

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 govt has yet to advise just what they propose to handle the three waters challenge facing almost all local bodies. This is the preferred option for now but should be revisited , (ie rebated) should the govt come up with a creative scheme that may look like the previous three waters concept.

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

Would you like to expand on your answer for option 2?

It is disappointing to see the Council is unable to control its expenses excluding the 5% increase relating to water, to something closer to the rate of inflation. The proposed ongoing annual rates increases of 7% seem to take no account of a downward tracking inflation rate and the impact this will have on operating

expenses and interest rates.

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

Option 2: Older persons' housing is delivered by an existing Community Housing Provider with less influence from Council

Would you like to expand on your answer for option 2?

The Council should not be in the business of a landlord; CHP do this very well. As can be seen in Wellington community housing has been a big dragon the City Council. The council could contribute by ensuring land availability but leave provision and operation to a CHP.

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