

Long-term Plan 2024–34



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

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

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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.

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?

Things are really really hard for communities out there and this is not the time to be making it harder because of councils poor spending. Instead council could look at ways to reduce that spending. Contracted works are costing far too much. I work in the industry and if there is a council job goin out there, contracts will ramp up the price well beyond what it would cost privately. Council should be looking at ways to push back on quotes given for work, it's just throwing our money away.

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

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

The significance and engagement policy definitely needs to be reviewed. At present Council spending money with no consultation until far too late and when they do go out asking for feedback, they ignore it. This council needs to be more accountable to the community for what you are doing with OUR money.

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

My biggest concern is not getting value for money on council led projects. Contractors are taking advantage in both time and money and council just doesn't care. We are all struggling and a 17% rates increase is completely out of line with inflation, not to mention totally unrealistic for many of us who are unable to afford the rates now.

In general I would say this council is completely disconnected from its community. You ask for feedback and then ignore it or go ahead wasting hundreds of thousands of our money without consultation. You need to do a lot better than the disappointment you have left us with.