

# Long-term Plan 2024–34

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## Personal information

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

Please let us know what ward you live in Raumati

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

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

My name is [REDACTED]. I am currently a Manager with IHC New Zealand. I have known a number of individuals with both intellectual disabilities and mental health concerns that attend Te Ara Korowai - Well-being Centre at Raumati Beach. I have become aware that this organisation is currently struggling to keep its doors open and would like to express my concern around the loss of such an asset to our community. The work done within this centre has and continues to have amazing positive impacts on the lives and well-being of a number of people supported by our organisation and others. The funding of this organisation would have minimal impact on council yet provides huge benefits for those struggling day to day with intellectual disabilities and mental health concerns. The support provided through their programmes increases self esteem and helps to break down the stigma of those attending within the community. I have attended a number of their art exhibitions and have had the privilege to also attend a number of their classes. The professionalism provided by the staff and the essential peer support given again is an asset to our community as a whole. I would therefore like to see consideration from council to keep this essential facility open on a long term basis to reduce the stress on both staff and those attending by constantly living with the uncertainty of knowing whether their support will continue or not.