

Long-term Plan 2024–34



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Do you want to speak to Council about your submission at our public hearings on 2 May? No

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Submission

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

I'd like to submit comments on your proposed LTP and the proposed 17% rates increase. Such and increase for me, living alone, would make rate payments extremely difficult and just add extra pain to my current financial burden. I understand that you want to reduce debt but a 17% increase is just too much. Of the extra 5% needed due to repelling the 3 waters legislation, can this not be reduced to say 2.5% and the remainder financed thru debt? This would lessen the blow right now. You would be making such an extra burden on current ratepayers at a time where there is a massive cost-of-living problem and interest rates unusually high etc. The timing is just so wrong. You mention for the following 9 years the rates increase would average at 7%, but what guarantee can you give this won't blow out? As one of the many that are really struggling now, I implore you to re-consider, even a couple of percents less than 17%.

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