

# 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 2: Apply average rates increases of 7% per year from 2025/26 to 2033/34

**Would you like to expand on your answer for option 2?**

My biggest question not answered from the proposal documents is how did Kapiti get into such a dire financial state in a first place? We moved here a couple of years ago and the projects we see delivered (fancy pedestrian zone, library, gallery, etc) do not really suggest that we collectively struggle even to afford the water infrastructure and have to dig into ratepayers pockets deeper for this. I wonder if the council would want to focus on what could generate more revenue and taxes, e.g., development enablement, employment and health infrastructure?

### **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?**

Option 2 (selling the portfolio to an existing CHP) will generate income in a short run . SO the council could fund the shortfalls of water infrastructure. In a long-run, this option has a benefit of more self-sustainable business with economies of scale on staffing, supply, administration, maintenance, etc.  
No attempt to underestimate the importance of support of elderly people, it wasn't clear from the write-up if the council is liable to provide housing to elderly or it is based on a good will. What about other vulnerable social groups?

#### **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

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

So you propose to charge rich people more than the others? Nice, good move! (sarcasm)  
I only vote for this option as I am all for the idea of transparency.

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

1) The summary should have been provided. I work full time and care for two kids. I do not have luxury of time to read four policies of dozens pages each.  
2) Is Revenue and finance policy meant for 10 years? If so, please revisit the people priorities. These must have been at least as bold as your 'emission reduction plan'. The health one is particularly funny.  
Please focus on immediate needs and tangible outcomes. From the loan amount you showed on the proposal documents, we are not in the position to invest into vanity projects or first world-type problems. It is really about basics now.

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

Alcohol licensing fees: Yes to anything that doesn't make harm and generates revenue other than rates.  
Democracy: Please communicate more about the state of finances and report on progress on Top-10 priorities.