## 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?

My question is why is the council in so much debt already that they need to increase rates so substantially to cover the shortfall? And why is borrowing more the only alternative? It raises questions about the council's spending habits. Are they spending on only what we need, not nice-to-haves?

### 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

### 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

### 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