

# 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.

**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?**

Is there other possible solutions working collectively with other councils? Can we investigate more?

**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?**

It is important to have public ownership and oversight in essential public services like this. Contracting out gives less oversight on how effective or safe these services are.

## **New climate action rate**

### **Which option should we choose? (select one option)**

Option 1: Introduce a new targeted climate action rate based on a property's capital value rather than the current land-value based general rate

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

Rates remission - do not support part 2. Changing land use from agriculture to residential, commercial and industrial is good actually. Strongly support Part 1 and part 4, 5 and 7. Do not support part 10.

Revenue and finance - the council should avoid asset sales where possible. Keeping assets in public ownership is important. The rural rates should be higher.

Strongly support more public rates spend and activities on recreation and leisure, parks and open spaces, sustainability and reliance and community facilities. Particularly for pensioner or other social housing. Also strongly support partnership activities being funded well. Waste should be brought back in house.

Significance and engagement policy - support strongly the considerations for access, language and cultural needs. VERY strongly support engagement and consultation with māori. Do NOT support that commercially sensitive matters are not consulted on. The public deserve to know about what the council considers to be commercially sensitive and why, and be able to give feedback on whether that aligns with the communities views and values. The guise of commercial sensitivity should not be a reason not to consult with the public.

Strategic assets- it is important to ensure that any decisions about these should absolutely be open for public consultation.

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

Fees and charges. alcohol licensing fees should increase for the harm they cause in our community. Swimming pool charges (all) should go down.

On the whole my view is that library fees should be zero - encourage frequent and good use of the library service. However best seller books/people out of district is fine.

OIA/LGOIA should NOT be charged for. Having the ability to OIA is a healthy and important part of our democracy. There are grounds under both LGOIMA and OIA to decline vexatious or frivolous requests. It is not ok to charge for information sought by the public as part of our democratic right. Information should be proactively released to the public. Don't charge labour or material costs to the public when they are holding their local body to account.

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

I am unable to provide any feedback or comments on 'Enhancing democracy' which I would very much like to do, but I cannot, because there is no hyperlink or document on this page relating to it. If you can send it to me, I will provide feedback on it as part of the LTP feedback.