

# Long-term Plan 2024–34



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## Submission

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

Option 1: Fund \$4.7 million shortfall with an additional 5% rates increase in Year 1.

**Would you like to expand on your answer for option 1?**

Option 2 seems to be counter to Council's plan to reduce debt - I would rather see ratepayers pay more to correct historically low rates.

**Proposal 2: Proactively reduce Council's debt**  
Which option should we choose? (select one option)

Option 3: Apply average rates increases of 6% per year from 2025/26 to 2033/34

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

Whilst I agree with reducing debt levels, I don't think the region can support larger rates increases over a long period.

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

Option 2: Older persons' housing is delivered by an existing Community Housing Provider with less influence from Council

**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