

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 accept it is high priority that we keep our 3 waters infrastructure properly up to date. We dont want to end up in a situation like Wellington.

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

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?

Definitely don't want option 3. Option 1 slightly better than option 2.

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?

Dealing with climate change IS business as usual. Nearly every aspect of council operations is affected directly or indirectly. No need to add to the bureaucracy by adding a new rate. Unimproved properties should still pay their share, it affects them too.

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

I am strongly in favour of the alcohol suppliers paying their fair share of costs.

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

Council's efforts for climate change are inadequate. For example, fossil-fueled machinery is being used to mow grassed areas that should be planted in indigenous species that efficiently sequester carbon. Council could be much more supportive of wetlands that can act as buffers during serious flood events (eg Wiameha and Waimanu lagoons, ox-bow lakes). Climate change policies should be an explicit part of the LTP.