

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?

The LTP doesn't show the outcome of funding the 3 Waters shortfall with borrowing combined with a debt reduction plan. I think that combining the 2 with a fixed increase per year of 7 or 8% per year will let everyone know what is forthcoming for the next 10 years and remove the impact of a large 12% increase which is a way above current inflation which will have a large impact on ratepayers that you know a high percentage are in the older age bracket with low/fixed/no income.

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?

refer expanded answer to Option 1 above.

**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

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

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

I don't see why council needs to waste time and effort on its own alcohol license fee when there's something already in place for the whole country.

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

The council needs to think about cutting back on things that are not urgent and concentrate on delivering essentials (water services, waste disposal and roading) in difficult years. Spending \$6m on the Waikanae Gallery and \$\$\$ on cycleways need to be axed to keep rate increases to a minimum.