

Long-term Plan 2024–34



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Submission

New climate action rate
Which option should we choose? (select one option)

Option 2: Make no change to how we allocate funding our climate change activities

Would you like to expand on your answer for option 2?

There is no need as costing can be easily identified through accounting practice and unique codes. this might be reconsidered further when CAP has put their final report in and the council has developed an overall district wide strategy linked with any national strategy. A new targeted rate would need to be FULLY consulted upon so input and output are fully understood.

If you have any views on these policies, please comment here:

Rates remission could be considered a social policy of central government responsibility with reimbursement .

Revenue and finance should be using 'best practice' values from Treasury, Reserve Bank and IRD
Development contributions should be split into green-field and brown-field rates

If you have any views on these other items, please comment here:

Fees and rates increases should be held as close as possible to real cost increases after efficiency audits.

Enhancing democracy should allow for timing of events for as many stakeholders as possible and should allow as much engagement as possible, eg questions allowed in chat in TEAMS.

Is there anything else you'd like to tell us about this LTP?

Response to proposal 1: Neither option - do half of both options as Kapiti has taken the hard metering option in the past and future parties should pay through borrowing for any shortfalls and rate rises should be minimised.

Response to proposal 2: None of the options above. the percentage figure shown above relate to the "gross rates" whilst the figure that the ratepayer actually pays - "net rates" is in the order of a figure greater than 1+% higher than shown. as the budget is in such a mess, debt repayment can only be undertaken after structural changes are made to the budget.

Response to option 3: None of the above. Option 1 provides more choice to start from scratch without past encumbrances, but I do not agree to transfer \$21+m of ratepayers equity as a gift to a third-party. The land and buildings must be sold – even at a discounted rate – to the third party.

These rates increases are unaffordable/unacceptable to many in the Kapiti community. We understand instructions to staff were to create a LTP around – "Growth, Balance, No cut in services, Climate Change'. The current Government has had no concerns of seeking Government departments to reduce expenditure by 6.5 percent. Why was this discipline not shown here? Ratepayers should have also been offered cuts in services as options to assess. Line by line budget items should have been considered for need not want. This exercise should still be carried out.

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