Long-term Plan 2024-34

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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

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



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?

It is now obvious that Climate change has been influenced by motivated minor groups and the cost to upgrade structures has become ridiculous particularly as the so called experts thrive on the building assessment when in fact they have no idea of what will occur. Mother nature is the major influence in climate and she will do what she likes whether we waste money on trying to predict her. This is not to say we should not take reasonable action to combat obvious natural troubles BUT we need to be realistic and eliminate the scaremongers.

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

Council and in particular the Mayor must obey the peoples choices where they are obviously dominant. Refer the Maori Ward survey which was a clear winner for "NO" yet the mayor was able to manipulate the figures to achieve her wishes. She did not act democratically and should have been taken to task by all councilors for her actions.

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

We seem to have created an excess number of management roles in extra unneeded roles. The cost is too high for these pyramid building positions and they need to be eliminated. Too many backroom staff which create inefficient communications and thus more cost.