

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.

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

I consider it is better to fund the project now. Debt costs for this amount may increase in the future and it will be a burden on future ratepayers.

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?

We should reduce debt but in such a way the debt reduction rate increase added to other increases to not burden the present ratepayers.

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?

As mentioned in the consultation document, a community housing trust can access some government funds that councils can't. There are many other councils who have transferred assets to a CHP and the system seems to be working well.

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

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

Fee increases are unfortunate but necessary to cover the costs of facilities.

I support the increases in alcohol licensing fees although it will have a significant impact on smaller family style restaurants. I agree that the alcohol fees for bars and sports clubs should increase.

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

Seems a reasonable document.