt such a system of raising finance, rates
on the unimproved value would have to be made and levied
and would produce inequitable and anomalous results:

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2 *Marlborough County Council Empowering*

BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1. Short Title—This Act may be cited as the Marlborough County Council Empowering Act 1970. 5

2. Interpretation—In this Act, unless the context otherwise requires,—

“Council” means the Marlborough County Council:

“County” means the County of Marlborough:

“General rate” means a general rate made and levied 10
in accordance with the provisions of the Rating Act 1967 and the Counties Act 1956:

“Rateable property” and “rateable value” have the meanings ascribed to these terms by section 2 of the 15
Rating Act 1967.

3. Council may levy a uniform annual charge and general rate—Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in the Rating Act 1967 or in the Counties Act 1956:

(a) The council shall have the power at any time by 20
special order to declare that, for the purpose of defraying the cost of expenditure on those items listed in the Schedule hereto it may make a uniform annual charge on each ratepayer as listed in the valuation roll then in force of such amount as council shall in such special order prescribe: 25

(b) The annual charge to be so set shall be not more than \$20:

(c) All necessary revenues required over and above the amount so produced by the uniform annual charge shall be raised by the making and levying of a general rate under the provisions of the Rating Act 1967: 30

Provided that the total amount of the uniform annual charges and the general rates made and levied by the council within the county or any division thereof in any one rating year shall not exceed the amount of the maximum general rate permitted by subsection (2) of section 105 of the Counties Act 1956 to be made and levied within the county or any division thereof: 35
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- 5 (d) The power so conferred to make and levy a combined uniform annual charge and a general rate is to be used by the council only for as long as rating on the system of the unimproved value is in force within the county or any division thereof.

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