

Long-term Plan 2024–34



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I'm providing a submission (choose one): as an individual

Please let us know what ward you live in Raumati

Do you want to speak to Council about your submission at our public hearings on 2 May? No

Are you happy for your name to be published with your feedback: My name can be published with my feedback

Submission

Proposal 1: Three waters funding
Which option should we choose? (select one option)

Option 2: Fund \$4.7 million shortfall by taking on debt each year.

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

Rates are becoming appallingly expensive, especially for retired folk on a fixed income. These increases also make renting a house more unaffordable since they simply get passed on by landlords. The \$4.7 million needs to be funded by cutting the budget elsewhere, eg council staffing and running expenses, requiring the owners of vulnerable properties to at least contribute to the mitigation of climate effects.

Proposal 3: Transfer Council's housing for older people
Which option should we choose? (select one option)

Option 3: Older persons' housing continues to be delivered by Council with no option to grow the portfolio

Would you like to expand on your answer for option 3?

Using existing council resources would avoid the expense of setting up and funding yet another ratepayer

funded group.

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?

We must not over-react to perceived climate change effects. Such effects are very long term (decades or more) and as, or if, they eventuate they should be attended to then. The ratepayer should not be asked to fund theoretical threats of climate change when many are having trouble funding the rates that they are currently imposed on them.

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

Action on upgrading the seawall should be funded largely by those directly affected as was done in the past when seashore property owners were given the option of paying a sum immediately or offered a council backed loan which could be paid off over time. We did this ourselves in the 1990s.

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

Leave alcohol laws alone.

Enhance democracy by allowing us to vote on the Maori wards issue.

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

Not at present. Thank you for this opportunity to express opinions.