

# 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?**

17 percent is just too much of an increase in a year. Proposal 2 talks of getting debt down so let this shortfall wash up in that.

**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?**

This won't be the only rates increase during these years, it simple signals a starting point. 6 percent is high enough for that starting point as it won't take much for any additional rates increase need (besides paying back debt) to top this into double digits again.

**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?**

Makes sense - provides housing acuity but also access to subsidies.

**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 other items, please comment here:**

Fees and charges are a bit hidden. These are the things that affect day to day services. Appreciate an increase is needed and pleased they're not too extortionate as long as the three waters shortfall is debt funded in year one.