

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?

The Council needs to be focused on reducing debt and avoid the situation where the debt level continues to grow. Taking on new debt should be the last option.

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?

The compound effect of rate increases each year has reached a level where ratepayers are finding it increasingly more difficult to meet the burden placed upon us all. The focus needs to be on providing the basic essential core services and not the continued growth and the proliferation of non-essential pet projects.

**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?

The Council should not be involved in providing accommodation. The social responsibility should rest with the Government and private investors.

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?

Based on the Council's performance to date I have no confidence in the Council's ability to do the right thing to address the impact of climate change.

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

No.