

# Long-term Plan 2024–34



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## Submission

**Proposal 1: Three waters funding**  
Which option should we choose? (select one option)

Option 2: Fund \$4.7 million shortfall by taking on debt each year.

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

Council and government formed this debt as a consequence of independent decision making therefore council and government to provide shortfall for incurred debt, not ratepayer.

**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?**

Skepticism around council's effective use of rate payers money. If more money is given will this be utilized effectively? Therefore smaller contribution until Council gains ratepayers trust in the management of council funds. Rate payers increase not to be used as an "easy fix."

**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?**

Will assist to reduce council debt.

**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?**

Consider ways of doing things differently rather than again request further ratepayers money. For example Kapiti has a lot of longstanding existing trees along footpaths and gutters. Given climate changes it may now be prudent to remove some of these trees to reduce the potential burden of flooding and damage. Additionally the root systems of the trees cause footpath damage. Times are changing therefore basic proactive intervention now will assist to prevent future costs. While aesthetic we no longer need all these trees posing risk to our infrastructure.

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

Kapiti rate payers all ready contribute a lot. Pay separate water rates, separate rubbish collection payments, independently maintain council berms free of charge. I think in this long term plan the council now need to do some very hard mahi for their community and find effective initiatives to manage council debt that do not warrant a quick fix approach by utilising rate payers money. A 17% rate hike is not the answer.