

Long-term Plan 2024–34



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

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Submission

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

Proposal 1: Increasing rates to fully fund the increased costs of three waters following the repeal of Three Waters legislation

No, we need detailed information on what pipes are involved, their projected longevity and the individual costs first. We have seen time and time again that budgets blow-out with no accountability.

Proposal 2: Proactively reducing Council's debt so that we have enough borrowing capacity to respond to unplanned shock events and affordably respond to opportunities to grow and enrich our district.

Get Out of Debt = GOOD – this should always be an objective..

Proposal 3: Transfer ownership of Council's housing for older people to a new community housing provider

Yes, this should result in more efficient management.

Other things we need your views on

Climate Action targeted rate

We propose introducing a climate action rate to enhance transparency on what we are spending on specific

climate change actions that are not part of our business-as-usual operations.

Absolutely Not! We have had enough of the falacious Climate Scam which benefits international Global oligarchs and that's all.

Updated policies – We have reviewed and updated our Rates Remission, Revenue and Finance,

Development

Contributions, and Significance and Engagement policies.

and:

Proposed Alcohol Fees Bylaw – This enables us to set our own fees and charges for alcohol licensing rather than

use those fees set by legislation.

No Comment.

Fees and charges for 2024/25 (External link) – We review our fees and charges every year, adjusting for inflation, and in some cases beyond this level.

Groan

Enhancing democracy: We would also like your thoughts on what we could do to better enable you to participate in Council processes and decisions.

The opportunities are normally there, the problems lies in bureaucrats heeding what people say.

Extra proposal

We believe some of Otaraua Park should be turned into a Botanic Garden with a mix of different exotic (non-native) trees and shrubs. These can take years to develop of a good size, so a start should be made planting some right now. There are several examples of superb civic botanic gardens that can be pointed to – the best we know of are Wellington, Christchurch and Taupo.

Another good example is the Bason Botanic Garden on the road between W'anganui and Kai Iwi Beach.

These are definitely visitor attractions and locals also appreciate them

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