

Long-term Plan 2024–34



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Submission

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?

Firstly, why do we have a shortfall with 3 waters when water meters were supposed to alleviate any shortfalls? People in the rural sector are struggling to survive and are selling up or splitting up their farms as the increasing costs are unsustainable. With rising rates, decreasing income (the market is struggling). Rates vary but if a farmer has to pay \$20,000 + for rates, that is a lot of milk/meat to pay for that before he even fertilisers his land, pays sharemilkers, extra feed in the dry season etc. Mental health issues for this sector is a real thing! Don't exacerbate it!!!!

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

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

If changing our climate change policy is going to cost more in rates, don't change it - we can't afford the rates as it is!