

Long-term Plan 2024–34



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

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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?

I Disagree with both options, council should operate within their means. Cutting back on operating costs and eliminating non-essential services.

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?

I disagree with all options. Any increases should be limited to rate of inflation, council should operate within their means, not further burden ratepayers.

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 concentrate on essential services and leave expert housing providers to cater for the need.

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?

Any activities need to be essential for ratepayers, these will undoubtedly vary each year so should not be ringfenced in rates.

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

Rates remissions - should consider further concessions for older residents, amount of deductions for any reason should also be increased.

Revenue and finance - the two Waikanae funds should be dissolved. Regulatory services should be 100% funded by users.

Significance and engagement - any significant decisions should be voted on by affected ratepayers at annual meetings. "Consulting with communities" should be changed to "listening to communities voices and acting on those views".

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

Fees and charges - should be made simpler and less complex. Admin and bureaucracy costs must be minimised or eliminated.

Alcohol licencing should be 100% funded by users, but council should reduce bureaucracy and simplify compliance to reduce these costs on users.