We submit our objection to the introduction of the new tax and note the following:

1. Our Council, as are many others, are stretched for resources. This additional service of collecting this tax would place a greater burden on existing staff and administration. Not to mention it would raise the question of who would fund this additional administration work.

2. Council has already an Environmental Levy in place for all rate payers which would mean a double-dipping of cash strapped rate payers.

3. This tax would also impose an additional levy for ratepayers that have never used or heard of Local Land Services. With no public consultation on the matter, we object that the State Government should impose this on both the Council and the ratepayer, leading to a negative media impact within our community.