

Long-term Plan 2024–34



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I'm providing a submission (choose one): as an individual

Please let us know what ward you live in Waikanae

Do you want to speak to Council about your submission at our public hearings on 2 May? No

Are you happy for your name to be published with your feedback: I do not want my name published with my feedback

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.

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

This is the preferred Council option and I trust the Council's judgement as elected representative of the community.

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?

This is the preferred Council option and I trust the Council's judgement as elected representative of the community.

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?

This is the preferred Council option and I trust the Council's judgement as elected representative of the community.

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?

This is the preferred Council option and I trust the Council's judgement as elected representative of the community. However, I think more thought should go into how the rate is determined. For example, properties at higher risk should pay more as they will benefit more from addressing climate change. For example, properties susceptible to flooding, coastal/river erosion and coastal inundation.

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

Agree with changes

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

Agree with changes

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

I trust the Council's judgement as elected representatives of the community and support their recommendations for changes to the Long Term Plan. While I support the consultation process that the Council is going through, I am concerned about general apathy in the community and the possibility of self-interested pressure groups, as a vocal minority, unduly influencing the process of these surveys. The Council has been elected to lead and, within reason, I think that they should do that in the best interests of the community as a whole and not bow to a pressure group. I am also concerned about the possibility of bad actors subverting the process through the internet using surveys like this. The Council needs to think about how it should protect itself from these influences. For example, how do you know that the people filling out these surveys are affected residents within the Kapiti District and not bad actors with some geopolitical agenda.