

Long-term Plan 2024–34



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

continuous rate increases above inflation, CPI or any other baseline you can compare to is unfair and unsustainable yet mandated without opportunity for protest.

1. Water - My understanding is that KCDC have much better water assets compared to other parts of NZ. We have sustainable water sources but as the region grows there is a need to grow stormwater and wastewater infrastructure. Get the profiteering developers to fund this investment through increased levies rather than charging existing ratepayers who gain no new benefit.

2. Reducing council debt - I believe the community would like to see a reduction of spending on nice to haves to reduce future outlay and therefore deliver reduction in debt through existing rates collections. For example the Waikanae bridge project was an un-necessary luxury when you don't have the means to reduce debt within your current rates levies.

3. Housing for the aged community - Why are council delivering these services today? Kainga Ora has a mandate to do this nationally and if they are failing then council should lobby them for improved outcomes in our region. I would suggest council focus on core services and divest housing assets to an approved housing provider. These assets should be sold and not gifted if they are property of rate payers.

4. None of your rate payers have any interest in a climate action rate. Those that have invested in property that is at risk of coastal erosion bought those assets knowing the risks. Those issues are theirs to deal with.

Recommend reading full submission.

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