

# Long-term Plan 2024–34



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 No

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## 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.

**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

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

Option 1: Transfer our older persons' housing assets to a new Community Housing Provider

## **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

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

Need to see more funding for Community Groups and Services. Front of mind Te Ara Korowai. They are the only non-referral based mental health community centre in the wider Kapiti area and at the end of June 2024 the current Ministry funding ends. They provide wellbeing and creative classes for all individuals in our community (not based solely on disability but anyone can come without referral or as part of a mental health / disability service provider) that require support with their mental health, and those with intellectual disabilities. They have an incredible success rate of recovery with many members transitioning back into their place in the community. They own the building they operate from (land lease paid to council) and have 500 registered members many of whom have no other form of support and nowhere else safe and productive to go through the day. There will also be openings available in the schedule which would allow other like minded community groups to use the space for their own classes. This is an avenue which Te Ara Korowai is currently investigating with other groups but would only be possible if they can secure funding for their existing requirements. There are no other mental health services in the wider Kapiti area who do not require a referral or have limitations placed on them by funding as a service provider and in that regard Te Ara Koworai is a unique space - a space on which many members of our community rely (from Porirua to Otaki and in between) to be there as a safe and welcoming port in what can seem a very stormy sea especially given the financial stress many of us are currently under. Thank you