

# 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?**

Rate increases need to be kept to a minimum. I know you will fudge the figures from the feedback anyway but you should also take into account the fact that the only people who want more council services are the people who don't pay rates in the first place.

**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?**

Option 3 itself is also unacceptable. The council should currently be undertaking core responsibilities and nothing else. Their first thought should be zero increases or certainly no more than inflation otherwise they are not serving their ratepayers. People are struggling and everyone is cutting back and so should the

council. If this means reducing their workforce then do 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

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

You need to keep rate increases to a minimum and cut out all your excess by sticking to your core functionality. Ratepayers are totally fed up with these increases and their views being ignored.

I would also like to know why the three waters money was spent when everybody knew it was going to be canceled as this was a totally irresponsible use of ratepayers money.