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.

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

Would you like to expand on your answer for option 3?

There is no need for the 17% rates hike this year and increases of 6-8% each year are unacceptable. KCDC can save significant amounts of money by canning the over-zealous and extravagant CAP process and its exaggerated Pathways scenarios and opt instead for a sensible approach to coastal planning, based on assessment of actual and reasonable risks. Stopping proceeding with projects like Kapiti Gateway should be regarded as a priority, since these are non-essential projects. The Council should also dis-establish its Te Whakaminenga o Kapiti committee and appointments to Council, since this gives enhanced representation to only about 2,000 people in the district.

Proposal 3: Transfer Council's housing for older people Which option should we choose? (select one option)

Option 3: Older persons' housing continues to be deliver by Council with no option to grow the portfolio

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

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

There is, however, no need for a climate action rate. The Council's CAP process is an over-blown, over-zealous approach to coastal management. All that is required at the moment in terms of 'climate change actions' is to 1) maintain existing seawalls 2) establish a valid monitoring process, to be able to assess whether actual trends over the next ten years verify the CAP projections.

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