

Long-term Plan 2024–34



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Do you want to speak to Council about your submission at our public hearings on 2 May? Yes

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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.

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

Intergenerational and so long term debt funded appropriate.

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?

The future gets the benefit of the current so good to balance rate rises with an appropriate debt level. A 6% rate / increased debt position good for what is an intergenerational scenario .

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

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

Council should be taking a balanced approach rather than focussing on one age demographic. Let's make Kapiti young !

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?

Current situation is fit for purpose.

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

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

Speed management need to focus on ensuring posted speed limits are seen as a maximum rather than a target. High speeds on Te Moana Road and its implications, both safety and noise, on pedestrians and ratepayers have been ignored by Council for far too long. More also needs to be done to develop pre existing residential land use areas. For example the eastern half of Te Moana Road has had limited contributions towards its development and enhancement as a residential area for decades. Limited improvement to footpathing on the northern side (much still unchanged from 30 years ago) limited footpathing on the southern side requiring pedestrians to cross an increasing busy / excessive speed road. No safe formal zebra crossings provided and an absence of either active or passive traffic calming makes for a very unsafe situation for the increasingly young population and those wanting to access the river walkways. Providing an environment where 70/80/90 km per hour for thousands of vehicles per month is not in keeping with providing ratepayers and residents with the Kapiti lifestyle. A road noise policy is also required to mitigate significant changes in vehicle type and volume as has occurred on Te Moana Road in recent years.