

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?

If we choose option 1, rates will increase 17% upwards (ours calculated at 24% which is appalling - even though we use the same services/roads/parks etc and work extremely hard to own our home, you feel the need to tax us higher because of our house value increasing over years, even though our household income is only median!). The next financial year you will increase rates again, and the following year, again - regardless of what you say you will do or not do.

Option 2: because we cannot afford to go along with your 3-water-plan. The water asset should stay as it is. Stop trying to fund something people do not want. You are elected to represent the community not your own agenda - i.e. Janet's pro-3-water stance.

The rates as they are, are unfordable for most households, including ours. I believe the Mayor, with her pro-3-waters stance has been caught out spending revenue she didn't have (bribe 3 waters money from the previous government) and now she/the council have got themselves into a situation of mismanagement of funds. We DO NOT support this decision to increase the rates significantly to cover Council's short-comings. We already pay water rates (and personal usage) so what are you doing with this money? Stop spending. We are in a recession and a cost-of-living crisis, crazy mortgage and inflation rates and you want to spend more and increase rates - NO ONE has any spare money - please get out of your

cushy office and get out into the community to understand the immense financial pressure the community and families are facing.

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

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?

Why would you charge based on a property capital value?

Option 2 is our selection.

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

Enhancing democracy - try practicing democracy by listening to the people you were selected to represent rather than your personal agenda i.e 3 Waters. Personal Agendas not supported by the public is NOT democracy.