

Long-term Plan 2024–34



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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?

im not happy with either of these options. i have chosen option 2. but i would prefer to have council go back and take another look at finding a better way forward. there is absolutely no way that i can afford to have our rates increase at such a rate. this must not happen as it will cause undue hardship. 7-8% is the absolute maximum for any year. i want council spending cut and projects like cap that have recently cost 5 million to be cut before any rate increase. and even the smaller things cut/stopped - like weedspraying posts and markers and signs. this is unnecessary and can be drastically reduced or stopped. things like that can be cut. im not happy with the spend on the transport hub its over the top and so is the clip on bridge at waikanae. there is to much emphasis and spend on cycling. just do the basic stuff well.

**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?

im not happy with either of these options. but i have ticked 3 as we cant afford higher rates rises. i would prefer to have council go back and take another look at finding a better way forward. there is absolutely no way that i can afford to have our rates increase at such a rate. this must not happen as it will cause undue hardship. 7-8% is the absolute maximum for any year. i want council spending cut and projects like cap that have recently cost 5 million to be cut before any rate increase. and even the smaller things cut/stopped - like weedspraying posts and markers and signs. this is unnecessary and can be drastically reduced or stopped. things like that can be cut. im not happy with the spend on the transport hub its over the top and so is the clip on bridge at waikanae. there is to much emphasis and spend on cycling. just do the basic stuff well.

**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

Would you like to expand on your answer for option 1?

i choose option one but i do want assurance that council will stay involved and be the checks and balance to make sure this is done well.

**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?

NO. This is too much of a fuss. the whole climate so called emergency is far to extreme. just take care of the environment and resources well. don't be wasteful or careless. maintain what we have ie seawalls. dunes, keep drains waterways and streams clean and cleaned out. we certainly dont need any more 'rates'.

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

rates remission. yes we need to give some rates remissions. like me. i pay rent which addresses rates for me where i live. i also own some land. i am charged a high rate for my land. i don't have a big income. so yes consider rates remissions. and make it so you can address anomalies. make it fair.

significance and engagement. - improve consultation with community . opportunities for us to engage and informed. seek consent and social licence. it will help to run community board meetings where the public gets to engage iel discuss, question, gain answers, collaborate on agenda items. have meetings well run with professional chairs. run public meetings. (not online).

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

alcohol licencing. yes . pass cost to licensees rather than rate payers.

enhancing democracy. yes. do that. as above re community board meetings, public meetings and yes have them sometimes in weekends or evenings.

democracy. there is feeling that sometimes public votes one way but council doesn't go that way . this needs to change. democracy is paramount.

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

Blue Bluff. we must reopen the road into the tararuas from otaki gorge entry. i say open to vehicles so they can drive in to the previous carpark and camping ground. and tracks and picnics etc. and so

emergency services can also drive in. put money aside for blue bluff. it is a significant park, camping area, access to tararuas and provides many significant benefits. somehow get it reopened the best possible option.

I strongly object to the KCDC endorsing / signing us up to A Fossil Fuel Non Proliferation Treaty. this was not consulted on and several councilors knew community wouldn't want it. this should not of been allowed to progress.

Otaki racecourse. proposal for 550 houses to be built. this is not ok . i strongly object and I'm sure if the wider community knew it would be opposed strongly.

we need better rules about sub dividing and building on lifestyle or rural blocks. instead of crazy numbers of houses on small areas. just let us have an extra house on a lifestyle block that's already got services. let rural blocks divide some land off.
balance. we need balance . not extremes. in general.

Raumati Beach - significant houseing project. again far too many homes squashed into a small area with insufficeint services. this is not ok .

CAP takutai project. this has been a dreadful process. and a big waste of 5 million ratepayers dollars. put this money towards debt not our rated. this needs to be stopped and no more money wasted.

lastly on a positive note. im so pleased we have good water services. well done. thankyou.