

Long-term Plan 2024–34



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

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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

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?

Responsibility of the community and take the pain in Year 1

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

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

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

I have a background in advising NZ and overseas governments (developing countries) on priorities through evidence based business cases. I am semi-retired now and do a lot of volunteer work in Kapiti. I understand the importance of the 3 stated priorities but my concern is the lack of profile to supporting community organisations that contribute to the vision of a resilient, prosperous and thriving Kapiti. There are many effective community organisations in Kapiti but the economic outlook is not flash over the next 3 years so I believe it will be critical in particular to support:

1. Mental health providers eg Te Ara Korowai...they do amazing much needed work with 500 Kapiti based members but face significant funding challenges
2. Supporting people navigate issues through 'the system' eg Citizens Advice Bureau...a growing number of Kapiti residents are using their services and they face a funding crisis with no support from Council (unlike other areas of the country)

Basically, I feel that there should be a fourth priority along the lines of "Supporting Community Wellbeing" in whatever form that takes.