

Long-term Plan 2024–34



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Submission

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The issue with this form is the questions do not cover all options and further, management and councilors who are voted in or appointed to lead are trying to make this something ratepayers need to solve. I am very concerned that council's only options are to collect more in rates or are negative framed in an attempt to get us to pick the council's preferred option. This is not the only option. Cutting your cloth is one. Ensuring quality and value of spend is another. The council needs to look at ways of reducing expenditure that is simply not required, challenge the costs they are paying to external service providers and review the costs structure for KCDC. Savings should be diverted to the core services council should provide and debt reduction. Government and private sector organisations, as well as people living in the community, are having to make the tough calls. Why does KCDC not feel they can't. And what about economic development. We are not attracting the right businesses and are too reliance on a retirement economy. And can we sort the arduous processes one needs to go through to create infrastructure such as commercial and residential. Council needs to try much harder to reduce wasteful spend and drive a stronger local economy, otherwise people can't afford to live here and will move out of the district and we'll see more poverty. People in other cities I speak with are shocked at how much we pay in rates. Ratepayers cannot accept continual rates increases at the levels proposed.

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

How can KCDC promote food and beverage as a economic development priority and at the same time lose

Tuatara...and don't tell us they were already planning on going to Brewtown..because it's not true. We are asked by the same people to support a LTP and massive ongoing rates increases...on the promise of a better future. Well sorry, it seems the fruits of past LTPs is more debt, more cost, but no real improvement to our sustainability. Why are we left with no real choice, just increased rates.