

Agenda for an extraordinary meeting of the Waikato District Council for the Long-term Plan Hearings and Deliberations to be held in the Council Chambers, District Office, 15 Galileo Street, Ngaruawahia on **TUESDAY, 25 MAY 2021** commencing at **9.30am**, **WEDNESDAY, 26 MAY 2021** commencing at **1.00pm**, **THURSDAY, 27 MAY 2021** commencing at **9.30am** and **THURSDAY, 3 JUNE 2021**.

Information and recommendations are included in the reports to assist the Council in the decision making process and may not constitute Council's decision or policy until considered.

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Note: Supplementary Agenda with Deliberation Reports to follow under separate cover.

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE

TERMS OF REFERENCE AND DELEGATION

Chairperson:	His Worship the Mayor
Deputy Chairperson:	Deputy Mayor
Membership:	The Mayor and all Councillors
Meeting frequency:	Six weekly – or as required
Quorum:	Half of the members (including vacancies)

Purpose

1. To provide leadership to, and advocacy on behalf of, the people of the Waikato District.
2. To define and represent the total communities' interests, ensuring ongoing community and economic development, the effective stewardship of existing assets, sustainable management of the environment, and the prudent management of the communities' financial resources.

Terms of Reference

The Council's terms of reference include the following powers which cannot be delegated to committees, subcommittees, officers or any other subordinate decision-making body:

1. The power to make a rate.
2. The power to make a bylaw.
3. The power to borrow money, or purchase or dispose of assets, other than in accordance with the Long-Term Plan.
4. The power to adopt a Long-Term Plan, Annual Plan, or Annual Report.
5. The power to appoint a Chief Executive.
6. The power to adopt policies required to be adopted and consulted on under the Local Government Act 2002 in association with the Long-term Plan or developed for the purpose of the local governance statement, including the Council's Infrastructure Strategy.
7. The power to adopt a remuneration and employment policy.
8. The power to approve or amend the Council's Standing Orders.
9. The power to approve or amend the Code of Conduct for elected members, and consider any recommendations made in relation to a complaint lodged under the Code.
10. The power to appoint and discharge:
 - a. members (including chairpersons) of Council committees and subordinate decision-making bodies, subject to the Mayor's powers under section 41A Local Government Act 2002; and
 - b. elected member representatives on external organisations.
11. The power to establish a joint committee with another local authority or other public body, and appoint elected members as representatives on such committees or bodies.
12. The power to make the final decision on a recommendation from the Ombudsman where it is proposed that Council not accept the Ombudsman's recommendation.

13. The power to approve or change the District Plan, or any part of that Plan, in accordance with the Resource Management Act 1991.
14. The power to amend or replace the delegations in Council's Delegations Register (except where expressly permitted in the Delegations Register).

To exercise the following powers and responsibilities of Council, which the Council chooses to retain:

1. To approve a proposed policy statement or plan under the Resource Management Act 1991.
2. To approve changes to boundaries of the District under the Resource Management Act 1991 or any other legislation.
3. In respect of District Plan decisions:
 - a. To appoint independent commissioners to a panel for hearings of a Proposed District Plan;
 - b. To approve the recommendation of hearings commissioners on a proposed plan, plan change or variation (including private plan change); and
 - c. To approve a proposed plan or a change to a district plan under Clause 17, Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991.
4. To adopt governance level strategies, plans and policies which advance Council's vision and strategic goals (e.g. Hamilton to Auckland rail), other than where expressly delegated to a committee.
5. To approve Council's recommendation to the Remuneration Authority for the remuneration of elected members.
6. To approve the Triennial Agreement.
7. To approve resolutions required to be made by a local authority under the Local Electoral Act 2001, including the appointment of an electoral officer and reviewing representation arrangements.
8. To approve any changes to the nature and delegations of any Council committees or subordinate-decision making bodies.
9. To approve the Local Governance Statement.
10. To approve any additional funding decisions required for the Watercare Services contract.
11. To receive six-monthly reports from each Community Board on its activities and projects.

Open Meeting

To	Waikato District Council
From	Clive Morgan General Manager Community Growth
Date	25 May 2021
Prepared by	Ben Burnand Project Manager - Long Term Plan
Chief Executive Approved	Y
Reference #	GOV1318 / 3085791
Report Title	Long Term Plan 2021-31 Hearings

I. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to enable the hearing and receiving of submissions to Council for the Long Term Plan 2021-31 (LTP) and for related consultations that were aligned with the LTP process, namely the draft Development Contributions Policy, draft User Fees and Charges Schedule 2021-2024 and the Community Hall Catchment Review.

2. RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Waikato District Council:

- i) receives the verbal and written submissions to the draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 from those submitters that have indicated that they wish to be heard (Attachment 2);**
- ii) receives the submissions to the draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 from those that do not wish to be heard or were unable to attend the hearings (Attachment 3);**
- iii) receives and accepts the late submission from the Raglan Community Board to the draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 for consideration (Attachment 4);**
- iv) receives the submissions to the draft User Fees and Charges Schedule 2021-2024 (Attachment 5);**
- v) receives the submissions to the draft Development Contributions Policy 2021 (Attachment 6); and**
- vi) receives the submissions to the Community Hall Catchment Review (Attachment 7).**

3. BACKGROUND

Public consultation for the Long Term Plan 2021-31 (LTP) took place between 7 April and 7 May 2021.

The Consultation Document presented three topics for consideration:

1. Proposed General Rates Increase
2. The future of Pensioner Housing
3. The future of the Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection service.

The Consultation Document also sought feedback on Council's proposed approach to re-purposing some of the funding that Community Boards, community groups, ratepayers and individuals receive to target Blueprint and other initiatives that the community identifies as priority projects.

Alongside the LTP, consultation also took place for the Draft Development Contributions Policy 2021, the Draft User Fees and Charges Schedule 2021-2024, and the Community Hall Catchment Review. These submissions are also included as they will require Council consideration prior to the next financial year.

4. DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

4.1 DISCUSSION

LTP submissions and hearings

In total, Council received over 600 submissions across the consultation topics, items for feedback and other related consultations.

Just over 80 people selected the preference to speak to their submission at the LTP hearings. The expected schedule of speakers across the 25-27 May can be found in Attachment 1. This schedule may be subject to change depending on availability of speakers that have yet to confirm their attendance.

The submissions have been collated and ordered accordingly:

Attachment 2 - Received written submissions to the Draft LTP aligned from submitters wishing to be heard, ordered chronologically with the hearings schedule (Attachment 1).

Attachment 3 - Submissions to the Draft LTP from those that do not wish to be heard or were unable to attend the hearings.

Attachment 4 - Late submissions received to the Draft LTP that require Council approval to be included for consideration.

Attachment 5 - Submissions to the Draft User Fees and Charges Schedule 2021-2024.

Attachment 6 - Submissions to the Draft Development Contributions Policy 2021.

Attachment 7 - Submissions to the Community Hall Catchment Review.

LTP Consultation and Engagement

The consultation window of 7 April to 7 May included a number of activities, methods and tactics to engage with the community and to encourage submissions.

Drop-in sessions and stalls

Throughout the month of consultation, 28 events took place across the district. These events were advertised on Council's website and Facebook page. The events ranged from stalls in key locations for staff to hand out LTP information to the public, to drop-in sessions with staff and members of the Executive Leadership Team available to speak to the community in more detail about any questions or issues they may have had, and included hui held at Turangawaewae marae, and Hopuhopu.

These events were distributed across all seven days of the week, during the day and in the evenings, and were held in the following locations:

- Port Waikato
- Pokeno
- Onewhero
- Tuakau
- Te Akau
- Glen Murray
- Te Kauwhata
- Horsham Downs
- Huntly
- Taupiri
- Ngaruawahia
- Mangatangi
- Horotiu
- Otaua
- Gordonton
- Te Kowhai
- Tamahere
- Matangi
- Raglan.

Online presence

This was Council's first large campaign and consultation process whereby social media was used as a key method of engagement. Overview statistics are as follows:

- Posted seven times on Council's Facebook wall (organic post) along with 18 Facebook and web events, 16 adverts, two LTP specific newsletters and one LTP sign up email.
- Reached over 56,000 unique people based in the Waikato district aged 18-65.
- Received almost 5,500 unique visits to our LTP specific webpages: waikatodistrict.govt.nz/ltp and shape.waikato/ltp.
- 161 people signed up to receive the LTP Consultation Document via email and of those, 42 people completed the action and downloaded the document to their device.

Other methods of engagement

A range of other engagement methods were utilised and included the following:

- The Link newsletter was physically distributed to households and contained information regarding the LTP including how to submit.
- A 3-week radio advert campaign with a total of 120 x 30 second spots weighted more towards weekdays and morning drive zones (06:00-09:00) and afternoon (16:00-19:00).

Information from Shape Waikato

Shape Waikato is Council's main portal for engagement with the community and allows for the presentation of consultation information and collation of submissions. Overview statistics are as follows:

- 1,499 visits to the Shape Waikato website for the LTP
 - o 89% being new visitors
 - o 11% being returning visitors.
- A breakdown of the referral type (i.e. the segment of traffic that arrives to the website through another source) to the Shape Waikato website:
 - o 56% from other websites (likely from the main Council website)
 - o 20% directly accessed the Shape Waikato website
 - o 18% from social media
 - o 6% from a search engine.

4.2 OPTIONS

No options are provided with this report since the purpose is to receive the report, enable hearings and hear submissions without the requirement to deliberate or make decisions.

Council deliberations are scheduled for the 3 June 2021.

4.3 FINANCIAL

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

4.4 LEGAL

A formal submission process was undertaken for the LTP using the Special Consultative Procedure under the Local Government Act 2002.

4.5 STRATEGY, PLANS, POLICY AND PARTNERSHIP ALIGNMENT

The recommendations contained within this report allow Council to receive and hear submissions for the LTP. This aligns and complies with the LTP process. The final adoption of the LTP on 21 June 2021 will align with Council's strategic priorities and the community outcomes it is seeking for the district in the long-term.

4.6 ASSESSMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT POLICY AND OF EXTERNAL STAKEHOLDERS

Council has undertaken public consultation for the LTP in accordance with Section 93A of the LGA.

Highest levels of engagement	Inform	Consult	Involve	Collaborate	Empower
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The deliberations for the LTP allow Council to consider the submissions received during the consultation process. The community will be informed of the decisions made during deliberations ahead of Council adopting the final LTP in June 2021.					

5. CONCLUSION

The recommendations for approval within this report, ensure that Council continues to develop a LTP for 2021-31 that aligns with Council's strategic priorities and the community outcomes it is seeking for the district in the long-term. Following Council's decisions, the final Long Term Plan 2021-31 will be prepared, including any changes as a result of deliberations, and will be presented for adoption by Council on 21 June.

6. ATTACHMENTS

1. Hearings Schedule
2. Submissions to the LTP from those that wish to be heard
3. Submissions to the LTP from those that do not wish to be heard
4. Late submissions
5. Submissions to the Draft User Fees and Charges Schedule 2021-2024
6. Submissions to the Draft Development Contributions Policy 2021
7. Submissions to the Community Hall Catchment Review

Attachment 1
Long Term Plan 2021-31 Hearings Schedule
Day 1 – Tuesday 25 May 2021

(includes morning / afternoon tea breaks, lunch, dinner)

Please note this schedule is subject to change

TIME	SUBMISSION ID	NAME
09:00 - 09:10	1321	Russell Preston
09:10 – 09:20	1464	Huiroa (unconfirmed at time of publishing)
09:20 – 09:30	1639	Kimai Huirama
09:30 – 09:40		<i>Unallocated</i>
09:40 – 09:50	1665	Kenneth Soanes
09:50 – 10:00		<i>Unallocated</i>
10:00 – 10:10	1749	Greg Wiechern – Ngaruawahia Community Board
10:10 – 10:20	1764	Kitty Burton – Matangi Community Committee
MORNING TEA 10:30 – 10:50		
10:50 – 11:00	1577	Grace Wilcock
11:00 – 11:20	1686	Gary McGuire
	1823	Verne Reeve
	1829	Neil Young
11:20 – 11:30	1693	Russell Gibbs - Tamahere Mangaone Restoration Trust
11:30 – 11:40	1699	Ariana Hawkins
11:40 – 11:50	1790	John Mitchell – Onewhero Citizens and Ratepayers
11:50 – 12:00pm	1736	Nicole Stone
12:00 – 12:10	1838	Te Whakakitenga o Waikato Incorporated (Waikato-Tainui)
12:10 – 12:20	1835	Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board TBC
LUNCH 12:30 – 13:00		
13:00 – 13:10	1515	David Taylor

TIME	SUBMISSION ID	NAME
13:10 – 13:20	1623	Robert Hyslop
13:20 – 13:30	1632	Frank Wood and Juliana Mui
13:30 – 13:40	1659	Chuck Bird
13:40 – 13:50	1827	Robin Ranga
13:50 – 14:00	1719	Jonathan Wright
Short break (if required) 14:00 – 14:10		
14:10 – 14:20	1778	Aaron Mooar – Raglan Football Club
14:20 – 14:30	1785	Richard Porter – Bike Waikato
14:30 – 14:40		<i>Unallocated</i>
14:40 – 14:50	1756	John Cunningham – Te Kauwhata Community Committee TBC
AFTERNOON TEA 15:00 – 15:20		
15:20 – 15:30	1365	Peter Roberts
15:30 – 15:40	1837	Port Waikato Residents and Rate Payers Association
15:40 – 15:50	1418	Don Good – Waikato Chamber of Commerce
15:50 – 16:00	1830	David Whyte – Ohinewai Area Committee
16:00 – 16:10	1720	David Whyte – Huntly Community Board
16:10 – 16:20	1844	David Whyte
16:20 – 16:30	1796	Wendy Harrod
END OF DAY		

Day 2 – Wednesday 26 May 2021

(includes afternoon tea breaks / dinner if required)

Please note this schedule is subject to change

TIME	SUBMISSION ID	NAME
13:00 – 13:10	1492	Janice Lapwood and Steve Gow - Momentum Waikato Community Foundation
13:10 – 13:20		<i>Unallocated</i>
13:20 – 13:30	1518	Derek Tate
13:30 – 13:40	1637	Liam McGrath – Mercer Community Committee
13:40 – 13:50	1667	Cara Thomas TBC
13:50 – 14:00		<i>Unallocated</i>
Short break (if required) 14:00 – 14:10		
14:10 – 14:20	1732	Patricia Hubbard TBC
14:20 – 14:30	1771	Te Awa Lakes
14:30 – 14:40	1799	Helen Clotworthy
14:40 – 14:50	1803	Ric Odom – Pokeno Community Committee
AFTERNOON TEA 15:00 – 15:20		
15:20 – 15:30	1804	Morris and Brenda Roberts TBC
15:30 – 15:40	1824	Amy Marfell for Sport Waikato
15:40 – 15:50	1733	Kirriemuir Trustee Ltd
15:50 – 16:00	1738	Ambury Properties Ltd
16:00 – 16:10	1781	Jacqui Forbes – Para Kore Marae Incorporated
16:10 – 16:20		<i>Unallocated</i>
16:20 – 16:30	1825	Clare Jackson, Tim Newton, Tara Wrigley, Caroline Swann, Phil Swann On behalf of ratepayers and residents of Whaanga Road
16:30 – 16:40	1735	Genny Wilson and Robert McLeod
END OF DAY		

Day 3 – Thursday 27 May 2021

(includes morning / afternoon tea breaks, lunch, dinner)

Please note this schedule is subject to change

TIME	SUBMISSION ID	NAME
09:00 - 09:10	1305	Nic Greene
09:10 – 09:20	1523	NC and DJ Wood
09:20 – 09:30	1624	Ants Haws
09:30 – 09:40	1627	James Whetu
09:40 – 09:50	1676	Greig Metcalfe
09:50 – 10:00		<i>Unallocated</i>
10:00 – 10:10	1769	Brent Harper (Principal) – Whitikahu School TBC
10:10 – 10:20	1807	Matt Holl
MORNING TEA 10:30 – 10:50		
10:50 – 11:00	1840	Jeremy Mayall – Creative Waikato
11:00 – 11:10		<i>Unallocated</i>
11:10 – 11:20	1797	Stefan Pollard – Horsham Downs Community Committee
11:20 – 11:30	1773	Stefan Pollard
11:30 – 11:40	1761	Brennon Lannigan
11:40 – 11:50	1737	Kit Johnston
11:50 – 12:00pm	1654	Kirstie Alley – Woodlands Trust
12:00 – 12:10	1775	Charles Fletcher
12:10 – 12:20	1709	David Adams, Anthea Adams, Matthew Adams
LUNCH 12:30 – 13:00		
13:00 – 13:10	1832	Alice Tiffany – Go Eco TBC
13:10 – 13:20	1828	Michael Foster TBC
13:20 – 13:30		<i>Unallocated</i>
13:30 – 13:40	1816	Courtney Howells
13:40 – 13:50	1776	Megan Gaukrodger and Dna Wells
13:50 – 14:00	1817	John Carr

TIME	SUBMISSION ID	NAME
Short break (if required) 14:00 – 14:10		
14:10 – 14:20	1422	Peter Buckley
14:20 – 14:30	1818	Andy Loader – Primary Land Users' Group
14:30 – 14:40	1744	Tamahere Community Committee
14:40 – 14:50	1798	Tamahere Community Committee <i>Development Contributions Policy submission</i>
AFTERNOON TEA 15:00 – 15:20		
15:20 – 15:30	1635	Kay Vincent (Kariotahi Hall Committee) <i>Community Hall Catchment Review submission</i>
15:30 – 15:40		<i>Unallocated</i>
15:40 – 15:50	1715	Neil McInnes – Water Safety New Zealand
15:50 – 16:00	1777	Andrew Wood – Next Construction
16:00 – 16:10	1480 1521	Sue Robertson - Parklea Investments Limited <i>Development Contributions Policy submission</i>
16:10 – 16:20	1767	Rangitahi Limited <i>Development Contributions Policy submission</i>
16:20 – 16:30	1843	Hamilton City Council

Speakers yet to be allocated a time

SUBMISSION ID	NAME
1836	Hilary Walker – Federated Farmers of New Zealand
1721	Thomas
1841	Pokeno Village Holdings Limited

Attachment 2

Index of submissions to the Long Term Plan 2021-31, Development Contributions Policy 2021, and Community Hall Catchment Review wishing to be heard at the Long Term Plan Hearings

Sub ID	Name	Topics covered							Attachment page number
		General Rates Increase	Pensioner Housing	Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection	Other feedback and suggestions	Repurposing funding to target Blueprint	DC Policy	Halls	
1321	Russell Preston	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			18
1464	Huiroa	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			30
1639	Kimai Huirama				Yes				32
1665	Kenneth Soanes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			35
1749	Ngaruawahia Community Board	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			39
1764	Matangi Community Committee				Yes				42
1577	Grace M Wilcock	Yes	Yes	Yes					44
1686	Gary McGuire & TDDA	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes			46
1823	Vern Reeve	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes				48
1829	Neil Young				Yes				50
1693	Tamahere Mangaone Restoration Trust				Yes	Yes			53
1699	Ariana Hawkins	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			63
1790	John Mitchell Chairman Onewhero Citizens and Ratepayers	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes			64
1736	Nicole Stone	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes				66
1838	Te Whakakitenga o Waikato Incorporated (Waikato-Tainui)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes				67
1835	Onewhero-Tuakau Community Board	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			77
1515	David Taylor	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			79
1623	Robert Hyslop	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			81
1632	Frank Wood PHD. CNZM. FNZIM and Juliana Mui BSc (Calif.) MA (Yale)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			83
1659	Chuck Bird	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes				85
1827	Robin Ranga				Yes				86
1719	Jonathan Wright	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes			88

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		General Rates Increase	Pensioner Housing	Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection	Other feedback and suggestions	Repurposing funding to target Blueprint	DC Policy	Halls	
1778	Ralgan Football Club				Yes	Yes			90
1785	Bike Waikato (Richard Porter)								92
1756	Te Kauwhata Community Committee	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes				96
1365 & 1517	Peter Roberts	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			100
1837	Port Waikato Residents and Rate Payers Association	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes				102
1418	Don Good on behalf of Waikato Chamber of Commerce								104
1830	David Whyte for Ohinewai Area Committee				Yes				110
1720	David Whyte for Huntly Community Board			Yes					120
1844	David Whyte				Yes				128
1796	Wendy Harrod	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes				132
1492	Janice Lapwood & Steve Gow - Momentum Waikato Community Foundation					Yes			135
1518	Derek Tate					Yes			138
1637	Mercer Community Committee	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			139
1667	Cara Thomas	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			141
1732	Patricia Hubbard	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			143
1771	Te Awa Lakes								145
1799	Helen Clotworthy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			153
1803	Pokeno Community Committee (Ric Odom)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes				155
1804	Morris and Brenda Roberts	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes				160
1824	Amy Marfell for Sport Waikato				Yes				167
1733	Kirriemuir Trustee Ltd				Yes				172
1738	Ambury Properties Ltd				Yes				175

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1781	Para Kore Marae Incorporated – Jacqui Forbes			Yes	Yes				179
1825	Clare Jackson, Tim Newton, Tara Wrigley, Caroline Swann, Phil Swann On behalf of ratepayers and residents of Whaanga Road				Yes				182
1735	Genny Wilson and Bob MacLeod	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			187
1305	Nic Greene		Yes						189
1523	NC and DJ Wood	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes				191
1624	Ants Hawes	Yes	Yes	Yes					193
1627	James Whetu	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes			195
1676	Greig Metcalfe				Yes				197
1769	Whitikahu School - Brent Harper (Principal)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes				198
1807	Matt Holl	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			201
1840	Jeremy Mayall for Creative Waikato					Yes			203
1797	Horsham Downs Community Committee (Stefan Pollard - Committee Secretary)				Yes				246
1773	Stefan Pollard	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			252
1761	Brennon Lanigan	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			254
1737	Kit Johnston	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			255
1654	Kirstie Alley, Gordonton Woodlands Trust, Woodlands Estate				Yes				257
1775	Charles Fletcher	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			258
1709	David Adams, Anthea Adams, Matthew Adams	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			260
1832	Alice Tiffany for Go Eco	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			262
1828	Michael Foster				Yes				272
1816	Courtney Howells	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			274

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1776	Megan Gaukrodger and Dna Wells				Yes	Yes			276
1817	John Carr				Yes				298
1422	Peter Buckley	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			300
1818	Andy Loader for PLUG (Primary Land Users Group)				Yes				303
1744	Tamahere Community Committee	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			307
1798	Tamahere Community Committee						Yes		317
1635	Kay Vincent and Lynn Bidwell (Kariotahi Hall Committee)							Yes	322
1715	Neil McInnes Water Safety NZ					Yes			324
1777	Andrew Wood, Next Construction						Yes		336
1521 & 1480	Sue Robertson - Parklea Investments Limited				Yes		Yes		340
1767	Rangitahi Limited						Yes		343
1843	Hamilton City Council				Yes				346
1836	Hilary Walker for Federated Farmers of New Zealand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes				352
1721	Thomas	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes			364
1841	Pokeno Village Holdings Limited						Yes		366

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1321****Full Name: RUSSELL PRESTON****Wish to speak to submission: Yes****Topic 1 – General Rates Increase****Option selected:****Comment:**

My preferred option is Council stayed within CPI adjustment but you have not given ratepayers that option. My preference is the second option as initially, it provides Council with less money upfront to "play with".

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:****Comment:**

Option 1. One of the first principles of any business is to retain your assets at all costs! If you cannot do that, you need to look internally as to your expertise and cost modelling. Once you "outsource" the responsibility for this, you lose all control of costs and affordability is passed on to the ratepayer via increased costs in alternative housing options.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:****Comment:**

Option 1.

The increased environmental costs of not providing these collections means that you actually increase health and safety issue with rats and other vermin "infiltrating" dumped waste products on the side of roads, under trees near community parks and reserves. Driving/parking becomes a traffic safety issue with discarded items just "dumped" v a strategic placement as currently provided for through the inorganic collection service.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

Whilst I support the approach, it is confusing to say that the current methodology of funding is through Community Boards, community groups etc, yet the new approach as per pgs 14/15 is working through those existing groups?? Across the business council "invests" a lot of money into providing

infrastructure such as parks/reserves cycle tracks etc but there is no funding available to organisations that provide activities that encourage the community to utilise those facilities.

Example attached as to what happens in the Franklin local board area with Counties Manukau Sport bringing the communities together through the provision of activities. I am aware that Sport Waikato has recently made some 40+ people redundant and they have stopped delivery at the community level so how are the ratepayers going to benefit from all Councils expenditure on sport and recreation facilities??

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Whilst Council has submitted budgets to justify rates increased, there has been no alternate budgets submitted IF council's preferred options regarding all of the above are implemented, ie what saving would rate payers derive through reduction in services, pensioner housing asset sales income etc.

There does not appear to be any "noticeable" rate revenue increases that accurately reflect the influx of new housing in the Pokeno / Tuakau areas where infrastructure, road, rail, is already in place and all form part of the normal asset maintenance programs.

Attachment: Yes

FUNDING AGREEMENT

Counties Manukau Sport activities

Franklin March-July 2021 ACE-CE-21-1428

**Dated:**

**Date once both parties have signed (Recipient to sign first)*

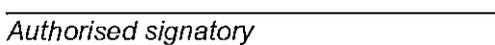
Auckland Council ("Funder")	
Street address	135 Albert Street, Auckland CBD
Postal address	Private Bag 92300, Wellesley Street, Auckland 1142
Company No.	

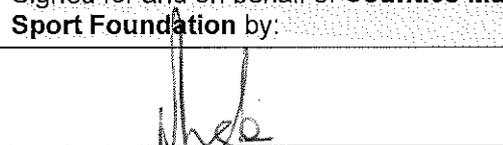
Counties Manukau Sport Foundation ("Recipient")	
Street address	190 Weymouth Road, Manurewa
Postal address	PO Box 88130, Clendon, Manukau 2242
Company No.	CO 508865, CC35013

"Funder" agrees to provide the Funding to "Recipient", and "Recipient" accepts the Funding, on the terms of this Agreement, which includes this Signing Page, the Specific Terms, General Terms and any Schedules.

Important: By signing this Agreement, "Recipient" acknowledges that:

- It has read and understood the terms of this Agreement
- It has had the opportunity to seek advice about this Agreement before signing it
- It is satisfied as to the amounts payable for performance of its obligations.

Signed under delegated authority for and on behalf of Auckland Council by:	
	
Authorised signatory	
Name:	Naomi Layzell
Position:	Practice Manager - Operations Community Empowerment
Date:	_____

Signed for and on behalf of Counties Manukau Sport Foundation by:	
	
Authorised signatory	
Name:	Russell Preston
Position:	CEO CM Sport
Date:	23/3/21

SPECIFIC TERMS

Clause references are to the General Terms.

Funder Representative		Recipient Representative	
Name	Cynthia Karikala	Name	Sharmeena Leatham
Phone	021 835 931	Phone	021 907 223
Mobile	021 835 931	Mobile	021 907 223
Fax		Fax	.
Email	cynthia.karikala@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz	Email	sharml@cmsport.co.nz

<p>A. On 25/08/2020 the Franklin Local Board resolved:</p> <p>Franklin Local Board ACE work programme 2019/2020</p> <p>Approval of the Franklin Local Board community services work programme 2020/2021 Resolution number FR/2020/75 MOVED by Member A Cole, seconded by Deputy Chairperson A Fulljames: That the Franklin Local Board: a) approve the community services work programme 2020/2021 and associated budget (Attachment A to the agenda report) with the following amendments: Reallocate \$25,000 LDI Opex budget allocation for ID 594 Community-led placemaking and Safety in 2020/2021 financial year as follows: i) \$9,000 LDI Opex budget to ID59 and \$9,000 LDI Opex budget to ID60 to top up ABS Opex (regional) funding, reduced as a result of the Emergency Budget, and to ensure existing local service levels for pool operations are maintained ii) \$7,000 LDI Opex budget to ID 589 to top up ABS Opex (regional) funding, reduced as a result of the Emergency Budget and to ensure existing local service levels for Franklin Arts Centre are maintained b) note that activities with locally driven initiatives (LDI) operational budget carried forward from 2019/2020 are included in the work programme (Attachment A to the agenda report) c) note that work programme variations may be required as a result of further changes to COVID-19 Alert Levels d) note that where variations are required, staff will bring advice to the board for consideration and approval if necessary.</p> <p>B. On 23/2/ 2021 the Franklin Local Board resolved:</p> <p>Resolution number FR/2021/13 MOVED by Member A Cole, seconded by Member A Kinzett: That the Franklin Local Board: a) approve the allocation of \$24,409.99 to Counties Manukau Sport from the 2020/2021 work programme activity Community-Led Placemaking and Safety to deliver the Franklin Activities Proposal (Attachment A to the agenda report) b) note the correction to Table 1, paragraph 21 – “Offroad riding holiday programme” to be Target Age 8-14 (instead of \$2,150) c) request that staff continue to work with Counties Manukau Sport to identify additional opportunities that engage local communities in the activation of local recreational facilities such as skate parks and BMX tracks d) approve the use of any unallocated funds from within the work programme ID 594, Community-led</p>
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Placemaking and Safety toward the delivery of additional opportunities following staff assessment and board direction on budget and suitability, to be given at a future local board workshop.

SharePoint Line 594

Community-led Placemaking and Safety

DOCUMENTS (cl 1.2)	<p>The documents forming part of this Agreement are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Signing Page • The Specific Terms • The General Terms • Schedule 1: Schedule 1 - Franklin Activities Proposal - March to July 2021 • Schedule 2: N/A
FUNDING (cl 2.1)	<p>The total amount of funding is \$26,559.00 (not subject to GST).</p> <p>The funding will be paid in two payments subject to the terms and conditions set out in this Agreement:</p> <p>One lump sum payment of \$24,409.99 will be made on completion of relevant paperwork.</p> <p>A second payment of \$2,150.00 will be made available on confirmation to the Funder Representative that the Clarke's Beach BMX track and skate facility meet Counties Manukau Sport H&S, accessibility and availability requirements to allow delivery of programming.</p> <p>Counties Manukau Sport will also confirm that they have the staff and resources available to deliver a Clarkes Beach programme within the proposed schedule of activity. (Schedule 1 - Franklin Activities Proposal - March to July 2021)</p>
FUNDING PERIOD (cl 3.1)	<p>1/03/2021 - 31/07/2021</p>
PURPOSE (cl 3.1)	<p>The Recipient will use the funding solely for the following purpose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The purpose of the funding is to support the Recipient to contribute to these local board outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Franklin Communities feel ownership and connection - This funding will support the Recipient to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To deliver a programme of youth holiday programmes and activities as detailed in Schedule 1 - Franklin Activities Proposal - March to July 2021.
OBJECTIVES & MEASURES (cl 3.5) How will the impact be measured and shared?	<p>Objectives</p> <p>The general objective of the funding is to support the "Recipient" to help improve the local board's outcomes (as shown in Purpose cl 3.1) by:</p> <p>Deliver BMX Have a Go Programme, Off-Road Riding Have a Go Programme, After School Dance Programme, Franklin Junior Sports Awards, Skateboarding Have a Go Programme as per Schedule 1 - Franklin Activities Proposal - March to July 2021.</p>

	<p>Measures See Schedule 1 - Franklin Activities Proposal - March to July 2021 for Key Performance Indicators.</p> <p>Measures include numbers of participants per programme, target age groups and delivery dates.</p>
<p>REPORTING (cl 5.1)</p>	<p>Reporting The "Recipient" will provide detailed, accurate and complete information that shows how the Funding has been used by the Recipient to achieve the Purpose.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The Recipient is to complete one report showing achievements against Schedule 1 - Franklin Activities Proposal - March to July 2021 and how the funding is being utilised: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By 1 July 2021 for 1 March 2021 to 30 June 2021 2) The Recipient is to liaise with the Strategic Broker Franklin and/or the Funder Representative a minimum of <u>once per month (March to July) by email or in person</u> and provide updates on progress of each programme as per Schedule 1 - Franklin Activities Proposal - March to July 2021 by: 7th day of each calendar month to end June 2021. 3) A copy of the Counties Manukau Sport annual report is requested on completion of the organisation's Annual General Meeting. <p>All reports are to be completed by the due date and forwarded to:</p> <p>CEUaccountability@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz</p> <p>and the Funder Representative email: cynthia.karikala@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz</p> <p>Contact details: Strategic Broker Coral Timmins Email: coral.timmins@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz Mobile: 021 512 574</p>
<p>RECOGNITION (cl 2.5)</p>	<p>Recipient shall give fair and proper public acknowledgement of Funder's support, including as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) <u>Promotional materials</u>: Placement of Funder's name and logo on advertising and promotional material (e.g. print advertising, posters, newsletters, signage). (b) <u>Website</u>: Acknowledgement of Funder on Recipient's website, including a link to Funder's website using Funder's logo. (c) <u>Communications</u>: Acknowledgement of Funder as a supporter, wherever possible, in press conferences, news releases, speeches, launches, articles sent to any publications, magazines, editorial and annual reports. (d) <u>Opportunities</u>: Recipient shall advise Funder of any marketing and promotional opportunities for Funder to promote its role as a supporter of Recipient. <p>The acknowledgements above shall be commensurate with the amount of the Funding (including placement and prominence relative to acknowledgements by Recipient of its other supporters). Use by Recipient of Funder's name and logo must be in accordance</p>

	with Funder's brand guidelines, as notified by Funder from time to time, and Recipient shall copy all such promotional material to Funder's Representative.
TERMINATION (cl 9.1)	Clause 9.1 (a-e) relate to 'breach of the agreement'.
HEALTH AND SAFETY (cl 3.4)	<p>The funding recipient has a responsibility for the Health and safety arrangements and obligations related to their project. Please ensure you have reviewed this clause in the Terms and Condition.</p> <p>8. This clause also applies to the Recipient's subcontractors, including the reporting, notification and compliance obligations. The Recipient shall ensure that its subcontractors are aware of and comply with these obligations.</p> <p>Where the Recipient is a specified organisation under the Vulnerable Children Act and Regulations, the Recipient will ensure that it complies with all applicable requirements.</p>
OTHER TERMS (cl 1.3)	.



GENERAL TERMS (Version 3.1)

1 DEFINITIONS AND INTERPRETATION

1.1 Definitions: Unless the context otherwise requires, capitalised words have the meanings given to them in this Agreement and as follows:

"Business Day" means a weekday (Monday to Friday) excluding any New Zealand public holidays and Auckland Anniversary Day;

"Contact Address" means, in relation to a party, the physical and postal addresses, facsimile number, and email address (as the case may be) for purposes of communications under this Agreement notified by that party to the other party from time to time;

"Funding" means the total financial funding set out in the Specific Terms.

"Funding Period" means the period to which the Funding relates and will be applied for the Purpose, as set out in the Specific Terms.

"GST" means goods and services tax as provided in the Goods and Services Tax Act 1985;

"Insolvency Event" means anything that reasonably indicates that there is a significant risk that Recipient is insolvent or is or will become unable to pay its debts as they fall due including:

- (a) any step being taken to make the person bankrupt, wind up the person's business or to have a receiver, receiver and manager, administrator, liquidator or statutory manager appointed to or in respect of the person or any of its assets;
- (b) any statutory demand being served on the person, or any proceedings being brought or threatened against the person for recovery of a liquidated or undisputed debt;
- (c) the person ceasing to carry on its business; or
- (d) a meeting of the person's creditors being called or held or the person entering into any type of arrangement with, or assignment for the benefit of all or any of its creditors;

"Objectives and Measures" means those outcomes, objectives, measures, key performance indicators (KPIs), goals and targets set out in the Specific Terms;

"Party Representative" means the Funder Representative and Recipient Representative (as the case may be) set out in the Specific Terms, or anyone else who is appointed by a party (and duly notified to the other party) to discharge those roles from time to time;

"Probity Event" has the meaning given in clause 9.4; and

"Purpose" means the purpose for which the Funding is to be used as set out in the Specific Terms.

"Vulnerable Children Act and Regulations" means the Vulnerable Children Act 2014 and associated subordinate legislation.

1.2 References and interpretation: Except where the context otherwise requires, this Agreement shall, be interpreted and applied in accordance with the following principles:

Agreement: references to this "Agreement" include the Signing Page, Specific Terms, General Terms and Schedules;

Clauses and schedules: references to clauses and schedules are to clauses in the General Terms and the schedules to this Agreement (unless stated otherwise);

GST: all monetary amounts are stated exclusive of GST and in New Zealand dollars unless provided otherwise;

Including: "including" and similar words do not imply any limitation;

Legislation: all references to legislation include all subordinate legislation, any re-enactment of or amendment to that legislation and all legislation passed in substitution for that legislation;

Material Breach: references to "material breach" include any series of breaches of a similar or recurring nature which taken together are material;

Negative obligations: an obligation on the Recipient not to do something includes a reference to the Recipient ensuring that its staff, subcontractors and anyone else it is responsible for do not do that thing;

Party: references to any "party" mean a party to this Agreement and include their respective successors and permitted assigns (as the case may be);

Persons: references to a "person" include a natural person, firm, corporation, association or other entity, whether incorporated or not and whether or not having a separate legal personality;

Singular and plural: where the context permits, the singular includes the plural and vice versa.

1.3 Terms: The Specific Terms prevail over these General Terms to the extent of any inconsistency. The General Terms do not limit additional rights or obligations in the Specific Terms or in any schedules.

2 FUNDING AND PAYMENT

2.1 Funding: Subject to Recipient complying with this Agreement, Funder will provide the Funding to Recipient for the Purpose as set out in the Specific Terms.

2.2 Payments: The Funding will be paid in accordance with Funder's grant payment process. Payment of the Funding is not subject to GST.

2.3 Conditions: The Funding (and any instalments thereof) will be paid to Recipient subject to the following conditions:

- (a) Funder is satisfied Recipient has complied with all material obligations under this Agreement (including the reporting requirements) and is not in default of any obligations;
- (b) Funder continues to have confidence in the Recipient's structure, governance, management, operational practices, and financial stability/solvency; and
- (c) Funder is satisfied that Recipient intends to only use the Funding for the Purpose during the Funding Period.

2.4 Non-exclusive funding: For avoidance of doubt, this Agreement does not limit Funder's freedom to fund any other organisation with the same or similar objectives to Recipient.

2.5 Recognition: Recipient will give fair and reasonable acknowledgement of Funder's funding contributions, including as set out in the Specific Terms.

3 RECIPIENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES

3.1 Use of Funding: Recipient will use the Funding during the Funding Period solely for the Purpose and in a manner that is diligent and prudent.

3.2 Legal compliance: Recipient shall:

- (a) obtain all necessary licences, authorisations, permits and registrations to enable it to achieve the Purpose; and
- (b) comply with all applicable laws, regulations, bylaws, industry codes of practice, ethical and professional standards, and licensing and consent requirements.

3.3 Vulnerable Children:

- (a) Where the Recipient is a specified organisation under the Vulnerable Children Act and Regulations, the Recipient will ensure that it complies with all applicable requirements including, as required, ensuring that the Recipient undertakes safety checks for new and existing children's workers employed or engaged by the Recipient (both in relation to any activities funded and generally). The Recipient will, upon request, at all times, immediately provide the Funder with information about any matters relating to the Vulnerable Children Act and Regulations.
- (b) The Funder (or its representatives) may carry out audits of the Recipient to ensure compliance with all obligations set out under clause 3.3(a). The Recipient must:
 - (i) actively cooperate and participate in any audits carried out by the Funder;
 - (ii) provide all necessary access and information required by the Funder in relation to an audit; and
 - (iii) take all reasonable steps to immediately rectify any issues raised by the Funder.

3.4 Health and Safety: Without limiting any additional obligations set out in the Specific Terms, the Recipient must

- (a) at all times comply with all health and safety legislation, regulations, applicable codes of practice and standards;
- (b) ensure that it takes all practicable steps to ensure the health and safety of all personnel of the Recipient and any other parties associated with the use of the Funding Services, including the public, and visitors to any area under the control of the Recipient;
- (c) will have and keep current, all relevant Health and Safety qualifications required to perform its obligations in respect of the use of the Funding; and
- (d) allow the Funder (or its representatives) to audit its Health and Safety compliance at any time and provide the Funder with any information as the Funder requires in relation to those matters.

3.5 Objectives and Measures: Recipient will use its best endeavours to try to achieve the Objectives and Measures during the Funding Period.

3.6 No additional funding:

- (a) Recipient is responsible for organising all additional funding over and above the Funding which may be required for the Purpose or other activities and operations of the Recipient.
- (b) If required by the Funder, Recipient will actively seek funding contributions during the Period to assist it with the costs associated with the Purpose from other sources, i.e. sponsorship, donations, grants and through other fund raising initiatives.
- (c) The Funding is only for the Period and Purpose and Funder is under no obligation to provide any funding to Recipient other than the Funding. Any decision about providing further funding to Recipient will be at Funder's sole discretion and subject to a separate funding agreement.

4 PARTIES' RELATIONSHIP

4.1 Representatives: The Party Representatives are the first and primary contact persons in relation to this Agreement, except to the extent otherwise provided in this Agreement or agreed by the parties.

4.2 No surprises: Recipient shall communicate regularly with Funder about its use of the Funding, including promptly raising and escalating any issues (including media issues) likely to be of concern to Funder.

4.3 Publicity and reputation: Recipient acknowledges that its activities may affect Funder's reputation, and accordingly:

- (a) **Disrepute:** Recipient must not do anything which brings, or would be likely to bring, Funder or any of its Funder-controlled organisations, into disrepute; and
- (b) **Public communication:** Recipient must not make any inaccurate or misleading representations or public statements relating to or impacting upon its relationship with the Funder or this Agreement.

4.4 Funder publicity: Funder may at its discretion promote in any media its support of Recipient and the Purpose.

4.5 Conflicts of interest:

- (a) Recipient undertakes that it has disclosed, and that it will disclose, to Funder in writing any actual, potential or perceived conflict with the interests of Funder under this Agreement or in any other material way.
- (b) Recipient shall manage any conflicts in consultation with Funder. If Funder considers that a conflict is not being, or cannot be, appropriately managed by Recipient then Funder may immediately terminate this Agreement by written notice to Recipient.

4.6 Recipient's responsibility:

- (a) Recipient is not (by virtue of this Agreement and the Funding) an employee, contractor, partner, joint venturer, or subsidiary of Funder and Recipient is not entitled to pledge the credit of Funder nor act as its agent, except as expressly authorised by this Agreement.
- (b) Recipient will be solely liable for all debts, losses, expenses and taxation on Recipient's income.

5 REPORTING AND PERFORMANCE

5.1 Reporting:

- (a) Recipient shall provide regular reports on its use of the Funding and other obligations under this Agreement in accordance with the Specific Terms or as otherwise as reasonably required by Funder from time to time.
- (b) If Funder is dissatisfied with any report provided by Recipient, Funder may, in its sole discretion, require more frequent/detailed reporting and/or refuse to make any further payments to Recipient.

5.2 Notification of breaches: Recipient will immediately notify Funder if an event occurs which does or may:

- (a) constitute a material breach of any term of this Agreement or render any warranty contained in this Agreement incorrect or untrue in any respect; or
- (b) adversely impact in any way on the performance of Recipient's obligations under this Agreement.

5.3 Records and information requests: Recipient must keep full records and documentation in relation to the Funding and this Agreement ("Records") and provide copies of Records to Funder on reasonable request, and immediately notify Funder of any disclosure requests Recipient receives (including under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987).

5.4 Performance review: Funder may monitor and review the performance and compliance of the Recipient under this

Agreement, and Recipient agrees to co-operate with Funder as may be reasonably requested including by:

- (a) providing all information that is requested by Funder;
- (b) attending such meetings that are reasonably requested by Funder to discuss and review any aspects of this Agreement; and
- (c) allowing Funder reasonable access to any sites under the control of Recipient.

The foregoing shall also apply where Funder has a reasonable concern about Recipient's financial viability or ability to continue to operate.

6 CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION AND IP

6.1 Confidentiality: The parties acknowledge that some information provided by them in connection with this Agreement may be commercially sensitive or not for general publication. Where so, the party providing the information should specify which information they provide is confidential, and the party receiving the information agrees not to disclose it without the prior consent of the other party, except as required by law or where the information is already publicly available (other than through a breach of this Agreement).

6.2 Intellectual property: Recipient acknowledges that the Funder owns all intellectual property in respect of the Funder name and logo ("Funder trade marks"). All use of the Funder trade marks (if permitted by this Agreement) shall comply with Funder's logo and brand guidelines or otherwise as reasonably required by Funder from time to time in writing. All goodwill associated with Funder trade marks shall inure exclusively to the benefit of Funder.

6.3 Publishing of information: Auckland Council regularly publishes information on its procurement activities, spending and contracting as part of its public information programme ("the Programme"). Notwithstanding anything else in this Agreement/ Contract, the Recipient consents to Auckland Council disclosing information about this Agreement/ Contract in its Programme publicly, including, but not limited to

- (a) a description of the Funding being supplied;
- (b) the name of the Recipient;
- (c) the Term of the Agreement;
- (d) the value of the Agreement;
- (e) the total funding received by the recipient regarding all agreements or contracts with Auckland Council.

7 WARRANTIES

7.1 General warranties: Recipient represents and warrants and undertakes on a continuing basis that:

- (a) **Entity status:** Recipient is:
 - a. a duly constituted corporation, society or trust under the laws of New Zealand; and
 - b. registered with the Charities Commission if its activities are charitable or not-for-profit,
 and that status and registration will be maintained during the Funding Period.
- (b) **Enforceable:** this Agreement is valid, binding and enforceable and it has taken all necessary action to authorise the execution and performance of this Agreement, and entry into this Agreement will not cause Recipient to be in breach of any other agreement or obligation;
- (c) **No impediment:** except as disclosed by Recipient to Funder in writing, Recipient is not aware of any matter or event which does or may materially and adversely

affect the ability of Recipient to perform its obligations under this Agreement;

- (d) **Solvency:** no Insolvency Event has occurred in respect of it;
- (e) **No inducements:** no form of inducement or reward has been or will be directly or indirectly provided or offered by Recipient to any of Funder's employees, agents, officers or representatives in connection with this Agreement;
- (f) **Tax resident:** Unless notified otherwise to Funder prior to the date of this Agreement, Recipient is a New Zealand tax resident;
- (g) **Correct information:** all information and representations made by Recipient (prior to or after the date of this Agreement, including in any contestable funding application process leading to this Agreement) are true, complete and correct and not misleading through non-disclosure; and
- (h) **No double funding:** Recipient has not sought or received any funding from any other person that "doubles up" on the Funding in excess of Recipient's actual requirements for the funded activities in question.

7.2 Reliance: Recipient acknowledges that Funder has, in entering into this Agreement, relied on Recipient's representations in clause 7.1.

8 REFUND OF FUNDING

8.1 If the:

- (a) Funding (or any part of it) is not used for the Purpose; or
- (b) Funder terminates this Agreement pursuant to clause 9.1,

then Funder may refuse to make any further payments to Recipient and Recipient will refund (in the time and manner requested by Funder) up to 100% of that portion of the Funding already paid to Recipient as determined by Funder. Funding that has been legitimately spent for the Purpose will not be required to be refunded.

9 TERMINATION

9.1 Termination: Funder may immediately terminate this Agreement by written notice to Recipient if:

- (a) Recipient commits a material breach of this Agreement that is not, in the reasonable opinion of Funder, able to be remedied;
- (b) Recipient commits a material breach of this Agreement, and, where such breach is capable of remedy, Recipient fails to remedy such breach within ten (10) Business Days following receipt of written notice from Funder specifying the breach and requiring it to be remedied;
- (c) Recipient suffers an Insolvency Event or a Probity Event occurs; or breaches any of its obligations under clause 3.4.
- (d) any warranty contained in this Agreement is untrue in any material respect; or
- (e) Recipient breaches clause 12.2 (no assignment or legal changes without consent).

If provided in the Specific Terms, the Funder may also terminate this Agreement without cause (in the Funder's sole discretion) on given the period of written notice provided in the Specific Terms.

9.2 Consequences of termination: On termination or expiry of this Agreement:

- (a) Recipient must return to Funder any property, including Funder's Intellectual Property, in Recipient's possession or control; and
- (b) Recipient will refund any portion of the Funding, as required in accordance with clause 8;

9.3 Accrued rights: Termination or expiry of this Agreement is without prejudice to the accrued rights of the parties, and any express rights under this Agreement are additional to any other right or remedy a party may have.

9.4 Probity events: For purposes of clause 9.1(c), "Probity Event" means:

- (a) Inducement: where any improper inducement, reward or benefit has been provided on behalf of Recipient to any of Funder's staff or other persons to influence their actions in relation to Recipient or this Agreement; or
- (b) Offence or breach: where Recipient commits any offence relating to fraud or dishonest acts, or breaches the Commerce Act 1986 in relation to this Agreement, or Recipient defrauds, or attempts or conspires to defraud, Funder;
- (c) Ethical wrongdoing: where Recipient engages in governance, ethical or business practices which are fundamentally incompatible with Funder's values or the local government accountability and legislative framework; or
- (d) Related party transactions: where Recipient enters into or performs any financial transaction (including payments, koha or gifts) with related parties (such as trustees, staff or other associated persons), irrespective of whether the transaction is demonstrably at under-value, except for the following permitted transactions:
 - a. koha or gifts that comply with policies and financial limits expressly disclosed to Funder prior to entering into this Agreement;
 - b. arms-length services payments or remuneration; or
 - c. distributions that fall directly within Recipient's charitable purposes or objects in its constituting documents,

and includes any of these things done for or on behalf of Recipient or anyone it is responsible for.

9.5 Survival: Any provisions intended to survive expiry or termination of this Agreement (including clauses 5.3, 5.4, 6, 8, 9.2, 9.3 and 11.1 to 11.3, and any provisions incidental to or required in order to give effect to any surviving clauses) will remain in full force and effect.

10 DISPUTE RESOLUTION

10.1 Disputes: The parties will engage in good faith negotiations as soon as reasonably practicable to resolve any dispute or difference (a "Dispute") that arises under this Agreement. Recipient must still comply with its obligations under this Agreement during any Dispute.

10.2 Proceedings: Neither party may commence any court proceedings related to the Dispute unless it has first complied with this clause 10. However, nothing in this clause 10 restricts or limits the right of either party to obtain urgent injunctive relief or to exercise any right under this Agreement (for example, to terminate).

11 INDEMNITY, LIABILITY AND INSURANCE

11.1 Indemnity: Recipient indemnifies Funder, its employees, agents and officers against all claims, demands, actions, proceedings, costs (including solicitor and own client costs), losses, expenses and damages which are made or brought against any of the above-mentioned indemnified parties or

incurred or suffered by those parties in connection with Recipient's breach of this Agreement, negligent act or omission of Recipient or anyone it is responsible for, or any claim made by a third party in relation to Recipient's activities.

11.2 Recipient's responsibility: Under no circumstances shall Funder, or its employees or consultants or agents, be liable in contract, tort or otherwise to compensate Recipient or any third party for any loss, injury or damage, direct or indirect, including, loss of profit or business or for any direct or indirect or consequential loss whatsoever arising from any act, permission, error, default or delay in respect of the performance or non-performance by Funder (or in the case of a third party claim, Recipient) of its obligations under this Agreement.

11.3 Trustee limitation: Despite anything stated or implied in this Agreement, if Recipient is a trust, Funder agrees that the trustees of Recipient enter into this Agreement as trustees for Recipient and not in any personal capacity. The liability of each of the trustees of Recipient under this Agreement (except in matters of fraud, criminal act, or wilful wrongdoing by that trustee) is limited to the assets for the time being of Recipient.

11.4 Insurance: Where appropriate or required by Funder, Recipient will hold and maintain such insurance cover as may be reasonable to insure against any material risks in relation to Recipient's activities (including in the Purpose).

12 GENERAL

12.1 Notices: Notices under this Agreement must be delivered in writing to the relevant party at its Contact Address (by facsimile, post or courier delivery), marked for the attention of the Party Representative, and also copied by email to the Party Representative. Notices are deemed delivered:

- (a) In the case of facsimile, as soon as the sender receives from the sender's facsimile machine a report of an error free transmission to the correct facsimile number; and
- (b) In the case of post or courier delivery, when the notice is delivered to the correct Contact Address.

Express acknowledgement by the relevant Party Representative that it has received an email copy of the notice constitutes delivery. Notices delivered after 5pm on a Business Day, or on a non-Business Day, will be deemed received on the next Business Day.

12.2 Assignments and transfers: Recipient must not assign or transfer any of its rights or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of Funder. Any change in effective control or beneficial ownership of Recipient shall be deemed an assignment for purposes of this clause 12.2. If Funder consents, Recipient will pay Funder's reasonable legal and other costs relating to consent and assignment.

12.3 Further acts: Each party must sign all documents and do all things reasonably requested by the other party necessary or convenient to give effect to this Agreement according to its true intent and spirit.

12.4 Rights, benefits and obligations:

- (a) Benefits: Except as expressly provided, this Agreement is not intended to confer benefits or enforceable rights on subcontractors or any persons other than the parties.
- (b) Joint liability: If Recipient is more than one person or entity (whether or not trustees) then this Agreement binds them jointly and severally.
- (c) Cumulative rights: Provisions in this Agreement for the benefit of Funder are cumulative.

12.5 Regulatory capacity: Nothing in this Agreement affects or fetters any regulatory power of Auckland Council or any of its council-controlled organisations. Recipient has no recourse

under this Agreement with respect to the exercise (or not) of such powers, including on licensing or consenting matters.

- 12.6 Severability:** If any provision of this Agreement is or becomes unlawful or unenforceable it shall be treated as severable from the other provisions of this Agreement which shall remain in full force and effect.
- 12.7 Variation and waiver:** The provisions of this Agreement may only be varied or waived by written agreement signed by the parties. Any delay or failure to exercise any remedy is not a waiver.
- 12.8 Entire agreement:** This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties in relation to its subject-matter,

and supersedes all prior oral and written representations, understandings, arrangements and agreements except to the extent expressly retained under the terms of this Agreement.

- 12.9 Governing law and jurisdiction:** This Agreement is governed by the law of New Zealand. The parties submit to the non-exclusive jurisdiction of the New Zealand courts, and shall not object to the exercise of jurisdiction by those courts.
- 12.10 Counterparts:** This Agreement may be executed by facsimile or scan, and in any number of counterparts all of which will be deemed an original and together be taken as a single instrument.



Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1464

Full Name: Huiroa

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Financial purpose. Due to Covid. The world is in a recession. My Parents Estate in Probat.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Let alone they cant even really drive around, you want to take away their means of living. Why cant Council help develop pension housing on private property. Like help to support families support their elderly relatives by building homes at the back of their relatives homes.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

If collection is cancelled. There will be man made illegal dumping areas. Please for the greater good but also for ungrateful disappreciation of the services that are provided for the community. Thank you.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

It really depends on what kind of contributions there are to make?

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Due to rates increase. There should be a meeting of future planning for water rates. Due to unforeseen circumstance.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1639****Full Name: Kimai Huirama****Wish to speak to submission: Yes**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:****Comment:**

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:****Comment:**

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Ngāti Tamainupō has a new vision for Pukeiāhua Pā in Ngaruawahia. Pukeiāhua Pā is a place of outstanding cultural, archaeological and historical significance for our hapū. Our Pukeiāhua narrative is carried in the postcode of every resident and business in Ngaruawahia, including the council. According to hapū research, there were once over 140 rua/borrow pits associated with the pā. Now, only 7 rua remain and Ngāti Tamainupō is protecting them for future generations. Our vision for Pukeiāhua is simple: preserve and protect our rua kai; grow healthy and healing kai for whānau; and create a place for the community to come together to connect and learn.

We would like to see support and resourcing from the Waikato District Council to help us realise the aspirations of Ngāti Tamainupō and community for Pukeiāhua Pā, which also includes land with the last remaining rua. We invite the council to demonstrate true Te Tiriti partnership with Ngāti Tamainupō by acknowledging the cultural significance of Pukeiāhua Pā to Ngaruawahia, then working with hapū and community to implement and sustain the new vision / concept plan for Pukeiāhua.

Attachment: Yes



WĀHIA NGĀ RUA

THE VISION : OPEN THE FOOD PITS



Our vision is to preserve and celebrate our rua kai and the narrative of this land, and to create a place for people to come together to connect and learn.

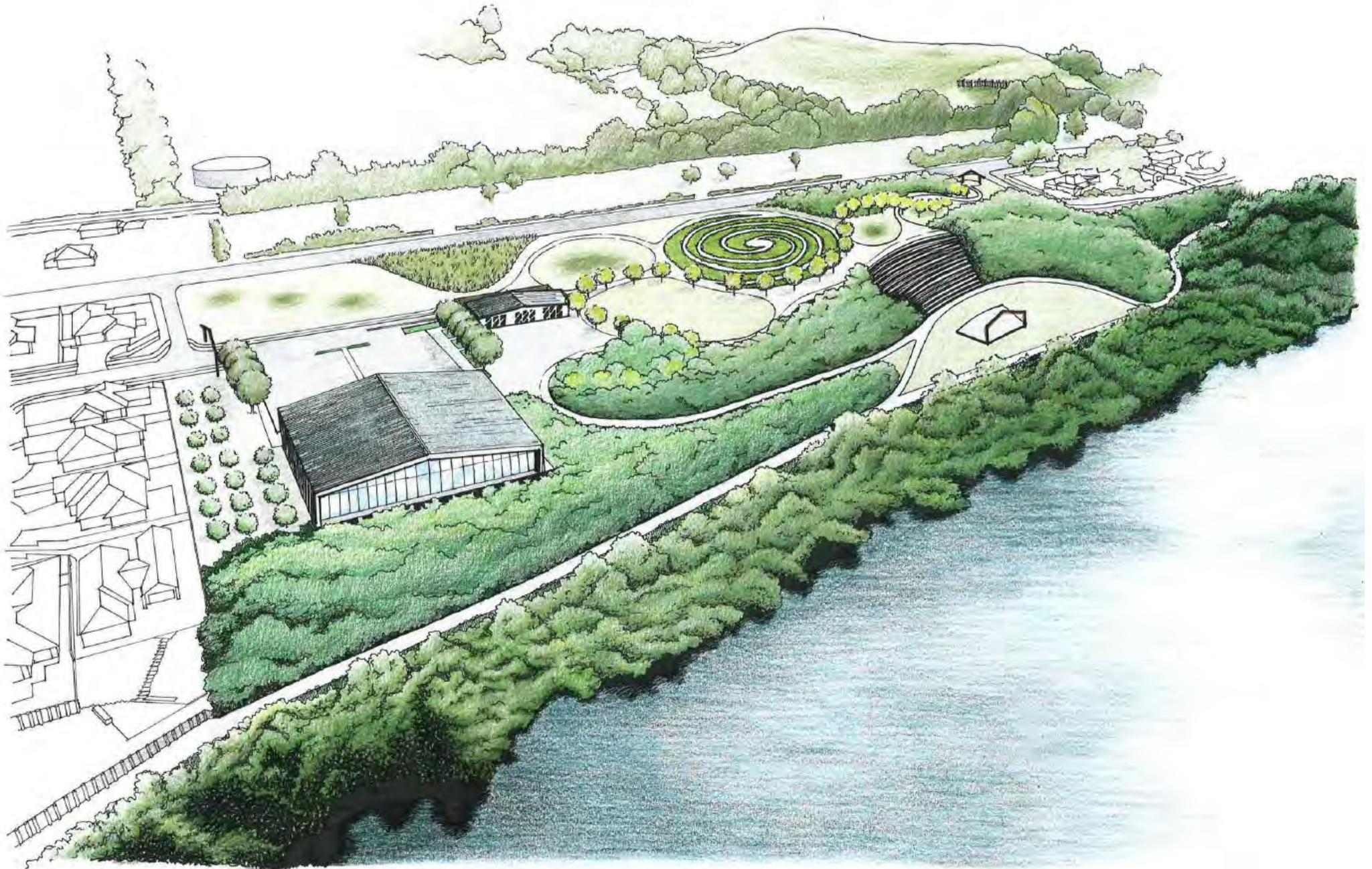
- ✘ **Ngā Rua** | The Borrow Pits
The six remaining rua kai will be preserved and accessible for generations to come
- ① **Waharoa** | Gateway
Thriving gardens once grew from Pukeiāhua Pā down to the Waikato River. Now separated by decades of development, the waharoa frames the view of Pukeiāhua Pā from the northern entrance of the site, reconnecting the spaces. The pathway leading from the waharoa moves through examples of traditional horticulture, from past to present.



WĀHIA NGĀ RUA | THE VISION : OPEN THE FOOD PITS

- ② **Kai Wao** | Food from the forest
Not all food came from cultivated crops. From when the first waka came to Aotearoa, Māori learnt to harvest kai wao. This area will be an educational resource, replanted with native plants that were a source of food.
- ③ **Rongoa** | Traditional medicinal plants
Alongside kai wao, Māori developed an in-depth knowledge of the healing properties of native plants. This area will be used as an educational resource, where the community can learn to recognise, grow and harvest rongoa for medicinal use.
- ④ **Wāhi whakaari, atamira** | Amphitheatre and stage
A versatile space for large outdoor community events and performances to be held - this could include kapa haka, plays, musical performances or outdoor movies.
- ⑤ **Kai nō te kāinga, kai nō tāwāhi** | Traditional and introduced food gardens
Two gardens spiral into a double koru. They represent new growth and the coming together of cultures. The idea of partnership mirrors the love story between Ngaere and Heke-i-te-rangi. Two iwi united in an alliance which would persist through hardship and war. In one garden will be grown traditional Māori food crops and in the other will be introduced food crops that were adopted by Māori.
- ⑥ **Te ara o Te Awa** | Te Awa Cycleway connection
The Te Awa cycleway is popular with the local community and visitors from around Aotearoa and the world. Connecting to the cycleway will provide an opportunity to invite people to learn and share in our history, narrative and horticultural traditions.
- ⑦ **Pā Harakeke** | Flax garden
Harakeke, flax, and other native plants are used to produce fibre for textiles and weaving. Cultivating a pa harakeke will provide a resource for local artists and for weaving classes.
- ⑧ **Kōhanga Reo, Kura Taiao** | Education and Information Centre
Information for visitors will be available here. It will also be a centre of learning; where kohanga reo, weaving, native plant propagation and horticulture classes can be held for the benefit of the community, visitors and school groups.
- ⑨ **Ngā rākau Māori** | Native revegetation planting
The education centre will produce native seedlings that will be planted on the steep bank leading down to the river and all along the banks. We will remove pest plant species and restore the indigenous ecology in our role as kaitiaki, protectors of the land.
- ⑩ **Māra hupara** | Māori playground
Ngā aro-tākaro, traditional play items, are the basis of a māra hupara. These items encourage tamariki to engage with nature and history through play and learning. The mara hupara could feature hikeikei (stepping logs), land-based kokiri (jumping platforms), te ko-uru (upturned roots of native trees) and torere (balance beams)
- ⑪ **Whare Hapori** | Community events centre
For all of the community, this space would provide for large gatherings, community classes and events with a view out over the Waikato River.
- ⑫ **Oro Rākau** | Community Orchard
The produce from the orchard will be distributed to those in need in the community.





WĀHIA NGĀ RUA | OUR VISION : OPEN THE FOOD PITS

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1665

Full Name: Kenneth Soanes

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

Increased Funding of the Raglan and District Museum Society Inc (see attached letter)

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Raglan and District Museum Society Inc Funding. See attached letter(s)

Attachment: Yes

2nd May 2021

The Mayor and Councillors

Waikato District Council

Private Bag

Ngaruawahia

Dear Sirs and Madams,

LTP and Raglan and District Museum Funding

We, the Committee, wish to acknowledge and express our appreciation that council have included funding for building maintenance items of Air conditioning, Lighting, CCTV and carpet replacement in the current LTP.

Nga Mihi

Kind Regards

Ken Soanes

President

Raglan and District Museum Society Inc.

6th May 2021

The Mayor and Councillors

Waikato District Council

Private Bag

Ngaruawahia

Dear Sirs and Madams,

LTP and Raglan and District Museum Funding

The Raglan and District Museum has been thankfully receiving an annual grant from council of \$20,000 since 2011. While the museum operates as a largely volunteer organisation this grant has been used to fund wages for our Collections administrator (15 hours per week), Cleaner (4 hours per week) as well as basic administration cost such as insurances, expendables and the recently applied building lease charges. We are a very active society providing an important service on behalf of council and continually work on new historical exhibitions for presentation to our and your public. However to be able to provide this service we have to apply for grants from other funding providers. These additional grants have been essential to enable us to produce successful exhibits and even more importantly, to keep the doors open over the past and current year. The council decision to discontinue funding of the information centre (front of building) has negatively impacted on museum finances and our ability to keep open.

There are 2 points that we wish council to review and consider for the LTP plan.

1. Inflationary adjustments:

Our committee think it reasonable to request indexing of our present \$20,000 grant to the official CPI rate. Wage rates and our administration costs have risen significantly over the 10 years since the present grant level was set. (See attached 10 year CPI chart). Statistics NZ advise the average CPI adjustment over the past 10 years to be 1.7% per annum. This would increase the 2022 Grant to \$24,074.00.

2. Keeping the Museum open:

The museum building construction was designed to have a separate organisation running the front of building. Over the past 10 years this has successfully been managed by the Raglan I-Site. This closed July last year as a result of council discontinuing the funding of this service.

We have had volunteers manning the front of museum since this time not only providing museum entry and security but also providing building management for fire warden and evacuation services, Health and safety for a public building and servicing public enquiries about Raglan and district. These responsibilities are extremely challenging for volunteers manning the front of building and this is of particular concern for the museum management committee.

To facilitate responsible management and assist the newly formed organisation (WRDMO) the museum has applied for Grant funding and employed staff to cover. Effectively this is a subsidy from Museum finances.

The Community based Raglan Whaingaroa Destination Management Organisation (RWDMO) was formed as an incorporated society to take up the Front of Museum building space. This organisation is unfunded and relies on a volunteer model to keep the doors open and grant applications for moneys to fund overhead expenses including insurances, accountancy and requirements of their lease agreement with council. Their future objective is to develop an income stream from accommodation, adventure activity and minor product sales commissions. They are still at a very early stage of development and will need to continue in a volunteer mode of operation for some time into the future.

The Museum Society, to facilitate keeping the museum doors open and improving patronage, applied for, and was successful in receiving a National Services Te Paerangi Museum Hardship Fund Grant of \$25000. This Grant is for the period of December 2020 to December 2021 and may on reapplication later this year be extended to the December 2022 end of period. Please note that this reapplication of this additional grant funding is contestable and no guarantee or expectation of success can be anticipated.

We have used the funding that we received in December 2020 to extend the hours of our Collections administrator to an additional 10 hours per week with the goals of improved sustainability and patronage. Her additional hours also helps provide support and cover to the volunteers engaged in the front of museum RWDMO area during week days.

The fund has allowed the Museum to employ a weekend front of Museum officer to supplement the volunteer model and enhance reliability of weekend opening time. (2 days of 5 hours at minimum wage) In addition to this our cleaner is employed for an extra 1 hour per week for cleaning and sanitising the front area. (Covid19 considerations)

These arrangements fully utilises the present Museum Hardship Fund grant through to the 23rd December 2021.

We request consideration under the council LTP for improved funding assistance as the museum society cannot continue to provide employed staff to cover front of museum and building responsibility services.

The museum enjoys a patronage of approximately 4000 persons per annum. We anticipate that our current work, using the Museum Hardship Fund grant will result in increased visitor numbers.

Our Museum visitors continue to express their surprise at the standard of presentation, and their enjoyment of the museums exhibits. The museum has become an important feature in Raglan for visitors and our local public alike.

We thank you for your consideration.

Nga Mihi

Kind Regards

Ken Soanes

President

Raglan and District Museum Society Inc.

15 Wainui Rd

Raglan

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1749****Full Name: Ngaruawahia Community Board****Wish to speak to submission: Yes****Topic 1 – General Rates Increase****Option selected:****Comment:**

The Ngaruawahia Community Board does not agree with any of the proposed rate options. The Waikato District Council asks it should be “more cautious and spread the rate increase evenly over the first three years”, neither of these options reflect an even spread. We propose an “even spread” option of the following:

Set the General Rate increase at 6% in year 1, 5% in year 2 and 5% in year 3.

We believe this is a fair and a more evenly spread option than councils proposed options.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

We are aware of the Social Housing Reform programme of 2011 made the Income Related Rent Subsidy (previously available only to Kāinga Ora’s predecessor, Housing New Zealand Corporation) available to registered community housing providers, but not local authorities. As a result of this an opportunity to enter joint ventures with community providers who can access the subsidy was investigated by some councils to access this funding and provide wrap around services such as the Auckland City Councils’ partnership with the Selwyn Foundation. This type of partnership would provide the council the capacity to provide a wrap -around service while maintaining the pensioner housing stock.

The Local Government Act 2002 does not explicitly set out a role regarding housing, however section 10 identifies the purpose of local government is “to promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of communities in the present and for the future”.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Until is an alternative in each community, such as Recovery and Transfer Stations many members of the community do not have the means to transport larger items to current collection points or the income to pay for the disposal once they get there. Inorganic collections also provide opportunities for

the community to repurpose and reuse items that are put out for collection they may have not had access to in any other way.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

We believe that many of current priorities for Ngaruawahia are currently being address by the Community Board and the Community. Some of these priorities are not just the responsibility of the board and lie outside the Ngaruawahia Blueprint area map. The repurposing of Community Board funding appears to take the ownership of “local” away from the community representatives and into the hands of council staff not representatives.

Groups and organisations in our community that apply for funding may not necessarily be a Blueprint priority, but they are a need and a priority in the community, such as support for schools, early childhood centres, community groups including social, arts, cultural and safety, are unable to access other funding to support their activities.

We have seen a reduction in the number of organisations coming to the community board for funding and believe that this is somewhat due to lack of engagement from the council on this fund and the process to apply.

Blueprint - The top priority initiatives for Ngaruawahia include:

- Undertake strategic conversations around Council-owned land and halls for reinvigoration of community assets – This is business as usual and should be done by council through the entire district.
- Produce a planting plan and social space at Te Mana o te Rangi reserve – Seed funding has been set aside for this by the Ngaruawahia Community Board
- Work with relevant entities to support the strategy for youth initiatives - This is business as usual and should be done by council through the entire district. Also another project in discussion with the local community bord.
- Undertake initiatives to ensure tidy commercial and industrial street frontages. This is business as usual and should be done by council through the entire district.
- Provide longer distance walking and cycling connections to Te Otamanui, Glen Massey, the eastern side of the Waikato River to Horotiu, and Taupiri – Not just a Ngaruawahia blueprint area, involves other area blueprints
- Promote local cultural tourism by local iwi – This is business as usual and should be done by council through the entire district.
- Moved to district-wide, but still top: build a strong identity - This is business as usual and should be done by council through the entire district.

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

We would like to see an upgrade and extension to the Ngaruawahia skatepark and basketball hoop. An inclusion of a scoter park would be a well utilised safer space for many of the younger tamariki.

These are well used areas and with the population increase believe that a larger youth activity space would be an asset to the community.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1764

Full Name: Matangi Community Committee

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Relating to Council areas of Roading and of Reserves - Matangi Community Committee request for extension of footpaths/cycleways to connect our community activities and for improved Reserve facilities. File attached.

Attachment: Yes

Matangi Community Committee Submission to Waikato District Council Long Term Plan

Community projects Consistent with past requests the following amenities and improvements are sought.

1. Extension of footpaths and cycleways – access to off road paths

Matangi has had Council support in extending footpaths from the village toward Hamilton and to a minor extent on other roads in the village. All are popular and well used. As originally requested, once there is a shared path to the Assisi Home, we would like access to off road paths for pedestrians and cyclists to be extended in the area both toward Hamilton and in connecting the community and connecting our community with others.

Connecting Community

- A path to the Matangi Recreational Reserve – i.e. on Tauwhare Road from Matangi Village to 650 Tauwhare Road – this would provide safer access to sports for children and adults and a place of recreation
- Complete the Village Loop - Tauwhare Road, Hoeka Road and Woodside Road to join the path on Matangi Road to the village – this path would provide safer access for school students who get the bus to and from Hamilton and Matangi, and for residents and recreational users.

Connecting Communities – travel to nearby communities is via Tauwhare Road which is at times extremely busy with heavy traffic – an off road alternative will improve safety and popularity of the su

- Matangi to Tauwhare Pa and Tauwhare Village
- Matangi to Tamahere

Given the distances involved in each of these proposals it may be best to have a compacted surface rather than a concrete path.

2. Reserve plan for Jack Foster Reserve to meet the needs of the community including provision of amenities such as a Bus Bay and a Public toilet

Bus Bay - The Matangi Community Committee request the provision of a bus bay and turning area in the village to improve safety for the intermediate and High School students who wait for buses to travel to school in Hamilton each school morning. The current stopping place on the side of the road is too near the intersection, the bus currently turns in the middle of the busy intersection and there is no access to shelter for the students.

This bus bay has been requested to be placed in the Jack Foster Reserve

Public toilet

Visitors to the village regularly request access to toilets. The Jack Foster Reserve is a location accessible to visitors and is where people can meet for recreation, sports or events.

David Taylor, Chairperson , Matangi Community Committee

Kitty Burton, Secretary, matangicommunityc@gmail.com 0273411906

7 May 2021

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1577

Full Name: Grace M Wilcock

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Neither is my preference.

The rate increase is too high in year 1 and not equitable. The UAGC rate is not clear in the consultation document and has been set at too low a percentage. Years 2 - 10 it appears to be as low as 2%. How can rates be set when the future of local councils is under review? Government should be funding a larger part of what is currently council responsibility.

The proposed RMA changes should with council input to government bring a change to legislation and the current extreme level of compliance costs that are apparent in Waikato and the rest of the country at the present. This should bring a significant reduction in council's costs.

Nowhere are the costs associated with Future Proof mentioned; another area where removal of an unnecessary level of bureaucracy would reduce costs.

Parks and reserves now appear to be obliged to not only provide green spaces but also an extensive range of equipment; in many areas the simple provision of open space is sufficient.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Council should not be responsible for residential housing as this should be government remit to provide suitable social housing to those in the community who are in need. Council should not be a welfare department.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

Any value of the inorganic waste is not collected by council as prior to collection scrap merchants [and similar] not only remove items of recycle value but also scatter waste along the verge and road. Thus no offset is available for cost of waste to landfill. Also health and safety issues are created for residents, animals, cyclists as the pile of waste is now scattered.

Access to recycling options need to be improved. As Waipa Council's trials of One Stop Shop [pop-up] by AgRecovery rural recycling programme.

also in Cambridge a new recycling venture set up by two retirees has opened which will take virtually anything. I will try to find details before the hearing for the LTPP submissions.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1686

Full Name: Gary McGuire & TDDA

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

I do not believe that a large rates increase is affordable for the majority of rate payers.

Please don't ask us to sign off on an option that has no consultation re alternative options.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Doing away with the inorganic collection will revert straight back to illegal fly tipping which is why the inorganic collection was started in the first place.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

The North Waikato has a rapidly growing population.

We believe that we are under represented atm.

We request that an a reallocation of Council seats is called for & a separate Community Board be set up to represent Tuakau, Pokeno & Mercer.

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Since you insist on denying us free thought with you multi choice I have selected Roothing or better still the Reestablishment of the Tuakau Rail Station for passenger rail.

Please refer to the Petition to Parliament with 4,500 signatures from 14th June 2011 presented by Paul Hutcheson MP.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1823****Full Name: Vern Reeve****Wish to speak to submission: Yes****Topic 1 – General Rates Increase****Option selected:****Comment:**

We live in an area of diverse ages/ culture / what i can suggest is that to go hard might be the right way to fix it now approach , but its not the way forward , you need to adopt the cautious approach , why many of our elderly population are struggling anyway ,their pensions do not increase at the level of increases you propose, reverse mortgages are very costly and the greater majority i understand do not qualify

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

i do not see Council ownership as a service , so sell them down to a responsible provider , BUT i would like to see Councils support developers who wish to contribute to providing pensioner housing within new developments, and in new build permits for families whom can provide the extra living space for elderly relatives as many other cultures do ie provide options for the small kitchenette , in moving forward we face major challenges with an ageing population that will need family support in their later years ,

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Resource Recovery Centres

I TOTALLY AGREE ,when can you set a date for Tuakau to begin , ive visited one in particular Council sites , that being Ohakune ,it appears to be quite a success, meantime you need to continue with collecions yearly as they are until you provide an option for Northern Waikato residents.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

The Train service what more can we say other than refer to the local petition that was carried out a number of years ago here in Tuakau with approx 4000 signatories

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1829****Full Name: Neil Young****Wish to speak to submission: Yes**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:****Comment:**

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:****Comment:**

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

IN A Nut Shell

WDC

To all of the Councillors WDC

Have you driven to Auckland lately ?

Point 1 Auck Council and WDC are Using the same Growth rates of 700 new people per year for Pukekohe area and Tuakau /Pokeno

We have 3 times greater growth on a per NZ population Basis

60 years ago when Young Family came here to Pukekohe there was 4,500 people in Pukekohe Currently now 30,000) expecting 500,000

next years time

From Wesley collage , Belmont , and Anselme Ridge over next 3 yrs 2000 houses, equates to 5000 new people

From Tuakau south to Pokeno another 2000 houses 5000 people

This combined in the next few years =10,000 increase

Our Rail system was designed over 145 years ago . The English designers expected the population to be 12 to 20 million people by now . The slow growth made passenger trains uneconomical, then in the 1970s the service stopped

Now that fuel is around \$2 per litre and our roads clogged with greater Auckland population reaching 1.8 million people it's time to reinvent the Railway wheel and let the train do what it was designed to do 145 years ago

So let's fix housing shortage and transport get people on the train to Tuakau Pokeno Huntly right through to Hamilton .

In peak hour traffic It takes over

2 1/4 hours to drive from Pukekohe/Tuakau to Auckland now at 6.30 am 1 hour on the Train

We need our Pax train station reinstated

2.

Our Main st

George st shopping area has a natural Ring rd around it

Liverpool st- St Stephens Ave-Jelico rd -West st for through traffic and truck

By Pass . This would help with safety for pedestrians

Slow vehicle speed with two more raised walkways across George st

Stop minor accidents by adding Roundabouts at both ends for shopping area particularly at Tuakau Hotel corner (the give way sign control is on the wrong corner)

Or make our main st

One Way street!

3

Rename Central Park to " Sir Edd Hillary " Park for obvious reasons

Pay tribute to the 60 th anniversary of Sir Edd first person to climb the worlds highest mountain

Sir Edd lived in Tuakau most of his early life .

The confusion of having two parks with similar names "Central Park "and "Centennial Park "would give special meanings to both

4

Signage

Needed before Pokeno . Traveling north from say Hamilton people sail straight past Pokeno eventually turning off at Bombay to come to Tuakau

Signage at Mercer . We have a 30 bed "Mercer Airport Hotel Backpackers" at Mercer airport that our tourists can't find us 6 K,s up Koheroa rd

5

Dominion rd extension to Ridge rd to make it a through road to state highway one motorway for light traffic and we would have our own Tuakau exit sign from it

There is already a paper road extending off the end of Dominion rd to within 230 metres of ridge rd

The normal high cost of filling the gully can come from the stippings from the Ridge Rd Quarry

6

Cycle way / Walkway 2.8 Ks

I have now scale measured it at 3.68 kilometres

Tuakau to Buckland Pukekohe

I'm working with Vance Hodgson

HPC Planning on this one (first costs is \$78 K for resource consent)

The kids already walk on the Train tracks 3.68ks ks to Buckland rather than cycle or walk 8 Ks up Harrisville rd way or 12 ks Buckland rd way .

7

Palm Trees full length of George st (main st) cost \$40 k

8

Safety

Restrict speed from Tuakau Bridge all along River road past our Beautiful Batkin Reserve from 100 Ks to 70 Ks per hour (has now changed to 80kPer hour)

I'm aware of Karl Flavels brother being killed on this road

WDC has the lowest Debt ratio of any council per population and one of the fastest population growths per population in NZ

Our family have invested over \$19 million in Tuakau the past 15 years (now \$25 mill)

We are asking our governing body " The council " you guys to have our confidence and to fix all of the above by investing in Debt

We would love to share any of the above requests with any of the WDC Councillors

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1693

Full Name: Tamahere Mangaone Restoration Trust

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

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Option selected:

Comment:

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Comment:

See attached document

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Blueprint

Tamahere local area blueprint [ref WDC website 29.4.2021]



Population: (includes Tamahere-Tauwhare area) 6,150 (2016 estimate) with growth projected to reach 8,077 by 2045.

We came to Tamahere in October 2018 and heard what was important to you. You told us what you wanted to see in your community in the future. We heard lots of great ideas and a number of these initiatives can be found below. We came back to you in 2019 to hear what your **top three** priorities are for Tamahere.

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View your Local Area Blueprint initiatives in more detail below or download the Waikato District Blueprint for more information.



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Theme	NO.	Action	Published Priority 2019	Final Ranking Sept 2020
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Economy	TM6.1	Support activation of the Hub development (3).	High	Very high 1, combined with NEW above

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General / Other

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Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1699

Full Name: Ariana hawkins

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Increasing the rate by 9% will affordable the people who are on job seeker as well as elderly people.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

The council should be building houses and maintaining them not selling them off.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

A rubber my text pay money go towards something useful for me instead of paying for council workers to sit on their asses.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Create a policy that makes businesses clean up the appearance from the outside of their workplaces if they do not then get them a fine.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1790****Full Name: John Mitchell Chairman Onewhero Citizens and Ratepayers****Wish to speak to submission: Yes****Topic 1 – General Rates Increase****Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

The rate increase is high and wish to spread the 'load' over the three years rather than having a huge increment in the first year.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Understand that this has been a service that has been provided but that it needs to be taken over by another service provider with premise that it will be retained as social housing.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

This service is taken up by the majority of our ratepayers. Illegal dumping will no doubt continue to happen and perhaps increase with the removal of the service.

There should be a concerted effort by council to look at alternative ways to encourage ratepayers to reduce, recycle and reuse 'waste' through education so that our communities look towards a common goal to ensure that we have a safe environment for all.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

Onewhero do not have a Blue print and we have not been consulted with in regards to where we envisage our 'town' to look in the future. We have big housing developments in progress with others

in the pipeline, which means that we should be considered for a Blue Print to ensure that all our ratepayers ideas are captured into the LTP.

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1736****Full Name: Nicole Stone****Wish to speak to submission: Yes****Topic 1 – General Rates Increase****Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Neither, waikato district council promised Pokeno a library, a skate park and sports grounds when they proposed a huge increase 3 years ago. We have had the increase, it has been 3years, yet not one of those projects are complete. Only 1 has been started. I don't think it is ethical to propose another increase until you have delivered your promises. How can we trust that you are going to deliver on anything that you propose when council has put very little of their budget into our area.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:**Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection****Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

There will be a lot if illegal dumping if you remove this service. By removing the service you are not reducing waste you are just making it the homeowners problem. The waste exists, when appliances no longer work and are not repairable they need to be dumped.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:****Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions****Comment:**

Pokeno needs a state park or more facilities for youth, the schools role is over 400, the kids need more facilities.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1838

Full Name: Te Whakakitenga o Waikato Incorporated (Waikato-Tainui)

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

see attached for further information (pages 4&5)

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

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Comment:

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Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

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**RESPONSE TO THE
WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCIL
LONG TERM PLAN
2021-2031**

7 MAY 2021

This response is filed for Waikato-Tainui by:

Te Whakakitenga o Waikato Incorporated
PO Box 648
Hamilton 3240

INTRODUCTION

1. This response is made on behalf of Te Whakakitenga o Waikato Incorporated (formerly known as Waikato-Tainui Te Kauhanganui Incorporated).
2. Te Whakakitenga o Waikato Incorporated (Waikato-Tainui) is the governing body for the 33 hapuu and 68 marae of Waikato and manages the tribal assets for the benefit of over 78,000 registered tribal members.
3. Waikato-Tainui provides this response to the Waikato District Council Long Term Plan (WDC-LTP) on behalf of our hapuu and iwi members.
4. Our response is structured as follows:
 - (a) Background to Waikato-Tainui.
 - (b) Overview of Waikato-Tainui's position regarding the WDC LTP.
 - (c) Scope and Purpose of Response.
 - (d) Specific comments on the WDC LTP.
 - (e) Concluding comments.

BACKGROUND TO WAIKATO-TAINUI

5. Waikato-Tainui marae are kaitiaki of their environment and regard the holistic integrated management of all elements of the environment (such as flora, fauna, land, air and water) with utmost importance.
6. Waikato-Tainui are tangata whenua and exercise mana whakahaere within our rohe (tribal region). Our tribal rohe is bounded by Auckland in the north and Te Rohe Potae (King Country) in the south and extends from the west coast to the mountain ranges of Hapuakohe and Kaimai in the east. Significant land marks within the rohe of Waikato include the Waikato and Waipaa Rivers, the sacred mountains of Taupiri, Karioi, Pirongia and Maungatautari, and the west coast harbours of Whaingaroa (Raglan), Manukau, Aotea and Kawhia moana, the eastern areas of Tikapa Moana (Firth of Thames), and principally, New Zealand's longest river, TeAwa o Waikato.
7. We acknowledge and affirm the intrinsic relationship of Waikato-Tainui with our natural environment.
8. Waikato-Tainui entered into a Deed of Settlement regarding our Waikato River claim under Te Tiriti o Waitangi in 2008 ("2008 Settlement"). This was followed by the signing of a revised Deed in 2009 and ultimately, enactment of the Waikato- Tainui Raupatu (Waikato River) Settlement Act 2010 ("Settlement Act"). The settlement marked the genesis of the Crown's statutory recognition of Te Mana o te Awa and the establishment of a "co-management" approach between Waikato-Tainui and the Crown regarding matters relating to the Waikato River.
9. Waikato-Tainui recognizes the co-management committee that exists with Waikato District Council and wants to ensure that:

- (a) The WDC LTP does not adversely affect the rights, interests, responsibilities and opportunities of Waikato-Tainui;
- (b) The co-management principles that underpin our 2008 Settlement and the Settlement Act are recognised and upheld.

OVERVIEW OF THE WAIKATO-TAINUI POSITION REGARDING WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCIL LONG TERM PLAN 2021-2031

10. Waikato-Tainui has a range of rights and interests including, but not limited to, those that arise from the following:
 - (a) The 1995 Waikato Raupatu Lands Settlement (and the Waikato Raupatu Settlement Act 1995), the 2008 Settlement and Settlement Act;
 - (b) Tikanga and customary law;
 - (c) Common law (including the common law relating to aboriginal title and customary law); and
 - (d) The Treaty of Waitangi and its principles.
11. Waikato-Tainui seeks to ensure that these rights and interests are recognised and protected with any policy development.
12. As part of the River Settlement signing in 2008, we also signed the Kiingitanga Accord. A cornerstone of the settlement is that both Waikato-Tainui and the Crown have committed to enter a new era of co-management.
13. The intention of the settlement was that the Crown would respect and work with Waikato-Tainui in good faith, as a Treaty partner. As set out in the Kiingitanga Accord, this requires the Crown to engage with Waikato-Tainui at an early stage when developing any legislation or policies, or making any decisions, affecting the Waikato River, its waters or management over its waters.
14. As such, and in line with these principles, Waikato District Council must strive to engage early with Waikato-Tainui when developing any legislation, policies or plans which affect or impact on the Waikato River and te takiwaa o Waikato (the Waikato district) in general.

SCOPE AND PURPOSE OF RESPONSE

15. The purpose of this response is to convey the views of Waikato-Tainui in relation to the Waikato District Councils Long Term Plan 2021-2031.

COMMENTS ON THE LONG-TERM PLAN 2021-2031

16. Waikato-Tainui supports the Council's vision to "... work together as a district to build liveable, thriving and connected communities as our district grows." This aligns with the iwi's own mission "Kia Tupu, Kia Hua, Kia Puawai" – To Grow, Prosper and Sustain.

General Rates Options:

17. **Option One – Set the general rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3. Option Two – Set the general rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3.**

Neither Option One nor Option Two is palatable to Waikato Tainui however, Option Two is only marginally less impactful to the iwi.

18. The concept of a “Go Hard and Early” approach in which rates are increased 9% during COVID recovery does not reflect, in our opinion, a caring council that has fully considered the impact on the wellbeing of its most vulnerable communities.
19. Waikato Tainui acknowledge the process WDC undertakes every six years to review policies for rates remissions and postponement. While we acknowledge the need for this review, as an Iwi we want to ensure that our tribal members and those most vulnerable communities are not impacted by these proposed changes, and therefore want to seek assurance from WDC that all measures are considered to minimize financial impacts on our communities.
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21. Within this context it is imperative that Waikato District Council provide options to enable payment and reduce penalties, this should include effective rebates and postponement policies. In addition, where penalties may occur due to non-compliance to the new rate remission changes, Waikato District Council should provide fair and reasonable processes to ensure more significant penalties are managed and inequalities do not continue to grow for these communities.
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INORGANIC CURBSIDE RUBBISH COLLECTION

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Other Matters – Taiao (Environment)

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35. Waikato Tainui seeks a commitment from Council to engagement in relation to climate change since its' detrimental effects impact not only on iwi, hapuu and marae and whaanau but also on our ability to contribute fully in restoration and protection of the natural environment in which flora and fauna taonga species live.
36. Waikato Tainui seeks a commitment from Council to provide for Waikato, Waipa restoration iwi priorities which includes provision of resources and specific technical support to identify manawhenua and marae priorities.
37. Waikato Tainui seeks a commitment from Waikato District Council to ensure that those of our mana whenua who provide input and share their maatauranga with council in the development of policies and plans are properly resourced and recompensed for their time and expertise.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO USER FEES AND CHARGES

38. We note that a number of changes to user fees and charges are being proposed, the most significant being:
- (a) Removal of overdue library fees
 - (b) Adding a new boat ramp usage pass for single of annual use
 - (c) Three newly proposed category fees for commercial events that are based on the number of people attending events on our reserves
 - (d) Increase to stock impound fees
 - (e) Building consents – a number of new fees proposed to cover the actual cost of processing using a new electronic system for customers, for reviewing historic building consents, for building consent exemptions and for applications for works over or adjacent to water pipes
 - (f) An increase in monitoring fees to recover actual costs
 - (g) A new fee to cover the actual costs for large scale development which require coordination of a project team to assess activities across multiple areas within Council
39. In general, Waikato-Tainui do not support increases to fees or new fees however, recognises that in some cases these increases cannot be avoided. However, where fees increase or new fees are added the expectation is that the quality and level of service provided by council also increases and that rate-payers receive improved and high quality services delivered in a timely manner.

CONCLUSION

40. In conclusion, Waikato-Tainui recognises and understands the process that the Waikato District Council must undertake around their Long-Term Plan 2021-2031
41. Waikato-Tainui has a number of rights and interests as a result of legislation and other processes and seeks to ensure that these rights and interests are recognised and protected and that
- (a) The WDC LTP does not adversely affect the rights, interests, responsibilities and opportunities of Waikato-Tainui;
 - (b) The co-management principles that underpin our 2008 Settlement and the Settlement Act are recognised and upheld.
42. Waikato-Tainui remind Waikato District Council that the negative socio-economic impacts of Raupatu continue to be felt by our tribal members to this day and many have also been affected by the impacts of Covid 19. Within this context, Waikato District Council must ensure that there are a range of manageable payment options available to our iwi members as well as rates rebates and remission options.
43. Waikato-Tainui supports the Council's vision to "... work together as a district to build liveable, thriving and connected communities as our district grows." This aligns with the iwi's own mission "Kia Tupu, Kia Hua, Kia Puawai" – To Grow, Prosper and Sustain.
44. Council should at all times seek to engage early with Waikato-Tainui in the development of policy and plans and in their implementation.

DATED 8 May 2021

TE WHAKAKITENGA O WAIKATO INCORPORATED



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Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Waikato Tainui seeks a commitment from Waikato District Council to support us to achieve the objectives of the Waikato Tainui Tai Tumu, Tai Pari, Tai Ao – Environmental Plan.

Waikato Tainui seeks a commitment from Waikato District Council toward restoration and protection of all flora and fauna taonga species within their natural environment. It goes without saying that in order to protect biodiversity Council should regard the broader issues of water take, and discharge to water, land and air as critical to achieving protection of biodiversity.

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Attachment: Yes

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1835****Full Name: Onewhero- Tuakau Community Board****Wish to speak to submission: Yes**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:****Comment:**

The OTCB is genuinely concerned at the proposed rates increases over the next three years. Over the last year many people have lost jobs or had reductions in income through the impact of covid-19. On 5th May the finance minister announced an effective wage freeze for most people in the public sector. With the rising cost of rents and house prices budgets are very tight for many families in the OTCB area.

The proposed rate increases for all three years are also well above inflation. The OTCB understands that much of this increase is as a result of the costs of compliance rather than the provision of additional services to the people of Waikato District.

The OTCB would encourage the Council to engage more closely with community board members, councillors and local MPs around these costs and consider more strategic options to addressing the impact on local communities.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

There are some very good social housing providers who may be able to deliver the service of pensioner housing with a more holistic approach than the Council.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:****Comment:**

The OTCB understands the rationale for considering the cessation of the kerbside inorganic collection, the cost of it and the overall strategy of reducing waste to landfill, however there does need to be improvements in the options for people to be able to recycle products that currently make up a large part of the kerbside collection. OTCB believes a local recycling centre needs to be established in the Tuakau area before the kerbside collection ends. There is evidence that recycling centres are a successful way of reducing waste to landfill and also support local employment opportunities.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

Comment:

OTCB is very concerned about decisions that seem to have been made about community grant funding, which will directly affect the OTCB without any meaningful discussion with the Board. This goes against the whole notion of 'supporting our communities'. The OTCB have at various times suggested ways to streamline the process around grant applications but this remains very much controlled by the Council. The OTCB Chair was very disappointed to find out about planned changes to the community grants through an email discussion with council staff on a matter related to Heritage funding. Relevant section of the email below:

Community groups who apply for council grants (e.g. events, heritage, conservation funds and Community Boards) will move to a more streamlined process until their current funds are used up (known as a "sinking-lid"). We'll help encourage these groups to work with the wider community as Blueprints and community initiatives are reviewed and/or established, to gain support for future projects.

In summary we are looking at the following:

- The funding budget will be re-aligned to focus on the community and Blueprint initiatives to drive our vision of liveable, thriving and connected communities
- Council's funding budget remains the same as previous years - no more money is being requested
- The change from grants into community and Blueprint initiatives budget will reduce administration costs, enabling more money allocated to the community and Blueprint budget
- The new community and Blueprint initiatives budget will enable the Council to seek match-funding to increase the budget allocated to each community
- The larger we can grow the community and Blueprint budget the more money can be spent in our communities
- Existing budgets will remain with Community Boards or groups, and a sinking-lid approach will be taken until the budget has been spent
- The staff involved in supporting the community and Blueprint initiatives will work directly with Community Boards, Committees and community groups to deliver their community and Blueprint aspirations

Ngā Mihi | Kind regards

Fletcher Bell

District Plan Administrator / Hearings Coordinator - Resource Management Policy Team

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

OTCB has long supported a train service to Tuakau and the establishment of a rail station in the town. This could most easily be accommodated by an extension of the current Pukekohe to Papakura service in the short term and in the longer-term by the Hamilton to Papakura service once it becomes more frequent. OTCB would like the Council to continue advocating for this project as it would relieve congestion on the Southern motorway, supports increased use of public transport and contributes to a reduction in carbon emissions (especially if electrification extends beyond Pukekohe)

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1515

Full Name: David Taylor

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

The more you have to pay per year, more people will find it harder to keep up

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Private contractors have a history of under delivering or over charging for the same service

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

A lot of people depend on this service to keep their sections tidy. Noted is a comment from council recently about how the inorganic collection system "goes against councils "waste minimisation goals".

This could be mostly solved by encouraging and allowing certified Recycling Companies to do their own collections from the items placed out for collection, as a "First Choice" pick up option before the council trucks pick up

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

Community groups already struggle with low funding

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Currently there are no official options for Recycling Contractors to divert any type of solid or general inorganic waste from the Inorganic Collection systems.

By setting up & allowing certified Recycling companys to help reduce the volumes on the streets, will greatly contribute to lower volumes being sent to landfill & far more volumes to recycling, (recycling in all it's forms)

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1623****Full Name: Robert Hyslop****Wish to speak to submission: Yes**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:****Comment:**

I do not agree with option 1 or 2 as they both equal 17% and it is far too much. The rates are out of touch with the real world with lots of people struggling due to the impact covid has had on their jobs/businesses

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Sell it and the money be used to top up the rates so we dont have to have an increase in rates

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

This is one of the only things we get for our rates

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

The rates need to be addressed, I thought the council worked for the people in the area, they need to learn to budget and work with the money they have, normal people cant go and say to their boss they need XX amount pay rise every year you have to work to the budget you have, cant do that resign

and forfeit the position!!! You cant be like children and want everything at once ... Pokeno doesnt need a library

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1632****Full Name: Frank Wood PHD. CNZM. FNZIM and Juliana Mui BSc (Calif.) MA (Yale)****Wish to speak to submission: Yes****Topic 1 – General Rates Increase****Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

The recent increase in rateable valuation will also impact in Year one.

Therefore preference for more even spread will soften year one financial impacts.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

While we do not see pensioner accommodation as an ongoing business for District Council, it is difficult to avoid some social responsibility in the present trying time for many families.

Therefore we would view it as:

- i) a strategic opportunity to work with central Government in negotiating a divestment programme rather than a private sale i.e.;
- ii) negotiating an exit strategy over time through shared maintenance costs (current issue) and a progressively managed sale following an agreed timeline that would enhance both central (housing policy), and district government long term objectives.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

1. While some recycling objectives may be met, it is largely semi-commercial of commercial 'collectors/foragers' that seem to benefit;
2. The collection has become increasingly 'selective' over time;
3. It creates an unsightly mess; and
4. Recycling options at central refuse disposal sites have increased considerably, with reasonable charges.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

We strongly support this proposal.

See our comments in Para 15 above.

We view it as a very important way forward for crafting the long term 'shape' and 'character' of the district.

It could be the strategic key for growth in the future.

How it will be achieved; how projects can be brought forward; and how they will be evaluated, are just some critical considerations. Options like counterpart funding, evidence of wider community support, progressive outcome-based assessment and achievement of milestones, would be integral considerations to be worked through.

We applaud councils' strategic thinking and would like to hear more on how this very important initiative would be implemented over the next three years.

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

While the immediate focus is stated to be serving major growth areas (Te Kauwhata, Raglan and Pokeno for example), stimulating the attractiveness of smaller 'boutique' centres and therefore overall investment in the district, would seem to be a logical parallel development goal. Through vehicles such as the Waikato District Wellbeing Trust, 'Heritage projects' (refer consultation document) for example, to encourage and support innovative projects that capitalise on special features and promote differentiation, albeit within an agreed framework, will, in the long term, shape the 'character' of the district and the role it plays in the wider Waikato region.

We believe more could be done through the Council, even if in a catalytic role in the early stages.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1659

Full Name: Chuck Bird

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Pensioner housing should be the responsibility of central government.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

One reason would be that it stops illegal dumping which can cost the Council a lot.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

I am opposed to my rates going to support a service that I believe should be that of central government.

I understand that roughly 1.5 million dollars of rates going to fund a service that few people in the Waikato District are likely to use.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1827****Full Name: Robin Ranga****Wish to speak to submission: Yes**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:****Comment:**

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:****Comment:**

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Since 2019 and as a concerned resident and ratepayer of 14 years, I have sought clarity on the status and responsibility on the condition of the Port Waikato Wharf. After attending the recent LTP meeting at the Hub and subsequent email dialogue with Council representative John Brown, he confirmed that “the preservation and protection of the wharf has not been considered by Council, at this stage.”

My submission is to appeal to the Waikato District Council to have the Port Waikato Wharf included in the LTP to guarantee an appropriate ongoing maintenance programme is in the LTP budget as a means to protect and preserve this historic and significant asset owned by the council.

Associated submissions from concerned residents have outlined the use, significance and history of the wharf, boat ramp and Community shed, and now the Port Waikato community, it's rural and river neighbours need reassurance with a commitment from the Council that apart from a maintenance schedule its future is protected and the wharf is preserved to ensure this historic and highly utilized facility continues its significant role in the day to day life at Port Waikato.

Visionary long term safeguarding action taken by current, (and for future) Council s will overcome the risk of the wharf falling into disrepair that could potentially be a reason for it to be deemed 'unsafe' by the Council's expert consultants and subsequently demolished.

In Summary:

An appeal for the protection and preservation of the Port Waikato Wharf by its inclusion in the Council's Long Term Plan 2021-2031

By the following means:

- That appropriate budgets and maintenance schedules for the wharf are allocated and secured.
- That assessments from expert consultants and visible inspection reports are available to the public.
- That all findings/recommendations and proposed actions by council are in consultation with the community.
- The community is kept informed of any proposed changes that may affect its use, and existence.

I consider these requests fulfill the council's objective outlined in 'Have your say: 'Our Vision: livable thriving and connected communities' The wharf along with the ramp is an undeniable asset vital to the community's connectivity and a surrounding thriving expanding population.

I am grateful for the opportunity to lodge this submission on the preservation and protection of the Port Waikato wharf and trust it will be considered with vision, respect to its legacy, its vital function and secured in the Long Term Plan so Port Waikato will also be secure as a port with a wharf.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1719****Full Name: Jonathan Wright****Wish to speak to submission: Yes**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Slow gentrification...

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:****Comment:**

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

In my view, towns in the WDC are not treated equally. Voice and voter turn out should not be the reason areas within the boundaries of the WDC are given resourcing and infrastructure. If we are going to follow the vision of: Liveable, Thriving and Connected Communities we need to open our eyes to a future visual plan of how we get there. From what I have seen at Tamahere and their Hub near their school - they have looked to create a metaphor for said vision.

My question to the WDC is: How many of our other towns are doing this? Where is the support for the communities and areas who do not have the expertise of locals to lobby council and plan for future development?

I am concerned for Horotiu School becoming an island amongst infill housing where no future planning of green-space, playgrounds and other recreational amenities available. At the moment Horotiu School supplies our community with: a hall, pool, fields, three playgrounds, scooter track and by the end of this year a bike track and bikes that link to the Waikato River Trail. All of this is funded by the MOE and donations to the school through our own school community fundraising. Every corner of the WDC deserves a voice.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1778

Full Name: Raglan Football Club

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

We would possibly support this depending on how it's handled.

As a volunteer run organisation we know that council gets a lot of bang for its buck with community grants. Our club is 100% volunteer run with administration done from kitchen tables and home offices so we know that a small contribution can unleash a lot of activity when it's made to us or any other community organisation.

We also appreciate being able to present to the community board who know who we are and don't need to investigate our legitimacy. It's also beneficial that they make the decision on the day of the presentation, meaning we can walk out of the community board meeting and immediately get on with the job.

Our request would be that these features not be lost in any reshuffle of the council funding systems

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Raglan Football Club submission to Waikato District Council Long Term Plan 2021-31

BRIEF SUMMARY: The current football grounds in Raglan are at the point of being overloaded and with future population projections for Raglan it is clear that more sports fields need to be developed.

FOOTBALL HISTORY & GROWTH: Older people remember football being played at Papahua many decades ago but the current club was first established there in the late 70s when two junior teams were first entered into the Waikato competition.

By 2011 there were 9 teams and just under 100 children playing in Raglan. The sport has grown rapidly since then with a huge uptake in the number of girls playing.

In 2020 there were over 250 (aged 5 - 18) playing the sport - with about 25 teams and nearly 45% female players.

In addition there is a men's Sunday league team using the fields, they started in the 1990s.

After entering a team in the Waikato Secondary School competition in 2015 Raglan Area School now has 4 teams in that competition (included in the figures above). These teams practice and play at Papahua as there is no room at the school for a football pitch.

PAPAHUA FLOODING: This is no longer an issue. In 2018 it was discovered that the nearby campground has been pumping floodwater into the sandbank next to the football fields, this water would quickly seep out onto the football fields, flooding them and flowing back to the campground. For the 2019 and 2020 seasons we have had zero problems with flooding as this water is now pumped somewhere else.

FOOTBALL LOCATION: Raglan FC has always objected to WDC's proposal to shift the sport to a location next to the Raglan rugby grounds but the growth in the sport has made this debate irrelevant. The land next to the rugby fields is similar in size to the Papahua football fields so there is no benefit to a wholesale relocation of the sport – especially given the cost and traffic issues that would result from this.

LONGTERM: Football in Raglan faces an uncertain future because:

- All current sports sites are vulnerable to sea level rise.
- Current predictions are for a tripling of the Raglan population in the next 50 years to 12,000.
- Current sites for football are at capacity

Raglan Community Board suggested in their recent Reserve Management Plan submission that land at Wainui Reserve could be used for sports fields and we would support this idea being part of a review into the future sport in Raglan.

Generally though we are asking for an investigation into the future of sports fields in Raglan and an urgent resolution to the status of football in Raglan. Because we don't have an official 'home' we have always had trouble with getting permission to upgrade facilities. The shipping container we currently use was acquired when we only had 100 players and is now hopelessly inadequate for the task. The men's team have also been limited to playing in the Sunday league because we can't get permission to build facilities (such as lights , showers and changing rooms) which are required to enter the Saturday competition.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1785

Full Name: Bike Waikato (Richard Porter)

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: Yes



07 May 2021

Submission to the Waikato District Council Draft Long-Term Plan 2021-2031

From: Bike Waikato

Who we are.

Bike Waikato is an incorporated society run by volunteers and funded by an active membership.

We believe that by providing safe and convenient cycle facilities means that our cities, towns and villages can function efficiently and provide a catalyst for vibrant and healthy communities. We advocate on behalf of our members in the community to seek change.

Our goal is simple. To get more people on bikes, safely.

Why we are submitting on the Waikato Draft Long Term Plan.

There has been a groundswell of support for cycling during 2020 and 2021 due to Covid-19 and the need for communities to maintain and improve their well-being. Communities realised that recreation opportunities were easily met by cycling as lockdowns provided low traffic environments. As a result, there is a shortage of bikes, not only in NZ, but globally.

With the increase of people on bikes, there is a dawning realisation that transport infrastructure is inadequate for those that choose two wheels over four.

We acknowledge the investment from Waikato District Council in cycling infrastructure over the previous long term plan, in particular the extension of Te Awa River Ride to Tamahere and Ngaruawahia. However, with the continued growth of cycling in the community, continued investment is critical. The Waikato District LTP has a prime opportunity to signal to ratepayers and central government that traditional transport funding is insufficient to provide for a road to zero philosophy for those that choose an active travel mode. This philosophy is relevant in our current urban settings especially the increase in populations all our towns are experiencing.

For too long both the central and local government has underfunded cycling infrastructure. Recent central government policy regarding climate change and greenhouse gas emissions now makes the identification of low-emissions transport a priority. Effective communications from local government on the benefits of cycling investment for all road users is crucial as an increase in people choosing to cycle in the community can lead to;

- Reduced vehicle traffic as a result of less cars on the road (in particular for the 'school drop off and pick up').
- Reduced greenhouse gas emissions and a contribution to central government climate change goals. Transport emissions contribute to a large proportion of the national emissions profile. A clear generational change is occurring where a climate change emergency is acknowledged and seen as real.



- An increase in educational initiatives, in turn triggering social change and legitimacy for cycling as a valid travel choice.
- Safe cycling infrastructure leads to more people on bikes, healthier communities and a new perception that is families on bikes – Mums, Dads, Brothers, Sisters and children of all ages and abilities.

There must be brave moves made in securing transport investment for a District-wide cycling investment. There have been great successes in recreational infrastructure and Bike Waikato appreciate the continued investment in the extension of the regional cycle trails network. However, there is now the demand for an increase in cycling infrastructure in our towns, villages and rural areas to provide for an increase in those that choose to ride bikes.

What we like.

- A vision of connected, liveable communities. It is important that active travel is an integral part of future structure plans, particularly in the District's rapidly expanding main centres, to offer the community affordable, environmentally sustainable travel choices.
- A Capital Projects list with over \$1m invested each year for footpaths and cycleway improvements over the ten year LTP period.
- A further \$1.2m investment in the Te Awa River Ride between Hamilton and Cambridge in 2023.
- "Working together with you" Bike Waikato welcomes the opportunity to work together with Council as a key stakeholder in developing the Waikato District's active travel network.

Where there could be improvements.

- Tackling Congestion & Public Transport
 - The opportunity to reduce vehicular traffic through enabling greater use of active travel modes is not considered in the options presented for tackling the significant issue of increasing traffic volumes.
 - The preferred option for reducing congestion does not improve public transport or active travel options except for minor improvements to Huntly rail station.
 - In a decade where transformational change is essential to reduce carbon emissions from private transport, a more ambitious strategy to enable modal shift is imperative.
- Road to Zero
 - Bike Waikato do not support the preferred option of funding a reduced programme of safety improvements as part of the road to zero strategy. Given the high rates of deaths and serious injuries on our District's roads and Waka Kotahi's commitment to reducing deaths and serious injuries(DSIs), applications for further funding or reallocation of existing funds must be implemented.
 - Reducing the reliance on motor vehicles is not considered as a means of reducing DSIs. Short-term investments in active travel will reduce the reliance on the already deteriorating road network, saving maintenance costs in the future as walking and cycling facilities are significantly cheaper to maintain than roads.
- Encouraging Active Travel options



- We disagree with the preferred option of funding only a footpath improvement programme when addressing the issue of poor walking and cycling connectivity.
- Bike Waikato supports well-connected active travel network will not only help to reduce our effects on the environment, but also enables more equitable transport options for those in our community who do not have the option of driving.
- Security of funding
 - The LTP un-funded projects list includes a significant number of walking and cycling initiatives. There must be a clear signal to central government that funding for cycling infrastructure is non-negotiable. For too long the NLTF has underfunded cycling and active travel modes or prioritised road improvements and maintenance.
 - If there are project delays, then funding for cycling infrastructure should not be reallocated to other activities. Funding secured via the LTP and Waka Kotahi should stay with cycling initiatives and project delivery should be structured in order to be responsive.
 - Recent central government policy regarding climate change and greenhouse gas emissions now makes the identification of low-emissions transport a priority. Investment in alternative travel modes should be the new business as usual.
- We suggest that a district-wide active travel network is developed, with a particular focus on connectivity between existing and growing centres, including links to existing infrastructure in neighbouring areas such as the Auckland and Hamilton borders. Bike Waikato welcomes the opportunity to work together with Waikato District Council to develop this plan to best serve the needs of our community.

We would appreciate the time to be heard at a hearing.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Porter, Bike Waikato

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Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1756****Full Name: Te Kauwhata Community Committee****Wish to speak to submission: Yes****Topic 1 – General Rates Increase****Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

The Committee SUPPORTS OPTION 1 (to set the general rate increase at 9% in Year 1; 3.5% in Year 2; and 3.5% in Year 3)

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

The Committee SUPPORTS OPTION 2 (to sell pensioner housing to a responsible service provider so long as there is an assurance that the existing tenants would be able to stay in their homes)

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

The Committee SUPPORTS OPTION 2 on the proviso that Resource Recovery Centres are provided in Huntly and Tuakau. The Committee understands that this option will not cancel the collection planned for 2020/221.

The Committee recommends that Te Kauwhata residents have the ability to drop off their inorganic waste to the town's transfer station for collection and can be transported to the Huntly Recovery Centre. The collection service could be expanded to other locations where transfer stations exist.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:****Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**

Comment:

See attached for further details

Attachment: Yes

Te Kauwhata Community Committee

Submission on the Waikato District Council's 2021-2031 Long Term Plan

The Te Kauwhata Community Committee (the Committee) wish to make a submission on Waikato District Council's 2021-2031 Long Term Plan. **THE COMMITTEE WISHES TO BE HEARD.**

The Committee's submission is as follows.

1. General Rates Increase

The Committee **SUPPORTS OPTION 1** (to set the general rate increase at 9% in Year 1; 3.5% in Year 2; and 3.5% in Year 3)

2. Pensioner Housing

The Committee **SUPPORTS OPTION 2** (to sell pensioner housing to a responsible service provider so long as there is an assurance that the existing tenants would be able to stay in their homes)

3. Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

The Committee **SUPPORTS OPTION 2** on the proviso that Resource Recovery Centres are provided in Huntly and Tuakau. The Committee understands that this option will not cancel the collection planned for 2020/221.

The Committee recommends that Te Kauwhata residents have the ability to drop off their inorganic waste to the town's transfer station for collection and can be transported to the Huntly Recovery Centre. The collection service could be expanded to other locations where transfer stations exist.

4. Te Kauwhata's Blueprints and Community Projects

The Committee **SUPPORTS THE ACTION ITEMS WHICH MAKE UP TE KAUWHATA'S BLUEPRINT**, specifically **THE CONTINUED WALKWAY DEVELOPMENTS** within the Te Kauwhata community as part of the Council's walkway concepts.

As a community committee we are supportive of **better connections with new housing developments within the area** including (but not limited to):

- Walkway Loop via Travers Road, Wayside Road and Te Kauwhata Road;
- A commitment of \$150,000 to be used for the construction of the Whangamarino Walkway (Blunt Road to Whangamarino Wetlands)
- All aspects of the Te Kauwhata Domain project – making it a central hub for sports and leisure activities.

THESE THREE INITIATIVE SUPPORT THE COUNCIL'S COMMITMENT TO LIVING, THRIVING, AND CONNECTING COMMUNITIES.

5. The committee **RECOMMENDS Item 7.2 of the Blueprint (TO CONSIDER A HEAVY VEHICLE DIVERSION USING MAHI ROAD TO REDUCE TRUCKS THROUGH THE VILLAGE) BEING MADE A PRIORITY** for the following reasons:
- i. To ensure residents are able to exit car park on the main street safely
 - ii. To ensure pedestrians can cross the main street safely
 - iii. Heavy vehicles are not tempted to park illegally in the middle of the road or to take up multiple spaces thereby prevents resident parking.

The house at 126 Waerenga Rd could be part of this plan, although there are other design options.

6. In addition, the Committee **RECOMMENDS THAT PRIORITY BE GIVEN TO THE REINSTATEMENT OF A RAILWAY STATION** based on the following reasons:
- i. Te Kauwhata's new housing developments are attractive to commuters to both Hamilton and Auckland. Providing a means of public transport will provide an alternative means of transport to both cities.
 - ii. Waikato District Council's decision to support the reinstatement of a railway station will reflect the council's intent to support a reduction of carbon emissions within the district and beyond.
 - iii. The health and well-being of residents will be enhanced through a reduction in stress which will enhance their work output.
7. Lastly, the Committee **RECOMMENDS THAT PRIORITY ALSO BE GIVEN FOR AN IMPROVED BUS SERVICE FOR THE COMMUNITY** to both Hamilton and to connect with commuter train services to South Auckland railway stations. An improved service would:
- I. Provide the community with additional commuter options (as highlighted in 6.i. above).
 - II. Enable older members of the community to travel further afield, thereby improving their independence.
 - III. Reduce the number of private vehicle movements thereby reducing carbon emissions

This submission was approved by the Te Kauwhata Community Committee at its meeting on Wednesday, 5 May 2021.

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1365 & 1517

Full Name: Peter Roberts

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

You don't need any encouragement to waste money

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

Community boards etc will get better value for money than the idiots you employ

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

To not have any provision to seal rural roads in the next 10 years is a disgrace. You are plundering rural ratepayers to build infrastructure for people who haven't paid any WDC rates yet. Stick to your primary role and not just role over and do central govts bidding(for example SNAs taking property rights without compensation).

Why fix what is not broken. In an earlier submission I explain community boards probably got better value for money than the paid idiots in Ngaruawahia. Any money available to help mitigate the

damage you are doing with SNAs should be ring fenced and not be allowed to fall in that hole in the ground called WDC. Is this just another case of centralising more and more power and control

Cheers Peter Roberts

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1837****Full Name: Port Waikato Residents and Rate Payers Association****Wish to speak to submission: Yes****Topic 1 – General Rates Increase****Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Our preference would be Option 1 if this enables WDC to reduce debt

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Our choice is Option 2 if this enables WDC to reduce debt, if rental costs and service levels to tenants remain the same

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Our choice is Option 1. This is already an issue in Port Waikato from residents and visitors alike. Without an Inorganic collection, as a consequence of our low socio economic pockets of community, dumping of large refuse that they are unable/unwilling to dispose of correctly will end up dumped in our large ecological sand dune area

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:****Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions****Comment:**

Erosion

The committee requests WDC's ongoing commitment to the current project, the great work done so far and future needs. Findings show this is directly affected by community stormwater (next point). What are the plans and commitment from WDC going forward in regard to who, what, funding and cost allocation.

Stormwater

As well as erosion factors relating to lack of drainage and overland flow mapping at the Sunset Beach Carpark area, 109-111 and 158 Maunsell Road are flooded at every rain event due to the complete lack of stormwater drainage. There is an open drain behind 135-139 Maunsell Road which has resulted in structure flooding on multiple occasions. The community requests a resolution to these reoccurring issues. The community also requests surveying, GIS and current infrastructure mapping to design a system upgrade and a maintenance programme to the current system.

The creek that drains the swamp (stormwater receptacle area) along the back of Ashwell Drive to a pumpstation is also clogged as it has not been dredged/maintained in some time and has a very slow flow. This will create backflow issues as wet weather exacerbates the system. This stormwater disposal pathway needs a regular maintenance schedule.

Streetlights

The LDP is entitled "Liveable Thriving Connected Communities". However many streets in Port Waikato do not have adequate street lighting and as such we believe our streets are not safe for residents to live, thrive or connect in the evenings due to safety concerns. The community requests an improvement plan for safety reasons.

Wharf

Thank you for the recent repairs. What are the plans & commitment from WDC to Port Waikato in terms of what, who, funding and consultation on progress. The community requests a timetable and cost allocation reports to ensure we are kept informed regarding this valuable asset.

Library

The community feels the LTP is an opportunity for Port Waikato to have (along with other northern rural areas) a mobile library service. Port Waikato lost it's community-built library due to the building being undermined by rabbits causing structure concerns and whilst the popular Little Library is a great measuring stick for interest, it doesn't have the capacity or regular book turn-over required.

Playgrounds

The three playgrounds are identified for renewals, firstly Maraetai Bay playground in 2021/2022 financial year. There is some supposition by WDC that the 2015 proposal was not supported however I remind you of a Report submitted in 2015 with a community petition encouraging the proposal proceed. The community requests that WDC acknowledge the community support for this renewal and approaches the community for design consultation before renewals are undertaken.

Boat Ramp Carparks

There are two boat ramps at Port Waikato. Ramp 1 at the Wharf and Ramp 2 several kilometers toward Tuakau. With the increased population in North Waikato and increased ramp usage, parking has become an issue. Whilst we are encouraging the use of the Ramp 2 to reduce vehicle traffic and parking in both the congested dairy/wharf carpark and along the side of the Port Waikato Tuakau Bridge Road. We request a parking plan for both boat ramps to increase safety for our recreation users, dairy pedestrians and road users. We would also like to see at least one ramp improved so it is suitable for use by disabled members of the community.

Maraetai Bay Bollards

Thank you for the ongoing works at Maratai Bay with the bollard safety barrier for our children and playground users. We look forward to the project completion and subsequent vehicle restrictions.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1418

Full Name: Don Good on behalf of Waikato Chamber of Commerce

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: Yes

SUBMISSION BY THE WAIKATO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ON THE WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCIL 10-YEAR BUDGET 2021-2031 LONG TERM PLAN CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

1. The Waikato Chamber of Commerce appreciates the opportunity to make a submission on the Waikato District Council Long Term Plans and Budgets.
2. Waikato District is a growth region. It is experiencing growing pains.
3. In the past four years we have seen the results of a degradation in the investment in core local government services across New Zealand with a large negative effect on citizens wellbeing.
4. **Several local councils throughout NZ have been caught with their fundamental infrastructure failing.**
 - **Auckland** with its water woes, port investments, and traffic congestion.
 - **Wellington** with its burst wastewater pipes, traffic congestion and dysfunctional governance,
 - **Tauranga** struggling with transport congestion, lack of land for building, and dysfunctional governance,
 - the list goes on.
5. **Prioritise the Need to Have**
 - The basis of our submission is that Waikato District Council must invest in **Need to Have** projects not **Nice to Have** pet projects
 - We all want to pay less, but high-quality infrastructure should have precedence over **nice to have** expenditure.
6. **Listen to the Business Community**
 - The Council must listen to business community as economic well-being and the ensuing economic prosperity underpins and pays for the other well beings
 - Business can walk as has been seen by APL and articulated by Gallaghers at the recent Hamilton City Council submissions
7. **Asset Stewardship.**
 - Local councils throughout NZ have a poor record of asset stewardship. They have not spent wisely on keeping its assets up to scratch.
 - You are trustees of assets for future generations. You must ensure they are looked after, not left to fall into disrepair.
8. **Budget**
 - Is the Council serious about cost savings?

- There are new and innovative budgeting techniques for larger multi-layered entities such as Councils.
- Are we embracing Strategic or Collaborative Budgeting to keep cost under control and stay agile and lean?

9. Procurement

- We note that some councils are using firms from out of the Waikato for some of their work. We see that local firms are missing even the short list for council projects.
- We contend that “Buy Local” should be at the core of the Councils procurement criteria and have a much higher weighting in its assessment matrix.

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10. Rates Model,

- Just increasing rates is unfair
- Council have not acknowledged that personal and business incomes have been hard hit by Covid-19 and the yo-yoing lockdowns and the adaption to new ways of operating.

11. There are Alternative Tools to fund growth

- There are 5 tools that would give Council the means to efficiently fund the costs of growth and necessary upgrades to ease the pressure on ratepayers.
 - Borrowing more at a time interest rates for Councils are well under 2%, using the emergency provisions of the Local Government Borrowing Act in these post Covid-19 days and
 - Using the new 2020 IFF lending regime that is off balance sheet and in collaboration with private investment
 - Collaborating with Kianga Ora, who have significant funds available for infrastructure projects for their developments
 - Working with central government to fund national asset infrastructure and
 - User Pays charging

New Borrowing Mechanisms are Available

12. Levying higher rates should not be the default funding mechanism.

13. **Under Section 15 of the Local Government Borrowing Act 2011,**

14. the Crown can lend money to the Funding Agency when the Minister considers it necessary to meet an exceptional and temporary liquidity shortfall.

15. Waikato District is growing, it needs investment

16. There is also the opportunity to use a new Infrastructure Funding Tool – our source The Treasury - December the 12th 2019

17. *New Zealand is growing fast, but housing and associated infrastructure are not keeping pace. In high growth areas such as Auckland, Waikato, Tauranga, and Queenstown more housing is needed. Councils in these areas face borrowing constraints that can mean investment in viable infrastructure projects has to be postponed – including infrastructure essential for underpinning new housing developments.*
18. *To tackle this issue, the Government has worked closely with the high-growth councils to develop a new alternative funding and finance tool.*
19. *The tool will allow private capital to be accessed to get infrastructure built sooner than would otherwise be the case, without putting pressure on council balance sheets.*
20. *It will also help make the cost of new infrastructure more transparent, while spreading that cost so it falls primarily on the homeowners who benefit, including over time and across generations.*
21. *Water and transport infrastructure (including cycleways, roads, and public transport infrastructure) could be funded using the tool, as well as certain community amenities and environmental resilience infrastructure, such as flood protection.*
22. *The tool will complement rather than replacing existing council planning and decision-making processes. It will be an important addition to the high-growth councils funding and financing toolkit, helping them start viable housing and urban development projects sooner, unencumbered by financing constraints*
23. *Why is it not being used??*

User Pays

- The council provides a huge amount of value to its citizens and others either free or at a significant discount to cost recovery
- This needs to change to more equitably share the costs of the value that users enjoy

24. The Role of Government

- Critical to offsetting the ratepayers' burden, is the Waikato bringing central government inside the tent as a full partner to develop national infrastructure assets like Southern Links, Cambridge to Piarere and the Hamilton to Tauranga Expressway.
- Cooperation across the Waikato is possible and both Councils and central government have indicated a desire to work better together.

- The Waikato won a share of 'shovel ready' infrastructure fund projects. Why haven't the shovels started working? Do we not have the strength of voice to get these projects funded and started by Central Government?
- The Waikato Expressway, and most especially the recently completed Huntly Bypass demonstrates what can be done with central government funding to get the Waikato moving and more productive by improving key transport assets. That project has done more to attract businesses to the Waikato than any other initiative.

25. The Private sector has money to invest, and expertise to be drawn upon

- Council and partners from across the government must get alongside the local private sector to identify what to do differently, who could do it better, and what ownership and operating models should be employed to deliver superb results.
- Council has an asset portfolio that would be attractive to private sector investors and operators.
- Owner-operator is not the only model Council should consider. There are funding, financing, and operating models to investigate.
- From Infrastructure Funding & Finance borrowing to special purpose bonds, a project specific levy, or PPPs. It is having the will to find the way.
- It is time to review how Council funds, finances, and operates infrastructure services and builds assets.

26. Strategic national assets located in the Waikato like our transport network and links to the rest of the North Island must be optimised – and maintained.

- New Zealand productivity, not just that of the Waikato, is impacted when there is slow progress in upgrading key arterial transport routes such as Southern Links, for the free flow of trade, freight, and people.
- The Chamber is heartened by the Waikato Expressway project and we promote big spends on key road, cycle, and pedestrian mobility to create in the future an integrated transport network across our city.
- Electric vehicles are here but they are coming in volume over the next three years. A paradigm shift is being funded by all the major vehicle manufacturers. In Norway 55% of new vehicles are EVs.
- We must ensure our roads have hi speed charging facilities and are EV friendly.

Efficiencies

- The Waikato District Council cannot guarantee cost savings in its budget. It has not achieved substantial savings in the past. The Budget does not itemise what are you going to do to save money.
- The Chamber requests more detail be provided on where these cost savings can be achieved.

- The Chamber requests a robust and searching review of Council's internal cost structures, and budget processes, holding the view, like many others, that further savings and efficiencies can be found to offset rate increases.
- The Chamber believes that a transparent and independent review of core and non-core services is timely.

Amalgamation

The elephant in the room. To be pursued willingly or have it foisted on us by Central Government

- Without dismissing the difficulty to act, the Chamber questions whether the Council has pursued Amalgamation with robust energy, if at all. There is nothing in your plans, no discussion in your meetings, no leadership in your presentations to Central Government on amalgamating the 12 Waikato councils into one.
- The Waikato has always been riven by petty patch protection, but business is finding your boundaries artificial and arbitrary, costly to work with, time consuming, illogical, and unproductive.
- We have raised this issue in 2014, in 2018 and now in 2021.
 - There are 12 territorial authorities in the Waikato region governing 500,000 people. 12 replications, 12 governance bodies, 12 bureaucracies, 12 large cost centres, 12 voices singing off separate song sheets, 12 entities with different rules for business to deal with.
 - Waikato businesses work, play and live across those boundaries. They are unnecessary hurdles. They create unnecessary complexity. They create competition rather than collaboration. They have no natural logic.
- The lines that define these territories bear no resemblance to reality. They are archaic and are holding back the Waikato from achieving a prosperous future

CONCLUSION

- Council must change and set the pace in containing costs, advocating for amalgamation, leveraging its huge assets, and creating new funding, financing and operating mechanisms that support growth in partnership with central government and private enterprise.
- We make our suggestions and recommendations in a positive and constructive spirit to support the liveability and viability of our city and its governance,
- We look forward to speaking to our submissions and our input being included in your final Long Term Plan document.

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1830

Full Name: David Whyte for Ohinewai Area Committee

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

See attached for further information

Attachment: Yes

Ohinewai Area Committee Long Term Plant Submission May 2021

Ohinewai area is full of practical folk, who like to get things done. We are concerned that the rate rises may be caused, at least in part, by organisational creep, rather than the Council continuing to provide the core services. Unfortunately, we do see that that the council is moving away from doing this. The following examples are what is actually happening on the ground and illustrate our concerns that core services no longer seem to be the councils focus, and as a result the level of service is dropping below acceptable standards.

a) **Dangerous holes in infrastructure.** This story starts in 2016, when the Huntly bypass was starting, and some person drover into the railway bridge, taking out half a side section. The concrete stop structure of this bridge is cracking / Spalling / degrading so it is easy to break. Given this hole was large enough to swallow a child, and children were biking across this bridge to get to school, we requested that WDC fit it. The reply was “no” and wouldn’t be done until the Huntly bypass was finished. Therefore, one of the members of our community patched up the hole with a sheet of plywood, and cable ties.

Periodically since 2016 we have requested that the hole be fixed – the CRMs seem to be getting closed off as we’ve had to open new ones when we find this has happened. The construction of the Huntly bypass has finished and yet it is still not fixed. So, despite promises in 2017, 2019 and 2020 that it would be done soon, we are still awaiting a real repair.

In the meantime the temporary plywood has been patched up again.



Current state of hole in Ohinewai bridge



Example of another fix on the bridge to the same problem (photo sent to council)

This is a basic service, however one that the council and councils contractors are seem unable to accurate and proactivity service.

b) **Gutter cleaning.** Ohinewai has surprisingly a quite a large area of concrete gutters. Along both the old SH1, and the infrastructure around the road systems around the express way. The figure below highlights in yellow the concrete gutters that the council are responsible for.



Locals of concrete gutters in Ohinewai highlighted in yellow

In times past, when locals realized that the gutters needed cleaning, they raised a job with the council, and the contractors came out and cleaned the gutters. However, with the change of contractors a number of years ago, this system no longer works.

Locals attempted for quite some time to get action on this matter. An example of how bad things had become is shown below.

Eventually we did get some action, after community members spent a Sunday afternoon cleaning the gutters themselves and sending a blistering email to the council. This finally produced a result, and a commitment that these gutters would be cleaned regularly.



Without any cleaning, the gutters became overflowing with dirt.

Now the gutter cleaning occurred over a year ago, and thus we are concerned that regular means when we spit the dummy again. Since currently the gutters are well overdue for a clean and examples of this are shown over the page.



Current state of Ohinewai gutters.

This is a basic service, however one that the council and council's contractors who seem unable to accurate and proactivity service.

c) Grate clearing.

Along with the gutters, there are grates. After the above incident, there was a commitment by the council/contractors to clean the grates twice a year. Now without monitoring we don't know if this is occurring. One grate in particular is more visible than others – 6 months ago it built up with dirt, sand and filth and became 100% covered. A local got out a spade and cleaned it themselves in April. We didn't get any photos of this grate, but did get a photo from another grate as follows. This indicates that grate cleaning isn't happening as stated.



Play spot the grate. Hardly 'regular' cleaning here!

This is a basic service, however one that the council and council's contractors are seem unable to accurate and proactivity service.

b) **Ponding issues.** We might be getting to the bottom of this problem. In Lilley Lane, apparently 11 years ago suddenly a particular grate started to pond after rain. We would acknowledge that contractors are (hopefully) making progress on this. It took a lot of work to convince council/contractors that it wasn't a sink hole (a concrete base to the catch pit would indicate this!) and it wasn't supposed to produce a pond.



Photo of ponding whenever it rains

It shouldn't take 11 (assuming it is soon fixed) years to find a blockage in a pipe network. This is a basic core service, yet one that has taken years to fix and many complaints from locals.

e) **Roundabouts.** The 2 roundabouts have been a bug bear of many residents. These are the two entrances to our community. And between haphazard mowing, squashed signage and omnipresent litter these entrance statements are hardly attractive.

It was understood that the roundabout on the on/off ramp system were Transit / NZTA's. However more recent discussions had led to the understanding that they are both in fact WDC. This seems to be an agreement all around.

Since this agreement, we have noticed that the roundabouts are now being mown when the verges are mowed, every 6 months or yearly? So this is a step in the right direction. However going forward, we are looking for a more regular solution to have them well looked after.

That is to have the signs in good order all the time as it seems that heavy truck traffic seems to bash them regularly. So maybe a redesign is required to accommodate trucks better. We did discuss with WDC a few years ago about changing the roundabouts out from grass to something that wouldn't require much maintenance, and yet still look attractive, e.g. low pebble/rock installation. obstacle such as random shoe box sized rocks, old signage, broken storm-water inspection system fixed so that the whole roundabout can be mown instead of leaving 'random' unmown patches.

So work is required to bring things up to an acceptable standard. And given the larger traffic increase that is going to occur going forward, in time a higher level of service will be required. Ie garden round about, or some other way of making the entrance more attractive.

f) **Pee and Poo problem.** Since the opening of the Huntly bypass Ohinewai ramp system, and associated roads have become poo and pee central. Huntly is a bladders drive South of Auckland – one business did due diligence around bladder capacities before setting up in Huntly as a tourist stop. Most folk would have seen the masses of people before the Huntly bypass opened around the public loos in the North end of Huntly.

With the Huntly bypass there are no loo stops anymore along the motorway. So Ohinewai has become the loo stopping location. What was once a low level annoyance of having a side road with greenery that was unkept, and a road verge never mown, has become a full blown problem. With a regular plethora of genitalia on display as people urinated in public, nappies and adult poo are appearing regularly.



Used nappy and wet wipes



Large adult human poo. Now swished flat due to someone driving over it.

If, and when, the Sleepyhead development goes ahead, and if/when the proposed petrol station which is part of this goes ahead, then the problem will reduce. However, this could be many years away. Thus we are looking for more short term solutions.

Going forward does WDC have enough funds to address the lack of mowing, the unruly greenery, the rampant weeds? We want to have the area tidied up so that folk feel less comfortable reliving themselves and lower the number of poo / pee stops.

Conclusion

As residents in a rural area, we are paying a lot of rates. We would like that the council to focus on core services, looking after current assets. Although we reluctantly accept the rate rise, we are highly worried that it is not core service related. We are also concerned that that senior management are not aware of the crap job that is occurring in our community, and think that core services are sorted, so they can focus on less mundane matters.

Ohinewai Area Committee

Chair: Peter Brown

Secretary: Catherine Maher

Members: Joy Dugdale Lyn Welch Katie Wigmore John Hill David Whyte
 Paul Tubic Bruce Bateup Mike Keleher Graham Dwight
 Wayne Cooper

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1720

Full Name: David Whyte for Huntly Community Board

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

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Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

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Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: Yes



Submission to the Long Term Plan
May 2021

Huntly Community Board (HCB) supports:

Moving of the council housing to a social housing provider. The council is not set up to provide a good landlord service, and as such, the tenants would be better serviced by a social housing provider. The one caveat to this, is that the housing must stay with a social housing provider in perpetuity.

Animal control

HCB is aware that roaming dogs are a problem for Huntly. As much as if a member of the public captures a dog, and ties it up, animal control does an amazing service. Huntly requires a regular, proactive animal patrol that can deal with roaming dogs. Most trips through the suburbs of Huntly, one comes across a dog out and about.

Therefore any increase to the animal control budget that would allow proactive patrolling of the community we would fully support.

Footpath budget

HCB fully supports an increase in the new footpath budget. Huntly is missing a large number of footpaths that should be in existence, sprinkled randomly through the township. Therefore we support more footpaths being created in the district

Inorganic kerbside rubbish collection

HCB appreciates that this is a complex and expensive activity. However we strongly support this continuing. This is because of the socio-economics of Huntly.

Imagine this situation. One is living in a very financially strapped home. The home requires some kind of lounge seating. Given one doesn't have the cash for a high quality, lifetime purchase. The following options are the only ones available:

- Hand me down. Maybe someone you know is upgrading their couch, thus one can obtain a hand me down from a friend or whanau. This is a great solution. However hand me downs by their very nature are close to their end of life. Because of they were not, the owners would not have upgraded.
- Second hand. Maybe a second hand couch can be scored from an op shop, or from trademe. Again a good option, but the couch is likely to be near the end of lifetime
- New on tick. It is also possible to obtain a new couch, by placing it on tick. However the item will still be at the low end of the market. Thus will easily break, or be damaged.

Now this holds true for many things in the home from stereo systems, fridges, dinning road furniture, large toys for kids etc.

This is why if one drives through Huntly on an inorganic kerbside rubbish collection there can often a significant amount of detritus and large household items. That are produced due to the inherent short lifespan of the goods.

If the inorganic kerbside rubbish was discontinued, the following would occur:

- Build up of rubbish on sections. If the price of disposing of goods is high, and it is, and will continue to go up, then folks will stash the goods on their own sections. Thus rubbish will build up on sections. At first this is likely to be out the back some place out of site. But as time goes on, this space will be used up, and thus storage will migrate to more visible parts of the section. Not only is this unsightly, it carries a large number of risks. From the obvious such as rats, to the less obvious like lack of access to emergency services, through to the things like higher fire load resulting in more intense fires, and ability for fires to more easy spread.
- Dumping of rubbish, both on council grounds and private. The logical solution to expensive rubbish disposal is to dump it some place where it is 'free' to dispose of. Whether that be at a council roadside or reserve, or an empty section, down a gully, in some bush or wherever one can find a spot.

This will obviously increase costs for the council who will need to pick up the materials from council owned land. However for well hidden dump sites, the rubbish and material will start to decompose, produce leachate and contaminate the environment. None of which is a healthy long term outcome.

- Burning of materials. There was a sharp increase in the smell of burning plastic (a highly carcinogenic substance) once the council had pay by the rubbish sack. The council is not responsible for education and enforcement of burning waste. Thus the real cost of rubbish stickers moved from the local council to the regional council. And given the regional council doesn't really care, and doesn't really respond to plastic burning complaints, plastic burning, nor does it undertake any education, Huntly folks are exposed throughout winter and sometimes throughout the year, to these toxins.

It is well known that the time to be able to exit a burning home, has massively reduced. From ~17 minutes 30 years ago, to 3-4 minutes. This is because modern homes are full of things that produce highly toxic gases and fumes when burnt. Thus with burning becoming the preferred option for disposal, the population will be exposed to more airborne high carcinogenic toxins.

This is not a longer term healthy situation for residents who live in low socio-economic areas.

We believe that the costs outlined above, are larger than the direct fianaceal costs of the service. Thus believe that this service should continue.

We would support this being moved to biannual to save costs. Also given that the dumping fees must be related to volume and weight, we suggest that having this undertaken in the early autumn when rain is low probability, would reduce the expense, given many items put out for disposal absorb water in the rain, thus massively increasing there weight.

Lastly we would point of that having the likes of Xtreme Waste model in action around the district would produce positive results that are associated with the inorganic rubbish pickup, without the costs and risks associated with the current service.

Huntly is very keen to have a similar system. And we must note that the Xtreme Waste model is based around localization, and as such is designed for lots of small sites around the district rather than one centralized processing facility. There are many reasons for this, but the most obvious is local buy in by local people. So people are employed (no volunteers) from the local community to serve the local community. So large buy into the project. Secondly localized means nimble. Maybe Huntly has unique needs that other towns don't have. Thus the operation can bring in new ideas, new focuses or whatever is required to meet these needs. A large centralized system does not have the same ability to be quick footed.

Comments of Funding

We think that being efficient with public money is fundamentally important. We also think that equal opportunity to access this money is also a solid principle to follow.

Inherently councils are likely to be less efficient than external organisations. So in principle think moving discretionary funding to a nimble efficient charity is a wise move. The concern we have is that we have is the invisible and significant barriers that this places into places like Huntly, compared for more affluent communities.

These barriers are inherit in the system. For example funding applications, that are written as opposed to firstly relational, and then the relationship leading to formal application. Local folk find at times it difficult enough to connect with the community board which is still within their community. Let alone another organisation which is a faceless entity based in another community.

We think a more efficient way to manage the community boards funding would be to use technology to create efficiency. And this technology could be used to create better transparency and easy access to record keeping.

If community boards completely looked after their own money, and every meeting uploaded to a website, bank account snapshots, and all receipts were digitized and uploaded as well. Thus the community at any time could have fully access to what exactly is going on. This highly transparent system could be completely managed by the community board themselves.

Comments on KPI's

We note that some of the KPI's require input from members of the public, and one would assume that at least some of these would be measured via polling of the public.

We are concerned that folks of Huntly would not show up in the polling data. This is because we are a low socio-economic area. And thus have low land line uptake. **We would urge the council to make sure they poll both land lines and cell phones so that accurate data is obtained.**

Secondly we are very aware that we live in a community that experiences some level of **internet poverty**. Thus any KPI that uses internet as a way to collate data, or communicate information, should be modified to include those without internet.

Thirdly we feel that a KPI is missing that focuses on 'high risk' CRM's that have a higher probability of not being followed through. We would acknowledge that WDC does an excellent job with CRM's raised across a number of areas. For example animal control, sign maintenance,

dumped rubbish pick up, graffiti removal, all have excellent track records and provide high quality service. However other areas do not have the same track record.

CRM's that are not regularly raised (ie one off jobs), and often related to roading systems, have a much lower chance of success. For example trimming of vegetation over footpaths, cleaning of areas not already done, cleaning out grate pits, street light replacement, addressing missing pavers, fixing broken fence etc. These are all jobs that are raised as one off jobs, and not with the same regularity as say dumped rubbish, and often have some complexity associated with them. Therefore these jobs have a high risk of non completion and/or non communication.

Therefore it make sense to focus on these jobs, to monitor them, and to independently check that they are done. Instead of focusing on overall CRM completion where they get significantly out numbered by the more regular CRM's and thus get 'lost' in the data.

We would suggest that these **one off jobs need to be specificity tracked and audited** so that the state of these 'high risk' CRM's is known.

There is a KPI for safe travel, copied from pg 140 it states:

Safe Travel The change from the previous financial year in the number of fatalities and serious injury crashes on the local road network, expressed as a number. And goes on to state that first year it should be reduced by 1, then by 2 further units every year.

As much as we applaud the intent, we don't think this is an appropriate KPI for the council. This is because in essence the council has little to no control over fatalities and serious injuries, other than making sure the overall roading systems are not a contributing factor to crashes.

For example, the figure below the page shows total number of deaths on NZ roads over time. Now assuming that WDC deaths, follow an approximately similar tend, did the council do anything



differently to cause the upward trend from the 1940's through to last 80's? And did the council then change things and cause the downward trend that has occurred through the 90's to 2010?

We think not. The downward trend was driven by all sorts of things, including:

- Wearing of seat belts
- Reduction in driving while drunk
- Introduction of ABS
- Introduction of airbags
- Introduction of crumple zones on cars

Another example that is more pertinent to Huntly, is the tragic deaths that occur in our township on a semi-regular basis due to road accidents. An example was an awful car accident that occurred on the old SH1 corridor approximately a year or so ago. Two young males were in a car, which crashed into a traffic barrier. They took out >50 meters of the barrier (indicating excessive speed), and one died on the scene and the other in hospital afterwards. Now the odds of death are slim if the speed was at or under the 70 km/hr speed limit, seat belts were worn, and safe driving was undertaken.

Could the council have prevented this truly tragic loss of life? We do not think so, since the council would have to have a massive impact into the youth of the town, transforming their views of driving, change attitudes to seat belts, speeding, 'joy riding' and no doubt other things as well. These are all subconscious intergenerational belief systems. These are very difficult to change, and the council is not in the job of attempting to tackle these complex problems (if they were easy to change the central government would have already done so with intergenerational poverty).

This flows on to the next point – high risk drivers. High risk drivers, which make up a small percentage of the population, make up, from memory, 30-40% of the death / significant injury statistics. There is a large volume of work that describes the variables / indicators for these drivers, and their behaviours. One behaviour is not wearing a seatbelt, and thus approximately a third of deaths on NZ roads are by folks not wearing a seat belt. Thus after decades of 'education' the behaviours of high risk drivers has not changed.

So at a national level there are drivers of accident and death rates that are beyond the council control. At a local level there are drivers for accidents that are also way beyond the councils control. Thus we do not support at all a KPI that is independent of councils ability.

Thus if the council wants to have a target for safe travel, they need to have it based upon something they can control. So for example a KPI such as:

- Death and serious injury numbers based upon road surface being a cause / contributing factor (ie road too smooth causing loss of traction or pot holes causing loss control etc)
- Death and serious injury where road conditions were a cause / contributing factor. That is things like vegetation causing loss of sight lines, corners with incorrect camber, inappropriate signage etc.

KPI's for water

KPI states: 'The total number of complaints received by the local authority on drinking water clarity, drinking water taste, drinking water odour, drinking water pressure or flow, continuity of Supply, the local authority's response to any of these issues, expressed per 1000 connections to the local authority's networked reticulation system.'

– current have ~20 complaints per 1000 connections and KPI sits at 25

Is this KPI set per year, that is total number of complaints per year, or another timebase? Secondly is it total incidents or total number of complaints.

For example, if any of the stated issues occur then it is going to impact more than one household / connection. So if two people in the street complain, is this two complaints, or given it is one incident, is it counted as one complaint?

Water loss

KPI states: ‘The percentage real water loss from the local authority's networked reticulated system (including a description of the methodology used to calculate this).’ Currently at ~ 33% and goal at 28% for next 3 years.

We do not think that this goal is acceptable. This is because:

Supply of potable drinking water is a core business for council (yes we know this may change). And thus as such getting this operating effectively should be given. Taking a water loss in the network of one litre of water for every three produced is not an effective system.

Secondly In the USA it stated that ‘Average water loss in systems is 16 percent - up to 75 percent of that is recoverable.¹’ and that UNESCO-IHE states regarding an acceptable water loss. ‘< 10% Acceptable, monitoring and control, 10-25% Intermediate, could be reduced > 25% Matter of concern, reduction needed’²

So we do not meet international accepted good standards with out water loss.

Thirdly the reason that water meters where pushed into the community, was that the council stated it would help solve water losses. Therefore the council has the infrastructure in place to trace where water is going, and where it is missing. Hence the water loss should be reducing every year and the goal should not be a static

Therefore the goal in the long term should be get to <10%, a UNESCO acceptable standard. We completely understand that this is a long term goal, so should be the aim by the end of the 10 year long term plan. The first goals should be to get things under 25% loss. So hence we think that the next three years the goals should be 30% (higher than 28% stated, but a 3% reduction from current systems), second year of 27.5% and third year of 25%.

Roading

A KPI states ‘The percentage of customer service requests relating to roads and footpaths to responded to within the time frame specified in the long term plan.’

This is a complete waste of time. Why? Because it only measure if the council allocates a job to a contractor. It does not actually measure if the job ever got done. Re-read that last sentence please. That is correct, the KPI does not tie into if the job got done – ever.

The public cares about things actually being done. Not if the job gets allocated. Therefore the KPI should have a tie into completion to a high standard, without this tie in, the numbers are effectively meaningless.

Would would suggest a KPI such as ‘The percentage of customer service requests where the customer gets an informative callback within the time frame specified in the long term plan (5

1 WATER AUDITS AND WATER LOSS CONTROL FOR PUBLIC WATER SYSTEMS
<https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-04/documents/epa816f13002.pdf>

2 Performance Indicators of Water Losses in Distribution System
http://www.switchurbanwater.eu/outputs/pdfs/GEN_PRS_PI_of_Water_Losses_AC_Apr08.pdf

working days?) and the percentage of work that gets completed within the timeframe stated to the customer’

Open Spaces KPI states “Percentage of customers who are satisfied with Parks and Reserves, including sports fields and playgrounds.”

This on the surface seems a good KPI. However the problem is, people don’t know what they don’t know. For example the board has discovered a completely neglected full sized basketball court in Huntly West. An area that was thought to be without even a half sized court. This court has been neglected and fallen into disrepair. It at one time would have been an amazing asset, with concrete seating along one side, and close to most parts of the suburb.

However no one seemed to know of it’s existence, since clearly it has been in disrepair for some time, and covered in a layer of thatch.

So asking someone from that suburb if they where happy with parks and reserves, they are likely to get a positive response. So this does not pick up on the derelict council infrastructure

We do acknowledge that this would be a challenge to develop a KPI on, but feel it needs to be flagged.

Disciplined management systems

This KPI looks at “The number of total recordable injuries (TRI) at Waikato District Council.” This is a great KPI. A better KPI would include TRI’s that occur to the public due to WDC not looking after their infrastructure to an acceptable standard.

The council has, compared to the number of public, a very small number of employees and therefore a small number of folks this KPI impacts. The risk to the public by a 10+cm high jump in the concrete footpath height caused by roots slowing moving up the concrete pad, is significant. Thus injuries caused by this type of infrastructure failing should be recorded and reported upon.

Currently it appears no way of collating injuries to the public, from council not keeping infrastructure to an acceptable standard. This should be changed.

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1844

Full Name: David Whyte

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

See attached submission for further information

Attachment: Yes

David Whyte Personal Submission to LTP
April 2021

The average citizen doesn't want to engage with the council. They want the council systems to work, and thus enable the rubbish to be picked up, gutters to be cleaned, and potholes fixed without any engagement from them. However there are a minority of folks who understand that we don't live in some kind of perfect, theoretical world, but one where being proactive and engaging with the council to get things fixed, is preferable to moaning about things. Thus it is important to make sure that when folks do speak up, and raise jobs, that they are dealt with in a timely manner.

Reflecting up the things I have learned over the last few years. Firstly staff are great. As a rule staff are excellent to work with. Personable, happy to help, often answer emails in the weekend, eager to make a difference and overall it has been a very positive to learn how keen staff are to help out. And that many requests are quickly and efficiently dealt with.

However not all job requests go as they theoretically should. Just choosing one as an example: **Replacement (or fixing) of seat outside Huntly West Hub.** Photos of 'seat' shown below. First time this was raised as a CRM was 2nd August 2020. As of 28th April 2021, there has been no action change. A total of 263 days at time of writing.



There are themes in this job, that occur in other examples. My point here is not to list out all the failures of the council for all to see, since I don't think that is productive. I am happy to provide further examples if requested. The conclusions that I have drawn from these issues are:

a) The council has not effective way of tracking CRM's. Once a CRM has been allocated to someone. It is seen as completed by the councils system. Thus there is no feedback loop on:

- If the job actually got done
- If the customer got a call back
- If the CRM was coded to the wrong team, did it stay alive or did it die

Thus what the customer cares about, that the job gets done and they are kept in the loop if there are delays or if it is not done. This not tracked at all.

It also makes a complete mockery of KPI's which rely on this data. For example "The percentage of customer service requests relating to roads and footpaths to responded to within the time frame specified in the long term plan." set at 95%.

Which all this measures is, does a job get allocated when it comes in, within 5 working days. It has nothing to do with completions or if the job actually gets done, or done to a high standard.

Solution. As you'll hopefully know I don't like to present problems, without solutions. The solution is obviously a better CRM tracking software. The great news is that this is already a project to address these issues lead by the Chief Information Officer.

LTP impact. I consider this project to be the most important project. However it is not isolated as a separate project (from what I can determine). Thus my question to you'll as councillors is does the CIO have enough resources allocated to this project so that it can progress to a successful conclusion as soon as possible?

b) Council doesn't actually care about the H&S of the public. Yet uses H&S to stop the public from helping. I am sure that council staff would debate this and say they do. Yet actions speak louder than words.

The seat outside a major community centre, has been not fit for purpose for a very very long time. And still is unfit to this day. It has nasty rusty bolts ready to scrap someone, broken down seating ready to fail if someone would dare sit on it. Many sharp objects ready to reach out and scratch and damage someone as they get to close.

It drives me a bit mad, that staff working in the hub on the mainstreet will have regular health and safety meetings where risks are discussed. These risks are hopefully minimal in terms of lost time injury. Yet they can walk outside and get scraped by a rusty screw and catch tetanus, or inflict some other injury if they attempted to use a council asset in the public space.

The double standard is simply mind blowing.

The other thing that this cavalier attitude to public H & S does, is make a very bitter taste in the mouth when the public offer to help out on projects / to move projects along and they are told they can't due to H & S issues. It really isn't about protecting the public, it is about protecting the council. Which is highly frustrating and given how clearly the health of the public is disregarded as they go about their daily business, it creates much anger to be told that the public can't help due to regulations that are not helping in daily life (reword)

LTP impact. Does the council have the ability to track, and present to you'll as overseers the injuries caused by council inactions. From what I have seen no, since when I have raised injuries directly caused by councils lack of maintenance, there has been no follow through.

Find a way to enable and empower the public to help on projects, without the H & S issue preventing volunteering. I suspect this would need to be a separate LTP project given the complexity of the issue.

c) There are not enough inspectors (or not enough resources to fix flagged issues). Given that the seat outside the Huntly West Hub has been this way as long as I can remember, clearly no one is inspecting it regularly. Or if things are being inspected, no actions are coming from it. An effective monitoring would have resulted in the hazardous crossings being addressed before they came this bad.

The obvious solution is to use the community boards and committees to be an independent monitoring system. And once success has occurred, they would be able to coach others on how to do CRM's. Currently given the hit or miss nature of requests, were some are actioned in a very timely manner, and others disappear never to be seen again, **I do not feel comfortable teaching folk how to do CRM's since I am not confident they will have success.** If people do not have success, then they get discouraged and don't engage / attempt to do things. Therefore they need a high chance of a positive outcome for their first CRM.

Thus until there is a very high chance of success from raising a CRM, the workload has to fall back upon the council. This is an interesting example of how not paying attention to the quality, from a customers perspective, has increased costs for the council.

LTP impact. Do we have enough inspectors who actually go out and proactively monitor council assets? And if issues are recorded, can they actually be addressed in a timely manner?

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1796

Full Name: Wendy Harrod

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

May as well get use to the huge increase from the start.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

The tenants in this housing type will benefit from a better service.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

We have private people who are happy to take away whiteware waste, batteries, and a number of other lots of waste we have. This is then recycled.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

I would like to see Developers pay a set rate upfront and over the next, however many years pay a certain % on top of the flat-rate fee. I would like to discuss this at the submission. Going forward this will elevate the pressure on putting up the rates of the homeowners in the area. This is what you are proposing to us the ratepayers. Why not implement this for the developers.

Attachment: Yes

Submission for Wendy & Shane Harrod - Future Rate Increases

Introduction:

My name is Wendy Harrod, and I am representing my husband Shane and myself. We are residents of Pokeno and have lived here for the last 13 years.

With the proposed increase in rates, I would like to put forward an initiative for the developers for future development in Pokeno.

Pokeno over the years:

We moved to Pokeno 13 years a quiet little place with no sub-divisions, street-lights, public transport or a lot of traffic. Over time development comes along like any suburb these days.

Firstly, there was the Pokeno Village Estate which went up at a rapid speed and continues to grow. Within a few years the Hitchen Block sub-division was born and once again bred at a rapid speed somewhat faster than the Pokeno Village Estate development in our eyes.

Along with this comes the growth of the community, traffic and the requirement for major re-development of the roads among many things. We felt the impact of this a couple of years ago when we were asked to join up to the town waste-water supply. Yes, we had an option join up now for approximately \$15,000 or we it would be Compulsory in the future at a cost of approximately \$30,000. However, this will more likely be closer to \$50,000 with the ever-growing costs the council keep reporting on. We chose to join up and go ahead with this now, rather than having to pay an horrendous cost at a later date when it becomes compulsory. We appreciate it was subsidized if we went ahead with it now.

Growth and development are part and parcel of living anywhere these days. The developers have contributed from what we see, a very limited amount to the development of the community-based options ie: sports fields, sports clubs, parks and many other community focused requirements with such a rapid growth.;

Developers Costs:

What we would like to see is the costs the developers pay re-evaluated. As we are not privy to the payments and we don't believe they pay any additional costs than the upfront costs, we would like to propose the following.

- Developers costs overall are reviewed.
- They pay an upfront cost.
- They then pay an additional % increments over 'X' amount of years.

The reasoning for this is when developers first start developments and many years later when they have finished or are near finishing the major re-development of roading among other requirements is then urgently needed.

'X' amount, of years later the costs have increased dramatically, as you are now experiencing. With 'X' % additional payments each year we are then at least keeping up with the increased costs. We, the rate payers are then not hit with such a huge increase in our rates to accommodate this.

Thankyou.

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1492

Full Name: Janice Lapwood & Steve Gow - Momentum Waikato Community Foundation

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

We are supportive of the proposition to repurpose some of the funding that Community Boards, community groups, ratepayers and individuals receive. Repurposing some of the funding would leverage opportunities to partner with philanthropic organisations such as Momentum Waikato, along with philanthropic individuals, to secure additional funding for projects that communities have identified as the greatest needs, thus making a greater impact. Momentum Waikato has a track record of being able to connect and convene generosity from external partners that local government organisations may not otherwise be able to tap into.

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: Yes

LTP submission

Tena koutou katoa

Thank you for the opportunity to present our submission on the 2021-2031 LTP for the Waikato District Council.

We firstly wish to acknowledge your roles and the substantial effort and commitment you make to this region, to its people and to the communities that make up the Waikato region.

Momentum Waikato is a Community Leadership Foundation with a current endowment fund of \$32M with plans (currently on track) to grow to \$300m by 2045. We then utilise untagged funds within the endowment to enact and deliver on transformational projects across our region. Our focus, as defined by the 2020 Vital Signs report, are in Impact Investment projects focused on development pathways for young people, civil and social infrastructure investment activities, integrated wellness centres, and affordable housing in regional Waikato areas. Impact investment is a model whereby philanthropic money is invested into projects that create lasting social and environmental change and create a return (often at concessionary rates or in a blended finance model alongside grants and other investment entities) for the investment body.

We look forward to exploring with Council opportunities to partner with and leverage impact investment methodologies for the benefit of our citizens and region.

Endowment Funds

We strongly believe there are opportunities for the redirection of some of the community funds held by Council to co-invest in civil and social projects. The intent of utilisation of a portion of Waikato District Council community funds is closely aligned to that of Momentum Waikato's purpose to connect and convene philanthropic organisations and generous individuals to address community needs. This collective approach of using community funds from the Waikato District Council, alongside untagged funds from Momentum Waikato, would be an innovative way to support, widen the reach and increase the pace of delivery of specific outcomes desired by Council.

Specifically in areas such as affordable housing, this mechanism and the ability to be agile outside the constraints of bureaucracies, are opportunities to be explored in partnership across the funding bodies operating in this space in the Waikato.

An example of partnerships working closely with Momentum Waikato, is the Kimihia Lakes Development in Huntly. Momentum Waikato has been a key partner in this development bringing

together other entities to enable progress to move forward, influencing other funders to support the initiatives for the project, and introducing the project to key individuals and organisations who have the ability to play a role in this development. Momentum Waikato, through one of its partnership funds, the Karioi Projects Ancillary Fund, is financially supporting the establishing of a nursery on site over a 5-year timeframe.

Our Submission

1. Targeting Blueprints and other community initiatives

We are supportive of the proposition to repurpose some of the funding that Community Boards, community groups, ratepayers and individuals receive. The strength of a collaborative partnership between the Waikato District Council and Momentum Waikato will achieve greater outcomes. This partnership will open doors to new funding opportunities from external partners to a project that a community has identified as a gap that needs filling.

We would be pleased to present in person to this submission.

Nga mihi nui, Janice Lapwood (Development Director) and Steve Gow (Projects Director)

Momentum Waikato Community Foundation

4 May 2021

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1518

Full Name: Derek Tate

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Submitter: Derek Tate, 185B Hakarimata Road Ngaruawahia and 72 James Rd Huntly

RE; SNA funding

Since you are trying to put a SNA on about 40 hectares of our properties with no compensation and some vague promise of maybe subdividing a lot off and now some possible vague fund that even the council can't guarantee my answer is NO to the fund.

This fund is duplicating what the Waikato Regional Council and DOC already provide.

My understanding is no decision has been made by the commissioners on any SNA's and this proposal may be rather premature.

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1637****Full Name: Mercer Community Committee****Wish to speak to submission: Yes**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Support Option 1 of going hard and early to allow lessor rate increases in coming years given the relatively stable economy at the moment. Would have been good of council to have a third option of little to no change in light of Covid and not every household has recovered.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

For council to continue to provide "liveable, thriving and connected communities", they need to provide housing and to engage with other organizations and departments to find a solution rather than to sell-off.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

To enable those that are unable to access waste transfer stations the ability to dispose of rubbish and not to dump it on the side of the road.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

To enable smaller community groups to realize their initiatives identified through the blueprinting process

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Mercer Community still has a need for a community facility even though an option is now no longer feasible. There are other options in the feasibility report that can be re-evaluated for suitability.

Mercer Wharf to be placed on the unfunded project list

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1667****Full Name: Cara Thomas****Wish to speak to submission: Yes****Topic 1 – General Rates Increase****Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

9% is a massive hike for any household to absorb in rates, particularly given recent GV increases which will directly impact on homeowners pockets without a rate increase. Stagger the costs. personally think that the WDC proposed rate increase is pretty hefty, and aware of commentary that suggests that Waikato DC property owners face much higher rates already than other parts of the country. Many of us, as rural rate payers, get very little in return for cost of rates.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Other councils have chosen in years gone by to sell pensioner housing. The direct resulting impact on pensioners. Housing and affordable housing is tenuous at best, and pensioners often really marginalised in that climate. Be responsible for our community people as a council, and locally look after them as citizens. I do not believe that the sale of pensioner housing will be in tenants best interests - but it will be in councils' best interest as less responsibility for management. this shouldn't however be a business decision - this should be a people decision. What is fundamentally best for the people that will be directly affected.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

As a rural resident - when people have no options for disposal, or costs are a deterrent - the roadside verges and parking bays, or over banks in less populated areas become a favourite dumping spot. It looks awful, takes a lot of work to clean up and reality is that dumps charge considerable dollars for waste disposal. inorganic collections provide an opportunity for reduce, reuse and recycle - we all see the people retrieving as one mans trash is another man's treasure which also makes for less landfill.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

Have seen little benefit arising from community boards - seen lots of agitation and remain frustrated by the removal of the maple trees from the wasteland after years of it being desolate. Really very disappointed that the result of that agitation was a continued span of further multiple years of wasteland. thats the entrance to our town - it can and should be pretty. Community board from memory were fierce advocates of removal on basis that they "had plans".. yet to see those plans come to fruition and very tired of our town (Ngaruawahia) not being enhanced like other Waikato DC areas that are populated by more affluent residents - case in point.. Raglan. Less Talk, more Action would be good.

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

As a long term resident in Glen Massey, am aware that road sealing occurred at the start of wilton collieries road in around 1990. At that time, there were a few residential addresses who benefited from road sealing directly outside their property. While I can appreciate that the entire length of wilton collieries road won't be sealed in the foreseeable future, I want to make a firm and clear pitch for the residents at the top end of Wilton Collieries Road to have sealing occur where the density of housing exists. This is for several reasons: 1. we are rate payers and get very little directly back for cost of rates as self sufficient on most fronts including water, refuse, waste etc. 2. Waikato DC over the years have approved the developments of properties including subdivision of large farm blocks into smaller blocks, with additional residences built. These are largely sited within about 600 or so metres of one another's drive way access. The dust created by road use is affecting properties - water, home ventilation systems, dust on every surface in and out of the home, and dust settling on fresh/clean washing to name just a few. The growth of residents also means far greater vehicle use on the road - many years ago, largely farmland and sporadic vehicle use. in 2021 there are multiple vehicles tracking back and forth daily with school runs, and employment responsibilities so significantly increased vehicle traffic contributing to much more frequent dust generation 3. heavy trade business approved for operation by council in the 90s - large and heavy vehicles which travel often at high speed - intensifies volume and travel of dust, and compromises road surface constantly on surrounding premises. Vehicle drivers appear to be ignorant to surrounding properties and the dust generated by the way in which they drive. Urge Waikato DC to consider the little guys in planning - and think about just a few of us rural home owners who would sincerely appreciate a small piece of sealing to make home a much healthier home environment?

The entire surface of the metal road of wilton collieries is constantly compromised - at times resembles a dirt or mud track. Requests for service are made repeatedly throughout the year, and not without good reason. Corrugations appear very quickly, and often on blind corners where vehicles move to the other side of the road to navigate - metal disintegrates leaving thick muddy 'goat tracks' which at times is simply dangerous. Much of this is simply the result of the road not ever being designed or intended for the vehicle use that now applies. Time to progress infrastructure to support the progress of rural residence?

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1732****Full Name: Patricia Hubbard****Wish to speak to submission: Yes**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

I would not say I prefer this option but if I had to pick one it would be option 1. There has not been enough transparency about the rate increases and in Pokeno people have not seen much money put into the infrastructure. To keep justifying these huge increases there will need to be some action and visibility. Also considering the happenings of 2020 it is a large increase. Inflation in 2019 was 1.62% and with double-digit rate increases over the next three years it will be challenging for people to afford to live here anymore.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

I do think this should go to an expert in the area. The council cannot possibly do it all so a provider that has this expertise makes more sense.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

This is a large cost item that takes quite a bit of coordination so I am happy for this to be discontinued.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

If you can communicate more about this I am sure I would support it. Overall I think more communication and transparency would greatly help the council.

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Pokeno is felling left out of the planning - with so much development and people moving out here we need more services. The roads are quite poor and we have no pools/library which would start to make it more of a community.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1771

Full Name: Te Awa Lakes

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: Yes



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Kia ora koutou

TE AWA LAKES LONG TERM PLAN SUBMISSION

Te Mauri o Te Awa, Karanga Ra.

"Within the line of sight of Taupiri, the Hakarimata and Mangaharakeke Pa lies Te Awa Lakes; we greet and call you" - Sonny Karena, Ngaati Hauaa Kaumatua and Te Awa Lakes Tāngata Whenua Working Group.

Perry Group, through Te Awa Lakes (TAL), appreciate this opportunity to submit on the Waikato District Council Long Term Plan. Perry Group have many commercial and community interests in Hamilton City and across the Waikato Region.

Perry's started life in 1954 by Brian Perry with one man and an excavator. Since that time, Perry Group have diversified into one of the most successful privately-owned enterprises in the Waikato, involved primarily in agricultural, manufacturing, importing and distribution, tourism and recreation, food and export, and the property sector.

Perry's commercial success has enabled it to invest in the community and since 1976 the Brian Perry Charitable Trust has been delivering on its purpose **'Making a meaningful difference towards a vibrant Waikato Region'** and its vision of **'Building Stronger Communities'**.

Major commercial projects in the Waikato region include:

- River Terraces (Ngaruawahia residential subdivision)
- Te Awa Lakes (Waikato's first mixed-use, master planned community)

For over 60 years the Perry family has been proudly supporting the communities of New Zealand with a Waikato centric focus. Brian Perry Charitable Trust (BPCT) has a vision of making a meaningful difference towards a vibrant Waikato Region.

Current projects and initiatives of BPCT include:

- Te Awa River Ride – 70 km river ride from Ngaruawahia to Karapiro.
- Podium Lodge – Olympic village inspired design providing a unique accommodation experience in Cambridge.
- Perry Outdoor Education Trust (POET) - equips schools in low socio-economic communities to develop young people using outdoor education experiences.
- Adastra Foundation – supporting youth in sport and art.

- RIDE – NZ's Waikato based cycling festival.
- Swim Waikato.
- Parafed Waikato.
- Community recreation, adventure and amenities located in north Hamilton.

Perry Group's projects and initiatives are supportive and complementary to the Waikato District Councils Long Term Plan.

TAL are generally in support of further investment in infrastructure and improving community assets and amenities across the city and district, to allow the region to continue to grow and prosper. Strategic alignment of regional growth plans that support coordinated growth, is fundamental to our support of the LTP future directions.

With a "Wellbeing" focussed community and a housing crisis on our doorstep, investment in Te Rapa North and Horotiu infrastructure is viewed by TAL as an important investment by the region to ensure a balanced approach to city growth and to link into regional strategies including the Hamilton to Auckland Corridor and Metro Spatial Plan.

TAL has been in the making for several years with a Private Plan Change necessary to bring it to the next stage of its long-term master plan. Since its early inception, this area has been developer lead and funded. Even after three plan change processes and millions invested to unlock this node, there is still limited funded infrastructure plans to support growth in the same way other large-scale subdivisions in the district have been supported.

We acknowledge that Rotokauri, Te Kowhai and Ngaruawahia nearby present an opportunity to have a more collaborative approach to support a northern growth node that leverages the new expressway and Hamilton to Auckland Corridor. TAL, with WDC support will help to create our first master planned, mixed use, village centric concept promoting a live, work and play community.

Some key aspects we wish to elaborate include:

1. We **acknowledge the opportunity** to make a submission on Waikato District Council's 2021-2031 Long-Term Plan.
2. As WDC will be aware, **TAL recently achieved Plan Change 2**, allowing for a mixed-use major facility, mixed use, commercial and residential housing, within a unique community focussed setting in Te Rapa North, Horotiu. TAL is currently in a consenting phase for its land in Hamilton City, seeking to progress development as quickly as possible. 15 hectares is currently going through the Waikato District Plan Review process and is included in the overall masterplan.

Te Awa Lakes also includes land across the Waikato Expressway in Waikato District Council and south of Hutchinson Road which lies between the Plan Change 2 site and Fonterra Te Rapa with total landholdings of almost 100 hectares and over 1.5km of river edge. **It is a cross boundary site and supports the Metro Spatial Pan aspirations to the north.**



3. **Te Awa Lakes is a transformational project for the region** that seeks to incorporate and enhance many of the elements that make Hamilton a great place to live. This includes a master planned selection of different housing typologies, high quality community amenities, connected infrastructure and land renewal that seeks to add significant value to north Hamilton and neighbouring District Council. Over the past few years, TAL has worked diligently and collaboratively with councils, and key stakeholders including mana whenua to progress the first approvals for the structure plan. This **collaborative approach** is fundamental to **seeking local and central government support to help accelerate TAL** to bring more sections and houses to the market, faster than originally envisaged.

4. Perry Group has been around for a long time and has seen Hamilton grow and prosper – **sometimes not as fast as it could have due to at times an uncoordinated approach** with the private sector. This growth has had many positives – Hamilton is now a large city and a significant player in both regional and national strategies. **TAL will be a significant contributor** these growth strategies through being able to accelerate the development of this master planned community. WDC’s focus to **enable growth**, is very much **supported by TAL**.

However, **Perry Group does not favour a simple ‘growth should pay for growth’** formula, where this fails to recognise the long-term benefits of city growth or an uncoordinated approach where the developer lead and funded areas do not receive the commensurate support and funding that the development will ultimately value add to the city and region. Our unique, first in the region, master planned development will help provide jobs and homes for our local people whilst enhancing the local environment and amenities so we can stay home to play. **This can all happen faster with your support.**

5. Te Awa Lakes would like WDC to consider the following in its long-term planning:
 - a. The Te Awa Lakes masterplan vision contains a number of different objectives including **creating a recreational precinct in the north** which along with the tourism, recreation, and adventure activities, will create an opportunity for enhanced public amenity including a destination

community playground connected to a potentially relocated major facilities zone along the southern boundary of the site. This would be a significant opportunity for our neighbours like Fonterra, Waka Kotahi, and Mana Whenua to partner and better utilise the unique River Ride and River location supporting our communities, this also includes working with Horotiu Primary School and the Ministry of Education to ensure that this growth is catered for.

The recreational precinct could have the effect of linking TAL through to Ngaruawahia and Hakarimata for more visitor focussed attractions – all connected by the River, Ride (cycle way), Road and Rail.



- b. **There is a need for a renewed coordinated focus on Te Rapa North and Horotiu.** This is especially relevant if we can add Rotokauri and Rototuna as part of the coordinated, north Hamilton growth cell. The Waikato District Plan changes and the full urbanisation of Horotiu should also be taken into consideration if we are serious about the regional plan.

Perry Group would like to see the Te Rapa North Plan Change fast-tracked or enabled by other new fast track processes with WDC support, to help unlock the development potential and futureproofing in this area. **This would accelerate quality housing solutions to the market, new employment, and more accessible community amenities through a master planned community.**

- c. The Hamilton to Auckland Corridor and Metro-Spatial Plan mean that Te Rapa North and Horotiu could be the first significant, master planned development node on the Corridor, adjacent to the river. TAL notes that there are some Horotiu infrastructure elements included in the LTP such as transport and water/wastewater which will be important for the development of the area if suitably timed and delivered.

In 2013 Perrys put in lead infrastructure to service Te Awa Lakes ahead of the strategic network which we plan to utilise for TAL. Te Awa Lakes also has plans to install transport related

infrastructure and significant community amenities like publicly accessible waterways, walkways, playgrounds, and parks.

- d. **Targeted rates will be an important tool** in unlocking new growth cells, and in recognising that growth has region-wide benefits and costs. Targeted rates play an important role in enabling development and growth, by spreading costs over a number of people and a number of years, rather than imposing growth costs on a particular developer at a particular point in time.

If WDC gives more attention to its funding tools in collaboration with developer lead funding and central government assistance, the burdens of development contributions and infrastructure provision will make Hamilton a relatively unattractive place for future growth and development.

TAL has a unique opportunity to help coordinate the north Hamilton growth node and accelerate the delivery of more sections and housing to the market.

- 6. Both simple need and recent central government law changes and policy directives highlight the importance of WDC taking a future-oriented approach to infrastructure investment. We acknowledge there is a lot of work and discussion about these options that would benefit from a coordinated developer input. Too often:
 - a. Relatively minor matters get more attention than the district's core infrastructure needs.
 - b. There is a temptation to underestimate growth – when the story of Hamilton is a story of growth, and the city's shortfall in housing-ready land has been well-documented, and there is also a need for suitable commercial and industrial land to be available in the right places.
- 7. For the purposes of this submission, Te Awa Lakes has a particular interest in the Te Rapa North/Horotiu area. This is an important node for future growth, not just because of Te Awa Lakes, but also because of:
 - a. The proximity of Te Rapa North/Horotiu to Auckland.
 - b. Its position as a gateway to Hamilton on the Waikato River and State Highway One.
 - c. Existing and future tourism and community amenity and regional commercial centres like the Tase.
 - d. Its strong relationship with the Waikato River and future urban land on the eastern side of the river at HT1 and the possible public transport connections opportunities here.
 - e. The mix of commercial, industrial, and residential activities alongside adventure-based tourism activities that advance a progressive 'new way of living'.
 - f. Its key location in the Auckland to Hamilton Corridor and proximity to transport links such as the North Island Main Trunk and Waikato Expressway, and opportunity to support alternative modes of travel such as the recently launched Te Huia Train

8. TAL would therefore like to see WDC support and encourage investment in Te Rapa North and Horotiu, through:

- a. A new northern river crossing in the Te Rapa North area as signalled in the Hamilton City Council 2018-28 Infrastructure Strategy, to serve the city and recognise that Hamilton is a river city with many citizens crossing the bridge regularly.

This bridge is needed to meet current and future city growth. Perry Group has shown its commitment to beautiful bridges with the Perry Bridge in Ngāruawāhia, which sits on the Te Awa River Ride and which is a cycle and pedestrian bridge. Planning for a car-ready bridge in Te Rapa North needs to start now.



- b. Investment in transport options and connections in and around Te Rapa North and Horotiu (plus surrounding areas such as Rotokauri, Ngaruawahia and future HT1 area of Hamilton City). Te Awa Lakes will be investing significantly in the area to provide city and regional amenities, employment, and social activities.

There could be greater cost-effective travel options, such as buses, walking, cycling, and ride sharing. Te Awa Lakes has designed its Masterplan to accommodate future options for public transport, including high frequency modes and asks that transport is extended to service this area.

- c. The long-term plan needs to recognise that Hamilton and surrounding district is a bicycle-friendly, and to invest in suitable cycle infrastructure. Perry Group and the Brian Perry Charitable Trust through the Te Awa River ride Trust has been a significant enabler of the Te Awa River Ride and cycling amenity at various places through the city and region to help improve the city's liveability. Perry Group also recognises the importance of good alternative transport options such as buses, walking, cycling, and ride sharing as important parts of enabling good public and private transport

in Te Rapa North/Horotiu. It will be important to establish this intent early in the development and will require shared investment with WDC.

- i. Upgrades to the Te Awa River Ride, particularly in the Horotiu area and Te Rapa area, as these will help enhance this amenity, which is an important part of the tourism and recreational mix that the Te Awa Lakes development aims to enhance. Include Fonterra and enhancement for urban use/commuters.
- ii. TAL would encourage a joint approach to government to support funding to unlock the north Hamilton growth node. We estimate that a \$50m funding package for TAL could bring some 500 sections and houses to the market in half the time originally planned.
- iii. Further planning support to accelerate other areas of the master plan like the potential relocation of the major facilities zone next to Fonterra to help create the Village Centre would also accelerate the relocation of more commercial businesses to help service the new residents.

Te Awa Lakes welcomes the opportunity to address WDC further on these matters, and to provide further submissions at a later stage in the LTP process. Perry Group has a proven track record in large-projects and aims for a partnership with WDC to achieve the best outcomes for the city and its people, in line with the four wellbeing's.

Nāku, nā



Richard Coventry
Te Awa Lakes Chief Executive Officer

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1799

Full Name: Helen Clotworthy

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Any increase in rates put pressure onto household income, given we are still living in a Covid world, there is still plenty of uncertainty with incomes.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Hopefully it will improve Council's budget, but the elderly still have accommodation

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

It costs the Council a lot of money to provide this service, perhaps you could work with providers to encourage ratepayers to recycle, or organisations who will take inorganic items.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

I agree with this targeted approach to community initiatives

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

All of the above, Pokeno residents are feeling frustrated about the lack of progress in our Community and the cost of their rates. WDC needs to start fast-tracking our infrastructure or better communicate to residents what is coming up

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1803****Full Name: Pokeno Community Committee (Ric Odom)****Wish to speak to submission: Yes****Topic 1 – General Rates Increase****Option selected:****Comment:**

The PCC opposes the % of increases proposed.

- Can the WDC revisit it's financial portfolio to look for opportunities to be able to subsidise and lower the proposed rate increases over the next 3 years?
- What % of the three tier rates system is actually apportioned to Pokeno as the fastest rising service centre in North Waikato. Infrastructure, traffic and public amenities are critical items to be included in the LTP for Pokeno.
- Pokeno community members on fixed incomes – how do they cope with these proposed rates increases? Although their properties value up, they are still cash poor. What can WDC do to help these folk? Can the rates rebate criteria be reviewed to enable better support fixed income whanau?

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

The recommendation of the PCC is that pensioner housing stays with WDC.

- How will a dedicated social housing provider “know” the Community and what the community's needs are?
- Housing provision is a super-hot topic. There is no time for a new housing provider to survey the communities/folk that need housing. This decision deserves greater consideration by WDC and the communities it serves, as this is people's lives that will be affected and those folks do not need that level of stress in their lives.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

The recommendation of the PCC is that inorganic rubbish collection continues to be provided by the WDC.

• How does the community, who do not have accessible/transport means, supposed to take recycling to a refuse station? How do they manage? With the discontinuation of this services, do our communities become overrun with inorganic rubbish piles and will this encourage/increase illegal dumping? Our third age people (over 65's) find this service so convenient and allows the recycling of their disposed items, to be treated in the most environmentally appropriate way.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

See attached submission

Attachment: Yes



POKENO COMMUNITY COMMITTEE SUBMISSION ON THE LONG TERM PLAN

The following is the submission of the Pokeno Community Committee (PCC) on the Waikato District Council Long Term Plan.

A member of the Committee (the Chairman and/or a delegated committee member) would appreciate the opportunity to speak to this submission.

Matters on which comment have been specifically requested

Rates

The PCC opposes the % of increases proposed.

- Can the WDC revisit it's financial portfolio to look for opportunities to be able to subsidise and lower the proposed rate increases over the next 3 years?
- What % of the three tier rates system is actually apportioned to Pokeno as the fastest rising service centre in North Waikato. Infrastructure, traffic and public amenities are critical items to be included in the LTP for Pokeno.
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Pension Housing

The recommendation of the PCC is that pensioner housing stays with WDC.

- How will a dedicated social housing provider “know” the Community and what the community's needs are?
- Housing provision is a super-hot topic. There is no time for a new housing provider to survey the communities/folk that need housing. This decision deserves greater consideration by WDC and the communities it serves, as this is people's lives that will be affected and those folks do not need that level of stress in their lives.

Inorganic collection

The recommendation of the PCC is that inorganic rubbish collection continues to be provided by the WDC.

- How does the community, who do not have accessible/transport means, supposed to take recycling to a refuse station? How do they manage? With the discontinuation of this services, do our communities become overrun with inorganic rubbish piles and will this encourage/increase illegal dumping? Our third age people (over 65's) find this service so convenient and allows the recycling of their disposed items, to be treated in the most environmentally appropriate way.

Community Facilities

A new Library was to be built in Pokeno for use in 2021. It was in the 2015 LTP and 2018 LTP and has not been delivered by WDC. We don't see this in the draft 2021 LTP and this is hugely disappointing, as is the non-delivery and delay of other projects: infrastructure, traffic, new CBD and other amenities our fast-growing community needs. This 'library' should be more than a repository for books. It should be a community hub which incorporates community rooms, an information centre (Pokeno is the northern gateway to the Waikato), toy library etc. Consider replacing and/or significantly upgrading the Pokeno Hall so that one well-designed and modern building could serve this function.

Other matters

Roading. Accepting that roading is a significant issue across the Waikato District, the PCC would like to see a consolidated outline of all roading projects proposed for Pokeno, including scope, start and completion dates.

Market Square. The Council will be aware that significant public consultation has occurred with respect to the Market Square development yet developments in and around this area appears to be proceeding which appear to be inconsistent (in some cases) with the design. The PCC would like to see the Market Square concept re-visited with a view to finalising a design that is acceptable to the residents and which is accompanied by a plan (even in outline) which shows how and when Market Square will be developed in order to achieve the desired endstate.

Sport & Recreation. While the Munro Sports Block is actively being progressed and the recreation area on Avon Road is similarly being upgraded, there remains a lack of sports and recreation facilities and areas which would suit the current and future requirements of Pokeno. Recent experience with developer-provided areas (such as the Totara Park area adjacent to Hillpark Drive) have not been completed to the standard residents were led to expect and the PCC would like to see greater accountability for developers and oversight/management by WDC staff to ensure that what is promised is delivered.

Connectivity. Connectivity – especially between the eastern and western parts of Pokeno remains an issue. In particular, the PCC recommends WDC continues Market Street W under the existing Expressway to link with Market Street E in Kowhai Downs and that improvements are made along the Dean Road/Fraser Road/Avon Road corridor to improve safety and connectivity between the West side of Pokeno and the recreation area – and potential marae – on Avon Road.

Great South Road/Pokeno Main Street. WDC is well aware of concerns and issues raised about the state and development (or lack thereof) along the main street of Pokeno. In particular, the PCC requests that WDC take all actions possible to further the aims of the urban design work noting that the PCC feels the continuation of the GAS fuel station and Z Truck Stop in their current locations is inconsistent with achieving these aims.

Public Toilets. Given the public toilets on Great South Road have always been heavily utilised and accepting that temporary toilets are currently in place, WDC should look to replacing these temporary toilets with permanent facilities which reflect the design guide for Pokeno Village.

Public Transport. Noting that a bus service has commenced, this service was limited from the outset as sections of roads along the bus route on the Hitchen block side of Pokeno were too narrow for the buses to navigate when cars were parked on the street. This should be addressed as a matter priority. Hard-standing (and ideally shelters) should be constructed at bus stops.

Pokeno is forecast to be the largest service centre in the North Waikato that has critical links into the Auckland region. WDC planning needs to be ahead of those projections in terms of the needs of our community. While the PCC acknowledges that WDC has limited resources and that all communities in the District also have projects they need to be completed, it should be noted that Pokeno – already more than 5,000 in size and growing rapidly - has almost none the facilities other centres have and which have come to be regarded as at least the minimum required. Moreover, the rates being charged – already high by any standard – are proposed to grow higher still. Frankly there is a growing undercurrent of discontent, if not anger, in the Pokeno community that they are being required to pay such high rates yet see very little return for those rates.



Ric Odom
Chairman

7th May 2021

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1804****Full Name: Morris and Brenda Roberts****Wish to speak to submission: Yes**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:****Comment:**

Oppose % of increases proposed

Can the WDC revisit it's financial portfolio to look for opportunities to be able to subsidise and lower the proposed rate increases over the next 3 years?

What % of the three tier rates system is actually apportioned to Pokeno as the fastest rising service centre in North Waikato. Infrastructure, traffic and public amenities are critical items to be included in the LTP for Pokeno.

We are approaching this situation ourselves, "Pokeno community members on fixed incomes". How do they cope with these proposed rates increases – now and in the future? Although their properties value up, they are still cash poor. What can WDC do to help these folk? Can the rates rebate criteria be reviewed to enable better support for fixed income whanau?

Quite apart from General Rates increases, we are concerned that water rates will also be subject to incredible rates increases – both clean drinking water and waste water. We believe as rate payers, we should know well in advance of a draft LTP, how the WDC has/is performing across its portfolio, not via a multiple hundred page report but a precis that communities can easily read and understand.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

How will a dedicated social housing provider “know” the Community and what the community's needs are?

Housing provision is a super-hot topic. There is no time for a new housing provider to survey the communities/folk that need housing. This decision deserves greater consideration by WDC and the communities it serves, as this is people's lives that will be affected and those folk don't need an increased level of stress in their lives.

If the pension housing is sold off, where will the proceeds of the sale go – to the community that accommodated the housing or elsewhere?

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

How are members of the community, who do not have accessible/transport means, supposed to take recycling to a refuse station? How do they manage? With the discontinuation of this service, do our communities become overrun with inorganic rubbish piles and will discontinuation encourage/increase illegal dumping? Our third age people (over 65's) find this service so convenient and allows the recycling of their disposal items, to be treated in the most environmentally appropriate way.

WDC could look across recycling providers (metal, electronic, green etc) and as a co-operative combine resources so communities can put out on their berms, including excluded items on the current list of requirements, again for disposal in the most environmentally appropriate way. Recycling companies could realise benefit from a co-operative arrangement through increases to their specialised items they will receive for processing.

This system should remain in place until an alternative recycling system is researched and tested, socialised with Waikato communities with the final decision or way forward, communicated well to all Waikato rate payers.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

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From: DistrictPlan <districtplan@waidc.govt.nz>
Sent: Monday, 10 May 2021 8:09 am
To: Brenda Roberts <br467967@gmail.com>; Corporate Planning <CorporatePlanning@waidc.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: LTP submission - due 5pm 7 May 21 [#2CE1DD]

Hi Brenda,

This has been passed onto the Corporate planning team (who deal with LTP)

if you would like to follow up, here is their email. CorporatePlanning@waidc.govt.nz

Many thanks

Ngā Mihi | Kind regards

Fletcher Bell

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From: Brenda Roberts <br467967@gmail.com>
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To: DistrictPlan <districtplan@waidc.govt.nz>
Subject: Re: LTP submission - due 5pm 7 May 21 [#2CE1DD]

The info team sent our submission to you. Please confirm you have it. If not, the info team will and the submission was accepted before the deadline.

Thank you

Brenda

On Wed, 5 May 2021, 9:04 AM DistrictPlan, <districtplan@waidc.govt.nz> wrote:

Hi Brenda,

Further to your email below,

You can enter the submission in through this [link](#)

If you require any further assistants please let me know.

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From: Waikato DC <INFO@WAIDC.GOV.T.NZ>

Sent: Tuesday, 4 May 2021 1:53 pm

To: DistrictPlan <districtplan@waidc.govt.nz>

Subject: FW: LTP submission - due 5pm 7 May 21 [#2CE1DD]

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From: Brenda.Roberts@education.govt.nz

Sent: Tuesday, 4 May 2021 9:59:34 am

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CC: "Jacqui Church" <Jacqui.Church@waidc.govt.nz>

Subject: LTP submission - due 5pm 7 May 21

Kia ora koutou

LTP submission due Friday May 7 5pm for consideration before the commissioners. I can speak to our submission.

Rates: Oppose % of increases proposed

- Can the WDC revisit it's financial portfolio to look for opportunities to be able to subsidise and lower the proposed rate increases over the next 3 years?
- What % of the three tier rates system is actually apportioned to Pokeno as the fastest rising service centre in North Waikato. Infrastructure, traffic and public amenities are critical items to be included in the LTP for Pokeno.
- We are approaching this situation ourselves, "Pokeno community members on fixed incomes". How do they cope with these proposed rates increases – now and in the future? Although their properties value up, they are still cash poor. What can WDC do to help these folk? Can the rates rebate criteria be reviewed to enable better support for fixed income whanau?
- Quite apart from General Rates increases, we are concerned that water rates will also be subject to incredible rates increases – both clean drinking water and waste water. We believe as rate payers, we should know well in advance of a draft LTP, how the WDC has/is performing across its portfolio, not via a multiple hundred page report but a precis that communities can easily read and understand.

Pension Housing: Stays with WDC

- How will a dedicated social housing provider "know" the Community and what the community's needs are?
- Housing provision is a super-hot topic. There is no time for a new housing provider to survey the communities/folk that need housing. This decision deserves greater consideration by WDC and the communities it serves, as this is people's lives that will be affected and those folk don't need an increased level of stress in their lives.
- If the pension housing is sold off, where will the proceeds of the sale go – to the community that accommodated the housing or elsewhere?

Inorganic collection: Stays with WDC

- How are members of the community, who do not have accessible/transport means, supposed to take recycling to a refuse station? How do they manage? With the discontinuation of this service, do our communities become overrun with inorganic rubbish piles and will discontinuation encourage/increase illegal dumping? Our third age people (over 65's) find this service so convenient and allows the recycling of their disposal items, to be treated in the most environmentally appropriate way.
- WDC could look across recycling providers (metal, electronic, green etc) and as a co-operative combine resources so communities can put out on

their berms, including excluded items on the current list of requirements, again for disposal in the most environmentally appropriate way. Recycling companies could realise benefit from a co-operative arrangement through increases to their specialised items they will receive for processing.

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Sincerely

Morris and Brenda Roberts

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Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1824

Full Name: Amy Marfell for Sport Waikato

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

See attached for further information

Attachment: Yes



**SPORT
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Waikato District Council Long Term Plan submission

5 May 2021

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New Zealand Government

About Sport New Zealand

Sport New Zealand (Sport NZ) is the crown agency responsible for contributing to the wellbeing of everybody in Aotearoa New Zealand by leading an enriching and inspiring play, active recreation and sport system. Sport NZ's vision is simple - to get **Every Body Active in Aotearoa New Zealand**.

Our role as kaitiaki of the system focusses on lifting the physical activity levels of all those living within Aotearoa and having the greatest possible impact on wellbeing. We achieve our outcomes by aligning our investment through partnerships, funds and programmes to our strategic priorities set out in our four-year strategic plan.

The Waikato District Council is critical to the work of Sport NZ and its partner Sport Waikato who Sport NZ invests in significantly and who we consider the regional champions of our strategic vision.

The importance of Council

The Council is one of the key providers of sport and recreation facilities in the region. We greatly appreciate this support and investment – without it much of what happens in our sector would not be possible. Council investment provides positive outcomes for a wide range of sports codes and community members from diverse cultures, ages, and abilities. We also acknowledge the commitment of council staff in supporting the sector especially the Community Connections Team who look after the Districts pools, open spaces, sports parks, skateparks, walkways and cycleways.

Play, active recreation and sport make an enormous contribution to the health and wellbeing of all those in your District. Physical activity, its wide-ranging benefits and its importance to our communities are fundamental to meeting the Councils Strategic Goals, specifically connected and safe communities.

We also acknowledge the challenges Council faces with balancing the various competing demands such as population growth (an increase of over 14,000 people over the period of the LTP), transport, climate change and water quality, all within a context of falling revenue. The impact of Covid-19 will be with us for some time to come, so too the decisions made in this 10-year Budget.

The impact of COVID-19 on the play, active recreation, and sport sector

COVID-19 has placed significant pressure on Aotearoa New Zealand's play, active recreation, and sport system.

- Through our insights, we know the COVID-19 lockdowns has exacerbated inequalities, putting some population groups at even more risk regarding their physical and mental wellbeing.
- Analysis of media commentary also identified concerns about returning to previous activities in shared public spaces due to safety.
- Sector organisations which play a key role in allowing New Zealanders to be active were also impacted by COVID-19. These impacts include lost revenue, cash flow difficulties, reduced capacity and change of membership.

All these things have hit the sector hard and Sport NZ is working with regional sports trusts, councils, and other local stakeholders to find solutions to help address these.

Target audiences and activity areas

Sport NZ remains committed to making progress towards our primary goal of ensuring more tamariki and rangatahi (aged 5 – 18) have access to quality physical activity options. We aspire to reduce the drop off in activity levels of rangatahi from ages 12 to 18 and increase the levels of activity for those tamariki and rangatahi who are less active.

The Waikato region has a high representation of communities we know are most at risk of missing out, including:

- Maori and Pacific communities
- People with disability
- Women and girls
- Low income communities where participation is declining
- Growth of new ethnic communities where physical activity preferences differ

Waikato District Council investment in sport and active recreation

The Council has been a partner and important contributor in the development of Regions **Active Spaces Strategy**, a regional strategy for active recreation and sport facilities provision. The Strategy is an important reference, importantly it identifies priority needs for the region district by district providing a blueprint for the future direction and investment.

Sport NZ thanks Council for its continued support of the work of Sport Waikato and maintaining a strong partnership that focusses on the delivery of quality opportunities for the communities of the Waikato.

We acknowledge and urge Council to continue its positive partnership with Sport Waikato and support as a key partner and investor for the provision of a Regional Connectivity Coordinator (North) role and the Regional Active Places Strategy.

Sport NZ acknowledges the challenges faced by Council in providing community facilities through its play, active recreation and sport assets and that Council has a large network of facilities, many of which are ageing and require ongoing renewal investment.

Sport NZ and Sport Waikato have been working with the active recreation and sports sector to develop a co-ordinated and collaborative approach for future sport and recreation facility provision that provides Council with a high-level strategic view of infrastructure needs for the region and the evaluation criteria to prioritise investment and ultimately make better decisions.

Sport NZ recommendations

Future investment in community sport and recreation facilities

Sport NZ supports the Council's approach of using the Waikato District Blueprint to help Council realise its vision of creating liveable, thriving, and connected communities. As a community planning document for determining the future of communities, several sporting facilities and parks and open spaces are identified as needing upgrades and to be made fit for purpose. Sport NZ urges that the implementation of the strategy for this should be continued especially with a view to:

- Creating a world class river corridor. Sport NZ acknowledges the significance of the river corridor for the district and urges Council to consider in its Long Term Plan the need for this to be strengthened through providing a network of walking and cycling trails along the Waikato River and the Waipa River.
- Protecting and supporting the enhancement of the natural environment and ensure sufficient open spaces and places for play, active recreation, and sports that meets current demand and future growth needs.
- Develop and maintain fit for purpose sport and recreation indoor year-round aquatic and sporting infrastructure that will provide access, quality physical activity opportunities and experiences that serve the community well into the future.

With the above in mind Sport NZ recommends that Council makes provision in its Long-Term Plan for investment to deliver on the Local Area Priorities in the Waikato District Blueprint as they relate to providing for play, active recreation and sporting opportunities for the District. These include:

TUAKAU

Investigate the development of a sport and recreation hub, possibly incorporating the Council's aquatic facility.

POKENO

Consider the requirements for a Sports park to meet the needs of anticipated growth.

MERCER

Determine the need for community and recreational facilities of appropriate size and scale.

MEREMERE

Provide more sporting and recreational facilities and opportunities for tamariki and rangatahi.

TE KAUWHATA AND RANGIRIRI

Natural assets should be promoted and capitalised on with greater access to them and walking and cycle ways along them and improving access to and from the Te Awa ride.

OHINEWAI

Improve recreation opportunities through the creation of walk and cycle ways around the lake and along the river.

HUNTLY, TAUPIRI & NGARUAWAHIA

Walkways and cycleways should be improved, and connections with the Te Awa ride strengthened. Provide opportunities and activities for tamariki and rangatahi.

HOROTIU

Provide a walking and cycling route on the eastern side of the Waikato River between Horotiu and Ngaruawahia to create a loop with the Te Awa river ride.

TE KOWHAI

Providing longer distance walking and cycling connections from the Te Otamanui walkway along the Waipa River to Ngaruawahia.

WHATAWHATA

Expand sports field provision to meet increasing demand and respond to growth.

RAGLAN

Consolidating sports facilities into a sustainable community and sporting hub.

TAMAHERE

Invest in the Mangaone Stream revegetation proposal and establish a walking and cycleway along the stream.

In conclusion, we urge greater investment in the play, active recreation, and sport sector under this Long-term Plan. Without this commitment from Council our current and future community play, recreation and sport spaces will be compromised. This means our growing, increasingly diverse population will not have access to suitable infrastructure and spaces to participate in physical activity.

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission and for your consideration.

Sport NZ contacts

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Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1733

Full Name: Kirriemuir Trustee Ltd

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

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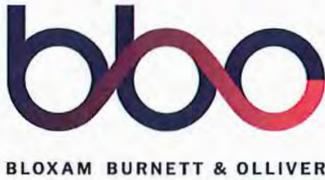
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See attached submission re water and wastewater servicing for Tuakau

Attachment: Yes



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7 May 2021

Job No. 147070

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Attention: Chief Executive

Dear Sir

Kirriemuir Trustee Ltd; Submission on 2021-2031 Long Term Plan

1. Introduction

Kirriemuir Trustee Ltd (Kirriemuir) own land at 54 Geraghty's Road, Tuakau. The land is zoned Rural in the Proposed Waikato District Plan (PWDP). Together with their adjoining landowners, Kirriemuir lodged a submission on the PWDP seeking that a land area of 38 ha on the western side of Geraghty's Road be rezoned Residential.

The submission has not yet been heard but evidence has been exchanged and s42A reports and recommendations have been prepared and circulated by Council staff. The following has become apparent from that reporting;

- There is insufficient residentially-zoned land in Tuakau to meet predicted household demand, and therefore additional residential land is needed.
- Only a portion of the Geraghty's Road area was included in a residential growth cell (the Dromgools Road Growth Cell) in Waikato 2070 because there were concerns about reverse sensitivity effects (particularly odour) from existing industries to the south. Those issues have now been overcome and the s42A report confirms that there is *'sufficient separation between residential land uses and the industrial activities in the Rural Zone to support rezoning land Residential Zone.'*¹
- Because Waikato 2070 was used as a guide for infrastructure funding for growth areas in the LTP, the s42A Report states that; *'Watercare Waikato has confirmed that their planning for growth reflects Waikato 2070, therefore it anticipates growth on the eastern side of Geraghty's Road in accordance with the Dromgools Road growth cell. No provision is made for growth occurring on the*

¹ s42A Report prepared by Chloe Trenouth, dated 14 April 2021, paragraph 204



western side of Geraghty's Road and therefore it is uncertain whether there is sufficient capacity for an additional 425 dwellings as proposed by the submitter.²

2. Submission

There are several water supply and wastewater infrastructure upgrades and renewals identified in the draft LTP for Tuakau, reflecting the urban growth needs of the township. However, as set out above, there is uncertainty whether they provide sufficient capacity for the additional 425 households on the western side of Geraghty's Road.

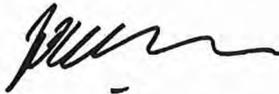
This submission is not intended to pre-empt the decision on the rezoning. However, as the rezoning reporting refers to the LTP as a source of information on planned infrastructure, it is intended to clarify the factual situation.

This submission requests;

- Confirmation that the draft LTP water and wastewater infrastructure upgrades and renewals for Tuakau will provide sufficient capacity to service the 425 sections on the west side of Geraghty's Road; or
- Sufficient funding be included in the LTP to provide sufficient capacity to service the 425 sections on the west side of Geraghty's Road.

Yours sincerely

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Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1738

Full Name: Ambury Properties Ltd

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

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Attention: Chief Executive

Dear Sir

Ambury Properties Ltd; Submission on 2021-2031 Long Term Plan

1. Introduction

Ambury Properties Ltd (APL) is an associated company of New Zealand Comfort Group Limited (NZCG), the manufacturer of Sleepyhead, Sleepmaker, Serta, Tattersfield and Design Mobel Beds along with Dunlop Foams and Sleepyhead flooring underlay. NZCG also produce a wide range of related products including pillows and mattresses. In addition, they manufacture a wide range of foam products for domestic, industrial and healthcare purposes.

NZCG is a third generation New Zealand owned manufacturing business founded in 1935 and owned by two brothers who pride themselves in New Zealand-based manufacturing. NZCG is dedicated to building and maintaining a highly skilled and robust local manufacturing capability, using locally sourced components wherever possible.

Their manufacturing operations are currently based at several locations in Auckland and APL has been investigating options to consolidate all of their operations onto one site. It has searched extensively in Auckland and the Waikato for a suitable site.

There are several drivers for APL's relocation and consolidation on a single site:

- As a major manufacturer that is importing raw materials and distributing and exporting products, it is highly advantageous for APL to be located adjacent to the North Island Main Trunk Railway Line (NIMT) as it receives and distributes goods through both Auckland and Tauranga Ports. APL has strong exports to China and Australia. APL was unable to find any suitable sites adjacent to the NIMT in Auckland.
- The consolidation of all of APL's operations onto one site leads to a requirement for a site of 30-35ha. No suitable sites of this size were identified in Auckland.
- APL's current operations on their sites in Auckland are restricted because of the age of the plant and buildings as well as the small and fragmented sites. Therefore, consolidating on a single site creates significant opportunities for efficiencies and improved productivity.



- The Ohinewai/Huntly area is attractive to APL because of the strong local employment base. They are committed to a wide ranging technical training programme covering IT, chemical and mechanical engineering, trades and marketing. They are keen to work with local schools, other educational institutions and Waikato-Tainui to develop the appropriate technical and professional staff skills within the local labour force. These training initiatives commenced in 2020 when APL through Te Rui O Waikato identified a suitable group of people in Huntly and transported them daily to the existing Otahuhu factory where they were employed and gained training in readiness for the factory opening in Ohinewai.

In 2018 APL identified a suitable site of approximately 178ha on the corner of Lumsden Road and Tahuna Road.

2. Rezoning and Planning Consents

In October 2018 APL lodged a submission on the Proposed Waikato District Plan (PWDP) seeking that the site be rezoned to a mix of industrial, commercial and residential land, to enable a mixed-use development on the site, which would include the Sleepyhead manufacturing facility. The full mixed-use development is predicted to create approximately 2600 jobs in a socially-deprived area.

The rezoning has progressed significantly, with a two-week period of expert conferencing in June 2020 followed by a hearing held from 14 to 16 September 2020. The Hearing Panel subsequently sought further information regarding the proposed plan provisions for the rezoned land. However, the decision on the rezoning has not yet been released.

The APL site is identified in Waikato 2070 as the 'Ohinewai South Industrial Cluster', together with the adjacent Ohinewai residential area, with development timeframes of 1-10 years.

As well as the rezoning process, APL has been actively pursuing early development of initial stages of their Sleepyhead factory development. To this end they have secured a resource consent for bulk earthworks from Waikato District Council and resource consents from Waikato Regional Council for earthworks, stormwater discharges and air discharges.

The initial stages of the Sleepyhead factory development have also been accepted by the Minister for the Environment under the COVID-19 Recovery (Fast-track Consenting) Act 2020, and referred to an expert consenting panel for consideration. The application to the expert consenting panel is currently being finalized and will be lodged in the next two weeks.

3. Infrastructure Servicing

Infrastructure servicing for water supply and wastewater disposal have been a key issue for the rezoning. Access to municipal water supply and wastewater services is important to provide certainty for the full scope of development enabled by the rezoning. It is not essential for the initial stages of the Sleepyhead factory as they can be self sufficient for water supply and wastewater disposal.

APL has worked closely with WDC staff and advisers, including Watercare, to coordinate the Ohinewai development with the Councils water and wastewater strategy, as outlined in the Mid-Waikato Servicing Strategy 2020. The strategy is consistent with Waikato 2070. This strategy concludes that sufficient water supply will be available for the Ohinewai development from treatment plants at Huntly and/or Te Kauwhata. Any significant upgrading of water supply infrastructure is not required for the next 10 years so is outside the timeframe of this LTP.



However, a new wastewater treatment plant is required to service Huntly and Ohinewai, as the existing Huntly plant is not fit for purpose.

Concept design of a new plant is currently under way under the direction of Watercare.

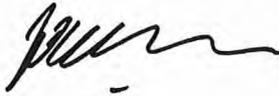
The draft LTP identifies funding of about \$23M in years 2026-2028 (item 1WW10610) for the wastewater treatment plant. APL supports this funding but is concerned that the timing will delay investment and development at Ohinewai. The initial stages of the Sleepyhead factory will be complete in 2023, but additional development beyond that may have to be put 'on ice' until 2028/2029 when the wastewater treatment plant is completed. A hiatus such as this will delay the realization of the employment and economic benefits, and could undermine the viability of the whole development as momentum will be lost.

APL acknowledges the debt restrictions the Council operates under, but asks that the Council take into account the lost economic and employment opportunity that could occur with the delayed start to the treatment plant. It requests the Huntly wastewater treatment plant capital project be brought forward, to commence in 2023/2024 instead of 2026.

APL is also willing to work with Council staff to identify alternative funding opportunities, so that the amount of Council debt associated with the project is reduced.

Yours sincerely

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Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1781

Full Name: Para Kore Marae Incorporated, Jacqui Forbes

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

See submission document attached

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

See attached document

Attachment: Yes



Submission to:

Waikato District Council proposed changes to the Draft Long Term Plan 21-23

Submission by:

Jacqui Forbes - Kaihautū Matua for Para Kore Marae Incorporated

Yes, Para Kore would like to speak to their submission

Oranga Taiao, Oranga Marae, Oranga Whānau

Tēnei te mihi nui ki a koutou katoa, koutou ngā kaimahi o te Kaunihera o Waikato.

Background

We are making this submission on behalf of Para Kore Marae Incorporated. Para Kore is a zero waste organisation with a kaupapa based on whakapapa to Papatūānuku and expressed through an experienced and skilled team who are passionate about, and committed to, achieving a zero waste Aotearoa. In 2009, we started in the Waikato District with a pilot project of three marae. We are now supporting over 540 marae, kura, kōhanga reo and community groups across Aotearoa to reduce waste through refuse, reduce, reuse, recycling and composting. We deliver community waste education within the Waikato District to put zero waste practices in place and aim not only to design out waste but to strengthen communities. Our purpose is to educate and advocate from a Māori worldview for a world without waste.

Proposed changes : Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Para Kore support the Council's preferred option two, that is to stop the service from year 1 of the 2021-31 Long Term Plan.

We agree and support the Council's reasonings to end Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection. Through ending this service, it offers the opportunity for communities to value their resources and encourages households to be more conscious consumers. Through making rubbish collection less accessible, helps facilitate a shift from the throw-away mentality supporting broader goals of waste minimisation. With no highly convenient option to dispose of waste, households will be more conscious of the waste they produce, and therefore more motivated to

produce less waste, re-use more, and purchase things that contribute to a circular economy of use.

In addition, we highly recommend that the council consider setting up Community Resource Recovery centres; particularly in areas such as Ngaruawāhia and all other towns within the district. This will not only support broader goals of waste minimisation, but offers positive employment opportunities for local peoples within these townships. Auckland Resource Recovery Network and Xtreme Zero Waste's resource recovery centres could be used as models which can be implemented in the area's mentioned.

If changes should occur, we recommend that the council consider wrap-around education and training programmes to ensure that households and communities are better equipped to manage their waste, and find solutions to minimise their household waste.

Finally, Para Kore would also like to extend their advocacy for Raglan's Kerbside Food Collection and recommend that the council implement food waste collection through all well-populated towns of the Waikato District. To continue to minimise organic waste going to landfill, we have included ideas below for your consideration:

- a rates rebate for people with compost bins and worm farms
- a weekly organic waste pick up service to be taken to a commercial composting facility (and fortnightly waste collection) [Para Kore strongly recommends]
- Investment in community gardens with composting facilities
- free worm-farming and composting workshops at community centres, schools, churches and marae.
- Continued support for Para Kore to deliver waste education to Māori communities within the Waikato District

Summary

In summary, thank you for the opportunity to make a submission. We look forward to creating new systems within our communities which work towards waste reduction and ultimately zero waste.

Nō reira, tēnei te mihi nui ki a koutou katoa. Kia kaha, kia maia!

Nāku nā Jacqui Forbes, Kaihautū Matua for Para Kore Marae Incorporated

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1825

Full Name: Clare Jackson, Tim Newton, Tara Wrigley, Caroline Swann, Phil Swann On behalf of ratepayers and residents of Whaanga Road

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

See attached for further information

Attachment: Yes

Submission to the draft plan LTP 2021-31 May 5th 2021

Clare Jackson, Tim Newton, Tara Wrigley, Phil Swann, Caroline Swann on behalf of Residents and Ratepayers of Whaanga Road.

Whaanga Road - capital and rehabilitation work needed.

Since 2008 the traffic on Whaanga road has increased by more than 100 vehicles per day (counted feb 2020) but the maintenance of the road has not kept pace. Road use is increasing steadily because of continuous growth in residents, businesses, cyclists, tourists/visitors, fishermen. As a result, the condition of Whaanga road in the last ten years has steadily deteriorated. Residents' drive home now takes longer than it did ten years ago, with more discomfort, danger, vehicle damage and loss of work time.







In November 2020 when a fisherman was swept off Papanui Point, the search and rescue, police, ambulance and Surf Lifesavers (with trailer and boat) had to struggle to the scene through these washouts, ruts and holes. It was shameful.

We are surprised and dismayed to see in your draft plan that Whaanga Road is not listed among the roads with funds allocated to them for capital and rehabilitation work over next ten years.

Has the significant increase in traffic since 2008 been taken into account and used to decide future capital and rehabilitation works?

How many complaints about the general standard of Whaanga Road have been made to the council in the last 5 years?

How are roading complaints recorded and how are they assessed for follow up?

What is the planned maintenance schedule and budget allocated just to Whaanga Road for 2016/17 to 2023/24?

Capital and rehabilitation work is needed. For one example, the hill north of the Ruapuke Beach road turnoff (ref 1796 Whaanga rd) suffers from ceaseless corrugations, washouts and holes. This section of road needs urgent capital work eg sealing, better drains.

We ask for specific funding to be allocated in the Plan to improving Whaanga road and maintaining it to the appropriate standard for a road with the traffic volume it has to carry. Whaanga Road is an important local road and well used tourist route. There are a lot of cyclists using Whaanga road also and their safety should be an important consideration in allocating funds to road design and signage.

'The district is safe and easy to get around' - council quote.

Traction seal

We ask that traction seal for safety as described in the 2025 Plan is allocated as a priority to the section of Whaanga road between the end of the seal at Te Tuhi Road and Te Toto Gorge carpark to make the road safer and reduce maintenance. What are the safety criteria for allocating the seal to a road? Which roads in the district have received this allocation since 2018? How do we apply for our road to have safety sealing?

Motor rallies fees

The use of Whaanga road by the rally of New Zealand and other motor vehicle races causes disruption to business, significant damage to the road that takes months to repair, danger to stock, costs to residents in tyres, wheel alignments and other car repairs, damage to the environment, negative impact of helicopters and drones and significant safety concerns.

The bonds that the council asks for motor rallies are inadequate. In the Fees Section it says that a maximum of \$45000 bond will be asked for a rally. We understand that damage to Whaanga road

after the last motor rally was \$100 000. Is this bond ever charged in full? What steps does the council take to ensure its paid? Is the bond payment ever challenged by the motor event organisers?

We see that Council will charge motor rallies actual costs to repair road and structures. What do you mean by repair? We saw that Whaanga road in places was scoured to basement rock after the last event, and the surface was never completely restored.

Is the inspection carried out immediately afterwards? Who does the post rally inspection? What is the timeframe for repair work to reinstate to the roads to pre rally standard? We the residents have to get on the road immediately after a rally event, to go about our business, and are the first ones to deal with large rocks, scoured surfaces, mounds of gravel and soil, etc. Who does the road repairs after a rally? How long does it take the council to get reimbursed for the work? Did the event organisers ever contest the costs of repairs? What was the outcome?

'An integrated, safe, responsive and sustainable land transport network is maintained, improved and protected'. Council quote

Thank you for reading this submission.
May 5th 2021

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1735****Full Name: Genny Wilson and Bob MacLeod****Wish to speak to submission: Yes**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

The levels of debt should be minimised and current ratepayers should be funding our services - not loading on future ratepayers. Given the economic uncertainty there is no guarantee that the future year increases, particularly for option 2, will be at those levels - rather they may be higher causing more pain over a longer period. Get the funding now so that the necessary projects can be completed. The ongoing COVID situation and the impact on supply chains is also impacting the costs of construction and supplies. This will continue into the foreseeable future so it makes sense for a sharp intervention now.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

The housing stock will continue to deteriorate and needs investment that is not cost effective for ratepayers. There is a tension between keeping the rents affordable and the need for the service to be self-funding. There are ongoing requirements on landlords, including Councils, that must be met and are expensive. A social housing provider can attract other funding not available to Council. They are also able to provide wrap around social services which is better for everyone. Waipa DC successfully sold pensioner housing to Habitat for Humanity so it proves this does work.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

It is a nonsense to have an inorganic collection. It does not encourage recycling/upcycling and is directly counter to Council's obligations under the Waste Minimisation Act. Council will not fund the food waste collection which is beneficial and should be extended across the district but is looking to continue with the outdated concept of inorganic collections. The money would be better spent on waste minimisation, including the food waste. It is also a nonsense as it directly contradicts the work that council is undertaking to minimise carbon emissions and the impact of Climate change. If the Council is serious about addressing climate change it would not allow further landfill and waste collections such as this. Have the courage to make a difference and say no to this collection. Waikato

DC are the laughing stock in that the model for food waste collection was proven in Raglan and is now successfully rolled out in many other areas including Hamilton but not funded in WDC.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

Note this is a comment from Genny only - I think it is important that there is a pool of discretionary money that can be assigned locally. The local community representatives understand the local dynamics and benefits rather than a centralised district allocation by a team removed from the area. There is a risk that the squeaky wheels will get a disproportionate amount of the limited funding pool otherwise. There needs to be a balance between funding types.

It is important that the local is kept in local government for funding decisions. This will be even more critical as the central government reforms are rolled out and what is the responsibility of local government is clarified. I would be unhappy if all the decisions are made over the hill without local involvement

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Development contributions should include contribution to community hubs/social wellbeing infrastructure. As well as parks and reserves there needs to be facilities that can act as community hubs. The growth will continue and as we are becoming more and more a dormitory for Auckland we need to ensure we do have thriving communities. Developers make the money and ratepayers have to pay for infrastructure. More onus should be put on the developers to minimise the impact on current and future ratepayers and remove the lag for funding of community amenities.

We support a new dog pound being built in Ngaruawahia for animal welfare and security reasons as a must do project.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1305****Full Name: Nic Greene****Wish to speak to submission: Yes**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:****Comment:**

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

I support the sale of Pensioner Housing to a responsible service provider for several reasons

1. Community Housing providers (CHPs) are specialist providers of accommodation services for the long term. They are regulated by the Community Housing Regulatory Authority and can offer stability that is not subject to political whim.
2. CHP's have access to a range of funding options that councils are excluded from. These include the Income Related Rent Subsidy (IRRS) and Philanthropic sources. These income sources enable CHPs to continue to offer sustainable but affordable rent levels and plan and fund maintenance and upgrade work that is often deferred by council.
3. Housing services for CHP's is their core business and they put the wellbeing of residents at the centre of their Mahi. They are well equipped to provide not just property management services but also the wider supports that are associated with vulnerable communities that access subsidised housing. They are often more nimble and responsive due to their smaller and more specialised structures.
4. CHP's have shown a willingness to be bound to agreed outcomes via encumbrances or other tools to ensure council outcomes are met

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1523****Full Name: NC and DJ Wood****Wish to speak to submission: Yes**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Covid 19 has caused hardship to a lot of people. Come will have lost jobs and business people lost income. Council must look at cutting its cloth and not cause Ratepayers any more pain.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Option 2 is OK if the provider is a responsible one and not in it to make a profit if it doesnt suit them sell it off.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Being in the senior age bracket its the only option to dispose of inorganic stuff.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

How about a Te Kowhai village sign (indicating which direction to turn) at the intersection of Horotiu Road (which is ridiculous to be names thru Te Kowhai) and Ngaruawahia Rd. Not everyone has a flash phone or nwe car to tell them where Te Kowhai is. People from the city have a hard time finding

their way out here especially when Te Kowhai Rd to Te Rapa Rd was chopped off. The biggest mistake by HCC.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1624****Full Name: Ants Hawes****Wish to speak to submission: Yes**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:****Comment:**

Neither sorry. I don't know why you think you need such a big increase at all. Try living within your means like the rest of us have to.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

I think it is good for the council to have to care for this group. Makes you more than just a business. You become a bit more community (a caring heart) rather than just a business run by rules...

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

For the amount you want to put up the rates, I certainly hope we get something useful for it like this collection. Again, as in question two, try being part of a community rather than just a business.

I could be wrong, but my gut feel is that you don't want to be part of anything that requires hassle or extra cost. Only problem is, the public expects you to provide some services that may be a hassle or extra cost. If you don't want to do this, then say so, don't give us the old; health and safety, increase costs to comply line. Unfortunately for you, we now live in a world where people have woken up to these good old lines. Just be honest and let's have a respectful discussion around what is appropriate for a local council to deliver, and what is too much. Thank you. (Apologies if I have come on too strong, but I and many others feel as though we are dictated to by bureaucracy that is only interested in it's own comfort, not in making a true community.)

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1627****Full Name: James Whetu****Wish to speak to submission: Yes****Topic 1 – General Rates Increase****Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

I agree with the go hard and early approach, so have picked Option 1, but as a residential and commercial/industrial rate-payer in Ngāruawāhia, I would like to see more done in Ngāruawāhia with my targeted rates.

Looking over the draft list of capital projects of the LTP 2021-2031, I support all projects for Ngāruawāhia, and wish to see funding identified for the 2022 - 2024 to remain as is, with exception to the three (3) Ngāruawāhia stormwater reticulation upgrade projects, the Ngāruawāhia Community Centre (2022 \$1.5million), and the Ngāruawāhia library land purchase (2022 \$1.2million).

Ngāruawāhia has poor stormwater management, this needs to be addressed. If rates are not going to address this issue over the next three years, then there needs to be leniency in development contributions if developers or property owners are containing onsite/in situ.

With the Ngāruawāhia Community Centre and the Land Purchase for Library to occur in 2022, when will the community be consulted on these to projects?

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Its disappointing that Council do not believe that they can partner with social services to support tenets in pensioner units.

If there is no culture in Council to look after our senior citizens who are stalwarts and have been long time members of our communities, the I guess community housing providers can offer a better service than Council.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

Individuals in communities need to take greater responsibility in waste minimisation

We the community need to be supported with information and education in this transition away from inorganic kerbside service, and have accessibility to recovery centres or alternatives/options.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

There are some great projects and ideas within the Ngāruawāhia Blueprint but prioritisation on which projects gets funded first Over the course of 10 years needs to include community consultation and community-led.

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1676****Full Name: Greig Metcalfe****Wish to speak to submission: Yes**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:****Comment:**

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:****Comment:**

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Te Kowhai is identified in Future Proof and Waikato 2070 as a future residential growth area for the Waikato District. The Proposed Waikato District Plan also provides a framework for future growth at Te Kowhai. Te Kowhai has an old wastewater treatment plant that is due for replacement and is not able to support this growth. It is likely services will need to be extended from Horotiu. The draft LTP identifies two unfunded wastewater projects for Te Kowhai (1WW11237 and 1WW12673). It is requested that funding is made available for these projects to ensure development at Te Kowhai can occur within the medium term (3 to 10 years). The highest priority is advancing a strategic study including associated demand and capacity modelling.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1769

Full Name: Whitikahu School - Brent Harper (Principal)

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Submission Point One:

Make provision in the first year of the LTP for the construction of a 200 metre long walkway, linking Whitikahu School with the Whitikahu Community Hall and Tennis Courts.

Reason:

Whitikahu School is a thriving country school. In the past three years the School roll has grown from 70 to over 100 students, reflective of the strong community growth that is evident in the wider area. The growth in the School roll has seen the addition of two new teachers, and a new class in 2021. To accommodate the new class, the Schools existing 'Multipurpose Room' has been repurposed to become a classroom. This is likely to be the long-term solution, meaning the School is effectively left

without a suitable space where the whole School can gather, hold assemblies, productions, practice kapa haka/music/dance etc.

As a result, the School would like to make additional use of the Whitikahu Community Hall and Tennis Courts, located 200 metres along Whitikahu Road. The Hall is already used throughout the year for several School activities, and would be used more frequently in the absence of the Multipurpose Room.

However, a major impediment to the further use of the Hall is the unsafe journey on foot for the students and teachers between the School and the Hall. The students are required to walk on the road verge, effectively unseparated and exposed to traffic travelling at 70km/hr (often in excess, so much so that the school has requested NZ police presence in the corridor in an effort to calm the speeds of vehicles). The road is also frequented by trucks travelling to and from the nearby quarry. The teacher to student ratio makes it difficult to ferry the students in a safe manner i.e. keeping them safely on the verge.

The provision of a walkway between the School and the Hall would provide an effective and safer means of travel for the teachers and students. It would provide students and passing drivers more definitive spaces on which to travel, therefore enhancing safety.

Connecting the School with the Hall would see greater use of existing community facilities. Greater use of the carpark adjacent to the Hall could also be used for overflow carparking when the School has large vehicle numbers attending functions at the School, making it safer for all road users. This is in keeping with the Council's strategic aims to achieve efficient and effective use of infrastructure and services (as set out in the LTP Consultation Document, the District Plan, and Waikato 2070).

Submission Point Two:

Make provision in the first year of the LTP for measures to reduce speed through the Whitikahu School Zone, including through the use of traffic calming measures and reducing the speed limit from 70km/hr.

Reason:

Whitikahu School is located on a long stretch of straight road, near the top of an incline in the road. The current speed through the School zone is 70km/hr, and there is little in the way of further traffic calming measures in place. The school is obscured in both directions by topography incline and vegetation, and existing electronic signs alerting traffic to the school are largely dysfunctional. Painted 'dragon teeth' on the road have had no visible effect on reducing traffic speeds past the school, even during drop off and pick up times. Near misses are a daily occurrence, and a major concern for School staff endeavouring to keep students, parents and themselves safe.

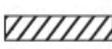
It is noted that 40 km/hr speed limits have been implemented throughout urban school zones to raise driver awareness and reduce risk. Whitikahu School is no different. It is a busy School with a thriving roll, with students whose safety has equal value to that of any other school, urban or otherwise.

There is urgent need for effective traffic calming measures to reduce speeds past the School and raise driver awareness of the presence of the School, particularly during drop off and pick up times. A reduction of the speed limit (either permanent or variable according to time of day) is requested, in addition to adequate warning signage and/or other traffic calming measures to decrease the likelihood of an incident and its severity should one occur.

Attachment: Yes



WHITIKAHU COMMUNITY

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|  WHITIKAHU SCHOOL |  200 METRE LENGTH WALKWAY SOUGHT |
|  WHITIKAHU HALL AND TENNIS COURTS |  70KM/HR SPEED ZONE |

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1807

Full Name: Matt Holl

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Many property owners are still recovering financially from lockdowns and struggling businesses.

If political governance treated projects as if it was their money and their property, with community buy in, the rates could be reduced!

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

With a housing crisis, nationally, now is not the right time to cast these pensioners out to the wolves.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Waste dumped off the side of the road or in reserves is a potential result of discontinuence.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

I support the concept of blueprints but would love to see the next intended stage of the Raglan Community Plan be facilitated as I always intended when I did, Raglan Naturally with Mark Buttimore and the Community

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

I wish to mention stormwater and seawater at Raglan Rugby Grounds and Netball and Tennis Grounds.

I would like to see a handbook developed for new community board members so that ignorance is no longer an excuse. Parking, Raglan has a problem.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1840

Full Name: Jeremy Mayall for Creative Waikato

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

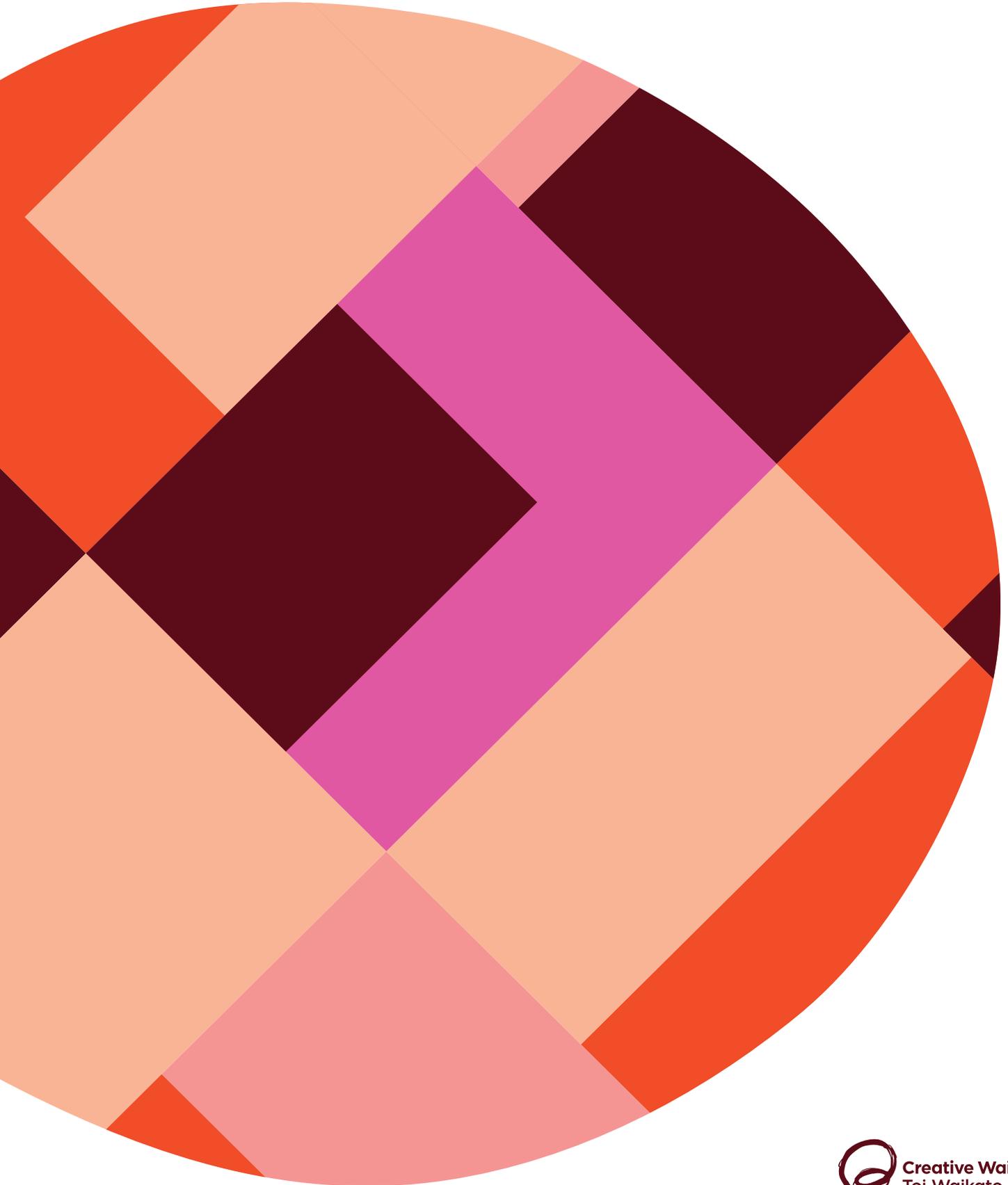
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Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: Yes

Regional Strategy 2021



Arts and creativity
are integral to who
we are as a dynamic,
inclusive,
and trans-
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When arts and
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Introduction

Creative expression simply makes life better. It helps to build resilient and diverse communities and improve our quality of life.

Great art and culture inspires learning, boosts our economy, enhances wellbeing, builds our region's reputation, and more. The arts can also be used as ideal problem solving tools to help us with major challenges such as Covid-19 recovery.

It is important that there is an ongoing framework to support how creative people work. Having access to a thriving arts and cultural sector makes for an exciting and engaging city, town and region. There is great strategic impact from setting things in motion to make this sector sustainable and active. The arts, culture and creative sector makes a substantial contribution to the broader Waikato Region – not only through the lens of cultural wellbeing, but also social, environment and economic wellbeing.

Blueprint for the future

If all of our local authorities, in partnership with regional enablers, shared a single, simple blueprint for arts aspirations and planning, the impact for our communities would be significantly greater.



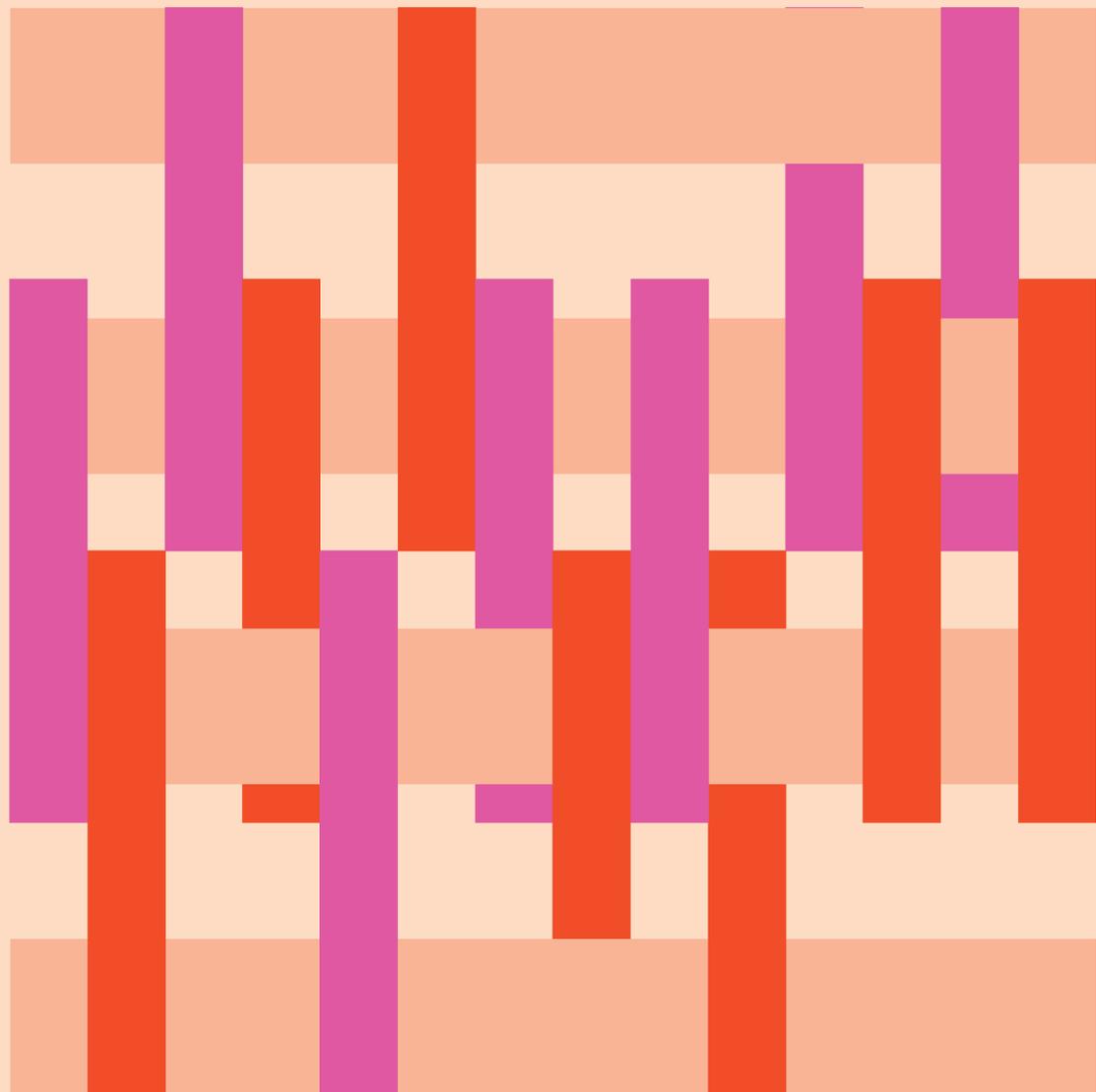
We all want the same things for our communities – wellbeing, prosperity, shared experiences, and regional excellence. So let's align our actions to get there.



Creative Waikato are your local arts experts. We have been working extensively across the Waikato since 2012. We are here to support your efforts. We want to partner with you to realise exciting and successful outcomes.

Creativity is essential to a thriving humanity. It is how we understand who we are and how we connect to one another. It is interwoven through all facets of our wellbeing.

Creativity and wellbeing



This intricately woven cloth is our collective experience. In it, we can see the horizontal threads as arts and culture, and the vertical threads as everything else. When both work together, with arts and culture touching each strand of all other aspects of society, the interlocking strands become beautiful, strong and inspiring.

This fabric represents our capacity to live healthy and fulfilling lives, by allowing us to identify who we are, how we engage with each other, and how we think and feel. This is our wellbeing.

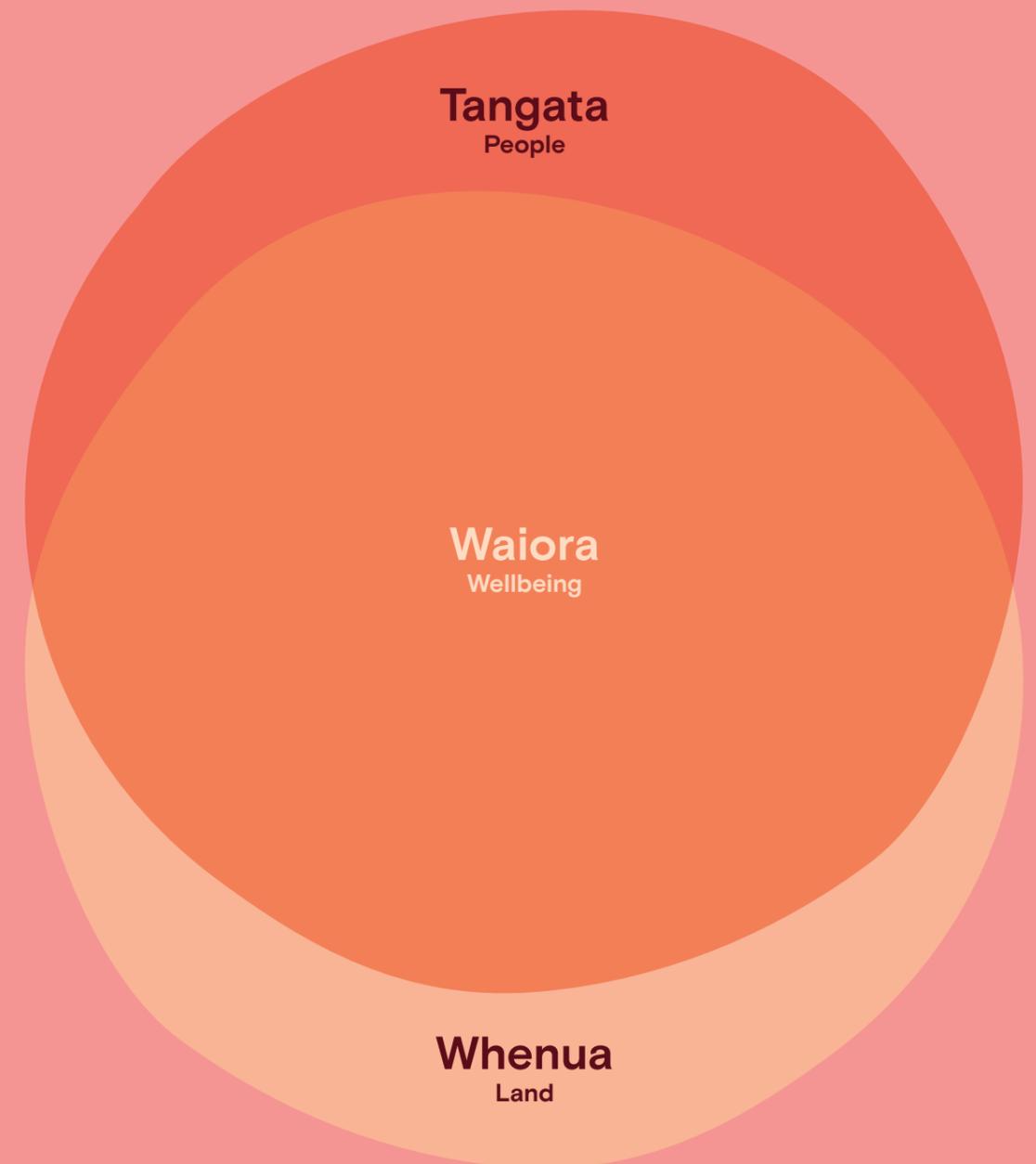
Wellbeing looks different within many different cultures, and needs to be addressed as such. It is a living and holistic thing that is intrinsically connected with who we are. This is connected to the many diverse communities in this region. Because we are based in Aotearoa, at the core of this work we must acknowledge the wellbeing of tangata whenua, and understand wellbeing from a Te Ao Māori perspective as integral to wellbeing in Aotearoa.

Te Ao Māori lens

It is vital that we embrace a Te Ao Māori lens in the way we operate and build our collective vision for a shared future.

We must acknowledge the wellbeing of tangata whenua and understand things from a te ao Māori perspective as being central to our understanding of wellbeing in Aotearoa.

A Te Ao Māori (the Māori world-view) lens provides a unique opportunity for us to think and act in a distinctive way. A way that sees the interwoven experience of things. A way that sees creativity as a core part of life and existence. A holistic wellbeing.



Māori values are informed through an indivisible relationship alongside and within the natural world. There are patterns, stories and connections between all living things, and these elements serve to provide clarity and understanding. There is a plurality of

existence where things are connected. The concepts are inclusive and holistic. They let us share and value our human experience and to engage with one another in an empowering way. To give mana to each other and to acknowledge our individual and collective mauri.

What is the Waikato Arts

Navigator?

The Vision

The Waikato Arts Navigator (WAN) creates a shared framework, including a vision and strategy, for supporting and strengthening our arts and culture in the region. It guides planning and decision making.



In using WAN as our common strategy, we can all track in the same direction and cross-regional efforts will support, complement and strengthen one another.

Arts and creativity are integral to who we are as a dynamic, inclusive, and transformative region. When arts and creativity is strong and visible, communities are strong and visible.

The Waikato prosperes with diverse and transformative creative activity



Five Threads of the Waikato Arts Navigator

The ultimate objective of WAN is to have all Councils in the region making decisions with the following outcomes in mind. The effect of this would be transformational for the Waikato.

CREATIVE WELLBEING	CREATIVE PROSPERITY	CREATIVE EXPERIENCES	CREATIVE EDUCATION	CREATIVE INNOVATION
Mental, physical & spiritual wellbeing	Creative economies	People experience local, national, international arts	Participatory art projects	Business partnerships
Positive collective & individual identities	Attract & retain residents	Community & cultural expression	Upskilling creative professionals	Informing local government decision making
Create, grow & strengthen communities	Tourism opportunities	Recreation & interaction	Community art classes & projects	Local problem solving
Inspired responses to challenges such as Covid-19	Positive national perceptions	Community engagement & connection	Youth development	Distinct local expression
Strengthened connection to place	Increased investment from regional & national funders	Local pride	Audience development	Creative export opportunities

These threads represent key areas of focus that connect across our broader societal ecosystem.

CREATIVE WELLBEING

Creativity can open our minds, relax us, lift our wairua (spirit) and give us hope.¹ The arts provide connection to ourselves, our communities and our sense of place. They help define who we are and who we want to be.

The arts make a huge contribution to the wellbeing of individuals and communities. They are a source of national pride, a chance to learn about different cultures and an opportunity to provide life-enhancing experiences. Creative expression and experiences have a big impact on our mental, physical and spiritual wellbeing.

EXAMPLES OF ACTIONS TO CONSIDER

An arts response for Covid-19 recovery. This could be an ideal way to restore and protect the wellbeing of your local people.

Ensure that any arts festivals and programmes are actively inclusive of Māori – both for artists and audience.

Support your local arts organisations who are working for the health of local people. These could include youth programmes and other community development programmes.

PITFALLS TO AVOID

Don't assume that the people who are visible and vocal are the only ones with wellbeing needs. Often those who aren't engaged and visible are of the highest need.

Try to avoid any unnecessary red tape or complications that might stand in the way of public programmes.

¹ 'Using the arts and creativity to imagine wellbeing' <https://www.creativenz.govt.nz/blog/using-the-arts-and-creativity-to-reimagine-wellbeing> Moynahan, M (Chairman of the Arts Council of NZ)

CREATIVE PROSPERITY

According to government figures from 2020, the creative sector contributes a massive \$11 billion a year to NZ's GDP and employs 90,000 people nationwide. Many people in the Waikato rely on the arts for some or all of their income. The potential to grow the economic activity of this sector in the Waikato is huge.

As well as generating income for people working in the arts, the creative sector creates tourism opportunities, supports innovation and collaboration, and can promote towns and the region as creative and innovative places.

For our towns, the arts can help attract new residents, retain youth, and create positive national perceptions.

EXAMPLES OF ACTIONS TO CONSIDER

Target funding and development support to start-up creative businesses.

Invest in local arts events and organisations that will encourage tourism and local spending.

Look for opportunities to involve artists in innovative collaborations.

PITFALLS TO AVOID

Make sure artists are properly remunerated. Their sustainability and the success of your projects depends on you valuing what they do.

CREATIVE EXPERIENCES

Creative experiences add to our quality of life. Whether it's watching something at home, listening to the radio in the car, or getting out to a gallery, theatre, or music venue, experiencing and participating in the arts supports our understanding of ourselves and of others.

The arts allow us to intelligently reflect on our communities and the wider world. They provide moments of joy and recreation. Local arts can build local pride in our people and places.

EXAMPLES OF ACTIONS TO CONSIDER

Ensure that local venues are accessible.

Support the promotion of local arts events to increase participation.

Distribute funding so that people have the opportunity to experience the arts without having to travel out of your area.

PITFALLS TO AVOID

Work to ensure that there are a wide range of arts experiences available for the different cultures, ages and walks of life in your communities.

Strike a balance between supporting local creatives, and bringing in fresh new content and skills.

CREATIVE EDUCATION

Artistic literacy is making meaning through the arts as a way to connect with our own humanity and the humanity of others.²

Enabling audiences to engage or be co-creators of art, provides a sense of pride in who they are and their place in the world, as well as their connection with others.

As well as engagement with the arts, upskilling creative professionals and providing community art classes and projects is important. Artists and creatives provide unique ways of looking at the world and help to develop design-thinking, creativity and critical thinking – all skills important for our future workforce.³

EXAMPLES OF ACTIONS TO CONSIDER

Valuing new ways of thinking and problem solving.

Encouraging and supporting arts vocations as a feasible career pathway.

Providing access for all communities to connect with art.

Support for mentoring and development programmes.

PITFALLS TO AVOID

Lack of recognition of how the arts can facilitate critical thinking and problem solving.

² What is artistic literacy? <https://artistic-literacy.institute>
³ Arts-based teaching of literacies – www.aare.edu.au
⁴ Ibid

CREATIVE INNOVATION

Creativity and innovation are two concepts which are increasingly becoming more synonymous with one another.

Creativity provides the inspiration and idea that something is possible. Innovation takes this idea and transforms it into a practical reality.

Creativity can be the spark and innovation the gas to the pedal that produces results.⁴

Creative innovation considers ideas, processes and turns these into action. There are endless opportunities to use this to inform local government decision making, assess potential export options, foster business partnerships and encourage unique ways of local expression.

EXAMPLES OF ACTIONS TO CONSIDER

Providing environments in which opinions, new ideas and thoughts are valued and encouraged.

Embracing diverse experiences, different perspectives on difficult questions and a willingness to embrace creativity to find new and better solutions.

Adequately funding local arts to help create innovative opportunities.

Involving artists in decision-making processes across different areas of work.

PITFALLS TO AVOID

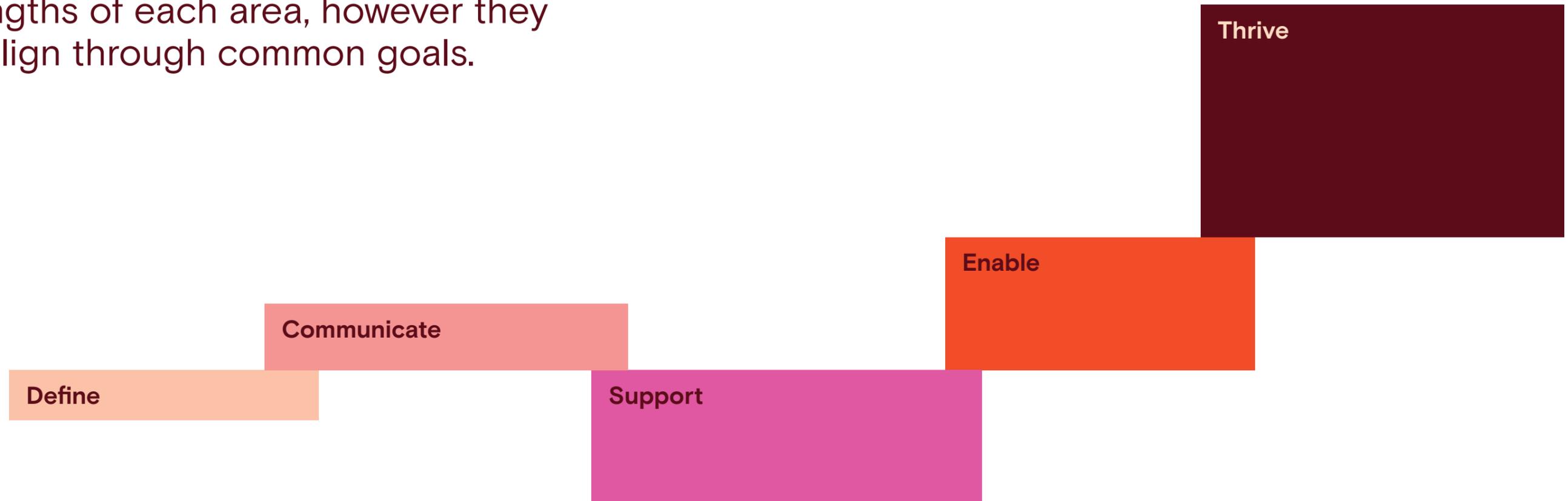
Lack of recognition for the skills and insight artists can provide across a variety of different areas.

Leaving input from artists as an after-thought rather than integrating critical problem solving solutions at the start of a project, when it has more impact.

How does the Waikato Arts Navigator

work?

Councils can utilise WAN to develop simple and practical plans that support arts and culture in their community. The plans can be tailored to the unique strengths of each area, however they will align through common goals.



By aligning local actions within the five key threads of the Arts Navigator strategy, the result for the Waikato will be regional synergy which will magnify collective efforts. Additionally, when we grow a common understanding of the benefits of the arts and culture we will be in a better position to support regional progress.

- COUNCILS AND COMMUNITIES WILL BE ABLE TO**
- Clearly see their communities within the plan
 - Agree with the priorities and understand how they can benefit their communities
 - Identify elements within the plan that they can support or action, thus contributing to the realisation of the vision
 - Recognise the importance of relationship between stakeholders and other communities in order for the vision to be realised

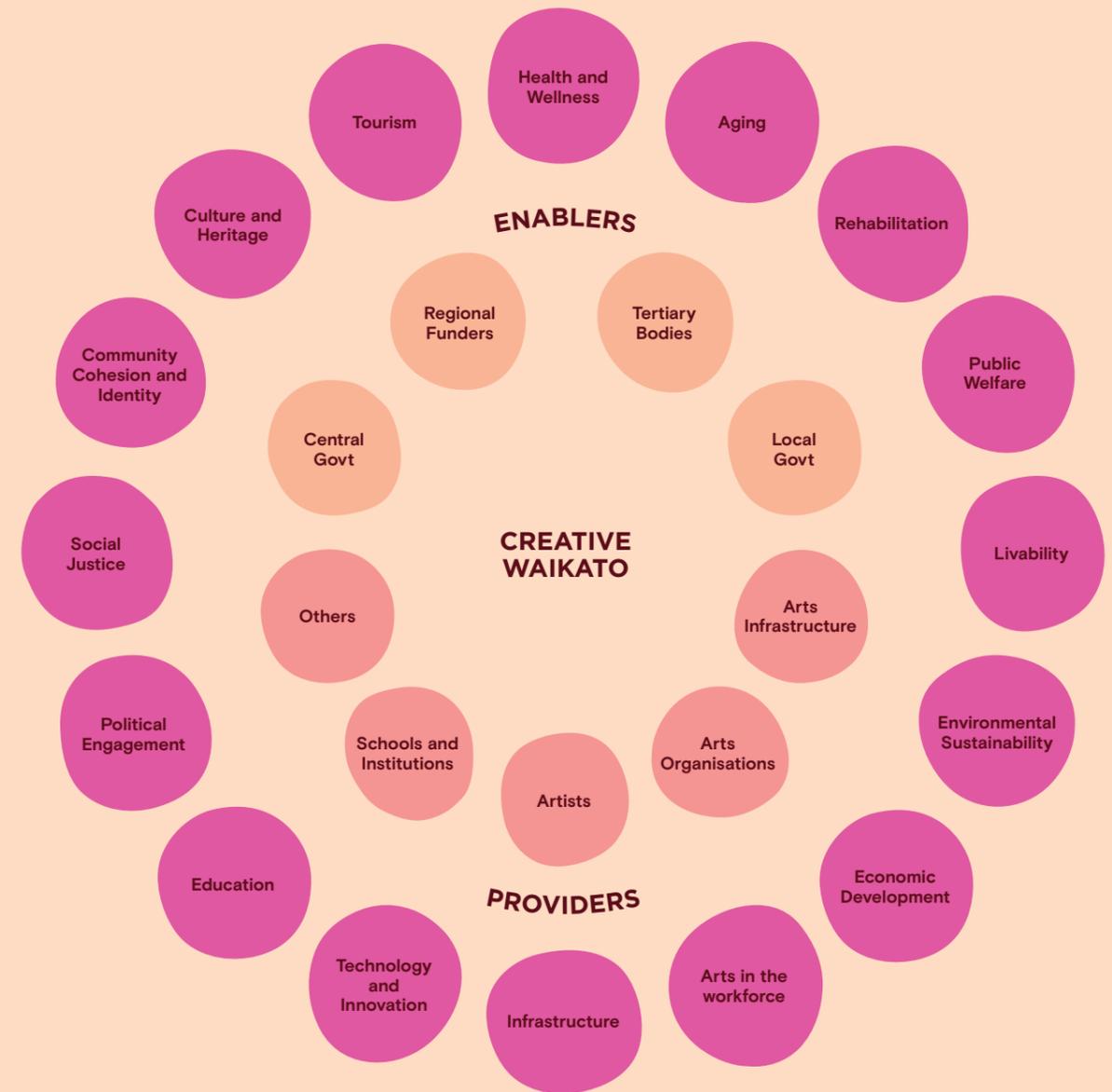
Creative Waikato’s goal is to support and enable our arts communities to thrive. We are here to provide a creative lens to guide and enable decision-making that leads to the best possible outcomes, not only for the arts sector, but for all communities.

Arts as part of our community ecosystem

The arts can be, and should be, embedded in all facets of our community. They feed into a broader understanding of the ecosystem of our community and place. When we collectively use arts-based approaches we move forward in an inclusive and engaging way.

It is important for local government, industry and sector leaders to see artists as a more embedded component within the rest of society. This encourages a collaborative space where the value of artists in society can be better recognised and utilised. As part of this, it would include a diverse but interconnected ecosystem of arts infrastructure (both hard and soft) that would provide clear pathways for artists and community members at any stage of the journey.

Arts and cultural ecosystem within the broader society and community



Health and Wellness
Wellbeing for individuals
Better care for each other
Increased quality of life

Aging
Physical and mental stimulation
Entertainment
Social interaction

Rehabilitation
Purpose
Self-care
Social interaction
Capability Development

Public Welfare
Community Pride
Mutual trust
Safer and healthier communities

Livability
Arts create vibrant cities
Environmental impact
Quality of Life

Environmental Sustainability
Education and Innovation
Advocating and driving awareness
Communication

Economic Development
Economic Wellbeing
Support services and impact
Sustainable Funding
Workforce Development

Arts in the workforce
Well-rounded workers who drive innovation
Creative thinkers
Solid communicators

Infrastructure
Advocacy, communication, design, breaking down barriers
Agriculture, Food, Transport, Housing, Planning and Community Development

Technology and Innovation
Symbiotic relationship for creation and development
Technology can be used to create and disseminate art

Education
Arts are part of a well-rounded education
Curiosity and exploration
Important at all levels of education

Political Engagement
Can encourage political engagement, voting, and activation

Social Justice
Civic dialogue to discuss issues and policies
Arts facilitate dialogue

Community Cohesion and Identity
Binds people together through shared experience
Creates common vision for the future
Arts bring people together

Culture and Heritage
Art activity
Diversity/Access/ Identity
History and Tradition

Tourism
Economic impact
Empathy between communities
Arts for travel

Arts and culture

—

where
we
are
now

By investing in the creative sector to deliver creative and cultural activities, local government can deliver long-term value to communities.⁵

We already know that the arts help improve New Zealand society, make us feel more confident and contribute positively to our economy.⁶

There is no doubt that Covid-19 has had a significant impact on the arts and cultural sector. There was an increase in creative activity throughout the lockdown, but in-person participation (as audience, as performers, as members of groups, societies and classes) ceased, causing major challenges for arts organisations in the Waikato region.

⁵ Creative New Zealand, "Supporting Your Arts Community through Covid-19 - He Waka Eke No", June 2020
⁶ Creative New Zealand, New Zealanders and the Arts 2017

As a region, we value the arts⁷

56%

agree the arts help create connection between different people in the community

47%

agree the arts activities available in the Waikato give young people an opportunity to express themselves

38%

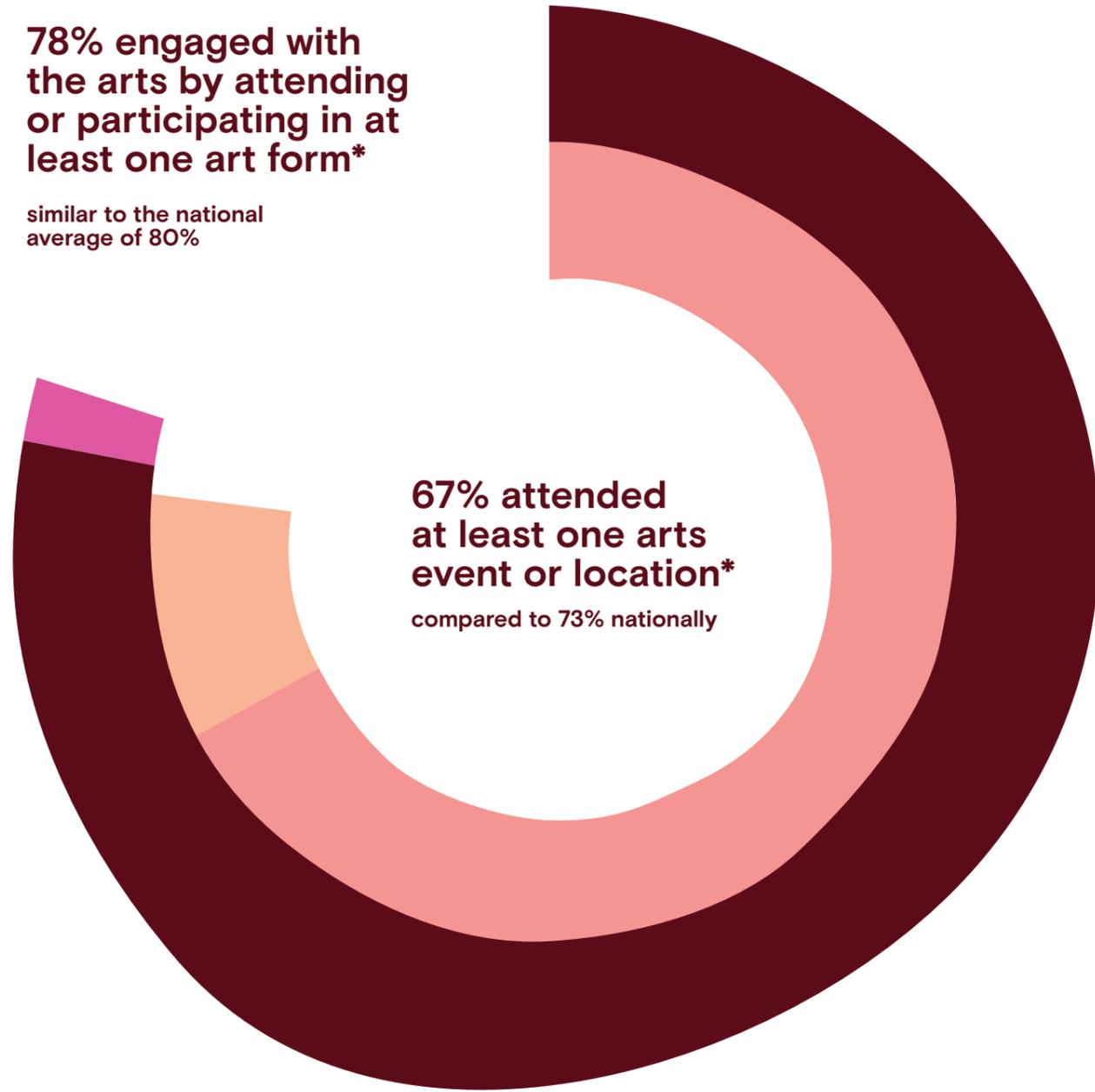
feel the arts and culture are very or extremely important to the region's identity

⁷ Momentum Waikato - Waikato Vital Signs 2020 'Culture and Arts' report (other ref Creative New Zealand, 'New Zealanders and the Arts 2017')

As a region, we value the arts

78% engaged with the arts by attending or participating in at least one art form*

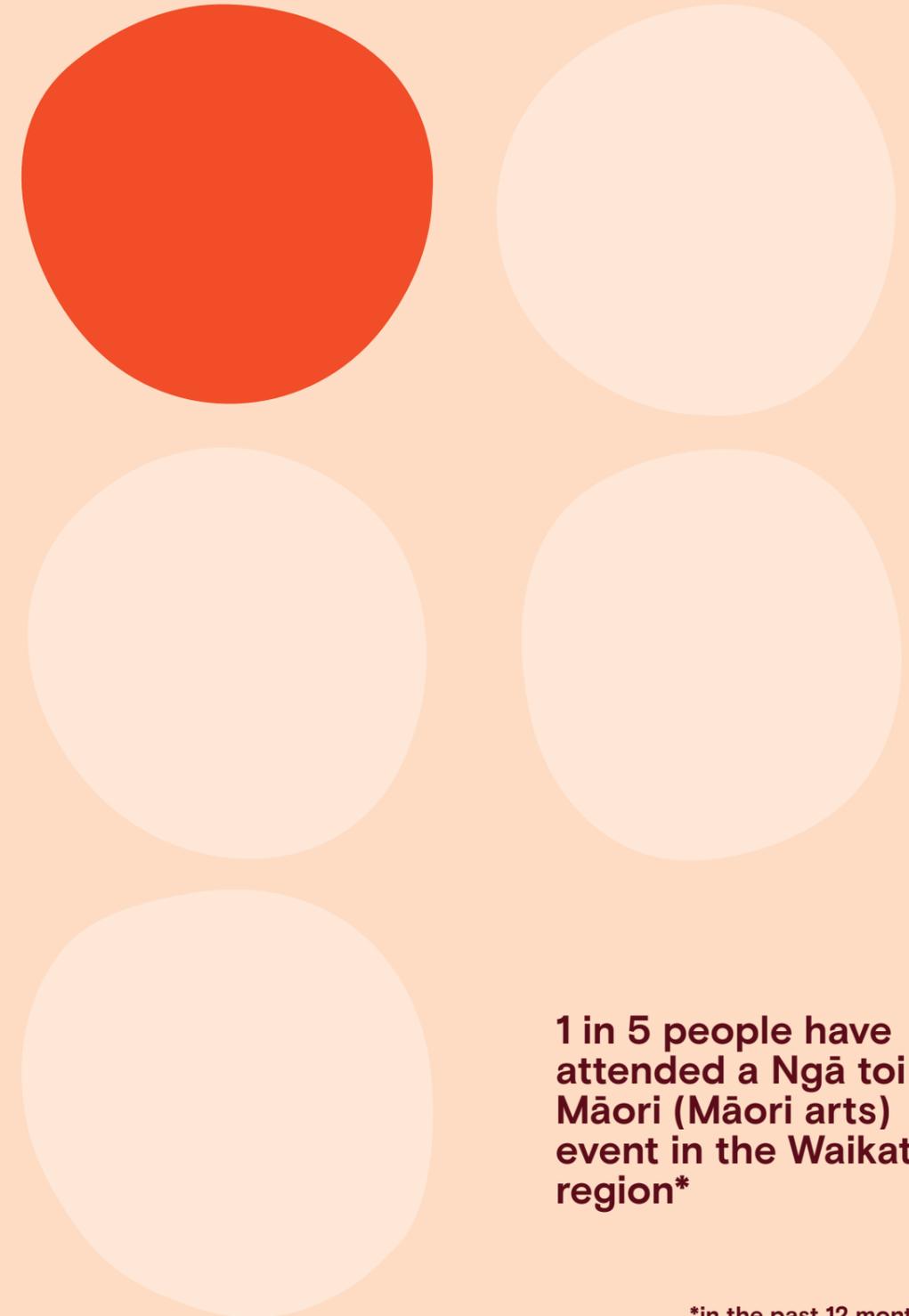
similar to the national average of 80%



67% attended at least one arts event or location*
compared to 73% nationally

*in the past 12 months

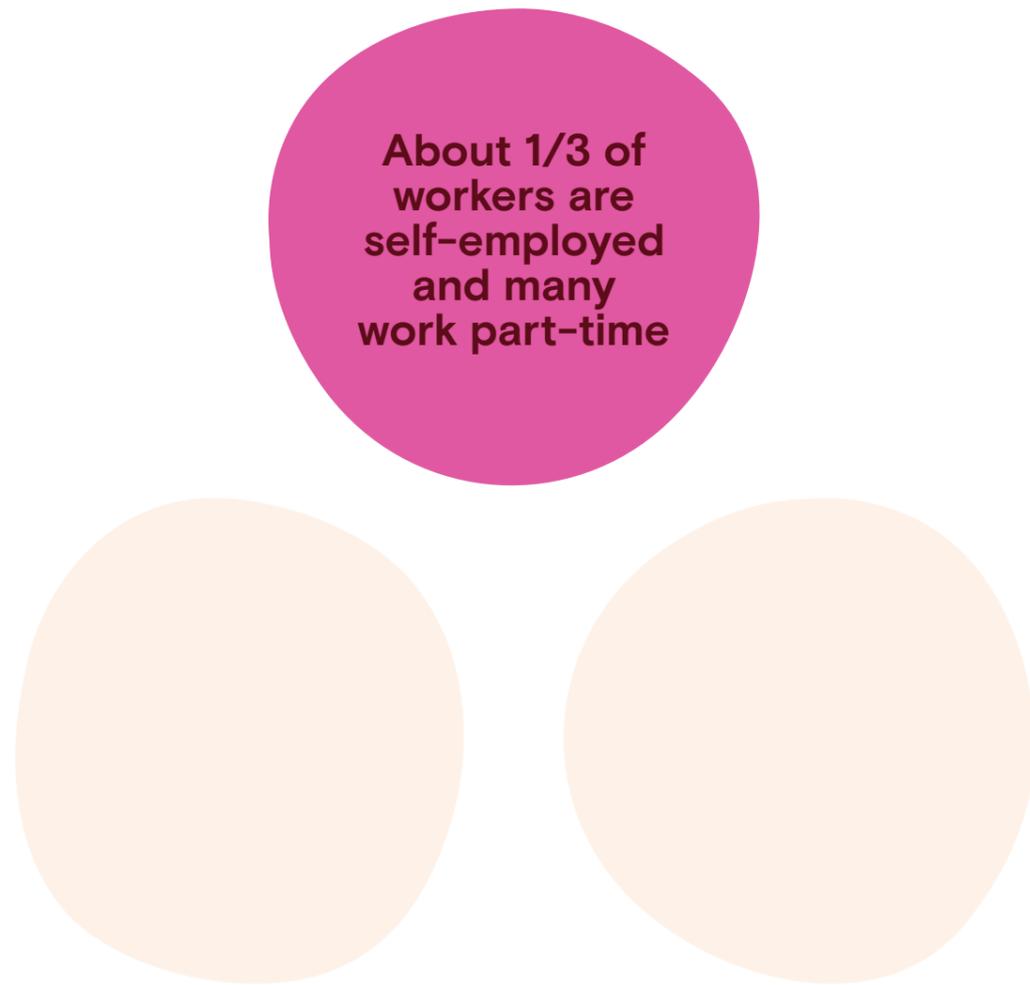
As a region, we value the arts



1 in 5 people have attended a Ngā toi Māori (Māori arts) event in the Waikato region*

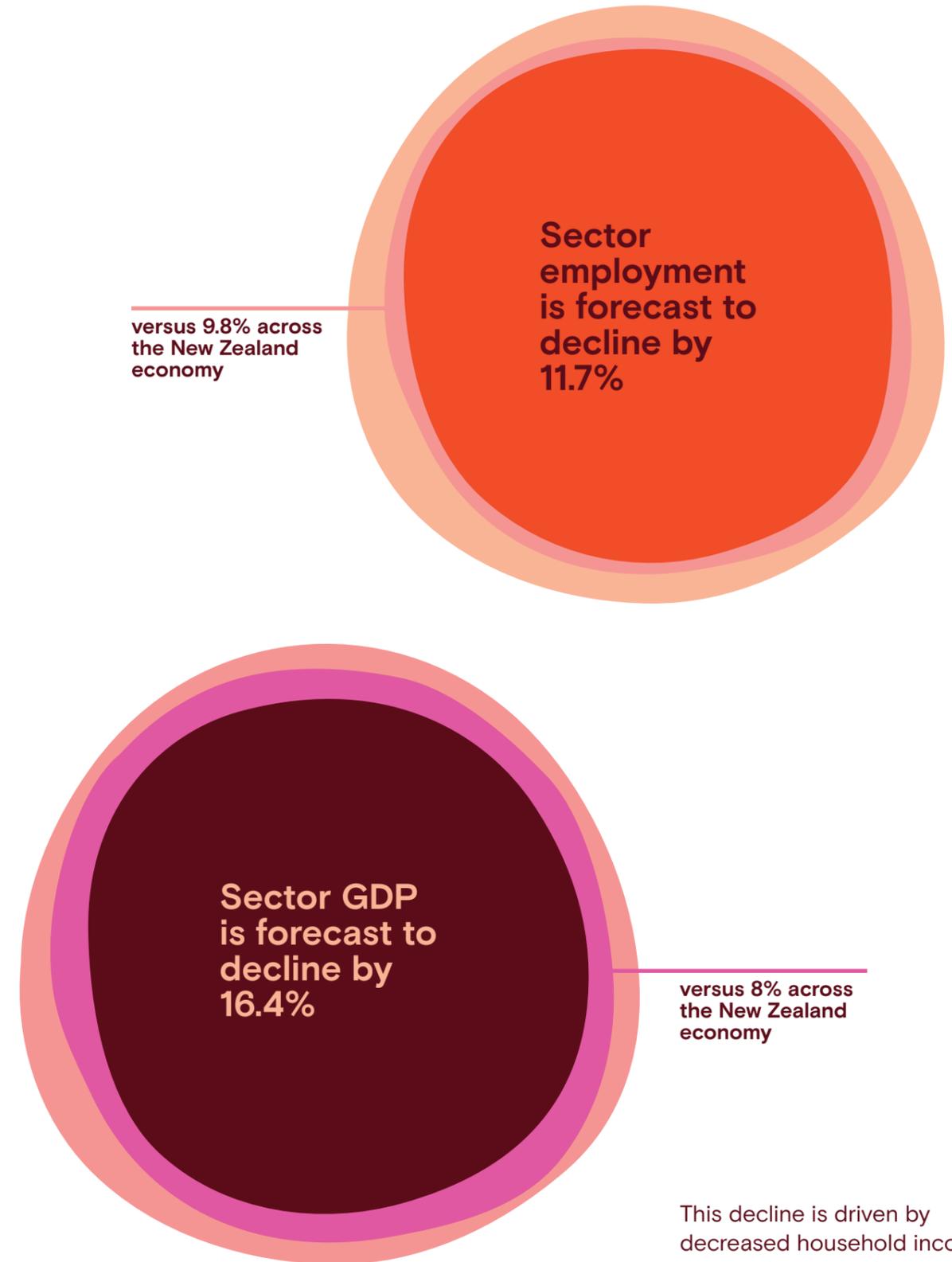
*in the past 12 months

Nationally, in the arts and creative sector, for the 12 month period to March 2021



Two key sources of secondary employment for creatives – hospitality and construction – will be the hardest hit sectors.

Nationally, in the arts and creative sector, for the 12 month period to March 2021



This decline is driven by decreased household incomes and tourism spending, and changes in audience behaviours.

Challenges

and

Opportunities

This time of uncertainly forced the arts sector to pause and reflect on how it would respond. We all know that there will always be a need for arts and creativity.

Global catastrophes change the world. Pre Covid-19, the labour market was already undergoing a significant transformation, driven by automation but also other factors such as climate change⁸. The impact of Covid-19 has also amplified challenges that already existed, such as social inequality, mental health and economic fragility.

Arts and cultural activities serve as a coping mechanism for humanity. They help us to adjust to new conditions. They help us find clarity around who we are and how we connect. Because of this, post Covid, we saw creativity on a level never before seen in human history. An appetite for culture was shown around the world. Online concerts, virtual galleries and musical performances not only provided entertainment and cultural uplift, but served to remind us of our humanity. What is needed now is to translate this into a broader understanding of the concept of value for the arts in the wider community.

⁸ Culture Lab 2030 'Voices of the City', p 4 – https://en.unesco.org/creative-cities/sites/creative-cities/files/16_pages_villes_creatives_uk_bd.pdf

EXAMPLES OF ARTS BASED COVID-19 RECOVERY

Public murals can encourage people back in to our towns, uplift spirits and stimulate economic activity.

Transform empty shop windows into temporary gallery spaces to showcase local artwork and installations. If your town saw an increase in vacant shops, this can transform depressed areas into spaces of pride.

Run an arts festival. This can bring people back together, strengthen the bonds in our communities, and support a sense of belonging.

PITFALLS TO AVOID

When investing in local arts initiatives, make sure you have the right people behind these projects to ensure success. Sometimes that means bringing in expert knowledge.



Artists as first responders

The power of art to restore some wholeness to psyches and souls shaken by disaster has emerged as a major theme in artist-led recovery efforts.⁹

Artists have been the first to respond to disasters and crises. They have galvanised efforts to connect communities in providing post-recovery solutions. Artists have shown they are able to take initiative and create innovative forms of leadership and local governance to provide necessary services and amenities in their communities,¹⁰ this has been in spite of the fact they are not always supported monetarily.

The arts can be, and should be, embedded in all facets of our community. They feed into a broader understanding of the ecosystem of our community and place. When we collectively utilise an understanding of arts-based methodologies there is a way to ensure that we can move forward in an inclusive and engaging way.

⁹ Forecast 'How artists help communities heal' – <https://forecastpublicart.org/how-artists-help-communities-heal-after-disasters/>
¹⁰ 'Gauging the Impacts of Post-Disaster Arts and Culture Initiatives in Christchurch' - <https://www.eqrecoverylearning.org/assets/downloads/2045-Gauging-the-Impacts-of-Post-Disaster-Arts-and-Culture-Initiatives-in-Christchurch-main-document.PDF>

EXAMPLES OF ACTIONS TO CONSIDER

Supporting projects that support and raise awareness of psychological and emotional wellbeing.

Celebrating local identity and using arts to bring communities together.

Using the arts to reframe how we respond to crisis.

PITFALLS TO AVOID

Not taking advantage of artists critical thinking and creative skills to be able to bring communities together.



Arts-enabled decision making

It is vital for government, sector leaders, and strategic organisations to acknowledge the role that arts can play in terms of wider sector engagement, communication, creative thinking, and the reimagination of what our world could be.

By definition artists are innovators and lateral thinkers. They see ideas and solutions where others may not. They are masters at problem solving as this is a core part of their creative work.

There is strength in applying an arts-informed framework to decision making, and strategic development in all facets of community leadership. By engaging in an artistic and creative process we are embracing vulnerability, opening our minds and tapping into what makes us human.

Creative thinking is vital to thriving communities. Artists should be involved wherever possible in decision-making processes, as they look from different angles, engaging imaginations, testing new ideas, and shaking and prodding wherever they can.

EXAMPLES OF ACTIONS TO CONSIDER

Artists can be instrumental in contributing to civic projects and developments i.e., infrastructure projects, spaces etc.

Artists ability to think laterally and innovatively can make connections across-sectors i.e., health care, community development and civic engagement

PITFALLS TO AVOID

Leaving artist input as an after-thought, when ideas have less impact.



Arts, culture and creativity are powerful levers for positive social change. They show us that we make the world rather than simply inherit it.

A 10-year

outlook

WAN provides an aspirational vision to see our region become a place with a vibrant arts and cultural sector that thrives with diverse and transformative creative activity.

The arts are valued and celebrated in our communities with robust and flourishing pathways from participation and audience engagement, training and capability development through a range of practical activities culminating in having a sector of creative professionals whose careers are able to live and thrive.

A strategic framework with a long-term view point, recognises that transformational change takes time. There are many elements that must coincide to enable such transformation – hard

infrastructure (physical assets) and soft infrastructure (people and services), acts activity, regeneration, supporting artists and arts organisations, valuing creativity and creative thinking. Proactive collaboration and strong advocacy from Councils and other leadership organisations such as philanthropic funders, tertiary organisations, regional leadership organisations, Iwi and other regional networks will inevitably empower the broader community to work towards a common vision.



This means that there is the ongoing sustainable development of a wide range of artistic and cultural activities.



There is an opportunity to continue to make this change with a strategy that is forward in its intent but localised in its action.

'The most
defining aspect
of the next age
is that it is a
creative

age –
the world will
be shaped by
creatively
minded citizens
developing
creative

processes and
ideas'¹¹

¹¹ Gardiner, R. 'The Future of New Zealand is creative', <https://brownbread.co.nz/the-good-stuff/issue-1/rob-sue-gardiner>

Long-term focus areas

To ensure arts and creativity becomes integral to who we are as a region, we need to understand the environments in which we operate, how we connect, work and play together.

This requires a consistent, collaborative approach to ensure the arts and creativity can inform and in turn, enhance what we do and how we do it.

This vision is a long-term one, however, there are some focus areas that can lead us on the path toward a dynamic, inclusive and transformative region.

Embedding arts and creativity

The arts in our society is like an iceberg floating in the ocean. The visible bits above the water are the tangible products of culture – paintings, sculpture, music, dance, theatre, poetry, etc. Then extending down beneath the water we discover the foundation and ephemeral, intangible elements of the arts – the values, beliefs, thoughts, and emotional responses that are essential in our understanding of ourselves and each other.

The extent to which our communities can see the arts in their places and spaces, in the activity around them and in the interactions with others, is a reflection of how embedded the arts and creativity is in their community.

The arts can have a transformative effect in how people see themselves and the world. It contributes hugely to overall wellbeing as well as creating employment. By embedding the arts in our soft infrastructure (people and services) and hard infrastructure (physical assets) we will really start to see transformation.

Surface Culture
Tangible elements

Deep Culture
Values, beliefs, thoughts and emotions

Ongoing sustainable investment

To be truly transformational there must be ongoing sustainable investment into the arts sector. Investment is not only monetary, it is also supporting and enabling arts activity to become integrated into the lifeblood of our region.

Sustained, long-term investment ensures key infrastructure is entrenched, spaces and places are activated, arts activity can flourish and pathways for employment are supported.

This strategy provides key threads as areas of investment to ensure our region remains dynamic and strong moving forward.

Investment in the arts is an investment in communities. Investment over an extended period of time allows for a more strategic consideration of how this can be used – to have broader visions for activity because there is more time to plan, opportunity to collaborate with both the arts and cultural sector and wider communities because there is more time and scope to create meaningful relationships.

Many arts organisations in the Waikato region rely on a range of funding sources, and a lot of time is spent finding and securing funding. There is a need for more sustainable funding streams for arts and cultural activity. If we see investment as people focused we can then look at opportunities to explore the way our community and arts funding models work.

Collaboration to foster and grow creative activity

There is a whole ecosystem that is required to keep a functioning and beneficial artistic culture alive; having spaces to present work, having people to help make work, having access to materials and technology to craft work, and having audiences to engage with the work. Many times, each of these elements are running on volunteer hours and goodwill.

To strengthen and grow creative activity, a collaborative approach recognises that all sectors make an important contribution to the cultural wellbeing of our region.

These partners form part of an interconnected eco-system that can support a regeneration of ideas, cultivate new connections and realise transformative ideas.

A stronger region is a collaborative one, where we are all working toward a common purpose and believe in the power of the arts and importance it has for humanity.

Supporting artistic pathways through capability building

Art is a strong manifestation of culture, and having sustainable and accessible arts activities are fundamental for strong cultural identity. Making, sharing and enjoying art is foundational to our collective cultural life. It engages our creativity and allow us to experience the world through someone else's reality. The arts encourage us to tell our stories, and allow us to share ideas.

Supporting artists and arts organisations, with capability building, ensures the arts are valued and celebrated in our communities.



With robust and flourishing pathways – from participation and audience engagement, to training and capability development through to a range of practical activities, we will have a sector of creative professionals whose careers are able to thrive.

Where to

from
here

A call to action

Creative Waikato will work with Councils, funders and other partners on their specific plans, to help focus efforts, while creating a common language and purpose that can be used across many areas and align direction and decision-making.

Next steps

Contact Creative Waikato to start your Action Plan

Ensure that these outcomes align with your Long-Term Plan

Ask your communities

We look forward to working with you to devise an action plan to enable your communities to prosper.

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Creative Waikato is the regional arts organisation for the Waikato region, which includes 10 local authorities – Thames-Coromandel, Hauraki, Matamata-Piako, Waikato, Waipa, Hamilton, Waitomo, Otorohanga, South Waikato and Ruapehu. Our region also spans four Iwi – Waikato, Hauraki, Raukawa and Maniapoto.

We provide creative capability development for artists and arts organisations, strategic direction and support for sustainable arts, culture and creativity in our region.

Our vision is that

‘The Waikato prospers with diverse and transformative creative activity’

What does this mean

The arts are valued and celebrated in our communities.

Our region has robust and flourishing pathways for participation and audience engagement and our creative and artistic professionals.

Ongoing sustainable development of a range of artistic and cultural activities throughout the region.

The arts, artists, arts and cultural organisations and arts activity is seen as a being a vital part of the Waikato region and the wellbeing of its people.

Our purpose is

We are navigators who lead the elevation of creativity in our region and collaborate to provide opportunities for cultural well-being.

Our role is

To help navigate our connections with our community and guide the way we work with artists, arts organisations and other key stakeholders.

We have four key pou that support our work

ELEVATE

We help you to succeed through advice, training and support.

CONNECT

We connect you with people and places for stronger creative outcomes.

AMPLIFY

We share stories far and wide and drive engagement with creative activity.

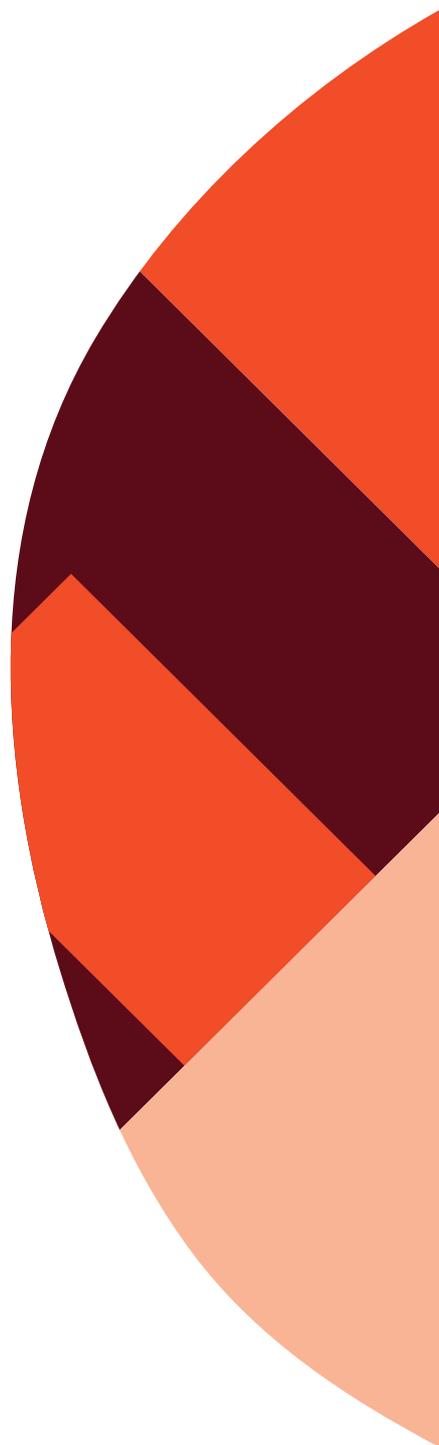
ADVOCATE

We stand up for the arts as they are essential to the wellbeing of our region.

This is a time
for vision.

A time for
collaboration.

A time for
creativity.



31 March 2021

E te kaipānui, tēnā koe

Long-term Planning 2021–2031

Creative New Zealand is the national arts development agency of Aotearoa, responsible for encouraging, promoting and supporting the arts in New Zealand for the benefit of all New Zealanders. One of our key strategic outcomes is greater public engagement with the arts, as shown by New Zealanders participating in the arts and New Zealanders engaging with high-quality arts.

Creative New Zealand is aware of the considerable work that Creative Waikato has undertaken to develop the **Waikato Arts Navigator**, a regional arts strategy that provides local authorities, regional enablers and the arts community with a collective vision for supporting and strengthening arts and culture in the Waikato – and, in turn, enhancing the wellbeing of Waikato communities.

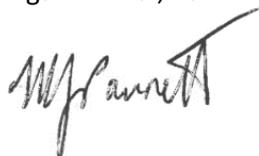
Creative Waikato plays a vital role in providing a diverse range of opportunities for Waikato residents to engage with and participate in the arts. They also provide important support and training for artists, practitioners and arts organisations. They have a proven track record of developing initiatives and projects that meet the needs of both the arts community and audiences.

As you plan for the future, we encourage your Council to work with Creative Waikato to explore how you might develop a plan to support arts and culture in your community. The Waikato Arts Navigator provides a strong framework for how councils can best engage with their local arts community.

By creating a plan of action, councils are not only supporting their arts whānau, but also delivering important social, cultural and economic wellbeing outcomes to their wider communities. Participating in arts and cultural activities builds inclusive and resilient communities, increases social cohesion, offers a way to express our unique cultural identities, attracts and accelerates economic activity, and can equip people with the skills needed for the workforce of the future.

The Waikato Arts Navigator offers a unique opportunity for councils in the Waikato to work collaboratively and undertake collective action that will deliver greater impact to their communities. Creative New Zealand hopes that Creative Waikato will be supported in its role as a vital link between the Council, its arts whānau and the wider community.

Ngā mihi nui, nā



David Pannett
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Submission to Waikato District Council
Long Term Plan 2021



Creative Waikato:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit to the Waikato District 10 Year Plan.

Key points – Creative Waikato

- Supports opportunities that enable communities to thrive, engage with the district and improve wellbeing.
- Seeks endorsement of the Waikato Arts Navigator strategy (strategy attached) and a commitment to work with Creative Waikato on developing an Arts Action Plan for the Waikato district.
- Seeks commitment of \$10,000 per annum (for the next 3 years) to develop an Arts Action Plan and ongoing engagement in the implementation of the Waikato Arts Navigator.

Introduction

We commend Council in its vision, 'Liveable, thriving and connected communities'.

We also acknowledge your community outcomes –

- Supporting our communities/Kia tautoko ki a taatou Haapori
- Building our economy/Ka hanga a tatou Oohanga
- Sustaining our environment/Kia toituu ta taatou Taiao
- Working together with you/Kia mahi tahi taatou
- Providing value for money/Ka whai painga mo te puutea

More detailed responses on specific areas of the plan are outlined below.

Waikato Blueprints

We commend Council on the work you have done on the Blueprint project, which provides a high-level 'spatial picture' of how the district could progress over the next 30 years.

Your communities, amongst other ideas, expressed ideas that have arts and culture as a fundamental theme, including -

- Vibrant and bustling towns and villages that form a network and are complementary
- Be a tourism destination
- A healthy environment with recreation and cycling opportunities

Acknowledging that each community will require a different mix of responses to achieve that vision, Creative Waikato agrees that investment in 'strengthening or development of a 'heart' with facilities and services' and 'provision or improvement of community facilities and/or social services' will be essential in creating liveable, thriving and connected communities'.¹

The Waikato Blueprint themes also align with outcomes in the Waikato Arts Navigator Strategy, which will be elaborating on further in this submission

¹ Ibid, p 8

Supporting Blueprints and Community Projects

Creative Waikato acknowledges that Council is reviewing how it supports local initiatives and the move away from grant giving to targeting Blueprint and other initiatives that your communities indicate are their priority projects.

- We support the ability for Council to seek match-funding to increase the budget allocated to each community
- We support Council staff in working directly with their Community Boards, Committees and community groups to deliver their community and Blueprint aspirations
- We support budgets remaining with Community Boards and groups

We hope that in the longer term, a move toward sustainable investment in initiatives will be considered, which will allow for a more strategic consideration as to how these funds can be used over a longer period of time.

The benefits of investing in arts and culture – wellbeing outcomes

The arts community are uniquely positioned to deliver outcomes across social, cultural, economic and environmental wellbeing. Providing residents and visitors can benefit many aspects of their wellbeing.

Cultural

- Enabling diverse communities to express and celebrate their cultural identity
- Helping communities to understand and accept cultural differences
- Supporting the revitalisation of Te Reo Māori and Te Ao Māori
- Growing knowledge and value of the stories, values and places of importance to mana whenua
- Increasing understanding of Pasifika communities and Aotearoa's place in the Pacific

Environmental

- Creating spaces and places that people value and want to care for
- Addressing and growing understanding of complex environmental issues
- Building communities' connection to the whenua
- Creating a sense of place, belonging and civic pride

Social

- Creating a sense of belonging, connectedness and greater understanding between communities
- Supporting good physical and mental health outcomes
- Enhancing a community's ability to deal with social challenges
- Growing people's knowledge and providing opportunities to learn

Economic

- Creating jobs and opportunities for local businesses – artists and arts organisations, and the aligned sectors of hospitality, tourism, education and manufacturing – and providing valuable work skills
- Creating vibrant towns and cities people want to live, work and plan in
- Supporting a stronger sense of connection to place for both residents and visitors by providing and promoting distinctive stories and experiences unique to a rohe
- Supporting recovery from unexpeced shocks or disasters through supporting social cohesion and opportunities for people to share experiences
- Making your town or city an attractive place for tourists.²

² Creative New Zealand 'Arts and culture, part of your communities future'

Impact investment funding

The arts are a sector that can build the economy and revitalise communities.

With Council leading the way, there are real opportunities for other partners to use capital for creativity. Partners that value the arts, storytelling, creativity, art lovers, art collectors, and artists themselves are looking for opportunities to align their capital with their priorities.³

For businesses it is commercially beneficial; it can help reach new customers, enhance their brand and give them a competitive edge – but also provide a valuable source of creativity, inspiration and innovation.⁴

Pathways to support the arts through investments aren't always obvious. Yet the positive effects are profound. Investing in the creative economy isn't just about benefiting artists. A thriving arts scene often breathes life into communities by attracting new businesses, creating jobs, and drawing traffic. Creative Waikato encourages Council to build on this initiative and invest more - it's not only an investment in art, it's an investment in people.

We seek Council endorsement of the following:

Waikato Arts Navigator – Regional Arts Strategy

Background

Creative Waikato knows that the work we do has an impact in our region and beyond. This knowledge has been developed through the past 8 years, and is informed by our stakeholders, and our engagement in the community.

Creative Waikato has established connections with the 10 territorial authorities in the Waikato Region. This is further strengthened through the establishment of the Waikato Arts Navigator – a regional arts strategy that is strength-based and provides an understanding of the service provision within the arts and creative sector throughout the region.

Since 2020, Creative Waikato has been talking to Councils about opportunities to utilise arts solutions for post-covid recovery.

Waikato Arts Navigator – Regional Arts Strategy

The Waikato Arts Navigator (WAN) creates a shared framework, including a vision and strategy, for supporting and strengthening our arts and culture in the region. It guides planning and decision making.

In using WAN as our common strategy, we can all track in the same direction and cross-regional efforts will support, complement and strengthen one another.

The vision

The Waikato prospers with diverse and transformative creativity activity

Arts and creativity are integral to who we are as a dynamic, inclusive and transformative region. When arts and creativity is strong and visible, communities are strong and visible.

³ UpStart Co-Lab – Creativity, investment, impact - <https://www.upstartco-lab.org/research/>

⁴ 'Why invest in the arts' Creative Partnerships Australia - <https://creativepartnerships.gov.au/for-supporters-and-investors/why-invest-in-the-arts/>

Five threads of the Waikato Arts Navigator

The ultimate objective of WAN is to have all Councils in the region making decisions with the following outcomes in mind. The effect of this would be transformational for the Waikato.

CREATIVE WELLBEING	CREATIVE PROSPERITY	CREATIVE EXPERIENCES	CREATIVE EDUCATION	CREATIVE INNOVATION
Mental, physical & spiritual wellbeing	Creative economies	People experience local, national, international arts	Participatory art projects	Business partnerships
Positive collective & individual identities	Attract & retain residents	Community & cultural expression	Upskilling creative professionals	Informing local government decision making
Create, grow & strengthen communities	Tourism opportunities	Recreation & interaction	Community art classes & projects	Local problem solving
Inspired responses to challenges such as Covid-19	Positive national perceptions	Community engagement & connection	Youth development	Distinct local expression
Strengthened connection to place	Increased investment from regional & national funders	Local pride	Audience development	Creative export opportunities

Waikato Blueprint Themes alignment with Waikato Arts Navigator outcomes

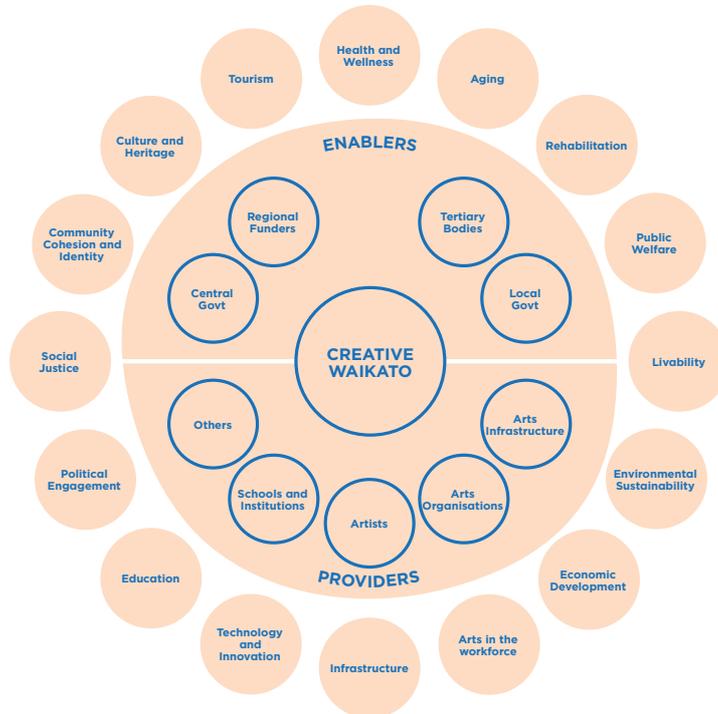
Waikato Blueprint themes		Waikato Arts Navigator outcomes
Identity	Create a world class Waikato River corridor identity and strengthen Raglan's local character.	Strengthened connection to place Tourism opportunities People experience local, national, international arts Community & cultural expression Community engagement and connection Local pride Business partnerships Distinct local expression
Nature	Protect and support enhancement of the natural environment with revegetated biodiversity links and clean waterways	Mental, physical & spiritual wellbeing Create, grow & strengthen communities Strengthened connection to place Recreation and interaction Local pride Local problem solving
Iwi	Build on the Joint Management Agreements and other agreements, celebrate Maaori culture, and promote the use of Te Reo	Mental, physical & spiritual wellbeing Positive collective and individual identities Create, grow & strengthen communities Strengthened connection to place

Waikato Blueprint themes		Waikato Arts Navigator outcomes
		Positive national perceptions Community & cultural expression Community engagement & connection Local pride Informing local government decision-making Local problem solving Distinct local expression
Communities	Strengthen, enable and connect local communities and citizens, and support those most in need	Positive collective and individual identities Create, grow & strengthen communities Inspired responses to challenges such as Covid-19 Strengthened connection to place Creative economies Attract & retain residents People experience local, national, international arts Community & cultural expression Community engagement & connection Local pride Community art classes & projects Youth development Business partnerships Informing local government decision making Local problem solving Distinct local expression
Growth	Direct cohesive growth outcomes which support all community needs	Create, grow & strengthen communities Strengthened connection to place Creative economies Attract & retain residents Increased investment from regional & national funders Recreation & interaction Community engagement and connection Business partnerships Informing local decision making Local problem solving Distinct local expression
Economy	Support the rural and urban economy, and attract more visitors, entrepreneurs, and employment uses	Create, grow & strengthen communities Inspired responses to challenges such as Covid-19 Strengthened connection to place Creative economies Attract & retain residents Tourism opportunities Positive national perceptions Increased investment from regional & national funders Local pride Participatory art projects Business partnerships Local problem solving

Waikato Blueprint themes		Waikato Arts Navigator outcomes
		Creative export opportunities
Transport	Leverage value off accessibility, help those disadvantaged by a lack of transport options, prepare for future passenger rail	Create, grow & strengthen communities Increased investment from regional & national funders Recreation & interaction Community engagement and connection Business partnerships Informing local government decision making Local problem solving
Infrastructure	Develop and maintain efficient infrastructure that is environmentally clean and will serve the community well into the future	Positive collective & individual identities Create, grow & strengthen communities Strengthened connection to place Attract & retain residents Positive national perceptions Increased investment from regional & national funders Recreation and engagement Community engagement & connection Business partnerships Informing local government decision making Distinct local expression
Governance	Devolve some decision making, and engage more effectively at community and Hapuu level	Create, grow & strengthen communities Community & cultural expression Community engagement & connection Local pride Informing local government decision making Local problem solving Distinct local expression

Arts as part of our community ecosystem

The arts can be, and should be, embedded in all facets of our community. They feed into a broader understanding of the ecosystem in our community and place. When we collectively use arts-based approaches we move forward in an inclusive and engaging way.



It is important for local government, industry and sector leaders to see artists as a more embedded component within the rest of society. This encourages a collaborative space where the value of the artists in society can be better recognised and utilised. As part of this, it would include a diverse but interconnected ecosystem of arts infrastructure (both hard and soft) that would provide clear pathways for artists and community members at any stage of the journey.

Arts and culture – where are we now

By investing in the creative sector to deliver creative and cultural activities, local government can deliver long-term value to communities. We already know that the arts help improve New Zealand society, make us feel more confident and contribute positively to our economy.

As a region, we value the arts –

- 78% engaged with the arts by attending or participating in at least one art form in the past 12 months, similar to the national average of 80%
- 67% attended at least one arts event or location in the past 12 months, compared to 73% nationally
- 1 in 5 people have attended a Ngā toi Māori (Māori arts) even in the Waikato region in the past 12 months
- 56% agree the arts help create connection between different people in the community
- 47% agree the arts activities available in the Waikato give young people an opportunity to express themselves
- 38% agree that the arts and culture are very or extremely important to the region's identity.⁵

There is no doubt that Covid-19 has had a significant impact on the arts and cultural sector. There was an increase in creative activity throughout the lockdown, but in-person participation (as audience, as performers, as members of groups, societies and classes) ceased, causing major challenges for arts organisations in the Waikato region.

Nationally, in the arts and creative sector, for the 12 month period to March 2021 –

- Sector employment is forecast to decline by 11.7% versus 9.8% across the New Zealand economy
- Sector GDP is forecast to decline by 16.4% versus 8% across the New Zealand economy. This decline is driven by decreased household incomes and tourism spending, and changes in audience behaviours
- About 1/3 of workers are self-employed and many work part-time. Two key sources of secondary employment for creatives – hospitality and construction – will be the hardest hit sectors.

A 10-year outlook

WAN provides an aspirational vision to see our region become a place with a vibrant arts and cultural sector that thrives with diverse and transformative creative activity. This means that there is the ongoing sustainable development of a wide range of artistic and cultural activities. The arts are valued and celebrated in our communities with robust and flourishing pathways from participation and audience engagement, training and capability development through a range of practical activities culminating in having a sector of creative professionals whose careers are able to live and thrive.

'The most defining aspect of the next age is that it is a creative age – the world will be shaped by creatively minded citizens developing creative processes and ideas'⁶

A strategic framework with a long-term view point, recognises that transformational change takes time. There are many elements that must coincide to enable such transformation – hard and soft infrastructure, arts activity, regeneration, supporting artists and arts organisations, valuing creativity and creative thinking. Proactive collaboration and strong advocacy from Councils and other leadership

⁵ Momentum Waikato—Waikato Vital Signs 2020 'Culture and Arts' report (other ref Creative New Zealand, 'New Zealanders and the Arts 2017')

⁶ Gardiner, R 'The Future of New Zealand is creative', <https://brownbread.co.nz/the-good-stuff/issue-1/rob-sue-gardiner>

organisations such as philanthropic funders, tertiary organisations, regional leadership organisations, Iwi and other regional networks will inevitably empower the broader community to work towards a common vision.

There is an opportunity to continue to make this change with a strategy that is forward in its intent but localised in its action.

Long-term focus areas

Embedding arts and creativity

The extent to which our communities can see the arts in their places and spaces, in the activity around them and in the interactions with others, is a reflection of how embedded the arts and creativity is in their community.

The arts can have a transformative effect in how people see themselves and the world. It contributes hugely to overall wellbeing as well as creating employment. By embedding the arts in our soft infrastructure (people and services) and hard infrastructure (physical assets) we will really start to see transformation.

Ongoing sustainable investment

Investment in the arts is an investment in communities. Investment over an extended period of time allows for a more strategic consideration of how this can be used – to have broader visions for activity because there is more time to plan, opportunity to collaborate with both the arts and cultural sector and wider communities because there is more time and scope to create meaningful relationships.

Collaboration to foster and grow creative activity

To strengthen and grow creative activity, a collaborative approach recognises that all sectors make an important contribution to the cultural wellbeing of our region. These partners form part of an interconnected eco-system that can support a regeneration of ideas, cultivate new connections and realise transformative ideas.

Supporting artistic pathways through capability building

Supporting artists and arts organisations, with capability building, ensures the arts are valued and celebrated in our communities.

With robust and flourishing pathways - from participation and audience engagement, to training and capability development through to a range of practical activities, we will have a sector of creative professionals whose careers are able to thrive.

Recent Creative Waikato initiatives

Elevate programme

Previously known as the PACE (Pathways to Arts and Cultural Employment) Scheme, Creative Waikato secured a two-year pilot programme, now known as 'Elevate', from the Ministry of Social Development. This programme is to support people in the creative arts sector to find or retain creative careers. Participants will be supported to develop business skills and knowledge that will help them to sustain a career in the creative sector. The initial target will be 120 participants (Waikato region) per year for two years.

Huber Social

Creative Waikato is currently working with Huber Social, a social impact agency, to conduct a social impact investigation into the Impact of Arts, Culture and Creativity on our region's wellbeing. The project consists to two distinct parts -

- Regional measurement – a collective, data-driven approach to demonstrate the impact of the arts, providing evidence of impact of arts, culture and creativity on the wellbeing of Waikato people
- Community toolkit – production of an arts-focused community toolkit to build capability in the sector regionally, empowering and enabling community organisations to understand and articulate the impact of the work they do from a wellbeing perspective.

Engagement with Waikato District Council

In August 2020, Creative Waikato gave a presentation to Council which shared the Waikato Arts Navigator framework. We also discussed how Council could provide 'arts solutions for post-covid recovery'.

Having now developed a vision and strategy to support that framework, we look forward to working with Council to develop a localised response in the form of an Arts Action Plan for the Waikato District.

Working with Council – next steps

WAN investment

Creative Waikato requests commitment through the next LTP cycle of \$10,000 per annum investment for development of an Arts Action Plan and further engagement and connection with the Waikato District Council and community with regards to the implementation of the Waikato Arts Navigator.

Arts Action Plan

The purpose of developing an Arts Action Plan, is to help focus Councils' efforts, using the five threads in the WAN to create a common language and purpose that can be used across many areas to align direction and decision-making.

It will also be useful for communities to see themselves in the plan and how the outcomes will affect them.

The Action Plan will help prioritise goals and measurements for how the outcomes in the strategy will be achieved pertinent to what is deemed important within each community. Creative Waikato looks forward to working with Waikato District Council to develop your own Arts Action Plan.

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1797

Full Name: Horsham Downs Community Committee (Stefan Pollard - Committee Secretary)

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

See attached a written submission outlining the issues I would like to address further in a verbal submission.

Attachment: Yes

LONG TERM PLAN 2021 - 2031

Submission to the Waikato District Council

7 May 2021

On behalf of: the **Horsham Downs Community Hall Committee**, with support from Horsham Downs Primary School and The Village Church.

1. Executive Summary

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to the Waikato district council. This submission is asking the council to consider investing into the infrastructure of the Horsham Downs area despite the community sitting outside of the Blueprint Initiative. This submission is on behalf of the Horsham Downs community hall committee and also has the support of the Horsham Downs primary school and The Village Church-Horsham Downs. As a community which is seeing the city boundary rush out towards us we would like to raise some issues to be considered in either the LTP or Blueprint initiative, as we try to deal with city users of our community with the limited infrastructure we have to support this growing area.

The main items we wish to address are:

- A. Roundabout link to Resolution Drive
 - B. Cycleway connections
 - C. Horsham Downs Green Space / Recreation space i.e.
- A. With the impending link into Horsham Downs with the construction of the Resolution Drive extension, the safety of our community with this link is paramount. This link road is flagged to be a major connection into the national network (which is why it is being built) and the recent decision by council to make the intersection a T-intersection and not a roundabout needs to be reversed. This is especially in light of recent changes from T-intersections to roundabouts at other major link roads like Thomas Rd, Horotiu bridge road and now Whatawhata due to serious harm accidents.
- B. The use of our local roads for recreational and commuting users is increasing more and more in Horsham Downs especially as we are being encouraged to use our cars less and to cycle more. The area does not have the infrastructure to support this and we are asking for council to develop cycleways for our community (the majority being school children) to use and to stay safe while doing so.
- C. The construction of the expressway through the Horsham Downs area has sectioned off a parcel of land bordered by the expressway, the school, hall and church. We have made requests to council over the last 6-7 years that they consider purchasing this land as green reserve space for future proofing the area and we petition you again to consider this opportunity and start discussions with the current landowners.

2. Introduction

The Horsham Downs community hub is made up of the local primary school, (current roll of 400 which has been asked by MoE to grow to 600), the local church (a congregation of 400+ people meeting each Sunday plus week day events run by a staff of 8) and the local community hall which is used by locals and organisations for regular weekly events in addition to church and school activities also requiring the hall throughout the week.

The area has seen much change recently with a growth in the local school roll and is set to increase further, the expressway cutting through the middle of the district and the Hamilton city boundary / residential development rushing out to meet us. The church is also undergoing significant change with preliminary plans currently with council in the pre consent phase looking to develop an auditorium / church centre with associated car parking. Additionally the area, while rurally zoned, is seeing a growth of lifestyle blocks and residential development creating vastly busier roads in and around the area. It is these busier roads which prompt two points of our submission and our third point is a discussion we have submitted to council before but with little response.

3. Roundabout Link

For a number of years the community have canvassed first, Waka Kotahi-NZTA and now the district council with regard to the linking of the Resolution Drive Extension road onto Horsham Downs road.

Preliminary designs since 2011 have always had this link as a roundabout (see Figure 1) which made sense to us as a community for obvious road safety reasons but we understand this intersection has more recently been signed off to now be constructed as a T-intersection. This recent communication with council (Horsham Downs LTP open day 04/05/2021) informed us the reason for the T-intersection decision was due to the results of traffic modelling which had been undertaken and which had indicated it being a low risk intersection, as well as budget constraints. Upon request to see the results of this traffic modelling, the community was informed (05/05/2021) that no modelling had actually taken place but a safety audit instead.

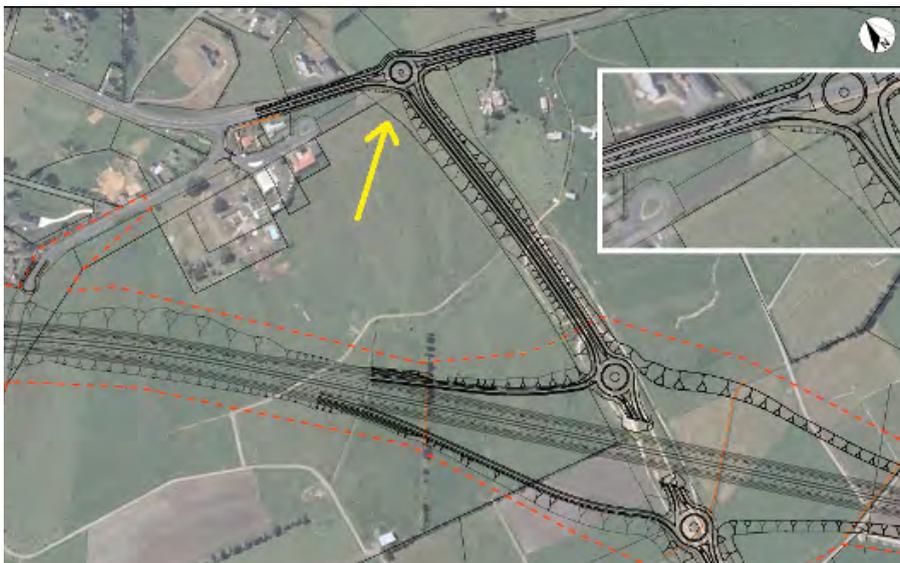


Figure 1 - Initial roundabout design (OPUS Consultants) of Resolution Drive extension intersection

As a community we would like to understand what basis was used to determine how this intersection was deemed a low impact intersection. Some community members undertook a one day snapshot of traffic at the proposed intersection (05/05/2021) which showed just under 1,200 cars used this road in a 10.5 hour period averaging 28 cars every 15 minutes peaking at 94 cars per 15 minutes.

We know this Resolution Drive extension will become a significant road to the Horsham Downs area very quickly. It is a direct link to the city (and the proposed city hub in Rototuna North) and once open will be a significantly major feeder road for the surrounding regions into and out of the city. Current feeder roads to the city such as Osborne, Kay, Lake and Horsham Downs roads will see much of its traffic diverted to this new, more direct route. Ironically it seems this has also been accepted by council with recent upgrades to areas of local road in the widening and speed reduction to anticipate higher traffic volumes coming to feed this new Resolution extension (see Figure 2).



Figure 2: Horsham Downs feeder road system (white roads) showing planned Resolution Extn (green) and recently upgraded Horsham Downs roads (red).

The community committee believes this new intersection can be likened to the intersections at River Rd / Horotiu Bridge Rd and to a lesser extent, Rototuna Rd / Gordonton Rd intersection and the SH23 intersection at Whatawhata. This comparison has also been confirmed by the Waikato Fire and Emergency Assistant Area Commander Mr Blair Kiely who noted that there have been 25 rescue (motor vehicle crashes) calls the Fire and emergency have responded to in the zone around the Horotiu bridge intersection since the start of 2014 and states *“We see this [Resolution Extn road] as a comparable intersection where we get the opportunity to not wait until we experience 25 serious incidents before we decide to make the changes to improve road safety”*

The WDC road safety vision, which we support, states ***Our vision: a safe road system increasingly free of death and serious injury.*** We also want to see our roads free of death and serious injury. Our school children and families travel this road every day and as such we have a responsibility to keep them safe.

As a community we are asking the district council to not make the mistake of undervaluing this decision and putting the safety of our community at risk. The land is already allocated so please make a decision to reverse the T-intersection and reinstate a roundabout at this major link.

4. Cycleways

The long term plan, vision statement revolves around...***work[ing] together as a district to build liveable, thriving and connected communities as our district grows.*** The vision statement defines ***...connected communities have fit-for-purpose infrastructure to create liveable, thriving communities...through roads, cycleways, walkways...*** etc.

The Horsham Downs community roading network are already busy roads. Coupled with the close proximity of local and city schools, recreation facilities (The Peak) and proposed city hub at Rototuna North as well as three main circuit routes for the Hamilton City Cycle Club being based at and using the Horsham Downs road network for six months every year, there is a real need to develop cycleways in the community. Currently a community formed footpath along half of Osborne Road is well used by locals for school children commuting to and from school. A number of other local families send teenage students by bike to Rototuna to attend their respective highschools. This use occurs at the same time Osborne road and other local roads are at their peak in vehicle volume and as such the path desperately needs to be extended and upgraded to a safer cycleway and at least incorporate all of Osborne road.

While council have categorically informed the community committee that they do not build rural footpaths, we are asking for cycleways to be developed to create safe, 'fit for purpose infrastructure' inline with the connected communities vision of the council. It is envisaged that these cycleways would link to the Resolution Drive extension cycleway and incorporate Osborne road, Kay road (east and west of the Resolution extension) and Horsham Downs road in the short term and then eventually Lake Rd which could link to the Te Awa cycle trail at Horotiu.

Despite Horsham Downs being left out of the Blueprint initiative we are asking council to consider investing infrastructure such as cycleways in this significantly located area of Horsham Downs which is seeing more and more use every year.

5. Horsham Downs Green Space and Reserve

Also in line with infrastructure investment, since 2014 / 2015 the community have been asking the district council to provide the area with a green space which can be enjoyed and used freely by the community. The current officially designated green space for Horsham Downs is the golf course located on River Road which is on a long term lease off the Waikato district council but this is not freely available for the community.

With the recent cut through of the Horsham Downs area by the expressway there has resulted in an opportunity for the council to purchase an area of land (approx 5 hectares) which is somewhat of an island caught between the community buildings and the expressway (see Figure 3). An area of land like this could serve the purpose of replacing this community domain. Recent discussions with Megan May (Manager of open spaces/reserves) has suggested that now is an opportune time to request this.

By doing some forward thinking now, the area of land which we are asking you to consider for community use would be an incredible asset to Horsham Downs in the long term even if it remains undeveloped in the short term. Future development could include wetlands, squash clubs / sports facilities, fitness trails etc and could be done in conjunction with community input, local developers, land owners etc.



Figure 3. Approximate area of land suggested for green reserve (looking south towards Hamilton from the church)

The community committee is asking council to purchase, or make provision for purchasing this land to safeguard the area from getting built out and to ensure future generations of the community a green reserve to enjoy.

These are big dreams but we are passionate to see positive decisions made for our community of Horsham Downs both now and into the future. We are asking council to seriously consider our requests and to make provision for these types of investments in the short term with regard to roading / cycle connections, but in the long term plan with regard to securing green space.

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1773

Full Name: Stefan Pollard

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

While I have elected option 1, the rates eventually charged will need to be reviewed again soon as the WDC proposed increases of 9%, 3.5% and 3.5% will have been based on previous rateable valuations to give a total revenue figure. With the recent increase in CVs the %age required should now be less to give the same total revenue figure.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

This sort of activity should not be part of councils core business

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

Inorganic collection creates more problems with regards to safety, dump piles spilling out onto roads, swapping and dumping of other peoples inorganic waste from random people and it is an eyesore.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

However I feel other communities such as Horsham Downs miss out on much needed funding and falls through the cracks.

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

This pertains to roading and reserves in the Horsham Downs area. I would like to verbally submit to council regarding a lack of focus of infrastructure for the Horsham Downs area. This community was not included in the Blueprints initiative despite its proximity to the fastest growing area of Hamilton city. I would like to specifically address:

1. The T-intersection of the Resolution drive extension into Horsham Downs road needs to be reversed and made a roundabout as per previous design. This is about to become a major intersection and as such should be treated as one and not put our residents and road users safety at risk.
2. Cycleways for the area. With the increased use of our roads in Horsham Downs we need cycleways put in place on our feeder roads to keep our school children and other users safe and able to stay connected. We have a community funded walkway on half of one road and this needs to be upgraded as it is only doing half the job. I am asking the council to support greater development in this area of cycleways as per your LTP vision statement.
3. The Horsham Downs area has no green space or reserve allocated to it as freely available. This is an oversight of the council and can be rectified by the forward thinking purchase of an area of land perfectly situated to the community. This approx 5 hectares is available due to the expressway slicing a piece of land which now lies as an island next to the community amenities. This land would future proof the area to never be built out but preserved for local community enjoyment.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1761****Full Name: Brennon Lanigan****Wish to speak to submission: Yes**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Roundabout required for Resolution Drive and Horsham Downs Road Intersection. Actual growth of Hamilton City and Waikato District Council continues to outpace modeling and projections. Traffic on Horsham Downs Rd from the surrounding WAIDC to access the expressway and Resolution Dr into Hamilton City will continue to grow at a rapid pace. There have been several road safety improvements on Horsham Downs Rd in the recent past and the decision for a T intersection is counter to these road safety improvements. A roundabout is a safer option for current and future traffic volumes at this intersection. Construction of a roundabout as part of the original construction of Resolution Drive intersection will save money in the long run, instead of constructing a T intersection now and changing it at a future date.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1737

Full Name: Kit Johnston

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

I choose no increase to rates or at the least.. a much lower amount than shown. You haven't done a financial means test to ascertain if people can even afford this.. rates are already insane high for our area.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Because then I know our money is helping pensioners.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

We pay rates that are crazy high. This is a service provided. Stop being so dam lazy and cutting services.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

You get way too much money from us in rates. Leave their money alone.

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

The roads are a joke in pokeno. Our rates have been going nowhere.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1654

Full Name: Kirstie Alley, Gordonton Woodlands Trust, Woodlands Estate

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

The trust would like to express their thanks for the inclusion of significant funding that will support the recently approved RMP and concept plan. This commitment of continued investment will ensure the Estate retains it's Garden of National Significance status, continue to develop as an important tourist attraction to the Greater Waikato region, and be a place for all to enjoy and appreciate.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1775****Full Name: Charles Fletcher****Wish to speak to submission: Yes****Topic 1 – General Rates Increase****Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

It is difficult to support Council on either option when it does not focus on "core business" and becomes sucked into political agendas resulting in the waste of ratepayers funds on politically correct actions and perceptions. Yes, we need infrastructure development and maintenance ... but the Council is almost negligent in how it spends ratepayer funds. The use of "consultants" and "big names" in business at huge fees, to protect Council staff (who cannot make a decision despite their salary package), is a big problem. Paying over \$1m for a sports ground to be contoured, drainage and new grass is nonsense (at least 5 times more than should have been paid).

Council's budget should deliver services and outcomes at no more than 20c/ratepayer \$... not the 35c/\$+ at present, suggesting Council is out of control with its spending - time to refocus on what is important and stop doing stuff that is not core business

Currently rural zoned properties contribute 80% or more of funds used by Council across the district (with no direct benefit to the rural ratepayer) so rates on farm land are nothing more than a "Robin Hood" exploitation of famers. Targeted rating is appropriate

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Pensioner Housing is not the core business of local government

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Kerbside inorganic rubbish is a problem and the annual collection does:

1. avoid inappropriate dumping which could be environmentally damaging
2. see some items repurposed (one mans rubbish another mans treasure) pending collection

3. is an economic solution as the cost is paid in the rates at approx \$20 per property and is worth it when compared to a trip to a recycling facility (if made at all)

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

Blueprint planning provides a big picture with locals developing priorities for their area. Funds should then be directed to projects identified in the Blueprint plans. Council general rates should NOT be used for some pet project of a small number influencing Community Boards or community groups (targeted rates approved locally should be allowed) and Council should not be making donations or funding groups, ratepayers or individuals (e.g. the Bush Tramway) in any circumstance unless there is a demonstrable and wide public benefit. Once again, what is the core business of Council?

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Council has become moribund with its rules and regulations (RMA & Building Act) ... as they become more detailed so innovation is stifled

People as too busy with their own dramas to become bogged down in the Council 'democratic, consultation processes' so engagement is always poor until they are confronted with an actual issue which is an obstacle or is going to cost money ... which explains how our Councils and Government have become so bloated and constantly in need of more money (tax and rates)

Simplicity, common sense and positive practical engagement with flexibility engenders creativity and advancement which Council should consider as it considers ratepayer needs and engagement - less rules and less silliness please

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1709****Full Name: David Adams, Anthea Adams, Matthew Adams****Wish to speak to submission: Yes****Topic 1 – General Rates Increase****Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Those of us who live north of the Waikato river see few of the services provided by WDC. (We provide our own drinking water, waste water and storm water services. We do not have any nearby council recreational areas or library facilities.) The proposed increase of 16% should be accompanied by specific service outcomes rather than woolly sounding statements. We do not believe that we will see any benefits in improved services for those in our area. The increase in income from rate increases will almost certainly be spent in the higher density dwelling areas like Tuakau and Pokeno. It is all too easy to spread increases by using General rates and uniform annual general charges rather than targeting ratepayers on a user pays basis. In a personal sense we object to the proposed rate increases on the basis that we will receive little or no benefits from the increases. There was a somewhat tacit admission of this situation at the recent local meeting.

Having said this, Option1 is preferred because it provides more cash flow earlier which will benefit a council facing such major and rapid changes.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Selling pensioner housing requires some strong conditions. Some buyers could treat housing as a purely commercial operation and even asset strip it before on-selling. A non-profit making organisation or iwi or similar should meet pensioners' need more sympathetically. The sale should not come down to just the highest bidder.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

The inorganic collection now has so many restrictions that it is of limited use and discontinuing it could result in a small saving to most ratepayers.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

There is not enough detail to understand how things could be done better.

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

For ratepayers like us living north of the Waikato River there are limited recreation facilities for such activities as walking, horse riding and orienteering. Waiuku is short on reserves for its size; even the rugby grounds are privately owned. 50 years ago it was possible to use the sides of the country roads but it is no longer safe to do so with widened sealing and much higher traffic volumes. The Waikato North Head Forest has become more and more necessary to allow these activities to continue. It is one of the last State Forests and unlike many private forests has few restrictions to use by the general public. Its use by the public has to a greater extent taken pressures off councils from providing similar facilities in the West Franklin area. Many Waikato users will travel for an hour and more to use this valuable resource. However, it has not been seen in this light by either Auckland Council or Waikato District Council. The recreational management of it has been somewhat ad-hoc but well supported by Crown Forestry. Now that the latter has been absorbed into the Ministry of Primary Industries this management has fallen between stools. 10 years ago there was a move to close the forest for recreational use by the then contracted managers, Northern Forestry. Fortunately, after several well supported public meetings of forestry users and others, it was generally accepted that the Waikato Forest would continue to be open to the public. The area open has of course diminished, especially in the northern section, in the ensuing years as NZ Steel has exercised its options under the 1966 "Heads of Agreement" between the Government and itself. Ideally tailings areas rehabilitated under the terms of the Agreement would have continued to be returned to public use but this has not happened in recent years. Now new management at NZ Steel's subsidiary, NZ Steel Mining Limited, is proposing to close the southern section for a small exploration programme. In the past 55 years it has never been necessary to close the forest even with the forest wide drilling programme implemented in 2010. The current users of the forest no longer have advocates to support their recreational needs. We believe that recreation should be overseen by councils even when they are not directly contributing to the cost of supply and call upon the Waikato District Council to take an active interest in the management of the public use of the Waikato North Head Forest. If it is lost to the public it would be expensive and difficult, maybe impossible, to replace it with an equivalent premium resource.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1832****Full Name: Alice Tiffany for Go Eco****Wish to speak to submission: Yes**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:****Comment:**

We support a rating system that achieves more equitable outcomes across the community. This is especially important to get right because lower income communities are more at risk to climate-based costs etc.

We support going hard for climate adaptation and the preservation of our indigenous biodiversity and food systems, and we submit further amendments to our current rating system.

We propose that rates also include a contribution to biodiversity/predator control. This would ensure that the imperative work of biodiversity and predator control is funded within standard operational practice and costs, rather than being funded for short-term or one-off projects, which is far less effective - both financially and environmentally.

Biodiversity and greener cities are overwhelmingly good for people, economics and the environment. These benefits apply primarily to landowners, thus it is reasonable to expect biodiversity outcomes are a central part of rate payer contributions.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Waikato District Council is a partner to the Waikato Plan Regional Housing Initiative and Environmental Plan. In our view, Council has a responsibility to lead in the provision of efficient and sustainable homes for WDC communities. We recommend home performance assessments and reporting in order to maintain this council asset.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

We support the Council's aim to move away from focusing on inorganic kerbside collection, as this will help facilitate a mode shift to zero waste alternatives. With no highly convenient option to dispose of waste, we believe individuals will be more conscious of the waste they produce, and therefore more motivated to produce less waste, re-use more, and make purchases that contribute to a circular economy of use.

However, if changes were to occur, we are conscious of the need to provide wrap-around support and education about this change to ensure communities are able to make informed decisions around waste reduction. We support community based composting initiatives.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

We support investment into safe and climate friendly modes of transport. We oppose any slowing of investment of these sorts as this would delay mode shift and therefore delay the emissions reductions the district could achieve.

Lower income neighbourhoods should be prioritised as these communities are most likely to be experiencing transport poverty due to car dependence and a lack of safe and accessible alternative modes of transport. These neighbourhoods will benefit the most from investment into transport modes other than private cars.

We tautoko Waikato-Tainui's Tai Tumu Tai Pari Tai Ao in regards to transportation infrastructure being developed and managed in a manner that provides for social, cultural, spiritual, economic, and environmental needs.

We refer to 26.2.7 of Tai Tumu, Tai Pari Taiao and remind this council that all transport infrastructure decisions must consider the history of systemic confiscation in the name of Public Works and the impact of infrastructure, such as roading, on water and the environment. Our position is: due to serious issues surrounding climate change, low carbon transport options should be a top priority in district planning processes, moving away from individual car ownership to an efficient, modern and resilient transport system available for all members of the community.

We support district planning that incorporates: safe and accessible walking and cycling options; multi-modal transport; affordable and reliable public transport; and sustainable urban development. This reduces distances needed to travel to work, educational or recreation facilities.

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

see attached for further information

Attachment: Yes



**Submission by Go Eco Waikato Environment Centre
on the
Waikato District Council
Long Term Plan 2021**

Go Eco wishes to make an oral submission

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Our mission is to be a voice for the environment, a centre for learning and a catalyst for change.
We provide community education, collaborate with and support environmental groups and projects, provide inspiration for living lighter and advocate on behalf of the environment.
We support a regional ecosystem of communities, groups, ideas and projects that bear the fruit of healthy environments and thriving communities.

Go Eco submits the following:

Should we go hard and early or take a cautious approach?

We support a rating system that achieves more equitable outcomes across the community. This is especially important to get right because lower income communities are more at risk to climate-based costs etc.

We support going hard for climate adaptation and the preservation of our indigenous biodiversity and food systems, and we submit further amendments to our current rating system.

We propose that rates also include a contribution to biodiversity/predator control. This would ensure that the imperative work of biodiversity and predator control is funded within standard operational practice and costs, rather than being funded for short-term or one-off projects, which is far less effective - both financially and environmentally.

Biodiversity and greener cities are overwhelmingly good for people, economics and the environment. These benefits apply primarily to landowners, thus it is reasonable to expect biodiversity outcomes are a central part of rate payer contributions.

Should Pensioner Housing be a Council service?

We support option 1: retain pensioner housing.

Waikato District Council is a partner to the Waikato Plan Regional Housing Initiative and Environmental Plan. In our view, Council has a responsibility to lead in the provision of efficient and sustainable homes for WDC communities. We recommend home performance assessments and reporting in order to maintain this council asset.

Should we continue to offer an inorganic kerbside rubbish collection service?

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However, if changes were to occur, we are conscious of the need to provide wrap-around support and education about this change to ensure communities are able to make informed decisions around waste reduction.

We support community based composting initiatives.

User fees and charges

We support user-pays based pricing systems for waste and rubbish fees, to encourage waste reduction by all. We request that Council be more ambitious in their rubbish and recycling plans, which would better reflect the importance of this issue.

Policy

We support policies and actions that:

- Places taiao at the heart of policy;
- Upholds and affirms Te Tiriti o Waitangi by integrating its Articles and principles throughout all priorities recommended by Council;
- Prioritises equitable outcomes and acknowledges the disproportionate effect of climate change on structurally oppressed communities such as disabled peoples, people of colour, indigenous peoples, lower socio-economic communities and marginalised genders including trans and intersex people;
- Gives governance, decision-making powers, and autonomy to Māori to practise Kaitiakitanga and exercise Tino Rangatiratanga over all their taonga;
- Focus on a just transition - through mitigation, adaptation and elimination - to the
- climate crisis, by working to repair the historic oppression of frontline and vulnerable communities through the acknowledgement of past and contemporary oppression.

Whaingaroa (Raglan) food waste collection service

The strongest possible food waste service is one that actively encourages a zero waste philosophy. Actively and intentionally supporting zero waste living in communities is the kind of leadership communities expect to see from our councils.

We support direct engagement and collaboration with Xtreme Zero Waste and Parakore as exemplary models of community based employment and education. Whaingaroa is often held up as an example of community enterprise and initiative that has a much wider impact on healthy environments and thriving communities.

Community Outcomes and Goals

We support a regional ecosystem of communities, groups, ideas and projects that bear the fruit of healthy environments and thriving communities.

Climate change: We recognise that human-induced climate change is a critical issue which is impacting Aotearoa New Zealand, and that these impacts fall disproportionately on those already facing inequality. We recognise the role of Mana Whenua and support Māori to realise kaitiakitanga in their rohe. We support work towards adaptation methods which increase community resilience to climate change and decrease carbon emissions.

Waikato Wellbeing Project: We encourage connection and innovation for the Waikato Wellbeing Project outcomes.

Conservation corridors: We recommend Council endeavour to establish linking native habitat corridors connecting all remnant forest and mountain conservation area. This would ensure native animals can freely migrate between all established native sanctuaries, further supporting their protection and development.

Rates: We propose that rates also include a contribution to biodiversity/predator control. This would ensure that the imperative work of biodiversity and predator control is funded within standard operational practice and costs, rather than being funded for short-term or one-off projects, which is far less effective - both financially and environmentally.

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We support district planning that incorporates: safe and accessible walking and cycling options; multi-modal transport; affordable and reliable public transport; and sustainable urban development. This reduces distances needed to travel to work, educational or recreation facilities.

Financial Strategy

We strongly submit that Council divest from fossil fuels to achieve a more environmentally sustainable, prosperous and inclusive Waikato District. A vital part of this is to align your commitments with the Waikato Regional Council Investment Fund and immediately adopt a responsible investment policy that divests our public funds from climate-wrecking coal, oil, and gas companies.

We ask that you:

- Freeze all new investments in companies involved in the extraction, production and manufacturing of coal, oil and gas;
- Divest all holdings from the fossil fuel industry by 31 December 2022; and
- Update the Council's Statement of Investment Policy and Objectives to include a responsible investment policy that excludes harmful industries including fossil fuels, tobacco, gambling and firearms.

We are currently living in the fossil fuel era, but the science is clear that our dependency on carbon needs to end, and our public institutions like Councils have a critical role to play in this transition. We need to cut off the investments that enable the fossil fuel industry to keep digging. We're already seeing the impacts of climate change in Aotearoa, with more severe droughts, wildfires and floods, and we need to act now to limit further damages in the future.

Council has a fiduciary responsibility to manage our district's funds well and must commit to developing investment practices that are consistent with evolving thinking regarding the significance of environment, social and governance factors within the decision-making process. However, we believe the Council currently has no responsible investment policy to exclude investments in harmful industries such as fossil fuels, tobacco, gambling and firearms.

We urge Council to use its investment funds in constructive ways, investing in projects, organisations and businesses that work to positively contribute to the environment, with the intention to generate measurable, beneficial social and environmental impacts.

It's time for the Council to adopt a responsible investment policy and invest in sustainable industries that will build a healthier future for all of us.

Te Tiriti o Waitangi

Climate justice is Te Tiriti justice.

The second article of Te Tiriti affirms tangata whenua, tino rangatiratanga status over their taonga. Tangata whenua are kaitiaki of the whenua and know how to manage their taonga with the interests of Papatūānuku at heart. This plan doesn't show that commitment to relationships with tangata whenua, with Waikato-Tainui hapū. This Plan should provide an opportunity to reaffirm and strengthen tangata whenua tino rangatiratanga status.

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1828****Full Name: Michael Foster****Wish to speak to submission: Yes**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:****Comment:**

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:****Comment:**

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

I have been a resident at Port Waikato since 2005. I have been involved with the Maritime World for much of my working life.

The original Port Waikato Wharf was a much larger affair than it is today so as to accommodate Coastal cargo vessels. Port Waikato has been historically important for over a hundred years.

The Caesar Roose shipping company built a Cargo Shed and a “T” (shaped) Wharf. Commercial River Traffic stopped however, as Road and Rail serviced the farming communities along the Waikato River.

In the late seventies the Wharf was modified and rebuilt by the local population when the Council of the day wanted to “blow it up”.

The ‘Port Waikato Yacht and Motor Boat Club’ has been in existence for about five decades. The bay adjacent is very sheltered and ideal for introducing young people to safe boating. It has been my privilege to have been Commodore of the Yacht Club and it is clear to me that the Wharf, Steps and Ramp are integral to the Club’s safe operation.

The Yacht Club shed and Wharf is further utilised by the Port Waikato Fishing Club. It has approximately 80 members. When the Club runs a "Fishing Comp" many 'non club' participants swell the numbers using the Ramp, Steps and Wharf. Counties Sports Fishing Club members use the facilities to launch and retrieve their vessels when Marlin fishing off the coast.

Further to the above, it should be mentioned that Coastguard, Navy and Police have utilised the Wharf and Steps facilities. It is also a fact that during the summer months the Wharf, Steps and Bay are a well used swimming spot for young and old.

The Facilities are iconic to Port Waikato and need to be looked after in perpetuity. I would ask Council to:-

1. Provide a 'Long Term' survey and maintenance plan for the Wharf, Ramp and Steps to ensure preservation.
2. To provide finance for remedial work when needed.
3. To ensure protection, advise by Public Report any decisions taken.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1816****Full Name: Courtney Howells****Wish to speak to submission: Yes**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

But have alternative programme of each rate payer gets 2 tokens when he pays his rates, which allows him to dump 2 trailer loads at the local collection depots free of charge at any time during the year.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

I wish to speak to the connectivity projects involving the walkway/cycleway proposal to join Lakeside Development to Te Kauwhata Town, the Blunt Rd and Travers Rd projects and the connecting of Rangiriri Heritage Trail around Lake Kopuera to join Lakeside Development. Thus creating a circular walkway/cycleway which enhances the proposed development of the Rangiriri battle site by local iwi. TOURISM AND EDUCATION ADVANTAGES

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

The retaining of 126 Waerenga Rd Property by Council unless an alternative bypass for heavy vehicles connecting to and establishing Mahi Rd as a heavy vehicle bypass of the Main St. Opening up both service lanes behind shops

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1776

Full Name: Megan Gaukrodger and Dna Wells

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

Gordonton Pony Club would like council approval and support in building an all weather arena on the Gordonton Domain which is the grounds used by our club. We believe that the addition of an arena to the grounds is an initiative which will only further enhance the thriving Gordonton community as it will attract more users to the area.

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Gordonton Pony Club would like to propose the development of the Gordonton Domain where the Pony Club is situated by the addition of an all weather arena, which would improve the facilities available to our club.

Attachment: Yes



Gordonton Pony Club

Strategic Planning Meeting

Sunday 16th June 2019

Meeting Outputs

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Date: Sunday 16 June 2019
 Venue: Gordonton Tennis Club
 Time: 9:30am to 2:30pm

Objectives for the meeting

- Frame vision and mission
- Explore values
- Explore what we would like Gordonton Pony Club to look like in 5 years time
- Create a 1-page overview of the Strategic Plan for Year 1
- Create the background for Strategic Plan elements for Year 1
- Add elements of wish list not in Year 1 plan to Year 2, to be reviewed at end of Year 1

Workshop participants

- Megan
- Rebecca
- Katie
- Dna
- Sonia
- Robyn
- Louise

Gordonton Pony Club – DRAFT Vision, Mission, Values

Vision: A community where a passion for horses creates lifelong learning and friendships

Mission: Though teamwork we educate and promote the enjoyment of horses in a safe, friendly environment.

Values:

Value	Value description – what does the value mean to Gordonton Pony Club members. How would we know if we had it?
Enjoyment / Fun	Positive comments, laughter, happy interaction, long term members, praise, engagement, proudness and achievement, range of activities, part of daily life's,
Respect	Courtesy, manners, following instructions and rules, showing appreciation for all involved, treating other like you would like to be treated, communication,
Sportsmanship/ integrity	Positive behaviours, encouragement, willingness to follow all rules, demonstrating best practice, support though the good and the bad, how to win and lose gracefully, honesty, doing your very best, true to one's self, unity, following though, completion of tasks, teamwork.
Empathy / understanding	Caring for each other, side line support, positive feedback, interactions with horses, concern for other people and horses, understanding riders and horses levels and goals, rules and regulations, involving all.
Safety and celebration	Safe well planned rallies, celebrate members successes, certificate gains, achievement, growth in all areas and people, recognition, qualified instructors, clear pathways, communication, member get together, facebook page.

Gordonton Pony Club – DRAFT Strategic Plan (2019 / 2020 / 2021)

Vision: A community where a passion for horses creates lifelong learning and friendships

Mission: Though teamwork we educate and promote the enjoyment of horses in a safe, friendly environment.

Strategic focus areas – Year 1

Strategic focus area 1:	Strategic focus area 2:	Strategic focus area 3:	Strategic focus area 4:	Strategic focus area 5:
<p>Strategy 1: What will we do is have a funding plan.</p> <p>Strategy goal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How will we know if we have achieved it by decision at monthly meetings <p>Responsible parties: Committee - Maree</p>	<p>Strategy 2: What will we do is to have a hose and wash bay</p> <p>Strategy goal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How will we know if we have achieved it if we get funding and built it <p>Responsible parties: committee</p>	<p>Strategy 3: What will we do is get more portable x-country jumps</p> <p>Strategy goal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How will we know if we have achieved it when the kids are jumping them <p>Responsible parties: Who?</p>	<p>Strategy 4: What will we do is develop some brochures</p> <p>Strategy goal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How will we know if we have achieved it when we can hand them out showing us. <p>Responsible parties: Who?</p>	<p>Strategy 5: What will we do is have a ground pla</p> <p>Strategy goal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How will we know if we have achieved it when it is included in the handbook <p>Responsible parties: Who?</p>

Strategic focus areas – Year 2

Strategic focus area 1:	Strategic focus area 2:	Strategic focus area 3:
<p>Strategy 1: What will we do is built and all weather arena</p>	<p>Strategy 2: What will we do is have a clear drainage plan</p>	<p>Strategy 3: What will we do is engage support from council</p>

Strategic focus areas – Year 3 (don't think we talked about any for Year 5)

Strategic focus area 1:	Strategic focus area 2:
<p>Strategy 1: What will we do is built a cover arena</p>	<p>Strategy 2: What will we do is improve our facilities for other users.</p>

Gordonton Pony Club – DRAFT Strategic Plan (2019)

Vision: ...

Mission:

Draft Plan - Strategic focus areas

Strategic Focus Area	Strategic focus area 1:	Strategic focus area 2:	Strategic focus area 3:	Strategic focus area 4:	Strategic focus area 5:
Critical Success Factors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What are the factors that are critical to making sure we do this? 	<p>What are the factors that are critical to making sure we do this?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What are the factors that are critical to making sure we do this? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What are the factors that are critical to making sure we do this? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What are the factors that are critical to making sure we do this?
Year 1 Draft Strategic Goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ... 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ...

Other areas

Focus Area	What is involved?	Who?
Building relationships <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Council – landowners ▪ Grazer ▪ Tennis Club ▪ Who else? 	Keeping in contact with key stakeholders listed to build and maintain relationships	Council – who? Grazer – who? Tennis club – who?
What else?		

NZPCA Strategic Priorities

- Grow participation of current membership and attract new members by improving the experience of existing riding and adult membership and encourage new participants into riding
 Improve rider/ coaching performance and development by providing appropriate and compelling opportunities to improve the skill and knowledge of riders, coaches and officials to ensure positive experiences for all people involved
- Ensure the organisational sustainability of Pony Club by attracting, developing and retaining a robust base of talented and committed staff and volunteers whether they are coaches, officials or administrators and the use of best practice planning and organisational tools / procedures throughout the Pony Club
- Improve communication and build relationships (internal & external) by developing and implementing a communications plan that promotes the accessibility, excitement and opportunities available in Pony Club to both members, potential members, corporate sponsors, equestrian organisations and other stakeholders
- Ensure the financial sustainability of the organisation by developing and implementing and national and events based sponsorship and funding plan to grow the value of sponsorship funding

Gordonton Pony Club – A snapshot of now

What do we do well / What is working well

From the group

- + Good relationships with grazers, tennis club and community
- + Good coaches
- + Full membership
- + Positive bunch of people

From the survey

Environment

- + Great atmosphere where adults and children, including those not riding get along well
- + Positive, fun environment for the children, which non riding children also enjoy
- + Kids mix well and enjoy rallies, seem happy
- + Communication and common goal

People

- + Great Coaches
- + Like top quality instructors
- + Great instruction
- + Great people
- + People within the club happy to lend a hand when needed
- + Good parent help for set up/pack down
- + Good core group that help organise
- + GPC works well because of the level of engagement from the families and riders. I asked an older rider her thoughts "as an older rider supporting and pushing us out of there comfort zone and leaving feeling like they have really accomplished something.

Rallies

- + Well organised rallies
- + Number of rallies is awesome
- + Like Thursday evening rallies, keeps weekends free
- + Rallies
- + Certificate riding work is covered/signed off each week

Camps

- + Camps are well organised and heaps of fun
- + Really like the camps and days at beginning of season getting out to new places as a club

Fundraising

- + Our fundraising weekend was very successful, and we need to utilize the positive feedback
- + I like that there is one main fundraiser not lots of little ones

Generating ideas – Strategic focus areas

Selected ideas

Focus area
▪ funding
▪ riders
▪ coaches

Gaps / issues / concerns

From the group

Gap / issue / concern	Selected gap / issue / concern
1. How to fund coaches' fees	concern
2. How to make more use of social media in a safe way	
3. How to work better with councils	
4. How to get more members to attend meetings and share ideas	
5. How to make a plan/communicate plan for using new jumps	
6. How to be clear for riders around what happens when learning vs. what will happen in competition	
7. How to ensure enough HM work covered off to enable kids to sit certificates	
8. How to have more instructors	
9. How to ensure riders are grouped properly	
10. How to have more coaching around competing	
11. How to be more creative with our ideas as a club	
12. How to educate all users of guidelines and rules	
13. How to ensure a positive rider outcome	
14. How to get more sponsorship and grants	
15. How to educate the parents better	
16. How to	

From the survey

- How to get more members to attend meetings and share ideas
 - Would be nice to have some more of the members attend meetings to share ideas
 - All parents need to become involved and come to at least a couple of meetings a year to understand what's involved. Maybe coming to 2 meeting a year could be a requirement of membership
- How to make a plan/communicate plan for using new jumps
 - Sometimes being allowed to use new jumps etc so our kids have an advantage when at shows They are more used to scary jumps etc .
- How to be clear for riders around what happens when learning vs. what will happen in competition
 - The younger riders (& Family) need more instruction on rules and etiquette around SJ, show hunter and pony club rules for an example when the instructor stops a rider from

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- continuing in tip n out the parents understand and know why leaving the instructor to do what they do best instruct.
- How to ensure enough HM work covered off to enable kids to sit certificates
 - Not enough HM work is covered off to enable kids to sit certificates
 - I believe HM sessions should be done over winter and on rainy days instead of cancelling rallies
 - It would also be beneficial to create an HM electronic resource/workbook for kids to complete as homework and keep as a reference (I think Pip Bevege has started doing something along these lines)
- How to have more instructors
 - Not enough instructors, kids get bored waiting in big groups
- How to ensure riders are grouped properly
 - Riders not grouped properly by riding ability
 - Kids frustrated when put in groups that are too easy, just because they may have a lower cert doesn't mean they are at that level
 - Understand the need to sign off cards but not stretching them either
- How to have more coaching around competing
 - Not enough coaching around competing
 - What dressage judges look for
 - What is a TAM5 showjumping comp
 - What is Showhunter?
 - Not setting them up for real world competing
- Nothing at moment as we have had a very competent head coach who has organised well.
- Not sure

Wish list

Gaps / issues / concerns	
17. I wish we could improve our induction for families	
18. I wish we could cover our rider fees	
19. I wish we had an all-weather arena	

From survey - Short term wishlist/goals for Gordonton Pony Club over next 1-5 years?

- Drainage
- Sand arena
- Sand arena
- Enclosed sand arena
- A pipe arena sand arena
- Covered sand arena
- All surface very large arena for both rally nights and to hold show jumping so we are make some money and not have to cancel fund raising events due to wet grounds
- All weather facilities including:
 - Sand arena-dressage with mirrors
 - Sand arena-show jumping
- Dedicated dressage arena
- Undercover area, a few picnic tables, to create a hub and area for theory and lunch etc.
- Rolling of paddocks
- Club rooms
- Really need more cross-country type jumps

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- Smaller XC jumps for the smaller riders ie: logs and a water jump
- More cross-country facilities
- Put some more XC jumps in the big paddock so the bigger rider can do it and gallop away from the smaller riders
- More use of jumps courses, they could be set up for use over the holidays
- Would like to see us use our grounds more outside of rallies - maybe setup show-jumping course for each school holidays and make more use of our great resources
- Finances to cover more of our riders costs, eg entries to PC events, fees for riding on other properties when we go as a rally
- Not sure

From survey - Long term wish list/goals for Gordonton Pony Club over the next 5-10 years?

- Covered arena with lights
- Covered arena 🤔🤔
- All weather arena., possibly half covered, high level of professionalism shown by all
- Arena
- To build a new shed/club rooms of our own with toilet out of the way and not in a place where all the ponies crap themselves every time they go past it.
- Maintain a good membership number, to continue see our kids achieve both inside and outside pony club

How to get more members to attend meetings and share ideas – some ideas that might be helpful

Some ideas:

What you do is...

1. Invite / tag each person individually (for Facebook invites)
2. Making coming to at least 2 meetings a year part of membership
3. Talk about the social component to get people there
4. Give people a reason to be there – tell them what you are going to focus on
5. Make sure there is something in it for the people attending the meeting (interesting topic, cake, wine, fun, learning something new)
6. Ensure everyone feels they have a part to play – investment in attending
7. “We need you” i.e. members are expected to attend where possible
8. We need ideas / votes on...
9. Make it convenient
10. Have a venue that is convenient and appropriate
11. Knowledge in advance of times and date
 - Pre-plan, setting dates for meetings for the year
 - Give lots of notice of time / dates so people can plan in advance
 - Offer a variety of venues / times or poll people first
 - Reassess meeting times depending on format of the group – working people, no childcare, shift work
12. Find out when everyone can attend and possibly adjust time/day of meeting
13. Find out why they can't attend if they can't
14. Find out what the barrier is to attending – problem solve barriers as a team
15. Ask what can we do to make it doable for each member
16. Evaluate reasons why people are not attending the meeting
17. Consistency
 - Have each meeting same place each month
 - Have the meeting on the same date of the month every month so people know exactly when it is in advance
18. Lower your expectation to have everyone there
19. Be adaptable to schedules
20. Change the time that you run them – during the day, during the weekend, over shared lunch
21. Provide technology to join if not physically able
22. Availability of video / voice call option
23. Give people the option to do virtual meetings
24. Skype into meetings if can't make it in person
25. Online meetings – Zoom, Skype
26. Have a code of conduct / contract for members
27. Invite riders / kids who are old enough to the meetings to generate ideas
28. Offer babysitters etc./ Offer to pay for babysitting Hold at someone's house if babysitters are an issue
29. Organise transport / share transport / carpooling
30. Offer incentives / rewards for attendees
 - Have a \$30 supermarket or other voucher up for grabs for all those that attend (they go into a draw)
31. Ensure you prepare so meeting is organised and not long
32. Have a clear agenda
33. Be clear about when, where, how long and agenda
34. Send out agenda / minutes in good time
35. Have structure, but make it fun and interesting
36. Have a climate setter (like what is your most favourite memory from Pony Club)
37. Ensure members have all been introduced so no-one feels intimidated or shy about attending
38. Set house rules
39. Have clear expectations of all the people attending
40. Ensure everyone is listened to so they feel it is worthwhile to attend
41. Value everybody's voice
42. Fun, relaxed environment
43. Try using different ways to generate ideas – get up, use whiteboard etc.
44. Regular token gifts
45. Incentivise – food, chocolate, biscuits, lollies, wine
46. Make it fun / relaxed
47. Social bit to start – wine, chocolate
48. Recognition at the meeting
49. Select member of the month / Rider of the month
50. Chocolate fish awards
51. Recognition of people who go above and beyond
52. Ensure your meetings keep to time
53. Schedule the next meeting at the current meeting with everyone agreeing
54. Have everyone leave energised or excited
55. Make them a learning opportunity – TED Talks, YouTube, Podcasts, use part of your meeting to enable people to learn something new
56. Make them less frequent
57. Do something unexpected - have walking meetings, speakers
58. Meetings with specific purpose – strategic focus meeting, problem solving meeting, building membership meeting
59. Opportunities to use skills and abilities
60. Start the meeting with a challenge (like the brainteasers above)
61. Make sure the meeting content provides a challenge
62. Inspiring messages
63. Finish on a positive

Vision, Mission and Values

NZPCA Vision, Mission and Values

Vision: To develop, promote, govern and lead the best youth equestrian training/coaching organisation in New Zealand.

Mission:

- The NZPCA is a voluntary organisation for young people interested in ponies/horses and riding that:
- Encourages young people to ride and enjoy all kinds of sports connected with riding
Provides instruction on riding and pony/horse management
Promotes the highest ideals of behaviour, sportsmanship, citizenship and loyalty, to create strength of character and self-discipline
Values, encourages, develops and recognises the volunteers who are the backbone of Pony Club and its success

Values

- The NZPCA is committed to the following:
- Friendly, fun, helpful, encouraging and respectful environment at all times whether at rallies, events or in competition
Responsive to change and opportunities for continual improvement
Honest and transparent in all communications

Gordonton Pony Club - Selected vision and mission

Vision:

A community where passions for horses creates lifelong learning and friendships.

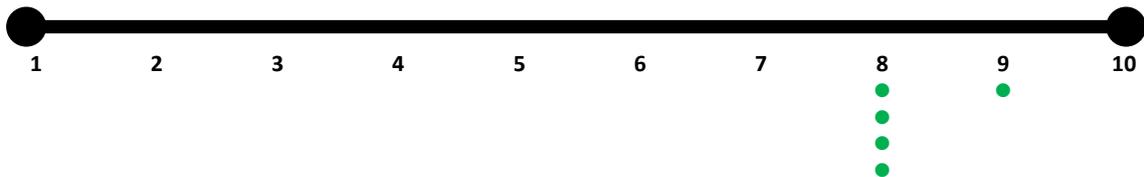
Comfort rating



Mission:

Though teamwork we educate and promote the enjoyment of horses in a safe and friendly environment.

Comfort rating (move the dots to the number Dna)



Next steps – Vision and mission

What	Who	When
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Share vision with wider member group at next meeting 2. Make changes if needed 3. Confirm vision 	Members	Date TBC
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Share mission with wider member group at next meeting 5. Make changes if needed 6. Confirm mission 	Members	Date TBC

Vision

- Your vision is the **WHY** you exist, the difference that you make in the community
- It's your **PURPOSE**, **WHY** does Gordonton Pony Club exist
- Aspirational and inspirational description of **WHY** you exist, what you would like to achieve in the long term
- What are you passionate about achieving?
- **Prompt:** If Gordonton Pony Club was doing everything 100% right what would your community (your community being whoever you are doing what you are doing for) look like as a result?

Guidelines

- Avoid buzzwords / jargon
- Simple / concrete language
- 5-14 words (20 max)
- Short and to the point

Creating vision – last draft

Vision:

What we like

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Gaps/issues/concerns

1. How to

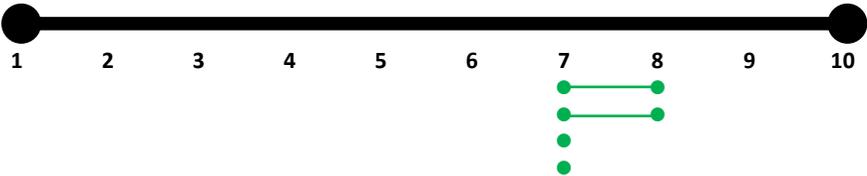
Comfort rating (Dna move the dots around)



What would move you up the scale?

▪ ...

Crafting vision – Round 1

<p>Group A Draft vision: A life with horses and friends starts here</p>	<p>Group B Vision: Where a common passion brings friends and horses together</p>
<p>What we like + The words horses and friends</p>	<p>What we like The words passion and together</p>
<p>Gaps/issues/concerns 1. How to ensure the vision contents</p>	<p>Gaps/issues/concerns ■ How to ensure we include everyone</p>
<p>Comfort rating</p> 	<p>Comfort rating (Dna move dots around)</p> 
<p>What would move you up the scale? ■ The word together</p>	<p>What would move you up the scale? Including the word community</p>

Background to vision from the survey - What are the most important outcomes you want for your child/ren to get out of attending Gordonton Pony Club?

- To learn some basics of riding and horse management while having fun with their pony and making some friendships along the way.
- Learn more about care and riding skills plus being able to attend PC events
- PC is an awesome place for kids to make life long friendship however at the end of the day PC is about learning to ride to the best of your ability, to care for your pony to the best of your ability and correctly.
- I would like to see clearer instruction from first year ridden & up. From an older rider she says she would like to see more encouragement to do more of opposite of what you already good at IE if your already good at jumping then encourage more on flat-work and vice versa to become good all round riders and leave the rallies feeling like you have accomplished something good.
- To have a fun, positive time and enjoy riding their ponies with friends.
- Have fun, develop lasting friendships Pass B certificate and be inspired to continue with A and H certificates
- Develop their confidence and ability to support and coach younger members of pc
- Fun and supportive environment for learning in a club, preparation for going to competitions and other horse events
- Have fun and learn
- To work towards completing certificates, have the basics covered, friendships and enjoyment
- Make friends, have fun, learn to ride

Mission

Draft mission:

Mission

- Describes **WHAT** Gordonton Pony Club does
- **WHAT** do you do...in order to work towards making your vision a reality

Guidelines

- Clear, simple, plain language
- Short – 5-14 words (20 max)
- 2-4 building blocks
- Easy to explain
- Easy to understand
- Useful – inform, guide, focus
- Recognisably yours

First draft mission

Borrowing from Pony Club Australia:

Mission: To educate and promote the enjoyment of horses by young people in a safe, friendly environment

Gordonton Pony Club Mission:

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Background to vision from the survey - If Gordonton Pony Club was to have its own mission statement, what would you like that to be, or to include?

- A club where fun and friendships form the basis of the learning platform from which riders gain skills required to ride and care for a pony, which leads on to competitive skills and sportsmanship
- Do your best, learn about your Animal and have fun
- Inclusion, Encouragement, Integrity and support from the grassroots up
- Fun, friends, ponies
- To inspire and develop top horsemanship-for the love of horses
- Respect, fun
- The same as NZPCA
- Not sure

Values

What is important to us about Gordonton Pony Club? What is important to us about how we are?

List values:

- fun
- respect
- sportsmanship
- empathy and understanding
- resilience
- celebration -the good

Values descriptions

Different values/words for values will mean different things to different members and riders. Good to articulate the values description for all the members / parents / riders – what specifically does that mean for us?

Value	Value description How would you know if you had it? How would you know if you were holding it in your hand? How would you know if someone from Gordonton Pony Club was behaving using the value?
Empathy and understanding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ sideline support ▪ positive feedback ▪ interaction with horses and others ▪ concern and understandings other feelings ▪ different levels of each rider ▪ rules and regulations ▪ individual challenges
celebration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ proudness ▪ recognition ▪ seeing others achieve ▪ support ▪ part of a team
resilience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ getting back on ▪ kids supporting kids ▪ not giving up ▪ coming back for more
sportsmanship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ following the rules ▪ encouragement ▪ taking the good with the bad ▪ kids and parents behaviour ▪ having great role models for our children ▪ knows how to win and lose
respect	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ manners ▪ courtesy ▪ following the rules ▪ showing appreciation for their horse, other riders, parents, coaches, volunteers and supporting people.
fun	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ kids coming back ▪ laughter ▪ enjoying the rallies – games, jumping, etc ▪ sharing their experiences ▪ positive and happy feedback ▪ sharing and helping each other

Future history articles

Create a Future History Article for Gordonton Pony Club

Write an article from Horse & Pony magazine from 2023

Future history article 1

GPC Equestrian Hub opening

Gordonton Pony Club is celebrating their opening of the new Equestrian Hub, featuring the new indoor and outside facilities:

- Indoor and outside riding arenas
- Camping facilities include, toilet, paddocks, pens and wash bays

This community facilities are open to all members and those is the community wishing to hire it for animal days, clinics, travel stop overs, group days and non-animal community days.

Help us celebrate the future proofing of our community and ensure our children have a safe all year around riding facilities that benefits the everyone.

Future history article 2

GPC goes undercover

Gordonton Pony Club is celebrating the opening of our indoor sand arena. The ribbon will be cut by Sir Mark Todd, patron of NZPCA and the WDC major Mr Marcus Fulton.

This signals the start of a whole lot more opportunities for our club:

- With lights we can have evening night classes for both riding and other community users
- This venue can be hired out to benefit others
- We can now have riding all year around

Please join us to ensure the future of our community.

Next steps:

- Clubrooms, shower, toilet block
- Wash down bays
- Tie up stalls
- Look at clearing wait list

Barriers:

- Council consent
- Money
- Voluntary hours
- Health and safety
- Gordonton town support
- Management
- Grants and funding

General feedback from survey

How well are the communication channels working within the club and between members and those holding positions? Are you comfortable raising concerns and happy that they will be dealt with appropriately?

- Happy with the communication etc
- Yes, the new President/ committee are very approachable, definitely feel more able to have something to say
- I don't have any problem
- Some people may feel uncomfortable do we have a protocol that is easy for the riders or parents to get their hands on?
- Communication is fine and I'm comfortable raising concerns
- I have found communication AOK. I like the fact we are not inundated with emails
- Yes, I would be comfortable to raise issues and suggest improvements to PC committee
- Yes
- Fine and yes
- This works well
- I think it's good

Do you have any views on Gordonton Pony Club becoming its own club and removing itself away from being a branch of Hamilton Pony Club?

- Not sure that the pros outweigh the cons
- Not sure if the positives outweigh the negatives, I think the way to fix Hamilton pony club is for Gordonton PC to become more involved and take some of the main roles in ham, that can only be done by more members taking up roles in our own club and freeing up others to do that
- Yes, but think we all need to know the pros and cons for this before decided. Something we should cover on planning day.
- Then we can't enter things like the Mahoney etc and these are great days, plus don't really have enough Senior riders to compete
- For what we pay in fees to HPC do we actually any benefits back to our club? would we be better investing those extra funds back into club an coach improvements?
- Need more info but preference is to remain part of Hamilton-unity
- No
- No

Do you have any further comments to add?

- To get the council to sign off on the sand arena we need to create a sell story with plans and placement, as I believe the easier we make it for them, the more likely we will get the positive outcome we are after.
- Yes I will compile and send in
- Be nice to see some learning around horsemanship. some instruction on games, etiquette
- Club is almost too big, great to have the numbers but it is becoming detrimental if we can't get more coaches and make it more interesting for the kids.
- We are a great club, let's keep it this way by all working towards a common purpose, the reason why all kids should to come pony club.
- No
- Not really
- No
- No

Gordonton Pony Club Submission Point:

Grant approval for the construction of an all weather arena within the Pony Club grounds on the Gordonton Domain.

Reason:

Gordonton Pony Club is the largest of 4 branches within Hamilton Pony Club. Our current membership of 23 riders consists of Lead rein riders as young as 4yrs old right through the levels to those competing with success nationally.

A Strategic Planning meeting held in June 2019 identified a strong desire within the club to build on our reputation as a successful pony club by improving the facilities we have available to our riders. The addition of an all weather arena would be of benefit to our club for the following reasons:

- An area for year round training
- A safe and controlled area for our younger riders
- A consistent cushioning surface for the horses
- A simulated competition environment
- A site which can be hired out for clinics/small events, this then attracts more users.

Gordonton Pony Club sees the addition of an all weather arena to the site as adding value to the Gordonton community, without changing the current use of the Domain. The more it is utilized the more people come into Gordonton who may then spend money with the local businesses. This is in keeping with the Councils' role in supporting community identified initiatives that are important at the local level, and to achieve efficient and effective use of infrastructure and services. (as set out in the LTP Consultation Document, the District Plan, and Waikato 2070) Gordonton is a thriving community with businesses who are very supportive of our Pony Club. The Gordonton Community Board, and our closest neighbour's, East West College, Gordonton Tennis Club and MacSmiths Tires have given their support to our proposal and our planning with regard to fundraising for such a project.

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1817****Full Name: John Carr****Wish to speak to submission: Yes**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:****Comment:**

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:****Comment:**

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

I wish this submission to be included in the Waikato District Councils Long Term Planning process.

I would like to speak to the submission at the hearing. I am happy to be present or speak via a zoom call.

Port Waikato has played a part in New Zealand's history since the beginning of human occupation of the River delta. The history as a thriving Port is well known so I will not expand on it here.

Today the Ports historic area facilities consisting of the boat ramp, wharf and the shed gifted by Caesar Roose are still intensively used by the local community and the general public to access and enjoy the recreational aspects of the Waikato River, the growth of the North Waikato region only serves to intensify the usage.

The facilities are home to the Port Waikato Yacht and Boating Club, The Port Waikato Fishing Club, in addition they are used frequently by the Tuakau Sea Scouts, fishing events, and Port Waikato School Camp visits and the local Iwi.

The facilities have provided a vital function of training young people in water safety and basic boating skills essential for the young people growing up in this dangerous river delta region.

The facilities are also used by Coast Guard Emergency vessels and commercial fishermen.

Although recent work on the wharf has been gratefully received these key assets need provision for ongoing maintenance both above and below water.

I would respectfully submit that Council:

- Include the Port Waikato Wharf and facilities in the upcoming long term budgeting process
- Include the Wharf facilities as a separate line of account for maintenance budget.
- Provide transparency and tracking of all planned work and budgeting.
- Provide copies of any reports produced regarding the facilities.
- Provide information and plans regarding future maintenance.

I trust the above submission will be given due consideration by Council

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1422****Full Name: Peter Buckley****Wish to speak to submission: Yes****Topic 1 – General Rates Increase****Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

I recently attended a LTP consultation meeting in Pokeno and listened to the concerns of that community in regard to the 2021-31 LTP.

It was stated there that the average annual wage/salary for the Pokeno community was \$70,000 dollars.

This has to cover all expenses for the ratepayers such as taxes, living expenses, school fees, rates etc.

There was much discussion around ratepayers concerns about time frames in the process of getting projects completed.

An example given was fixing up the roads, pedestrian crossings and playgrounds etc around Pokeno. It was said that it had taken up to 5 years, in some cases, to get to actually doing the work.

I submit that the Waikato District Council investigates how these timeframes and the associated non-productive bureaucratic costs could be cut to help save the amount of rate raises.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

What makes the quoted “Responsible Service Providers” any better than the Waikato District Council in providing Pensioner housing?

My concerns are that once you sell these Pensioner Houses is that it won't be the end of the Council's obligations, as the new Responsible Service Providers may come back in future asking for assistance. They may ask for rates relief or for monetary assistance to comply with new regulations that may come in.

If the decision is made to keep these pensioner houses they need to pay the going rent rates. My submission in supporting keeping pensioner housing in council control is that it shows that the Waikato District Council has a social responsibility conscience.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

I submit that the inorganic kerbside rubbish collection should be continued.

We are currently seeing inorganic rubbish dumped on road sides and I believe that if the kerbside collections are removed then this will lead to more dumping on roadsides.

With new regulations aimed at minimising waste coming into effect including progressive increase in the waste levy and extra costs to dispose of rubbish generally I contend that more rubbish will be illegally disposed on road sides, reserves and other public places.

Illegal dumping is a problem that is either the WDC's or WRC's to deal with. This can be handled punitively and (I suggest ineffectually) by attempting to identify and prosecute the perpetrators, accepting that such a punitive approach will not avoid the ratepayers the expense of Council collecting and disposing of rubbish that if left will become an eyesore and an environmental hazard.

A better approach is for the WDC to utilise some of the revenues arising from the hypothecated waste levy to fund the continued collection of the inevitable inorganic waste generated by the average household.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

The community boards have a huge role in giving advice to council on the community expectations and giving feedback from council to the community.

The community boards should be able to vote at the council's advisory boards on any issues that pertain to their community. Often these community boards are overlooked in how they can support the council, so these community boards should be empowered and funded to support the Waikato District Council.

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

It has been reported that the Minister of Local Government (Hon Nanaia Mahuta) is looking at taking responsibility for the three waters off Local Government and having three Government Controlled Agencies to take over from Local Government across the whole of New Zealand.

If these roles are going to be taken over, my view is that new agencies should be responsible for all the infrastructure upgrades that will be required to meet the new standards that have been required by the government under the new Freshwater Regulations. This will reduce the rates burden on the Waikato ratepayers from the removal of this requirement on the Waikato District Council and give economies of scale to the government through nationwide co-ordination.

An example of economies of scale was when the Auckland City Council came into being and it took over a part of the old Franklin District Council. The three waters infrastructure in that area needed to be upgraded and the new agency responsible, "Watercare" spent around \$75 million upgrading the three waters infrastructure there.

The cost on the ratepayers of the old Franklin District Council would have been huge, and in actual fact probably beyond their ability to fund it, but because the cost could be spread over the large population of Auckland City it only amounted to a small increase per ratepayer.

Costs of Compliance:

The cost of compliance is putting such a burden on Council and ratepayers that these compliance costs are one of the main reasons making the rate rises become unaffordable for ratepayers.

The bureaucracy and compliance that is required before commencing a job is now so involved and time consuming that by the time the actual job starts the costs have risen so much that there is an extra burden on the ratepayer and economy from time bound inflationary pressures.

This is particularly true in the case of major infrastructure projects either new projects or upgrades/maintenance.

A classic example of the inflationary pressures from bureaucracy and compliance is the current situation where a pedestrian crossing is wanted at Pokeno.

The community wants a pedestrian crossing from Countdown to the shops across the road from Countdown.

They were told that WDC would need a traffic count and then a pedestrian count to see if one was required.

When all that is needed is to just go there to see the volume of vehicle movements now and people who use the Countdown car park to get to the ice cream shops etc across the other side of the road.

By the time that the WDC has completed all of the requirements around traffic/pedestrian counts and then had meetings to discuss and approve this crossing, they will have spent a dis-proportionate amount more on the process than it will cost to actually put in a crossing.

Surely with some common sense it can happen without all this non-productive bureaucracy and save costs not only on this pedestrian crossing but other projects?

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1818

Full Name: Andy Loader for PLUG (Primary Land Users Group)

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

See attached for further information

Attachment: Yes

Submission on the Waikato District Council LTP Primary Land Users Group (PLUG)

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We would like to speak to this submission

Our submission isn't about whether the 10 year strategy is either right or wrong in its priorities, but focuses on the cost of compliance and bureaucracy to meet the standards that you are seeking through the requirements of the new LTP, and the associated financial burden these will place on the ratepayers of the Waikato District.

An example around costs of compliance and bureaucracy from the ratepayers of Pokeno:

Some of our members recently attended a Waikato District Council consultation meeting in Pokeno regarding the WDC LTP. This consultation meeting became quite heated with the public/ratepayers telling the Council that the township's residents earn an average salary/wage of approximately \$70,000 gross and the proposed rate rises are unaffordable for most ratepayers. It was stated that the cost of regulatory and bureaucratic compliance is putting such financial pressures on Council that they have to pass this onto the ratepayers and these costs are one of the main reasons that the rate rises have become unaffordable for ratepayers.

These District Council ratepayers who are also Regional Council ratepayers are just getting by now. But the proposed rate increases by both Councils effectively make a large increase in their fixed costs which has not been matched by an increase in the average wage. Most of the ratepayers have only received an average wage increase of approximately 1%. The combined increases in rates demands across both District and Regional Councils is placing such a financial burden on them that many are really fearful of how they are going to be able to meet these increased financial commitments. During the time the WDC has been in existence it has grown in size. It has also had the opportunity to gain more support from: Central Government; the learnings from other Councils; the advances from new technologies; and research conducted by Universities and Crown Research Institutes.

For any well run organisation expanding over time, we would expect there to be economics of scale and learning by doing. We would expect the average cost of each unit of service to have decreased in real terms even if there is a nominal change in cost. It is time for the District Council to be explicit about its strategies to become more efficient; report on progress made; and demonstrate this by lowering the cost of service provision though time.

The lack of commitment to efficiency adversely impacts the community. The cost of bureaucratic and regulatory compliance that is required before any citizen, business, farm, or organisation plan or commence any project requiring District Council approval is excessive. There are direct compliance costs, indirect compliance costs; and cost associated with delay. This is an extra burden on the ratepayer and economy as these inflationary pressures delay progress and reduce community wellbeing.

Sure, the world says embrace technology and it will make it easier and cheaper to do business, but it seems with all the technology that is at hand for the WDC to use, there appears to be a reluctance to use this capability to its fullest extent as the bureaucracy keeps growing. It appears that every time a new project or new policy is implemented there is a requirement for more staff to be employed or for more contractors.

The concern that we have is that the people who are your ratepayers (We would call them your shareholders and these shareholders) provide the information to you at no cost but you charge for use of this information.

This increase in the bureaucratic and regulatory compliance is not just at the level of individuals and individual businesses and organisations. It is particularly significant in the case of major infrastructure projects either new projects or upgrades/maintenance where the Council is now finding that the actual overall costs of projects have risen as a result of these compliance requirements, with no actual tangible benefits in either quality or economics.

Effectively the increases in compliance costs mean that the Council is only able to do less actual work for the same amount of money and therefore they have to increase rates to even just maintain the current levels of Infrastructure provision and maintenance.

Given the predicted levels of population increase there will be a requirement for significantly more infrastructure and this increase in demand can only lead to significant increases in rates unless a way is found to successfully eliminate some of the non-productive compliance costs. Addressing these efficiency challenges will improve outcomes, enhance community relationships and will build respect for the Council. It will also build resilience for the organisation and community if we are ever to face any unexpected calamity.

We respectively recommend that:

1. the 2021-2031 long term plan include explicit strategies for improving the efficiency of the Council;

2. That it implements the strategies for improving Council efficiency;
3. That the efficiency of Council processes, especially pertaining to permitting and consenting processes, be reported and audited by an external professional party that is not also compromised by Waikato District Council contracts or relationships;
4. That where issues of Council inefficiency are identified the Council proactively address them and advise the public;
5. That Council regularly report Staff FTE and Staff and consultant costs per rate payer and report this information on a quarterly basis; and
6. That Council review staff training, and organisation processes so that productivity improvements occur within the Council.

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1744 (LTP submission)****Full Name: Tamahere Community Committee****Wish to speak to submission: Yes**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

We support and understand the need for infrastructure renewal and keeping borrowings lower. We accept that the whole country is exposed to these rate increases and would prefer one “bad” year with lesser increments following. Delaying projects ends up costing more.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

In supporting the Council's preferred option we feel strongly that the Pensioner Housing should be sold only to solid, well-funded and resourced Social Housing providers who have existing channels of support available. We envisage a continued need for this type of housing being provided nationwide. We recognise that only Ngaruawahia, Huntly and Tuakau Communities in our District receive any benefit and therefore the benefit is only for a few residents. By selling these 34 units Council can put more focus on its Core Services.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

We believe people in our area want this service continued. The targeted rates difference per property is approximately \$20 p.a. This represents less than the cost of a trip to the dump. By having the collection, it minimises random indiscriminate dumping, it gives locals and merchants the opportunity to recycle items placed kerbside – “one mans junk is another mans treasure”. Continuing the service does not affect debt and provides the current level of service which is appreciated.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

Funds should be directed to projects identified in Blueprints (and subsequent updates) and be available fairly across the district.

In making this change we assume Council will still provide operational grants for Council Boards and Community Committees to cover those costs. In this respect we hope that the LTP includes our allocation of \$4,000 per annum on an ongoing basis to allow for our Committee costs which includes but is not limited to; Ward communications via Tamahere Forum and other means, computing, advertising, meeting expenses (if any) and Secretary's honorarium.

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Roading and other areas: As per attached submission

Attachment: Yes

Appendix A: Trails Strategy 2016 (p.31-34)

3. Implementation, Funding and Monitoring of the Strategy

Implementation and Funding:

Part Two, Section Two of this strategy identifies high priority projects that will achieve maximum community benefits and value for money. This information will be used to inform decisions regarding expenditure of existing trail development budgets.

The following table shows existing budgets for walkways and trail developments in the Long Term Plan. Opportunities to obtain additional funding through external sources are encouraged to future advance the trails network.

Capital Projects		2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Growth										
1WK10000	District Wide walkways									
1WK10051	Te Kauwhata walkways		407,442	575,188		325,559	458,244	587,126	483,086	
1WK10090	Pokeno walkways	24,624	27,722	93,830		18,460	11,686			
1WK10046	Tamahere walkways	167,648	171,588	175,019	178,695	182,805	187,192	191,872	197,340	203,458
Total for Growth		192,272	606,752	844,037	178,695	526,824	657,122	778,998	680,426	203,458
LOS										
1WK10000	District Wide walkways						22,912	41,099	42,270	43,580
1WK10093	Puni walkways		56,706							
Total for LOS			56,706				22,912	41,099	42,270	43,580
Renewal										
1WK10000	District Wide walkways	41,040	52,505	53,556	54,681	55,938	57,280	70,455	78,501	80,935
1WK10030	Raglan walkways		278,280							
Total for Renewal		41,040	330,785	53,556	54,681	55,938	57,280	70,455	78,501	80,935



Operational Spend		2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
District Wide										
1WK10000	General Consultants		15,775		16,670		17,701		18,912	
1WK10000	Repairs and Maintenance	270,389	329,639	338,341	347,815	357,902	368,639	380,435	392,837	406,194
1WK10000	R&M Contractors							364	750	1,035
Raglan										
1WK10030	R&M Contractors	358	367	754	774	796	820	848	874	904
Tamahere										
1WK10046	Power/Gas	1,089	1,131	1,177	1,228	1,282	1,342	1,408	1,480	1,558
1WK10046	Repairs and Maintenance	5,121	5,249	5,388	5,538	5,699	5,870	6,058	6,255	6,468
1WK10046	R&M Contractors	594	819	1,057	1,308	1,573	1,856	2,161	2,476	2,822
North/Mid										
1WK10050	R&M Contractors	358	367	377	387	398	410	424	437	452
Te Kauwhata										
1WK10051	R&M Contractors	256	262	538	886	912	1,231	1,272	1,314	1,357
Total Operational		278,165	353,609	347,632	374,606	368,562	397,869	392,970	425,335	420,790



Monitoring:

This strategy will guide staff with day to day decisions relating to trail maintenance and development, as well as offering guidance to the community. Staff will monitor the effectiveness of this strategy on an ongoing basis as it is implemented, and keep a record of any issues that can be addressed in future updates. A review of this strategy is intended to be undertaken in five years of adoption.

The Regional Cycling Strategic Case includes key performance indicators and measure which can be referred to for monitoring of cycling activity in the region.

The following specific actions will support the objectives and policies in this strategy and feed in to future reviews of the document:

- Identifying external trail development funding sources.
- Undertaking assessments of all our tracks (in accordance with SNZ HB8630:2004 standards) and preparing an improvement schedule.
- Identifying costs of implementing the high priority trail projects and using this information to guide a works schedule.
- Keeping a record of any trail issues as they arise that can be addressed in future updates.



Submission on Long Term Plan 2021 – 31

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TCC **does wish to be heard** in support of this submission.

TCC submits:

Issue: Proposed General Rates Increase

TCC chose Option 1: Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3.

Reasons: We support and understand the need for infrastructure renewal and keeping borrowings lower. We accept that the whole country is exposed to these rate increases and would prefer one “bad” year with lesser increments following. Delaying projects ends up costing more.

Issue: Pensioner Housing

TCC chose Option 2: Sell Pensioner Housing to a responsible service provider.

Reasons: In supporting the Council’s preferred option we feel strongly that the Pensioner Housing should be sold only to solid, well-funded and resourced Social Housing providers who have existing channels of support available. We envisage a continued need for this type of housing being provided nationwide. We recognise that only Ngaruawahia, Huntly and Tuakau Communities in our District receive any benefit and therefore the benefit is only for a few residents. By selling these 34 units Council can put more focus on its Core Services.

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Additional Comments

Roading – Connected Communities

The Tamahere Community is currently working with Waka Kotahi on solutions for our Community Connectivity across the Expressway. We are genuinely concerned that currently there is not a safe cycle or pedestrian access from the east side of Tamahere to the school and Village Hub in the western side. Two amenities widely used by the whole Ward. We have submitted previously that this connectivity is Priority 1 in the Transport section of the Tamahere Local Area Blueprint and would expect that Waikato District Council advocate for a suitable outcome for Community Safety.

We confirm that we support the Capital expenditure for Roothing on Tauwhare Road for minor improvements scheduled in the LTP for 2029 totalling approximately \$3,063,000.

Three Waters

We confirm that we support the scheduled expenditure on Water Supply extensions and upgrades for growth and levels of service improvements.

We confirm that we support the Stormwater projects for Tamahere scheduled to upgrade reticulation every year in the LTP Capital Projects List.

Parks/ Playgrounds/ Reserves

Walkways – Supporting our Communities

Tamahere Community Committee (TCC) is extremely disappointed to see the first tranche of funding for Tamahere Walkways Capital Expenditure moved back to the year beginning 1 July 2022. We see that \$194,867 is allowed for in the 2022/23 year which then means that there is no funding available in the 2021/22 year. TCC has been working with Council Open Spaces team for the last two years identifying feasible routes, land requirements and an MOU between a Community Trust and Council to enable the easements or permissions to be gained to achieve connected walkways (connecting communities). During the summer the potential routes were GPS'd and much planning information gathered. Progress has been made on identifying and prioritising the walkways and the detail of the MOU. It would be disappointing if the whole project got put on hold now for the lack of funds to move ahead. We had previously (from the 2018 LTP) been assured of \$89,000 being available in the 2021/22 year and were working towards this. The allowance in the 2018 LTP had been bumped from the 2015 LTP where Tamahere Walkways were first granted funding in the 2017 year of \$167,648 ongoing to the 2021 year. This postponement just keeps on going. Details from the 2016 Trails Strategy are attached (Appendix A).

We respectfully ask that you reinstate the funding by moving each annual allowance for the project forward one year to commence in the 2021/22 year through to the 2025/26 year. We anticipate the full \$860,411 will still be required.

The Tamahere Local Area Blueprint has identified Gully restoration and Walkways as our Number 2 priority.

Tamahere Park Toilets

We understand that funding for a permanent toilet block has been bought forward to the Annual Plan from the 2021/22 year. Detailed design is currently happening, and construction *should be* awarded prior to 30

June 2021. If this timing is not achieved, we need to have confirmation that funds will be available in the 2021/22 year to complete the project. This is not evident in the Capital Projects List for 2021/22.

Bus Stop at the Tamahere Park Village Hub

TCC has been trying for at least 5 years to have a bus top incorporated into the traffic management at the commercial area at Tamahere Park. To date (May2021) no progress has been made. Council staff have not been able to secure a bus stop. TCC finds it hard to understand why Council is not promoting bus transport. TCC has submitted to the Regional Council Transport Management Plan in the hope that they may be able to help here. We received a favourable hearing. Leadership is required at Council for buses to replace cars in the not too distant future. It is important to promote buses to lighten the volume of cars going into Hillcrest. After the Hamilton Bypass opens it will only be 6 years before traffic is back to where it is now. TCC is concerned that there seems to be no transport plan that any of us have seen for this central precinct. We understand that the entrance to Devine Rd from the onramp will soon close. The exit from Devine Rd may also close. Tamahere School has no objection to these closures. These changes will have serious effects on all traffic movements in and around the commercial hub.

Action requested: That a precinct traffic management plan be developed by Council consultants in consultation with the community.

District Plan /Planning / Policy

Planning - Strategic Land Purchase

The Tamahere Local Area Blueprint highlights in "TM 6.5 Identify if, how much and where possible additional land for retail/service development is needed beyond the zoning in the Proposed District Plan."

Our feedback to council in TM 6.4 in July 2020 was:

'As suitable land for a growing Village Hub area is very scarce, we need to have a top priority on securing ownership of ... land ... This land is needed beyond the zoning in the Proposed District Plan and securing that land at this time is a top priority...'

The Tamahere Ward population is growing and the use of facilities at the Village Hub and Park is also increasing as services are provided that negate the need for locals to travel to Hamilton or Cambridge for day-to-day needs. As of now only two tenancies remain in the commercial spaces provided and we feel very sure that more demand is not far away. Our thoughts for future requirements have moved very quickly as we see the development of use and demand for the facilities currently provided. Council projections of populations also highlight that Tamahere is one of the quickest growing areas and the population will grow to be one of the largest towns in the District. It should also be noted that because of its proximity to Hamilton City and Cambridge it will likely never need all the infrastructure investment of other standalone towns but will need space to facilitate planning for Community needs.

We strongly urge WDC to give priority to identifying and securing in the short-term land in proximity to the existing Tamahere Park, Hall and/or Hub facility. With the value of land increasing rapidly we also see a strategic purchase as not necessarily a net cost, as future development can be Council led as and when required and then sold off at market rates.

We are lucky that good planning and foresight from 15 years ago has enabled the Village Hub concept to develop to where we are at today, and we must learn from this and make sure that planning now will enable appropriate and necessary future progress.

Action requested: That this 2021- 2031 Long Term Plan acknowledges and plans for this strategic land purchase so action can be taken before opportunities are lost or become much more difficult and expensive.

Targeting Blueprints and other Community initiatives

Yes, the TCC does support this approach.

Funds should be directed to projects identified in Blueprints (and subsequent updates) and be available fairly across the district.

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Consultation Document – Observation

TCC is concerned to see in the LTP Consultation Document on page 25, the example given for rates rise options being on a Tamahere property with a \$610,000 Rating Valuation. We believe this is not a representative or 'average' valuation in the Ward and is far too low to give Tamahere ratepayers a real idea of what the proposed rates increases may bring. It looks as though Tamahere Residential rates are going to be lower than in other districts.

Waikato District Council – Draft Development Contributions Policy 2021 Submission

Submitter ID: 1798

Name / Organisation: Tamahere Community Committee

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

My submission relates to:

Revised development contributions policy

Do you support the proposed Development Contributions Policy?

No, I do not support it (Option 1 - Status Quo)

Comments:

As per attached.

Attachment: Yes



Submission on Development Contributions Policy 2021-2022

*made pursuant to the
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Submitted on: Waikato District Council 2021-2022 Development Contributions Policy

TCC is making this submission as a Community organisation.

TCC **Supports** the need for a clear policy on Council charges for Development Contributions ("DC's")

TCC **does wish to be heard** in support of this submission.

TCC submits:

1. The majority of properties in Tamahere are either zoned rural or country living

2. The Country Living Zone (CLZ) is not intended to be thought of as Residential development as might apply in towns like Huntly, Raglan, Tuakau, Pokeno, etc
3. We support the general concept that “Only developments that place extra demands on infrastructure and which cause the Council to incur capital costs will be liable” for DC’s – Para **11.1**
4. Historically DC’s have been imposed and paid by the developer when a property is subdivided and additional titles issued. The proposed DC’s policy creates undisclosed liability (not discoverable) to a new owner of vacant land if the Council is of the view that the original developer has not contributed sufficient to cover “extra demands on infrastructure and which cause the Council to incur capital costs ... ”
5. For example: Policy 11.3.2 records

“Dwellings constructed on allotments with registered titles may attract development contributions under this policy. The extent of any contributions payable will depend on whether any payments were made at earlier stages in the development process, as well as the specific services that the development is connected to.”
6. TCC is of the view that the Council MUST flag the LIM report for such a property with a clear statement that this liability exists for this particular property (not a generalisation statement on every LIM Report).
7. Extensive prescriptive rules do not necessarily provide clarity and have ‘unintended consequences’ ...
8. For example Policy 11.3.1 includes the following:

“Any resource consent application that **creates the potential** to build additional independent dwelling will also attract development contributions at a rate of one HEU per *additional* allotment, service connection or dwelling.”
9. This statement introduces a subjective element to the Policy, allowing Council staff to apply their own prejudicial bias and assumptions to the application in a manner that is entirely wrong, so as to extract additional DC’s from a property in circumstances which are likely to be inappropriate. This is a form of extortion and should not be a basis which the Council empowers staff to ‘make up’ potential scenarios under the guise of this policy.
10. Units of demand in policy 14 change Councils policy for:

- a. a tiny home 0.00sqm to 30.00sqm which used to be charged at .25 of the HEU rate is now proposed to be charged as a full HEU, and
 - b. a Minor dwelling (old terminology) 30.01sqm to 70.0sqm used to be charged at .50 of the HEU rate is now to be charged as a full HEU.
11. TCC considers this inequitable as, by definition a small (minor) dwelling cannot house the number of occupants a larger dwelling can and these small dwellings have to share a service connection. Their use of district or area infrastructure cannot be equivalent to that of a larger dwelling.
 12. The intention of streamlining this policy's application will create inequity, and an opportunity for Council to gather more funds. The current graduated charges for "minor" dwellings allows for the size and likely number of occupants.
 13. Only developments that place extra demands on infrastructure – and which cause the council to incur capital costs – can be liable for additional DC's.
 14. Liability for DC's should stem from the creation of extra pressure on infrastructure and usage, which is not of a minor nature. The graduated method of charging should therefore be retained as it is the most appropriate and equitable basis for charging. The proposed full Development Contribution cost for an HEU is out of all proportion to the cost of creating these ancillary units and is unreasonable. The creation of these small units will take people out of larger dwellings leaving the larger homes to assist with the current housing shortage dilemma.
 15. Generally, a small unit/ancillary dwelling is a "low cost" dwelling and adding full DC's will make the cost substantially more, defeating the objective of 'low cost housing'.
 16. TCC submits that only developments which place actual extra demands on Council infrastructure – resulting in the Council having to incur capital costs – should be liable. Liability to development contributions should stem from the creation of extra pressure on infrastructure and usage. It seems entirely reasonable that the graduated method of charging be retained.

TCC seeks the following decision/s from the WDC (*precise details, including any parts that should be amended and the nature of any conditions sought*):

1. A fair and proper policy which does not spring surprises on unsuspecting property owners.

2. A policy which is clear and does not give Council staff the ability to 'make up' a story to support the imposition of additional DC's after a title for the property has been issued.
 3. Liability for DC's should stem from actual extra pressure on infrastructure and usage. The graduated method of charging DC's for should be retained for minor/ancillary dwellings
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This submission is filed electronically with the WDC.

Waikato District Council – Community Halls Catchment Review Submission

Submitter ID: 1635

Full Name: Kay Vincent

Organisation: Kariaotahi Hall Committee

What catchment area do you live in? Kariaotahi

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

What option for the Kariotahi, Aka Aka and Otaua Halls do you support?

Option selected:

Option 2 - Increase of targeted rate and catchment size

Why is this your preferred option?

See attached document.

Kariaotahi Hall lost the majority of its targeted rate payers to Auckland City at amalgamation. Option 2 should redress this inequity. Having the same rate across the entire northwest Waikato will also be fairer as everyone will be paying the same amount, regardless of which hall it goes to.

Comment:

What option for Te Akau and Naike Halls do you support?

Option selected:

Don't know

Why is this your preferred option?

Comment:

Please note any further comments on the proposed change to hall catchments and targeted rates

Attachment: Yes

The **Kariaotahi Hall Committee**, on behalf of the Kariaotahi Hall Society, supports the proposed targeted rate increase and extension of catchment boundaries. This will redress the loss of income since amalgamation. It will be more equitable for the northwest Waikato area, where the continued use of Franklin District Council boundaries means some ratepayers no longer pay rates for a hall (now in Auckland), but also pay nothing towards any of the facilities in the Waikato District.

Since amalgamation, when it lost most of its previous rate payers to Auckland City Council, Kariaotahi Hall (the former Kariaotahi School) has had significantly reduced income from rates. The hall committee advised WDC of this deficit and requested support, eventually receiving several annual top-ups to help offset this loss. The rates have not increased since before amalgamation and this, too, has had an impact on the hall's income.

The committee has lobbied for a fairer system for almost ten years. During this time, through fund-raising projects and hall hire, it has continued to maintain the buildings, facilities and grounds. The committee hosts at least two annual community events which are well supported. The hall has had increasing use over the past six or so years where it has been hired three to four days a week.

The building and grounds are under consideration for heritage status, and the committee is committed to maintaining the 1930s authenticity of the property. This means some maintenance and restoration require extra attention, so costs are expected to reflect this. Fundraising, grants, and donations will continue to contribute accordingly. The committee is also involved in returning some of the grounds to native tree plantations and replanting gardens to encourage native wildlife - in association with other local predator-free groups and regeneration activities.

There is support for the hall both locally and from further afield, including past pupils and community members who have since left the district. This is evident in the Kariaotahi Hall Society membership which has a subscription to help offset the loss of targeted rates. The committee administer a local community Facebook page and include regular posts about hall activities and events, as well as posts about the history of the old school and district. It has members from around New Zealand and overseas who are keen to maintain their Karioitahi links, and it is an effective means of communication and connectedness, placing the hall as the focal point of the community.

The committee is a motivated and pro-active group with a wide range of skills relevant to successful management and care of the hall. It includes a mix of long-standing members and new people to the district, and other community members are involved in ad hoc projects throughout the year. The committee actively promotes the hall as a venue for appropriate functions and use; however, there are improvements, repairs and upgrades which need to be addressed so that the hall is a presentable, desirable, safe, and functioning venue to meet the expectations and requirements of hall hirers and the community.

The Kariaotahi Hall committee believes that the return of a fair catchment area and an increase in the targeted rate will help return the old Kariaotahi School to a well-maintained, well-presented, and well-used centre of the community and a destination of historic interest suitable for a wide range of purposes well into the future.

4 May 2021

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1715

Full Name: Neil McInnes Water Safety NZ

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: Yes



Submission to Waikato District Council's Long-Term Plan 2021-31

Executive Summary

1. Preventable drowning fatalities costs the NZ economy around \$320 million per year. WSNZ wants to reduce the number of preventable drownings in the Waikato District and believes this can be achieved by ensuring more drowning prevention activity is undertaken, and there is better coordination and direction of the water safety effort. Ultimately, WSNZ wants residents of the Waikato District to be safe in, on and around water.
2. The focus of the first part of this submission is to draw to the Waikato District Council's attention the need for drowning prevention and water safety and highlight the relevant legislation and strategy.
3. This submission then comments on some of the key issues relevant to the 10-year Consultation Document including the:
 - relevance of water safety and drowning prevention to the Waikato District's community's well-being – social, economic, cultural, and environmental;
 - need to invest in the on-going maintenance of waste and storm water infrastructure to ensure water quality (swimmability and manoeuvrability) in the Waikato District's aquatic environments;
 - need to adapt and mitigate the impacts of climate change on aquatic environments in the Waikato District; and
 - possibility of working with the Waikato District Council (and other stakeholders) to expand the awareness of Māori water safety issues, and potential ways to reduce the Māori drowning toll in the Waikato District.
4. What WSNZ wants to achieve from this submission is:
 - to work with the Waikato District to help broaden and deepen Council's approach for reducing drowning fatalities and improving water safety awareness – a broader and deeper approach that is focused on community well-being;
 - Waikato District Council to consider water safety and drowning prevention a key component of maintaining the community well-being of its residents;
 - Waikato District Council to continue to invest in water safety and drowning prevention activities;

- Waikato District Council to continue to work with WSNZ (and the broader water safety sector) on water safety and drowning prevention issues, including expanding awareness of Māori water safety issues, and potential ways to reduce the Māori drowning toll in the Waikato District.

Introduction

5. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Waikato District Council's (Council's) Long-Term Plan Consultation Document 2021-31.
6. Water Safety New Zealand (WSNZ) is the leadership agency for the water safety sector and wants to reduce the number of preventable drownings in the Waikato District. We believe this can be achieved by ensuring more drowning prevention activity is undertaken, and better coordination and direction of the water safety effort by all responsible parties.
7. It is towards these objectives that the following submission is made. Further information about WSNZ can be found in *attachment 1*.

Context

8. The World Health Organisation characterises drowning as a serious and neglected public health threat and a highly preventable public health challenge.
9. Drowning is a growing public health and well-being problem with drowning being the number one cause of recreational death and the third highest cause of accidental death (behind road accidents and falls) in New Zealand. ¹ From 2010 to 2019 there were 965 preventable drowning fatalities in New Zealand and injuries are increasing sharply; in 2018 alone, there were over 36,000 claims for water related injuries (an average of around 100 a day).²
10. It has been estimated that preventable drowning costs the NZ economy around \$320 million per year. (Based on an average of 80 fatalities per year at \$4.0 million per fatality). In 2016 the economic cost of water related hospitalisations was \$83.6 million. In addition, a drowning incident may require a response from several agencies including: Police, NZ Search and Rescue responders or ambulance and medical service. Intervening early, or preventing the need to respond to a drowning, will provide cost savings to the New Zealand economy.
11. In 2019 the Government-appointed Water Safety Working Group concluded the responsibility for water safety, drowning prevention and frontline rescue services is shared between central and local government, the community, and water safety NGOs. In essence, their message was that central government has a partial responsibility for water safety and further effort is required to ensure all responsible parties are actively involved in the prevention of drowning.
12. In response, through Budget 2020 the Government provided multi-year funding for frontline rescue services, and to grow WSNZ's capability to lead and support the wider water safety sector. The Government is now looking to other parties responsible for water safety, such as local government, to see what role they can play. To this end WSNZ recently briefed the Minister of Local Government on the state of the water safety sector, Wai Ora Aotearoa (our new Water Safety Sector Strategy 2025), and our intentions to work with local government to improve water safety and prevent drownings.

Wai Ora Aotearoa – Water Safety Sector Strategy 2025

13. WSNZ recently launched [Wai Ora Aotearoa](#) which is the result of a year's collaborative work by water safety sector leaders. The strategy represents a consensual view of the best way forward for drowning prevention in New Zealand. Moreover, the strategy reflects the need for a step

¹ WSNZ Drowning Report, 2018.

² ACC, 2020

change in the way the sector operates. This change will enable the sector to meet the major challenges it is facing over the next few years.

14. Key actions relevant to local government for the sector to implement over the term of the strategy include:

Develop a water safety sector local government engagement strategy that focuses on relationship building and engaging with local government planning.

Complete the Implementation of the Regional Strategy pilots and develop a Freshwater Strategy for the sector.

15. Both actions are relevant to WSNZ's relationship with the Waikato District Council and are reflected in the content of this submission.

Community well-being

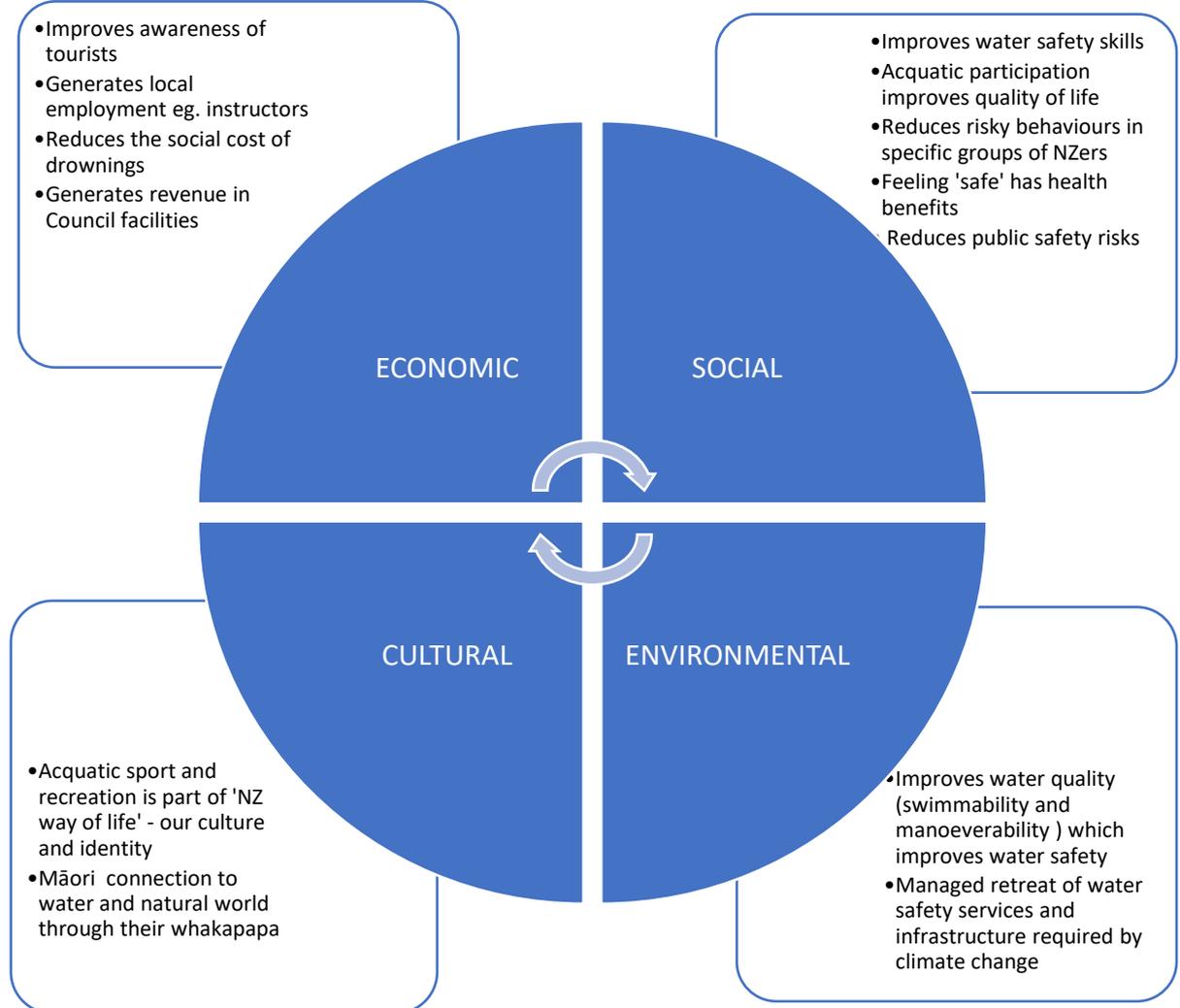
16. The Local Government (Community Well-being) Amendment Act 2019 restored the promotion of social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being to the purpose of local government.
17. The amendments to the Act are intended to enable local authorities, and ensure local authorities are responsible for, playing a broad role in promoting and improving the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of their communities—the four aspects of well-being.³
18. The Minister for local Government, Nanaia Mahuta, stated that this emphasis on well-being will engage councils and communities in an intergenerational approach to improving quality of life outcomes in towns and cities.⁴
19. As shown in figure 1 below, water safety and drowning prevention connects with all four components of community well-being – economic, social, cultural and environment.
20. A fuller discussion of the connections between well-being and water safety, that is consistent with the SOLGM Community Well-being indicator framework, is included in *attachment 2*.
21. Local authorities therefore have a mandate under the Local Government Act's community well-being umbrella to provide a wide range of initiatives to support water safety and drowning prevention—whether that be in relation to swimming pools, beaches, rivers, lakes, and/or the coast.
22. What this means is to fully contribute to the well-being of their community, local authorities must place greater importance on, and dedicate resources to, a wider range of initiatives relating to water safety and drowning prevention in all aquatic environments (pools, beaches, rivers, lakes, and the sea).
23. Local government needs to broaden its approach of providing community facilities and infrastructure, such as swimming pools, to a focus on community well-being. For example, focusing on providing and supporting water safety services to help reduce the social cost of drowning and allow New Zealanders to develop skills to feel safe in, on, and around the water. Other examples include a focus on managing the retreat of water safety services and infrastructure from the foreshore (required by climate change), and reducing public safety risks, particularly for high-risk groups and environments (under-fives; underwater activities; males aged 15-35 Years; Asians and male boaties aged 50+).

³ SOLGM, 2020

⁴ Mahuta, 2018

24. WSNZ wants to work with the Waikato District Council (and its partners and stakeholders) to help broaden their approach and reduce drowning fatalities and improve water safety awareness in the Waikato District.

Figure 1: Water safety and community well-being



Key issues and opportunities WSNZ would like the Waikato District Council to address in their 2021-2031 Long-Term Plan

25. Reducing preventable drownings, and improving water safety, will improve the well-being of residents in the Waikato District. WSNZ wants Council to consider the following points in the development of its long-term plan.

Water safety and drowning prevention - ensuring your communities well-being

26. The Waikato District's aquatic environment is diverse with an abundance of pools, rivers and streams, lakes, and coastline for residents and visitors to enjoy for sport and recreation purposes. This means Council's water safety risk profile is also variable as users carry out activities with different risk profiles (such as swimming, kayaking, boating, fishing, diving, or surfing).
27. To ensure your communities well-being (which as shown in figure 1 includes the concept of water safety and drowning prevention) a broader and deeper approach to water safety and drowning prevention is required.

28. A broader approach is one beyond the provision of aquatic facilities such as swimming pools and the enforcement of swimming pool bylaws. Council now needs to address water safety and drowning prevention in freshwater (pools, lakes, rivers, and streams), coastal waters (beaches, inlets, harbours) and in, on and around vessels (boats, yachts, surf skis, kayaks etc). A deeper approach involves advocating and providing for more people, of many cultures, to take advantage of Council's water safety and drowning prevention activities in the above aquatic environments. This broader and deeper approach needs to reflect the needs of your local community and provide local solutions for local needs.
29. In addition to a broader and deeper approach, WSNZ wants Council's approach to compliment the investment we make into water safety sector partner organisations (like Surf Life Saving NZ), or the funding we give to other providers through our contestable funding process.
30. WSNZ supports Council's existing investment in water safety and drowning prevention and wants to see Council's continued investment in these, and other types of water safety and drowning prevention activities. We want Council to continue to work with WSNZ (and the broader water safety sector) on the broader and deeper approach needed to ensure the community well-being of residents in the Waikato District.

Water safety and drowning prevention, a correlation of water quality

31. Water quality, whether it be in pools, beaches, rivers, lakes, or the sea has a direct relationship with recreation and sport activities. This is because contaminated water, or water filled with weed or floating objects impacts on both the 'swimmability' and 'manoeuvrability' of people and vessels in various aquatic environments.
32. Poor water quality may impact on water safety risks and cause drownings.
33. To maintain water quality Council must advocate for (in partnership with others) and carry out a number of activities, including maintaining and improving waste and storm water infrastructure.
34. WSNZ wants to see Council's continued investment in these types of activities as this investment is essential to help maintain the quality of water for recreation and sport users.

Adapting and mitigating climate change

35. Climate change may result in rising temperatures and sea levels, changes in wind patterns, storm tracks, and droughts and the frequent heavy rainfall events. These changes may require:
- an increasing demand on water safety services (rescues, medical support) from higher temperatures;
 - a requirement to replace, move or protect the water safety sector's physical assets located on the coastline (because of sea level rise);
 - a need for better monitoring of river conditions to identify changes in water safety risks attributable to climate change-related phenomenon; and
 - an increasing requirement for the effective communication of the risks to the public from the changing conditions.
36. Climate change impacts on water safety and drowning prevention and WSNZ believes preparing for climate change requires a collaborative effort. We (and the water safety sector) would like to be kept informed about (and participate as appropriate) in Council's relevant climate change initiatives.

Māori Water Safety strategy

37. Drowning rates for Māori are high and reducing and preventing Māori drownings is one of WSNZ's strategic priorities.

38. Working with a group of key Māori stakeholders, we recently refreshed our [Kia-Maanu-Kia-Ora-Stay Afloat Stay Alive](#) strategy. Wai Ora Aotearoa, WSNZ's new sector strategy discussed above, also includes a focus on improving the connection to water for Māori and supports greater use of a Kaupapa Māori approach to water safety for tangata whenua.
39. WSNZ wants to work with Council, and your other stakeholders to expand the awareness of Māori water safety issues and identify potential ways to reduce the Māori drowning toll in the Waikato District.

Waikato Water Safety Strategy

40. Since 2018 WSNZ has been working with stakeholders in the Waikato, on the development of the Waikato Water Safety strategy. While this work lost some momentum during the Covid-19 pandemic, WSNZ wants to continue to work with Council (and other stakeholders) to develop and implement the Waikato Water Safety strategy. Regional water safety strategies seek to identify priority workstreams and investment priorities for water safety in a region. They seek a collective focus on, and agreed direction for water safety in a region, and ensure the water safety needs, goals and aspirations of the population in a region are realized.

Long-term plan 2021-2031 consultation process

41. WSNZ does want to be heard at Council's long-term planning hearing. Please contact neil@watersafety.org.nz

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Attachment 1: About Water Safety New Zealand

Water Safety New Zealand (WSNZ) is the water safety sector leadership organisation for Aotearoa, New Zealand. We work with water safety sector organisations, individuals, and the public to reduce the incidence of drowning and injury. Our work contributes to the reduction in drownings by ensuring evidence-based water safety policies, investment funding, initiatives and aquatic education are delivered throughout the country.

WSNZ is an incorporated society with charitable status that was established in 1949. Our membership structure comprises 37 general members, 3 core members (Surf Life Saving New Zealand, Coastguard New Zealand, and Swimming New Zealand), and a partially elected board. The WSNZ Board includes delegates from each of our core members.

The WSNZ annual operating budget is funded by Sport New Zealand and ACC. We provide both agencies with accountability reports half-yearly. Thus, while we are an incorporated society, Sport New Zealand is the 'government home' for water safety policy and our reporting agency. Sport New Zealand oversees our governance appointments.

The New Zealand Lotteries Grants Board, via Sport New Zealand, provides WSNZ with funds to distribute to water safety providers through our annual funding round. We also provide funds received from charitable trusts and foundations, commercial sponsorship, and other funding partnerships.

In 2020/21 we distributed \$2.5 million across New Zealand to water safety providers. These providers included: drowning prevention and rescue NGOs, professional and national sport and recreation organisations, child and youth support organisations, Māori organisations, swim schools, local authorities, and regional sports trusts.

This partnership funding is focused on two main areas - water survival skills training and water safety awareness raising and behaviour change. Water Skills for Life (WSFL) is WSNZ's flagship water survival skills program and it reaches over 200,000 primary school children each year. A range of water safety behaviour change initiatives are funded by WSNZ with emphasis placed on reaching demographic groups with high drowning risk (e.g. males aged 15-34).

Attachment 2: Community well-being and water safety and drowning prevention

WSNZ community well-being statement

WSNZ has, at the heart of its operations, a commitment to enabling the community well-being of all New Zealanders participating in aquatic sport and recreation or living near bodies of water. Our leadership, advocacy, policies, initiatives, and funding of programmes work to reduce the incidence of preventable drowning and injury in Aotearoa, New Zealand. Our work strives to contribute to a thriving society for individuals, families, and communities. A society where local communities inter-connecting economic, social, cultural, and environmental well-being needs are all met.

The Four Well-beings in the Local Government Act

Most definitions of well-being focus on the quality of life, a healthy human condition as well as happiness and prosperity. Social science research suggests that well integrated individuals with shared community goals have better health and well-being outcomes. Research also indicates the four domains of well-being are all interconnected, and all connect in some way with water safety.



The following outlines how water safety and drowning prevention infrastructure, services and activities provide local government with several opportunities to improve the community well-being of their community.

Cultural Well-being and Water Safety

Cultural well-being is defined by the Ministry for Culture and Heritage as:

'The vitality that communities and individuals enjoy through:

- *Participation in recreation, creative and cultural activities; and*
- *The freedom to retain, interpret and express their arts, history, heritage, and traditions'⁵.*

Water is at the heart of our culture and identity as New Zealanders. New Zealanders have important connections to water through their history, experiences and practices that are important to them. Whether it is a connection to places that people swim, or swam as children, regular camping spots or mountain streams that people have encountered on tramps or hikes, many people have particular bodies of water that are important to them. These bodies of water can be important to a person's sense of identity, and from a Māori perspective, people are connected to water and to the natural world through their whakapapa. Aquatic recreation is a large part of the kiwi culture with many

⁵ Te Manatu Taonga Ministry for Culture and Heritage (date unknown)

families and individuals enjoying spending time at their local beach, river, or lake and being able to safely enjoy taking part in aquatic activities such as, swimming, fishing, jet skiing, or boating is hugely important to New Zealanders.⁶

Water safety knowledge and skills, gained from WSNZ's aquatic education programs, promote New Zealanders cultural well-being by allowing individuals to participate in aquatic recreation in a safe, enjoyable, and culturally sensitive way. This sense of feeling 'safe' is also relevant to New Zealanders social well-being in that it benefits our physical and mental health.

Environmental Well-being and Water safety

Environmental well-being promotes interactions with nature; for New Zealanders to be able to enjoy and maintain their connections with water throughout New Zealand it is important that the quality of the water is maintained. The benefits of improving water quality of lakes and rivers throughout New Zealand benefit many activities from swimming to kayaking to mahinga kai. Environmental wellness can inspire individuals to live a lifestyle that is respectful of their surroundings and this in turn results in them assisting in maintaining and caring for waterway.⁷

Protection of mauri (life force or essence) is a principal issue for freshwater management, Māori throughout New Zealand are increasingly concerned with the integrity of waterways. A healthy body of water that has healthy mauri sustains healthy eco systems and supports a range of cultural environmental activities (mahinga kai or waka ama for example) and reinforces the cultural identity of the people.⁸

Aquatic water, free from hazards such as bacteria, weeds, and floating objects, benefits New Zealanders well-being as it allows them to safely swim, dive, boat and gather food. Environmental well-being and water safety are interrelated, one does not exist in isolation of the other. Environmental well-being also re-enforces New Zealanders cultural identity.

Economic Well-being and Water Safety

Over the past ten years preventable drownings and injuries have incurred social and economic costs of over \$5 Billion. However, this financial figure does not illustrate the real cost in pain and suffering and disruption to families and work.

Social costs of fatal preventable drownings and water related injuries can be difficult to isolate and measure. The individual victim is usually the person most directly affected; however, accidents can potentially impact on family members, coworkers, medical care providers and a host of other individuals. Socio demographic differences potentially modify the type and extent of a fatal preventable drowning or injury's social costs. An individual's age, gender, race, ethnicity, nationality, education, and their socioeconomic status all can influence the responses of the individual as well as others in their social circle. Multifarious impacts are possible and may include vocational, psychological, behavioral, social, economic, and functional effects. These costs and their impacts are varied, wide reaching and include both direct and indirect costs, costs at the micro and macro levels.⁹

Water safety and drowning prevention services, activities and infrastructure reduce the social cost of drowning. Preventable drownings save the economy costs in terms of reduced hospitalisations, ongoing medical attention, and the attendance of police, ambulance etc. at events. Preventable

⁶ Ministry for the Environment, Manatu Mo Te Taiao, 2020

⁷ U C Davis, 2020

⁸ Tipa and Tierney, 2006

⁹ Dembe, 2001

drownings also reduce family and whanau economic, social, and cultural costs resulting from loss of household income, a primary care giver, and that person's broader contribution to their community. Reduced social costs benefit the economic well-being of local communities.

WSNZ's awareness and behavioral change programs also provide economic well-being benefits to international visitors, who unaware of the risks in some of our popular aquatic environments, are often included in New Zealand's drowning statistics.

Water safety and drowning prevention services, activities and infrastructure also benefit the economic well-being of local communities. These benefits can be seen in the revenue generated through fees and local employment (which has an economic multiplier effect).

Social Well-being and Water Safety

*Social connections play an important role across many aspects of people's lives, from employment opportunities and advice on important life decisions, to receiving support during hard times and having someone to enjoy life and relax with. There is a growing body of evidence supporting the notion that healthy social networks are important for health and well-being.*¹⁰

*Aquatic activities are often undertaken as social activities and allow for social connections to be formed and maintained. Aquatic recreation is both a means to an end (contributes to health and fitness) and an end in itself (enjoyment and satisfaction). Recreation is a useful tool for social connection and social well-being.*¹¹

WSNZ's awareness and behavioral change programs allow individuals (and their families) to be able to safely partake in aquatic recreation activities. These programs equip them with water safety skills to ensure they can keep themselves and their families safe in, on, and around the water. Community education, and the use of safety/warning signage, also promotes awareness of the risks and dangers inherent at popular aquatic recreation spots.

Social well-being can also be enabled through the concept of safe communities. Safe communities are a World Health Organisation (WHO) concept that recognises safety as a universal concern and a responsibility for all. A safe community is a livable community where people can go about their activities in an environment that is without fear, risk of harm, or injury. Twenty-two communities in New Zealand are accredited as Safe Communities by the Safe Communities Foundation New Zealand (SCFNZ). A further five are currently working towards accreditation which is based on the WHO endorsed Safe Communities model. The safe community's website states:

*Community safety is not only about reducing and preventing injury and violence. It is about well-being, building strong, cohesive, vibrant, participatory communities. Homes, the roads, public spaces and the workplace are safe for everyone to enjoy. This is exactly what the Safe Communities Foundation New Zealand (SCFNZ) does for community development, through leadership and collaboration, to create safer communities to work, play and live. The majority of community-based injuries and accidents are preventable and predictable – it is this premise that forms the basis for everyone's safety. Each community or local area is different - each safety approach meets the unique needs of the people, their goals, and the community values, working together for better outcomes. SCFNZ specifically supports communities to adopt the Safe Community model to increase well-being and become effective advocates and enablers of injury and violence prevention*¹².

¹⁰ Frieling, Krasso, & Cording, 2018

¹¹ Recreation Aotearoa, 2019

¹² Safe Communities Foundation NZ, 2020

This approach to community safety encourages greater co-operation and collaboration between non-government organisations, the business sector, and local and central government agencies. It increases community well-being by creating an infrastructure in local communities to increase action by building local partnerships and collaborative relationships. Currently, some Councils in New Zealand incorporate water safety and injury prevention into ensuring the well-being of the community. WSNZ encourages all councils to consider the benefits to the well-being of their communities of becoming an accredited safe community. WSNZ also encourages all existing accredited communities to place greater emphasis on water safety in their regions.

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Waikato District Council – Draft Development Contributions Policy 2021 Submission

Submitter ID: 1777

Name / Organisation: Andrew Wood, Next Construction

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

My submission relates to:

Revised catchment maps

Revised capital works schedule

Revised development contributions levies

Revised development contributions policy

Do you support the proposed Development Contributions Policy?

No, I do not support it (Option 1 - Status Quo)

Comments:

Please refer to the attached submission.

Attachment: Yes

Introduction

My name is Andrew Wood. I work for Next Construction Limited as a Development Manager. We have current development interests in the following land in Ngaruawahia:

- 15, 29 & 33 Galbraith St – 4.2 ha of Living Zone land (proposed Medium Density under the PDP);
- 61 Old Taupiri Road – 1.18 ha of Living Zone land;
- 26 Jackson St – 7,000m² of Living Zone land;
- 99 Ngaruawahia Road – 2.2ha of Living Zone land;
- 99A Ngaruawahia Road and 18 Rangimarie Road – 3ha of proposed Residential Zone (PDP)

We have 11.2ha of housing we aim to deliver in Ngaruawahia in the next three years. Even at a conservative density of 16 dwellings per hectare (ignoring any comprehensive proposals or medium density) that equates to 180 houses we want to build in three years. Using current conservative estimates this is more than \$150m of housing in Ngaruawahia. We are also actively seeking further development opportunities in Ngaruawahia. We are heavily invested in the future of the town and fully support capital growth funding that assists with our vision.

We deliver all scales of housing from single dwellings, duplex dwellings, to terraced housing and apartments. One thing we do differently to many developers is that we buy the land, subdivide the land, build the houses and distribute to the market. We generally do not sell bulk land in super lots or to build partners and prefer to sell to end users. One of our development focuses is on livability of the houses we build.

We have reviewed the draft DC Policy. We wish to make it clear that we support the intention and understand the need for DC's to facilitate growth. A key point of our submission is that growth benefits the whole town and District, not just the immediate catchment it is located within.

Our submission points are as follows:

1. We object in part to Policy 7.1 – there needs to be certainty around the timing of the levy to ensure cost certainty for developers.
2. Ngaruawahia Sub Catchment A Development Contribution - we object to the draft DC Policy values in Appendix 1 for Ngaruawahia sub catchment A stormwater and transport. \$104,298 per additional unit will simply result in no development due to the cost;
3. We support the District Wide reserves, District Wide Community Facilities, District Wide Roading, water and wastewater levies proposed for Ngaruawahia;

Justification for our submission points are outlined below.

Submission Point 1 – Policy 7.1

We understand the intention of point 7.1 in the DC Policy however seek further amendments to ensure 100% certainty as to timing for when levies will be implemented. As a developer, we require certainty of DC's to be payable at the timing of land acquisition. DC's form an important part of the financial model for development. Point 7.1 (and in particularly the note following in text) seems to imply that the first opportunity to levy a DC will be used as the timing for when a DC is implemented, however it does not go as far as stating this, leaving potential ambiguity regarding implementation. Hamilton City Council have recently been in the High Court after being challenged on this exact matter. We need certainty that the first opportunity to assess and levy a DC charge will be in accordance with the DC Policy at the time.

For example, if we submit a resource consent application (obviously prior to any building consent, certificate of acceptance or service connection) all our financial modelling will be based on the DC Policy at the time (plus PPI). We need to be assured that the DC's to be charged on completion have not changed. A perfect example follows in Submission Point 2, where we have 83 residential units currently being considered for resource consent by Waikato DC. If the DC Policy has an ability for Council to levy DC's under the Proposed DC Policy, the DC increases from \$14,000 to \$104,000 per unit. We would simply lose money and not develop, nor build any houses. Based on the number of units we have resource consent applications for, the current DC's equate to \$1.17m. Based on the proposed levy this could increase to \$8.66m. The total DC capex in Appendix 3 of the draft DC Policy is only \$9.88m.

The note following point 7.1 in the draft DC Policy implies that the timing of levy to be applied will be resource consent (as the likely first opportunity), which we agree with, but it does not go as far as actually stating that fact. This ambiguity therefore must be removed.

Our relief sought is that the policy wording be amended with more clarity on timing of the levy to be applied and that the DC rate to be levied is locked in at the time of Resource Consent application (if applicable, or the corresponding first opportunity to levy).

Submission Point 2 – Ngaruawahia Sub Catchment A Development Contribution

We object to the proposed Ngaruawahia Sub Catchment A Development Contribution for stormwater (\$64,287) and transport (\$21,038) for the following reasons. We support the increases to District Wide reserves, District Wide Community Facilities, District Wide Rooding, water and wastewater levies for this sub catchment:

- The total DC is simply too high (\$104,298 per residential unit) and development will cease in this sub-catchment if this value is adopted. It is more than double the next highest DC in the District;
- There is no explanation in the capital works project as to what the actual capital work proposed entails. This applies to both stormwater and transport. The works are also not in the existing or proposed LTP;
- The catchment boundary is not logical, not fair and not equitable which is contrary to the purpose of DC's under the LGA;
 - The land on the western side of Old Taupiri Road is excluded from the sub catchment altogether. There is land on the eastern side of Old Taupiri Road excluded from the stormwater catchment. These areas will benefit from transport capex and stormwater capex and be enabled for further development with no additional DC's
 - Hopuhopu is located outside the sub catchment yet will benefit from transport improvements. This is not fair and equitable.
- We understand the transport proposal includes urbanizing Festival Way and closing Galbraith St. We have expert advice that states this is not actually required (as part of our current resource consent application at 15 Galbraith St) from a transport safety or efficiency perspective, hence oppose the capex for Council work not required for our development proposals or to mitigate effects;
- The Policy Overview in Section 6.1 states that DC's are *"to be fair, equitable and proportional to the cost of capital expenditure"*. It goes on to state that *"It is the Council's position that costs of growth-related capital expenditure should largely be borne from participants in the property development process, rather than from rate payers at large ..."*. 100% of the stormwater DC levy and 49% of the transport levy is from this sub catchment. This does not

equitably factor in the benefits to the wider catchment and Ngaruawahia as a whole. We propose to deliver new housing and investment in Ngaruawahia which benefits the whole town and District. We do not consider the DC's to be fair, equitable, or proportional at this value for this sub catchment. We have provided information above and further below that the works are being unfairly lumped on a small catchment. There will simply be no development with DC's at the proposed level which negatively impacts all parties;

- There is no justification of the HUE's used to calculate the DC's as follows:
 - There are 169 transport HUE's over 10 years and 66 stormwater HUE's over 4 years. This does not make sense.
 - The HUE's ignore the PDP recommendations to rezone portions of the catchment from Living (New Residential) to Residential (thus enabling increased density) and portions from Living (New Residential) and Living to Medium Density Residential. The HUE forecasts are therefore unrealistic. The result is that the DC levy now is unfairly lumped on anyone developing now and effectively subsidizes anyone who develops in future. The impact therefore has the effect of delaying development which is anti-growth
 - We are building a stormwater outfall to the river and are responsible for dealing with 100% of stormwater treatment and attenuation. No Council infrastructure is required. This is the case for all development.

The resolution sought is:

- Delay review of the DC levy until zoning resolutions from the PDP process have been made (expected this year)
- Review the sub catchment boundaries corresponding with the capex proposed to be fair and equitable for wider land areas including Hopuhopu and Ngaruawahia
- Review the HUE projections based on current development potential, not known proposed development.

We wish to be heard in support of our submission.

Andrew Wood

Next Construction

Waikato District Council – Draft Development Contributions Policy 2021 Submission**Submitter ID: 1480 & 1521****Name / Organisation: Sue Robertson****Wish to speak to submission: Yes**

My submission relates to:

Revised development contributions policy

Do you support the proposed Development Contributions Policy?

Comments:

This is an additional submission. My original submission was lodged on 1 May 2021.

I do not support the change in the policy indicating that a tiny home 0.00sqm to 30.00sqm used to be charged at .25 of the HEU rate is now proposed to be charged as a full HEU, and a Minor dwelling (old terminology) 30.01sqm to 70.0sqm used to be charged at .50 of the HEU rate is now to be charged as a full HEU. This seems inequitable as by definition a small (minor) dwelling cannot house the number of occupants a larger dwelling can and these small dwellings have to share a service connection so it is questionable whether their use of district or area infrastructure would be equivalent to that of a larger dwelling. The intention of streamlining this policy's application seems to be likely to create inequity, and be seen as an opportunity to gather more funds.. Previously with the graduated charges for "minor" dwellings this allowed for the size and likely number of occupants difference.

Only developments that place extra demands on infrastructure – and which cause the council to incur capital costs – can be liable. Liability to development contributions should stem from the creation of extra pressure on infrastructure and usage. It seems entirely reasonable that the graduated method of charging be retained as it is the most appropriate and equitable basis for charging. The full Development Contribution cost for an HEU is out of all proportion to the cost of creating these ancillary units and is unreasonable, particularly when the creation of these most likely gets people out of larger dwellings into smaller ones leaving the larger ones to assist with NZ's great dilemma the housing shortage.

Attachment: Yes



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Development Contributions Policy & Appendices 2021

Submission form (please provide feedback by 7 May 2021)

Name/Organisation Sue Robertson

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A hearing will be held on the week of 24 May 2021. Would you like to present your submission to Council at the hearing? Yes No

My submission relates to:

- Revised catchment maps
- Revised capital works schedule
- Revised development contributions levies
- Revised development contributions policy

Do you support the proposed Development Contributions Policy & Appendices 2021?

- No, I do not support it (Option 1)
- Yes, I support it (Option 2)

Comments:

See attached

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SUBMISSION TO WDC DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS POLICY AND APPENDICES 2021**SUBMITTER:** Sue Robertson**Submission Relates To:****Revised Development Contributions Policy****Comments:**

I support the Requirement for the Policy and broadly the terms in the policy but have concerns as to one aspect of its application.

My concern has arisen due to previous actual imposition of Development Contribution Levies on a project where no additional HEU was intended or 'potentially' likely. I would like Council to consider the interpretation of this policy so that DC's are only imposed when Resource Consent or Building Consent applications actually show that an additional HEU is intended or provided for.

The main area of concern relates to the Council's application of the Policy in respect of Residential Activities, particularly in paragraph 11.3.1 and 11.3.2.

In 11.3.1 the statement '*...Any resource consent application that creates the **potential** to build additional Independent dwelling will also attract development contributions at the rate of one HEU per additional allotment, service connection or dwelling.*' Of course, this makes perfect sense when applied to a new build or creation of new lots by subdivision.

The previous policy had staff looking at building permits to assess where a single house could potentially be split into more than one HEU. There seemed to be no consideration for the fact that some people want to build a large house, that may have several bathrooms, or that they may want to have a bar unit away from the kitchen in their home. Some of the larger, more expensive homes built, are intended for only one family, and despite their size, assumptions should not be made that they 'potentially' could be made into more HEU's by stealth.

Where homes are deliberately designed to be a duplex, or with a separate smaller home adjacent the extra DC's charged for the additional HEU is understood. But where staff are creating 'potential' HEU's merely because 'it could be done' this is unfair and unreasonable. Potentially any home could be altered to be more than one HEU, but that would be an unreasonable assumption.

I support a change being made in the policy to clarify the meaning of 'potential' so it does not allow the word to make it possible to impose more than one Development Contribution to homes which are clearly built as a single dwelling. Council has to understand that a bar unit with no cooking facilities or food prep area, in a rumpus room can not by itself be a kitchen. Without a kitchen you cannot have a second HEU.

Sue Roberson

01 May 2021

Waikato District Council – Draft Development Contributions Policy 2021 Submission

Submitter ID: 1767

Name / Organisation: Rangitahi Limited

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

My submission relates to:

Do you support the proposed Development Contributions Policy?

Comments:

Attachment: Yes

**Submission on Waikato District Council
Proposed 2021 – 2031 Long-Term Plan;
2021 Development Contributions Policy; and
2021 – 2051 Infrastructure Strategy.**

Rangitahi Limited is a company associated with the Peacocke family.

Rangitahi is the largest developer of titled sections in Raglan, having delivered 152 sections to the market since June 2020, with a further 79 currently under construction and approximately 400 more planned.

Following the Rangitahi Private Plan Change, the development of the Rangitahi Peninsula has seen Rangitahi Limited invest heavily in lead infrastructure required to service growth, including the construction of:

- The Rangitahi Road bridge;
- Upgrade of Oporuru Road; and
- A new bulk watermain to serve the wider Raglan community (the cost of which was shared with WDC).

Rangitahi is therefore very aware of the need for Council and Developers to invest in lead infrastructure that allows the supply of sections (and houses) to be delivered into the market to meet demand.

Development Contributions in Raglan are currently currently \$26,724 incl GST per Household Equivalent Unit (HEU). Council's Proposed Development Contributions Policy suggests that these are going to reduce to \$25,833 incl GST per HEU. While on the face of it this would seem like good news and may well be a reflection of lower interest rates, further analysis suggests it is in fact the result of a reduction in proposed expenditure on infrastructure required to service growth, particularly roading.

As you can see from the table below, the proposed policy sees a significant reduction in Development Contributions for local Roads in Raglan of \$8,296 per HEU.

Waikato District Council Development Contributions - Raglan								
Charges per HEU (incl GST).								
	District Wide Reserves	District Wide Community Facilities	District Wide Roading	Roads & Transport	Stormwater	Wastewater	Water	TOTAL CHARGE
From 1 July 2020:	\$3,099	\$1,379	\$987	\$10,692	\$602	\$5,335	\$4,630	\$26,724
Proposed 2021 Policy:	\$2,528	\$2,525	\$1,238	\$2,396	\$472	\$6,165	\$10,509	\$25,833
Variance:	(\$571)	\$1,146	\$251	(\$8,296)	(\$130)	\$830	\$5,879	(\$891)

Advice from Council staff is that while a number of important roading projects have been identified in the Infrastructure Strategy for Raglan to support Level of Service and Growth, these are not included in the Long Term Plan and Development Contributions Charges. Specifically these are:

- \$10M in 2030 for a Wainui # 360 Bridge (7BR70004C) – which we understand is for the upgrade of the current one lane bridge.
- \$8M in 2031 for a Rangitahi Peninsula Bridge (7BR70583C) - which despite the name, is in fact for a second connection for Raglan to State Highway 23 via Rangitahi.
- \$13M in 2031 for Rangitahi South New Roads.

Conversely, it appears Watercare have recognised the need to upgrade and extend much of Raglans water infrastructure to both improve Levels of Service and accommodate growth and this is reflected in the inclusion of projects in the Long Term Plan and a significant increase of \$5,879 per HEU for Development Contributions for Water projects.

To service growth, not only are 3-water services required, but also roads. If the timing of delivery of all infrastructure is not closely aligned, then Council will increase the risk of having invested in stranded assets.

Rangitahi is also concerned to note that Council's Development Contributions charging model appears to apply indexation to the costs of infrastructure. The use of indexation results in Development Contributions for lead developers such as Rangitahi being higher than for future developers.

Rangitahi is aware that Hamilton City Council has previously looked at introducing indexation for its Development Contribution charges. Through the consultation process Hamilton City Council was however presented with legal advice that indexation was unlawful and they therefore chose not to proceed with its implementation. Rangitahi would therefore recommend that Waikato District Council also avoid any indexing of charges in its Development Contributions policy.

In summary, Rangitahi is concerned that the Councils proposed investment in infrastructure and in particular the timing of this do not appear to align with either the current growth being experienced in Raglan nor the forecast growth as set out in Waikato 2070.

Rangitahi would therefore strongly urge Council to include the Raglan roading projects in its 2021 – 2031 Long Term Plan and also start collecting Development Contributions for these where necessitated by growth.

Rangitahi would also like to see the 3-water projects planned by Council/Watercare brought forward, as already there are Level of Service risks that need to be addressed immediately with regard to both Water and Wastewater.

Rangitahi would like to thank the Council for the opportunity to make this submission and wishes to be heard in support of this submission.

Tony McLauchlan
Rangitahi Limited

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1843

Full Name: Hamilton City Council

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

See attached submission for further information

Attachment: Yes

Submission by

Hamilton City Council

WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCIL – DRAFT 2021-31 LONG TERM PLAN

5 May 2021

1.0 SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 Hamilton City Council supports the overall intent and direction of Waikato District Council's draft 2021-31 Long Term Plan.
- 1.2 Hamilton City Council requests Waikato District Council makes provision in its draft 2021-31 Long Term Plan budget for operational contributions to facilities that are used by residents of Waikato District.
- 1.3 Hamilton City Council supports Waikato District Council's provision in its draft 2021-31 Long Term Plan budget for the development of alternative transport options, in particular funding of rail services and rail stations.
- 1.4 Hamilton City Council requests Waikato District Council makes provision in its draft 2021-31 Long Term Plan budget for a contribution towards safety improvements at the Gordonton Road/Puketaha Road intersection.
- 1.5 Hamilton City Council requests Waikato District Council makes provision in its draft 2021-31 Long Term Plan budget for the funding of the Waikato Community Lands Trust and inclusionary zoning planning mechanisms.
- 1.6 Hamilton City Council notes Waikato District Council's unbudgeted provision of \$4 million in their draft 2021-31 Long Term Plan to signal a contribution toward land purchase, designation and consenting processes for a new southern plant.

2.0 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 Hamilton City Council supports the direction of Waikato District Council's draft 2021-31 Long Term Plan in its vision of building livable, thriving and connected communities, and aligning the budget to focus on community and Blueprint initiatives to deliver on this vision.
- 2.2 Hamilton City Council requests Waikato District Council considers the following points in the deliberation of their draft 2021-31 Long Term Plan.

3.0 FACILITIES USED BY OUR WIDER COMMUNITY

- 3.1 A large number of Waikato District residents are regular users of facilities and services within Hamilton City Council boundaries. Hamilton City Council requests that Waikato District Council takes account of this fact and provides contributions for operational costs of these services. This includes access both to existing services and facilities, as well as those that will be newly built or redeveloped as a result of Hamilton City Council's 2021-2031 Long Term Plan.

3.2 These include, but are not limited to:

- Hamilton Gardens - a nationally and internationally recognised visitor destination that the wider Waikato Region benefits from. Ongoing development will ensure that it remains a key destination into the future that will attract visitors to the Waikato Region, acting as a gateway to other visitor experiences in the region.
- Recreation Centres - there is a growing demand for indoor recreation centres to accommodate sports and recreational activities. These include volleyball, basketball, futsal and others. The success of 'The Peak' - the Rototuna Indoor Recreation Centre, shows a strong demand for facilities, and residents both within Hamilton City boundaries and outside of it are benefitting from it. Hamilton City Council plans to continue to develop indoor recreation centres to meet local and regional needs and to meet the recommendations of the Waikato Sports Facilities Plan. Waikato residents are likely to use these facilities in the future despite their location within Hamilton City boundaries.
- Hillcrest Library Upgrade - an upgrade to Hillcrest Library will increase capacity and enable a growing community in the East of Hamilton to have better access to library services and benefit from a developing a 'Community Hub' approach to libraries. Given the close proximity to both Waikato and Waipa District Councils, it is likely that residents from these areas will benefit from the improved facility and services offered.
- Rototuna Library - the establishment of the new library will further increase services and benefit to Waikato District residents.

3.3 Hamilton City Council supports the continuation of the library arrangement with Waikato District Council.

3.4 As a part of the committed investment to re-establish a conservation destination at Hamilton Zoo-Waiwhakareke Natural Heritage Park, Hamilton City Council wishes to work with Waikato District Council to:

- Change the zoning to bring the back area of the Zoo from rural into the designated Zoo zone; and
- Lower the speed limit on Brymer Road.

3.5 Hamilton City Council supports the continuation of the provision of water supply to the Southern District areas of Waikato District Council, noting that the provisions of Hamilton City Council's Three Waters Connection Policy (adopted 17 September 2020) apply to servicing 'Out of District' areas and that the provision of this service is provided on an agreed cost recovery basis with conditions of supply specified within a water supply agreement.

4.0 ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORT NETWORKS

4.1 Hamilton City Council supports Waikato District Council's vision of liveable communities, thriving communities and connected communities.

4.2 Hamilton City Council is encouraged that Waikato District Council has committed to working with its partners - Waikato Regional Council, Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency, Auckland Transport, Auckland Council, KiwiRail and central government, on improving the Te Huia passenger train service over the coming years by committing \$220,000 per year to support the operation of the service for the first three years and \$750,000 for the further upgrade of the Raahui-Pookeka Huntly Railway Station, as well as budgeting \$100,000 for a business case for investigating Te Kauwhata as a potential future station.

4.3 Our communities are increasingly travelling across our region in a boundaryless manner and therefore Hamilton City Council requests that Waikato District Council considers supporting an integrated regional transport approach by creating a separate transport targeted rate on its

urban areas that can be used to fund regional transport initiatives.

- 4.4 Hamilton City Council, in its submission to the Waikato Regional Council's draft 2021-2031 Long Term Plan, has requested that the Regional Council considers the implementation of a consistent regional transport funding model based a passenger transport targeted rate applied to all urban areas (not just Hamilton City). This will provide funding from across the region to support both bus and rail services.
- 4.5 Hamilton City Council would like Waikato District Council to bring forward the establishment of a rail station at Te Kauwhata from Year 3 to Year 1 (or as soon as possible) given the project logistics, including business case work.

5.0 SAFER COMMUNITIES

- 5.1 Hamilton City Council has received feedback from the community in regard to their concerns about the safety of the Gordonton Road/Puketaha Road intersection.
- 5.2 The Gordonton Road is currently classed as a rural road and Hamilton City Council has implemented several projects to improve safety along this road.
- 5.3 In Hamilton City Council's 2021-2031 Long Term Plan, Council is proposing a small roundabout at the intersection of Gordonton Road/Puketaha Road. Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency has indicated this project is not seen as a priority and therefore funding will not be available. The cost of the project is estimated at \$3 million.
- 5.4 Given that Hamilton City Council has recently approved a 'Macroscopic' for the Puketaha Road/Gordonton Road intersection, Council requests Waikato District Council considers the funding of a contribution for this project.

6.0 WAIKATO COMMUNITY LANDS TRUST AND INCLUSIONARY ZONING

- 6.1 In 2019 Hamilton City Council supported the establishment of the Waikato Community Lands Trust, with the aim to assist working families into affordable housing with security of tenure.
- 6.2 The Trust has been established with legal, charitable status and is independent of Hamilton City Council. It has a Waikato Region focus and is administered by independent and appropriately skilled volunteer Trustees.
- 6.3 The Trust is based on a successful Queenstown model that has enabled the delivery of over 170 homes in the Queenstown Lakes District, with more than 300 sites still to develop. This model ensures people can gain equity on their house as they pay back principal, but capital gains above inflation are retained by the Trust and recycled, thus preventing the continuation of unaffordable price brackets for new entrants. The Trust retains land ownership, and the property owners pay a nominal land lease while being housed.
- 6.4 Hamilton City Council contributed \$2 million of seed funding with the intention that other Community Trusts, philanthropic organisations and councils would also contribute similar amounts to get it established.
- 6.5 Hamilton City Council has also contributed \$50,000, matching the WEL Energy Trust's Vital Impact (Housing) grant, towards the Trust's operating costs and employment of a Trust Administrator.
- 6.6 Hamilton City Council asks that you consider matching our initial \$2 million funding (cash or land) to this very worthwhile cause that facilitates affordable housing in perpetuity for communities in the Waikato.
- 6.7 Through Hamilton City Council's District Plan review, Council is also considering the use of Inclusionary Zoning policies to enable a sustainable pipeline of sites to be provided to the Trust. Inclusionary Zoning refers to policies that require a portion of developments to be

retained for affordable housing, often in return for greater density.

- 6.8 This is a powerful tool that Hamilton City Council suggests you may also consider in your planning frameworks to enable the delivery of more affordable housing in the Waikato.

7.0 BUDGETARY PROVISION REQUEST FOR NEW SOUTHERN WASTEWATER PLANT

- 7.1 The Hamilton-Waikato Metro Wastewater Detailed Business Case (DBC) Project is being delivered through a partnership between Hamilton City Council, Waikato District Council, Waipa District Council, Waikato-Tainui and Mana Whenua.
- 7.2 The preferred wastewater servicing option for the Southern Metro area was confirmed by the Project Governance Group (made up of elected representatives from the partner organisations) on 16 April 2021. The preferred option includes the development of a new wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) located south of Hamilton as well as significant upgrades at Pukete and Cambridge wastewater treatment plants. Upgrades to the Matangi and Tauwhare Pa systems will also be needed in the short term. Timing to deliver and implement the new southern plant is being considered as part of finalising the Southern Metro Wastewater detailed business case.
- 7.3 One of the benefits of the new southern treatment plant is the ability to divert flow away from the Pukete WWTP and enabling Northern Metro area communities (i.e., Taupiri, Hopuhopu, Ngaruawahia, Horotiu, and Te Kowhai) to be serviced via an upgraded and expanded Pukete WWTP in the long term. The preferred solution for the Northern Metro area will be confirmed via the Northern Metro detailed business case.
- 7.4 Successful implementation of the new southern plant included in the preferred option requires financial contribution and multi-partner coordination to complete land acquisition and (potentially) designation and consenting processes over the next three years and beyond. This financial contribution is needed in addition to the significant investment needed at the Cambridge and Pukete plants and the investments needed at Matangi and Tauwhare Pa.
- 7.5 In addition to confirming the preferred option for the Southern Metro area on 16 April 2021, the Project Governance Group agreed to the development of a Memorandum of Understanding (or other similar mechanism) to secure commitments to implement the preferred option from the detailed business case. Specifically, the Governance Group directed the Project Team to provide advice on:
- A Memorandum of Understanding or other similar mechanism to secure commitments to implement the preferred option from the detailed business case;
 - How to reflect the preferred option in 2021-2031 Long Term Plans; and
 - Growth thresholds and triggers that will match the sequence of growth with the staged development of the new Southern Wastewater Plant.
- 7.6 Hamilton City Council endorses the decisions of the Governance Group and is encouraged by the direction to enter into an agreement to secure commitments to implementing the business case recommendations. Hamilton City Council, as part of the project collective, is focused on the successful conclusion of the Southern Metro Area Wastewater detailed business case and commencing the Northern Metro Area detailed business case.
- 7.7 Hamilton City Council has funded \$9 million in years 1 – 3 of its draft 2021-31 Long Term Plan as a contribution toward land purchase, designation and consenting processes for a new southern plant. Hamilton City Council has also noted significant (unfunded) investment to commence construction of a new southern plant from Year 10 of its draft 2021-31 Long Term Plan.

- 7.8 Hamilton City Council support Waikato District Council's unbudgeted provision of \$4 million in their draft 2021-31 Long Term Plan to signal a contribution toward land purchase, designation and consenting processes for a new southern plant. Noting an unbudgeted provision will inform the Waikato community of future funding needed to implement the new southern treatment plant, and reinforce the decision made to formulate a MOU (or other mechanism) as a clear recognition that all partners are committed to delivering the sub-regional solutions the detailed business case is indicating.
- 7.9 Hamilton City Council would like Waikato District Council to note that it has prepared a submission to the Waipa District Council to encourage the Waipa District Council to include the necessary budgetary provision or note an unbudgeted provision in its final approved 2021-31 Long Term Plan to support an equitable contribution to future-proof the delivery of a new southern wastewater plant and recommend Waikato District Council makes a similar submission to Waipa District Council's draft 2021-31 Long Term Plan.

8.0 CAPACITY FOR JOINT INFRASTRUCTURE/PROJECTS

- 8.1 Hamilton City Council notes that Waikato District Council has indicated that their debt level will peak in 2028/29 at \$393 million and Council will have limited capacity to borrow more debt if needed.
- 8.2 Hamilton City Council requests if Waikato District Council can indicate if their forecast debt provides capacity to provide for joint funding projects into the future.

9.0 FURTHER INFORMATION AND HEARINGS

- 9.1 Should Waikato District Council require clarification of Hamilton City Council's submission, or additional information, please contact **Liz Tuck** (Corporate Planning Manager, Strategy and Research) on 07 8585775, email liz.tuck@hcc.govt.nz in the first instance.
- 9.2 Hamilton City Council **does wish to speak** in support of this submission at the hearings for Waikato District Council's 2021-31 Draft Long Term Plan.

Yours faithfully



Richard Briggs
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Unable to confirm a time to speak at the LTP Hearings at the time of writing

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1836

Full Name: Hilary Walker for Federated Farmers of New Zealand

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Federated Farmers supports Option 1, with respect to making any necessary general rate increases earlier rather than later, not the proposed extent of the increase.

See attached for further discussion on rates.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Federated Farmers has read the CD material on this matter and given the issues identified has drawn the same conclusion as council that selling pensioner housing to a responsible provider seems to provide the best outcomes for both ratepayers and tenants.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

See attached for further information

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Federated Farmers appreciates that infrastructure deficits for waste and storm water along with Government direction for drinking water will increase rating pressure for all Councils. For Waikato District Council, we note that three waters infrastructure all rely on contributions from the general rate.

A significant proportion of Federated Farmers members, and the wider rural community in general, do not rely on the Council's waste and water system infrastructure. Instead, our members are responsible for their own supplies, i.e private water schemes with independent septic tanks.

Federated Farmers is concerned that the cost of remedying local government's failings in this regard is steadily working its way into farm rates. Federated Farmers therefore considers that any increase to rates to fund infrastructure to support the needs of urban ratepayers should be passed back to these ratepayers specifically. Funding for water and wastewater network costs should not be met via contributions from the general rate.

Recommendation: That Waikato District Council steadily reduce general rate contributions to fund three waters infrastructure and activity.

See attached for further information

Attachment: Yes

SUBMISSION

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INTRODUCTION

1. The Waikato Province of Federated Farmers and Franklin and North Waikato Branches (hereafter collectively referred to as Federated Farmers) welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Waikato District Council Long Term Plan 2021 - 24 (LTP). We acknowledge any submissions made by individual members of Federated Farmers. This submission provides overall comment from the perspective of our farming members on the proposals in the consultation document and respective funding policies.
2. Federated Farmers is focused on the transparency of rate setting, rates equity and both the overall and relative cost of local government to agriculture. We support councils that are making progress towards achieving fairness and equity in their rating policies.
3. Federated Farmers would like to be heard in support of the submission.

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

4. Federated Farmers does not consider the projected rate increases of 8.4% for rural properties is justified and therefore recommends that Council makes greater use of the funding tools available under the Local Government Act to offset the disparity created by New Zealand's property value based rating system.
5. That Council continues to work hard to make efficiency gains and exercise spending restraint, to ensure rates increases are within the rate of inflation.
6. Federated Farmers seeks maximum use of the UAGC funding mechanism. If council determines that this would result in unfeasible rates increases this year, then incremental increases to achieve the 30% cap should be made over the next three years.
7. Federated Farmers expects services that provide an equal or indistinguishable amount of benefit across ratepayer groups, to receive increased levels of UAGC contribution. Activities such as Council Leadership, and Organisational Support are two examples.
8. That Waikato District Council steadily reduce general rate contributions to fund three waters infrastructure and activity.
9. That Council better manage the maintenance programmes of unsealed roads and associated infrastructure assets such as culverts and better manage water tables to reduce failures and unnecessary out of schedule repairs.
10. Federated Farmers supports Option 1, with respect to making any necessary general rate increases earlier rather than later, not the proposed extent of the increase.
11. That Council reassess the Revenue and Finance policy with increased use of fully funded fixed targeted rates for those services with easily identifiable beneficiaries.
12. Federated Farmers supports Option 2: Sell pensioner housing to a responsible service provider.

13. Federated Farmers support Option 1: Continue to offer the inorganic kerbside collection service.
14. Federated Farmers considers more information should be provided in the fees and charges document to enable users to be more informed as to potential costs associated with an activity.
15. Confirm that the Memorandum of Encumbrance for stock underpass is a 'one off' fee, clarify how and when the permanent stock crossing checks are charged for.
16. That all fees and charges relating to the same or similar activity are located in the same section of the fees and charges document

GENERAL COMMENTS

17. Rates are among the top ten operational expenses of a farming business. They are a source of financial pressure for farmers. Federated Farmers makes submissions on Annual and Long Term Plans to ensure Council's exercise fiscal prudence, and consider affordability, fairness and equity issues when recovering rates (to the extent this is possible in land and capital value rating systems).
18. Federated Farmers appreciates that for Regional and District Councils alike the 2021 LTP is heavily directed by external factors. Increasing costs to implement Central Government regulatory changes, coupled with the ongoing impact of COVID19 are untimely challenges for Councils. There is pressure to invest in new and upgraded infrastructure, especially for the 'three waters' and for roading and transport, let alone adequately maintain their existing infrastructure. Councils can defer this work for only so long.
19. Federated Farmers extends an offer to foster a better working relationship with Council, we are keen to build on this through regular meetings between our nominated representatives and staff and create opportunities for discussion over resource management issues and the future direction of our district.

FINANCIAL STRATEGY

Rates Increases

20. Over the past few years ratepayers have experienced rates increases well above the rate of inflation, whether it is expressed as the consumer price index (which is of primary importance to ratepayers) or the local government cost index. This places considerable burden on ratepayers.
21. Rates are a charge for services, and they are **supposed** to reflect the access to, and benefit derived by ratepayers from council services. This is a key principle, reinforced in 2019 by the Productivity Commission and a key provision in s.101 of the LGA that sets out funding principles for local authorities. In practice though, Federated Farmers considers that the 'benefit principle' is often eroded by factoring in other considerations like 'affordability' or 'ability to pay', even though councils have no idea of the financial situations of their individual ratepayers.

22. Simply put, rates based on capital or land value result in farms paying much more than other types of property for the general services of local government. Perversely, farmers are miles away from a lot of what their council provides, and rural areas are sparsely populated – without demand for (let alone supply of) footpaths, litter bins, streetlights, and parks.
23. The average increase across the district of 7.8% is significant, and for our members, rural ratepayers, the increase is projected to be even greater at around 8.4%. When ratepayers that are not connected to services are amongst the highest and hardest hit by the rate increases it is a clear indicator of an over reliance on the property value portion of the general rate being used to fund council activities.
24. We note Council is advising the work programmes in the draft LTP will result in an average rate increase for ratepayers that will not exceed 10% in year one, and 8% in every other year of the plan. We remind Council that the incomes of ratepayers will in no way increase to the same extent as the proposed increases in rates, with the implication that the costs Council is imposing on its ratepayers, will squeeze out other areas of expenditure.
25. **Recommendation:** *Federated Farmers does not consider the projected rate increases of 8.4% for rural properties is justified and therefore recommends that Council makes greater use of the funding tools available under the Local Government Act to offset the disparity created by New Zealand's property value-based rating system. For example, we strongly support the use of modifiers such as differentials, to reduce the high general rates on farms. We support full use of the Uniform Annual General Charge (UAGC) up to the legislated 30% cap and Targeted Rates as they are generally fairer for farms than property value.*
26. **Recommendation:** *That Council continues to work hard to make efficiency gains and exercise spending restraint, to ensure rates increases are within the rate of inflation.*

Uniform Annual General Charge (UAGC)

27. Federated Farmers supports use of the UAGC as close to the legislative maximum of 30% of total rates revenue as possible.
28. It is unclear what the current usage is because this information has not been provided in the either the consultation (CD) or support documents. Federated Farmers considers it important to have the percentage of UAGC use clearly reported in the LTP. This allows readers to see how close to the legislative maximum the UAGC use is, and therefore how committed a council is to reducing their reliance on the property value based general rate and how fair their rating system is consequently.
29. Federated Farmers consistently supports full use of the UAGC to ensure a more equitable contribution from ratepayers across the district and has previously urged Waikato District Council to increase the use this funding mechanism to offset the disparity created by property value rates. Whilst the CD states that the UAGC portion will increase by the same portion as the general rates portion that doesn't mean it will be used as extensively as it should be.
30. UAGC's are a fair way for Councils to rate for services that provide an equal or indistinguishable amount of benefit across ratepayer groups. Especially when compared to a general rate calculated by capital value which results in groups such as farmers paying more for an activity which they are unlikely to use more than any other group in a community.

31. Where Council is concerned that the effects of increasing the use of the UAGC rate would be regressive and impact upon lower capital value properties, Federated Farmers submits that the rates remissions scheme, alongside the broader central government welfare system and rates rebates scheme, remain the most robust and efficient methods of progressive redistribution, with the ability to target each concern on a case by case basis, in a way that is not possible using the blunt property value basis afforded by rates.
32. Council is not in a position to assess who is most able to afford its rates. Councils do not know the income or net wealth of their ratepayers, which are the best indicators of ability to pay. All councils know is their ratepayers' assessed property values and have access, like anyone else, to social demographic statistics. This is insufficient information on which to base "ability to pay" principles.
33. Council should keep in mind the specific purpose of local government rates is to fund Council activities in a manner that is efficient and equitable; the tax treatment of rates as a business expense, is not a matter that is either reasonable or relevant to consider when deciding what is a fair allocation of rates. Federated Farmers uses this opportunity to remind Council that rates attract GST because they are considered a payment for goods and services. Rates are not 'just another tax' and we ask council to resist using this relatively dismissive response when asked to justify why the rates land so disproportionately on higher value properties.
34. It is worth remembering that uniform charges were introduced into rating legislation as a tempering tool to offset the bluntness of the property value mechanism. It was designed to shift inequitable rating burdens from those with high value properties.
35. Federated Farmers supports maximum use of general and targeted uniform charges. When these mechanisms are utilised, every ratepayer pays the same amount for the public good services of council that everyone benefits from equally. Better use of the UAGC will also reduce reliance on the general rate as a funding mechanism and flattens the distribution of rates bills between high to low value properties.
36. **Recommendation:** *Federated Farmers seeks maximum use of the UAGC funding mechanism. If council determines that this would result in unfeasible rates increases this year, then incremental increases to achieve the 30% cap should be made over the next three years.*
37. **Recommendation:** *Federated Farmers expects services that provide an equal or indistinguishable amount of benefit across ratepayer groups, to receive increased levels of UAGC contribution. Activities such as Council Leadership, and Organisational Support are two examples.*

THREE WATERS – DRINKING, WASTE AND STORMWATER

38. Federated Farmers appreciates that infrastructure deficits for waste and storm water along with Government direction for drinking water will increase rating pressure for all Councils. For Waikato District Council, we note that three waters infrastructure all rely on contributions from the general rate.

39. A significant proportion of Federated Farmers members, and the wider rural community in general, do not rely on the Council's waste and water system infrastructure. Instead, our members are responsible for their own supplies, i.e private water schemes with independent septic tanks.
40. Federated Farmers is concerned that the cost of remedying local government's failings in this regard is steadily working its way into farm rates. Federated Farmers therefore considers that any increase to rates to fund infrastructure to support the needs of urban ratepayers should be passed back to these ratepayers specifically. Funding for water and wastewater network costs should not be met via contributions from the general rate.
41. **Recommendation:** *That Waikato District Council steadily reduce general rate contributions to fund three waters infrastructure and activity.*

ROADING

42. Roading is always a key issue for farmers, and we take the opportunity to advise council that poor maintenance of the unsealed network and associated water tables and culverts are undermining the assets.
43. These should be the priority for Council on the unsealed network along with a more frequent grading regime. We note Council is making more use of a roller working in conjunction with the grader and we commend this approach.
44. **Recommendation:** *That Council better manage the maintenance programmes of unsealed roads and associated infrastructure assets such as culverts and better manage water tables to reduce failures and unnecessary out of schedule repairs.*

SPECIFIC CONSULTATION TOPICS

Two General Rate options

45. Federated Farmers takes the opportunity to not only discuss the proposed rate increase and when it should kick in but use of the general rate and other options more broadly.
46. In considering the funding uses for the General rate, a rural property should not contribute a disproportionate amount, unless that rural property receives greater relative benefit from the particular activity. Federated Farmers is committed to ensuring Council achieves a reasonable allocation of costs to the community, through intelligent use of rating tools.
47. The reality that overreliance on the general rate disadvantages higher value properties undermines the equity outcomes Council should be trying to achieve and underpins the need for Council's rating policies to reflect some consideration of the relative 'benefit received' by ratepayers from Council activities, when considering who should bear the costs of these activities.
48. Federated Farmers understands that WDC uses a range of targeted rates as part of the funding source for activities such as community and leisure facilities, community boards,

economic development, stormwater, refuse management, wastewater, and water reticulation, treatment and supply. However Federated Farmers is concerned to note that those activities are not fully funded by targeted rates. We can see that some effort is being made with regards to water and wastewater services but in the main WDC seems comfortable using the general rate as a 'top up' subsidizing option rather than committing fully to the beneficiary pays principle. This defeats the purpose somewhat.

49. The impact of the general rate back stop is compounded for rural properties who not only contribute more per property type to the general rate funding pool but are key contributors to the fixed targeted rate funding pool as well.
50. It is clear that targeted rates are not being applied appropriately or bringing in enough revenue to support the services. Those who are directly connected or have access are arguably not paying enough or there are inefficiencies somewhere. Targeted rates empower ratepayer sectors to pay for projects of value to them without affecting other ratepayers. In addition, the direct correlation between benefits and costs to a particular sector is more likely to accurately determine the appropriate level of spending on that service.
51. If WDC considers that some services include a public good component and warrant wider contribution, then the ratio must be determined. However, our strong opinion is that the ratio must be closer to 90-10, private to public. Over reliance on the general rate reduces important transparency and accountability.
52. Federated Farmers considers the projected increases in the general rate over the next few years to be excessive and seeks the below recommendations to reduce reliance on the general rate. That said we support Council's preferred option which is to make any necessary increases earlier rather than later.
53. **Recommendation:** *That Council reassess the Revenue and Finance policy with increased use of fully funded fixed targeted rates for those services with easily identifiable beneficiaries.*
54. **Recommendation:** *That Council reassess the Revenue and Finance policy with increased use of the UAGC to fund services that benefit all ratepayers equally.*
55. **Recommendation:** *Federated Farmers supports Option 1, with respect to making any necessary general rate increases earlier rather than later, not the proposed extent of the increase.*

Should pensioner housing be a council service?

56. Federated Farmers has read the CD material on this matter and given the issues identified has drawn the same conclusion as council that selling pensioner housing to a responsible provider seems to provide the best outcomes for both ratepayers and tenants.
57. **Recommendation:** Support Option 2: Sell pensioner housing to a responsible service provider

Should we continue to offer an inorganic kerbside rubbish collection service?

58. Federated Farmers understands the issues identified with this service. However, we are concerned that pulling it will create more illegal dumping in rural areas. Rural areas are attractive to illegally dump because the isolation, less population density, less cars on the road and no street lighting reduces surveillance opportunities and significantly lowers the chances of getting caught. Because of these factors, increasing litter offence fines or other methods designed to discourage or change poor behaviour are unlikely to act as much of a deterrent.
59. Council states that providing the service is likely to increase substantially over the next three years and yet the proposed rate implications don't reflect that. Pulling the service will only save those who pay the solid waste targeted rate around \$20 a year, which, when considered against the benefit of receiving the service seems immaterial.
60. Inorganic collections are very specific in terms of what is accepted at the kerbside, this is one method used to reduce health and safety risks and keep costs contained and is supported. The CD states that the service doesn't align with the Waste Management Minimisation Plan (WMMP) but doesn't provide any explanation as to why. Without knowing why the service contradicts the WMMP it is difficult to determine the merits of the point being made.
61. **Recommendation:** Support Option 1: Continue to offer the inorganic kerbside collection service

User fees and charges

62. Federated Farmers understands the proposed fees and charges 2021-2024 are being consulted on at this time. We find information relating to fees and charges for stock crossing and stock bypasses to be unclear, confusing, and potentially excessive and seek clarification during this process.
63. With reference to the below extract, is the charge a per inspection fee, charged only when an inspection is undertaken or is it an annual fee that is charged regardless of whether there are one or two checks per year?

Description	Charge 2021/2022 (\$)	Charge 2022/2023 (\$)	Charge 2023/2024 (\$)
Permanent livestock crossing biannual/annual checks	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00

64. With reference to the below extract, it is unclear for what purpose or how often the memorandum charge will be applied. Normally an "encumbrance" is associated with a land title, and records something that is associated with that land like a registered mortgage or covenant.

65. So, an 'encumbrance fee' would appear to be some sort of a charge to cover the costs of there being an encumbrance on the land, as recorded in the associated "memorandum of encumbrance". While the fee might be justified for the initial drawing up and recording of the agreement, it would seem very hard to justify on an on-going basis. We are keen to know whether our assumptions are correct as to what the fee is actually for and want to know how often is it charged? In our opinion it should only be a 'one off' charge but consider that needs to be clearly stated.

Memorandum of encumbrance for stock underpass	790.00	790.00	790.00
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66. We also note that charges relating to stock underpasses are found under both the Building Control and Roothing sections of the document. In our view it makes more sense to have all fees and charges relating to the same or similar activity included in the same section.

67. **Recommendation:** *In our view more information should be provided in the fees and charges document to enable users to be more informed as to potential costs associated with an activity.*

68. **Recommendation:** *Confirm that the memorandum of encumbrance for stock underpass is a 'one off' fee, clarify how the permanent stock crossing checks are charged for.*

69. **Recommendation:** *That all fees and charges relating to the same or similar activity are included in the same section of the fees and charges document.*

CONCLUSION

Federated Farmers urges Waikato District Council to seriously consider the recommendations in this submission as in our view they identify how the financing policies can be improved for the benefit of rural ratepayers by enhancing principles of fairness and equity.

Federated Farmers thanks the Waikato District Council for considering our submission to the draft Long Term Plan 2021-31. We respectfully request a summary of submissions, and the officer's analysis of those submissions.

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The Federation aims to add value to its members' farming businesses. Our key strategic outcomes include the need for New Zealand to provide an economic and social environment within which:

- **Our members may operate their business in a fair and flexible commercial environment;**

- **Our members' families and their staff have access to services essential to the needs of the rural community; and**
 - **Our members adopt responsible management and environmental practices.**
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Unable to confirm a time to speak at the LTP Hearings at the time of writing

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1721

Full Name: Thomas

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

NO RATES. Pensioners provided rates when actively engaged before age 65. When we are charged rates in our retired age, it means what we paid for is being denied us. We have already paid for security in our senior years.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

It is your elected responsibility to provide homes for low income persons in the area concerned. It is wrong to upset elderly people by change. When we get here security is all we have left.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

It is your job.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

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Comment:

Cut the head off i.e. throw out what is causing you to change.

You are ignoring the needs of the elderly security not change.

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Plans for the future are a waste of revenue as Covid19 has proved, we must be able to survive as individual units.

The council should be proud of what it has and is doing for its people and maintain the integrity it has earned.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Development Contributions Policy 2021 Submission

Submitter ID: 1841

Name / Organisation: Pokeno Village Holdings Limited

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

My submission relates to:

Revised catchment maps

Revised capital works schedule

Revised development contributions levies

Revised development contributions policy

Do you support the proposed Development Contributions Policy?

No, I do not support it (Option 1 - Status Quo)

Comments:

Attachment: Yes



For internal use only:

ECM project # PR-1506-02

ECM no. #

Submission #

Customer #

Property #

Development Contributions Policy & Appendices 2021

Submission form (please provide feedback by 7 May 2021)

Name/Organisation Pokeno Village Holdings Limited
 Postal address Postcode
 Email colinb@dinesgroup.co.nz

A hearing will be held on the week of 24 May 2021. Would you like to present your submission to Council at the hearing? Yes No

My submission relates to:

Revised catchment maps Revised capital works schedule Revised development contributions levies Revised development contributions policy

Do you support the proposed Development Contributions Policy & Appendices 2021?

No, I do not support it (Option 1) ~~Yes, I support it (Option 2)~~

Comments:

~~F. B. A.~~ The Pokeno spatial area known as the Graham Block/Plan Change 21 locality to be defined as ;
 "Land under a Development Contributions Agreement with Waikato District Council"

Prefer to do it online?You can complete the submission form online at www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz/sayit**Need more information**For more information, visit our website www.waikatodistrict.govt.nz**Privacy statement**

The contents of your submission (not including your address and contact details) will be made public through Council agendas and as a result will be published on our website. If you would like your name also kept confidential, please let us know on your submission form.

Attachment 3

Index of Long Term Plan 2021-31 submissions for submitters not wishing to be heard or unable to attend Hearings

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1842	Lesley P Williams	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		386
1839	Thomas Gibbons on behalf of Waikato Community Lands Trust				Yes		388
1834	David Speirs for NZTA				Yes		389
1833	Bruce Cameron	Yes	Yes		Yes		392
1831	Pauline Rielly	Yes	Yes	Yes			394
1826	Penina Trust		Yes				396
1822	Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga				Yes	Yes	398
1821	Scott Summerfield for Waikato Conservation Board					Yes	402
1820	Kate Lindsay for QEII Trust					Yes	404
1814	Murray Brown	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	407
1813	Bonita Dean	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	409
1812	Martin Glover	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	410
1811	Alanah Knaggs	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	412
1810	Shannon Edwards	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	414
1809	Ulrike Schwinn	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		416
1808	Sue Mitchell	Yes	Yes	Yes			417
1805	Newstead Country Preschool				Yes		420
1802	Tyron Foster	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	421
1801	Murray Penman		Yes				424
1800	John Stock	Yes	Yes	Yes			425

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1795	Paul and Diane Cleaver				Yes		426
1794	Wendy Kemp	Yes	Yes	Yes			428
1793	Rory Sherlock	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		429
1792	Fay Beattie	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		431
1791	Nick Koning	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	432
1789	Paul Miller	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	433
1788	Sharyn Park	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		434
1787	Janice Lapwood		Yes				435
1784	Kate Ross	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	438
1783	Adam Colleton	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	439
1780	Simon Rice Edwards	Yes	Yes		Yes		440
1779	Denni Amooore	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	441
1774	Megan Ryder	Yes	Yes	Yes			443
1772	Karen Houghton	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		445
1770	Kitty Burton					Yes	446
1768	Matangi Community Committee		Yes	Yes			447
1766	Rob and Sue Russell	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		448
1765	Hayley Willers on behalf of Te Mata School				Yes		449
1763	Paula Moy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	451
1762	Barton Strom				Yes		452
1760	Miguel Villagra	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	453
1759	Paul (Tipi) Welsh	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	455
1758	Lauren Park	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	457
1757	Vanessa van der Schraft	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	459
1755	Tim Gemmell	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		461
1754	Brett Randell	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	463
1753	Alexander Ramsay	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	464
1752	Fiona Randell	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	466

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1708	Ann Weir	Yes	Yes	Yes			528
1707	Sjaan Appleby				Yes		529
1706	Beverley Bell	Yes	Yes	Yes			530
1705	Carolyn Sutherland	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		531
1704	Jan Thomson-Heatley	Yes	Yes	Yes			533
1703	Lucy Marshall on behalf of HAAWI (Horse Access Advocates Waikato Inc.)				Yes		534
1702	Waimato Tupaea	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	542
1701	Tania	Yes	Yes	Yes			543
1700	Chris Norris	Yes	Yes	Yes			544
1698	S Cooper	Yes	Yes	Yes			545
1697	David Gordon Young	Yes	Yes	Yes			546
1696	Liz Curtin	Yes		Yes	Yes		548
1695	Guy Phillips	Yes	Yes	Yes			549
1694	Paddy Curtin	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		550
1692	Susanne Giessen-Prinz	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	551
1691	Penelope Cammock	Yes	Yes	Yes			553
1690	George Maru	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	554
1689	Kiri	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	556
1688	Matthew Stockton	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	557
1687	Kim MacPherson	Yes	Yes	Yes			558
1685	Jose Guy	Yes	Yes	Yes			559
1684	Tahla Davis	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	560
1683	Meghana Gaddam	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		561
1682	Pauline Giles	Yes	Yes	Yes			563
1681	Megan Brunel	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		564
1680	Neil Guy	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	565
1679	Rachel Jenner	Yes		Yes			566
1677	Withheld	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	567

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1675	Shirley Scott	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	569
1674	Ana Randall	Yes	Yes	Yes			571
1673	Ben Chapman-Smith				Yes		572
1672	Murray Allen	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	573
1671	Garret Huelson	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	575
1670	Te Awhina Wymer	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	570
1669	Silvia Fowler	Yes		Yes	Yes		578
1668	Virginia Foster	Yes		Yes			580
1666	Ruawaro Tennis Club				Yes		581
1664	Cameron Lamont	Yes	Yes	Yes			582
1663	Jillian Freeman	Yes		Yes			583
1662	Luka Love	Yes	Yes	Yes			584
1661	Kathy Anderson	Yes	Yes	Yes			585
1660	Karan Jaidka	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		587
1658	Meret Horlacher	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	588
1657	Malcolm Brown	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	589
1656	Jennifer Bradley	Yes	Yes	Yes			590
1655	Sandra Groufsky	Yes	Yes	Yes			592
1652	Barbara Barrand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	598
1651	Chris Lynam	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	600
1650	Bryce Shuker	Yes	Yes	Yes			602
1649	Romla Rachel Singh	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	603
1648	Kara Reed	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	604
1647	Steph White	Yes		Yes	Yes		606
1646	Gail Riddell	Yes					608
1645	Hayley Archer	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	609
1644	David Everett	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	610
1643	Roger Bull	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	612
1642	Maria Henrymelsom	Yes	Yes	Yes			614
1640	A Gray	Yes	Yes	Yes			615

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1600	Lesley Thornley	Yes	Yes	Yes			658
1599	Helen McCabe	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	659
1598	celia Edmonds	Yes	Yes		Yes		660
1597	Marie-Christine Wells	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	662
1596	Jan White	Yes	Yes	Yes			664
1595	Jo	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		665
1594	Ngawai	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	666
1593	John Lea	Yes	Yes	Yes			667
1592	Nadene Hall	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	668
1591	Godfrey Bridger	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	669
1590	Debbie Loots	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	706
1589	Richard Stretton	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	707
1588	Sally Wagstaff	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	708
1587	Leighton Fletcher	Yes	Yes	Yes			709
1586	Anne Williams		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	710
1585	Lisa Crandall	Yes	Yes	Yes			712
1584	Rex Lucinsky	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	713
1583	Tony Perkins	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	715
1582	Rebecca	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		716
1578	Graeme Cummins	Yes	Yes	Yes			718
1573	Alan Page	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	719
1569	David & Kathleen Hardwick	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	721
1568	Linda McDonald	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		722
1567	Jenna	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	723
1566	John Gasson	Yes	Yes	Yes			725
1565	Lynda Reid	Yes	Yes	Yes			726
1564	Nigel Dally	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		728
1563	Liza Adams	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		729
1562	Corin Te Wini	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	730
1561	Philip and Jenny Moon	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	731
1560	Nici Wickes	Yes	Yes	Yes			733

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1559	Janelle Ward	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		734
1558	Josie Redmond	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		736
1557	Emma Page	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	738
1556	Colin Hanrahan	Yes	Yes	Yes			739
1555	Tony Krippner	Yes	Yes	Yes			740
1554	William Davidson		Yes	Yes	Yes		741
1553	Carole & Jon			Yes			742
1552	Brian Palmer	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	743
1551	Maggie Smith	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	745
1550	N Mirfin	Yes		Yes	Yes		747
1549	Hayley Willers	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	748
1548	Peter Taylor	Yes	Yes	Yes			750
1547	Lee Olsen	Yes	Yes	Yes			751
1546	Ngahina Armstrong	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	752
1545	Eric Andrews	Yes	Yes	Yes			754
1544	Cathy	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	755
1543	Rachel McEvoy	Yes	Yes	Yes			756
1542	Jean Aldworth	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	757
1541	Jack Nannes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	759
1540	Shane Solomon	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	761
1539	Stephanus Meyer	Yes	Yes	Yes			762
1538	Craig Witters	Yes	Yes	Yes			763
1537	Bronwyn Robinson	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	764
1536	Tina McKenzie	Yes	Yes	Yes			766
1535	Jacqui Turley	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	767
1534	Gavin Andrews	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	768
1533	Ian McLennan	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	769
1532	Akio Osuka	Yes					770
1531	Kim Sutton and Steve Holmes	Yes	Yes	Yes			771
1530	Liana Gough	Yes	Yes	Yes			772
1529	Kristen Kendall	Yes	Yes	Yes			773
1528	Jerry Chen	Yes					774

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1527	Frances Mace	Yes	Yes	Yes			775
1525	Liza Herseuman	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	778
1524	Esme	Yes	Yes	Yes			779
1522	Tonya McNamee	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	780
1520	Catherine and Robert Breeuwer	Yes	Yes	Yes			782
1519	P Sloane	Yes					783
1516	Kendra Barham				Yes		784
1514	Brendon Mclaughlin	Yes	Yes	Yes			785
1513	Jasper	Yes	Yes	Yes			786
1512	Andy Buckley		Yes	Yes	Yes		787
1511	Tama Walters	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	788
1510	Matthew Dexter	Yes	Yes	Yes			790
1509	Genaya Macklow	Yes	Yes	Yes			791
1508	Mark Sawert	Yes	Yes	Yes			792
1507	Kristin McCluskie	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		793
1506	Withheld	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	794
1505	Tracey Kerr	Yes	Yes	Yes			796
1504	Mary O'Callaghan	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		797
1503	Sophie Preston	Yes	Yes	Yes			799
1502	Christopher Manson	Yes	Yes	Yes			800
1501	Richard Owen	Yes	Yes	Yes			801
1500	Alan and Bronwyn Kosooof	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	802
1499	Tania Wooding	Yes	Yes	Yes			804
1498	D Sedgwick	Yes	Yes	Yes			805
1497	Kendra Coulter	Yes	Yes	Yes			806
1496	Merimeri	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	807
1495	Shelley Langton-Myers	Yes		Yes			808
1494	Andrew Hope	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		810
1493	Eshan Verma	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	811
1491	Sylvia O'Leary	Yes	Yes	Yes			812

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1490	Raewyn Picot	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		813
1489	Mike Green	Yes		Yes	Yes		814
1488	Claire Halpin	Yes	Yes	Yes			815
1487	Robbie Bennett	Yes		Yes		Yes	817
1486	Josephine Lunny	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	819
1485	B Henderson	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	821
1484	CJ Govan	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	822
1483	Sharon Thomas	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	823
1482	Kathryn Babe	Yes	Yes	Yes			825
1481	Barney Wharakura	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	826
1479	Christopher Els	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	827
1478	Joanna	Yes	Yes	Yes			829
1477	Daina-Jane Cunningham and Robert Hall	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		830
1476	Carol Smythe	Yes	Yes	Yes			832
1475	Sue Ratcliffe	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		833
1474	Janine Mirkham	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		834
1473	Jamie Macgregor	Yes		Yes			836
1472	Elizabeth Tuhakaraina	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		837
1471	Emma Mark	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	838
1470	Withheld	Yes	Yes	Yes			839
1469	Peter Haworth	Yes					840
1468	Brian and Nancy Baxter	Yes	Yes	Yes			841
1467	Rachel Yorke	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	842
1466	Jessica Webb	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	844
1465	Dylan Hunniford	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	845
1463	Mark Thompson	Yes	Yes	Yes			846
1462	Nicola Dove	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	847
1461	Bernardette Wood	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	849
1460	Jimmy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		850
1459	Tania Mayo	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		851

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1458	Valerie Walker	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	853
1457	Sheryl Tregurtha	Yes	Yes	Yes			854
1456	Susan Ramsay	Yes	Yes	Yes			855
1455	Terence Denton	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	856
1454	John Stevens	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		858
1453	Nicola Hinton	Yes	Yes	Yes			860
1452	Luke	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	861
1451	Rebecca Cook	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		862
1449	Gerald Lane	Yes	Yes	Yes			864
1448	Donna McKenzie	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	866
1447	Ella McArthur	Yes		Yes			867
1446	Sizhao Liu	Yes		Yes			868
1445	Jenna Rangiwai	Yes		Yes			869
1444	Clint Prior	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		870
1443	Melissa Greentree	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	872
1442	Kelly Greentree	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	874
1441	Megan Parket	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	875
1440	Nica Van Woerden	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	877
1439	Bridget Dowsett	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	879
1438	Helen Dutton	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	881
1437	Kahu Tukere	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		883
1436	Charlene Pickering	Yes	Yes	Yes			884
1435	Kenneth Soanes	Yes	Yes	Yes			885
1434	Jessica Steiner	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	886
1433	Philip Pannett	Yes	Yes	Yes			887
1432	Ste'en Webster	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	888
1431	Saacha Morgan			Yes			890
1430	Sara Morrow	Yes	Yes	Yes			891
1429	Frederick Neicho	Yes	Yes	Yes			892
1428	Ian Burgess			Yes			893
1427	Anthony Anderson	Yes	Yes		Yes		894
1426	Isabelle Peterson	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		895

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1425	Michelle Brown	Yes	Yes	Yes			896
1424	Dennis Parker	Yes	Yes	Yes			897
1423	Annerose Lilley	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		898
1421	Bruce Church	Yes	Yes	Yes			899
1420	Rosser Thornley	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		901
1419	Carmen Morunga	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		902
1417	Sir Don McKinnon on behalf of NZ Memorial Museum Trust – Le Quesnoy						903
1416	Kathleen (Kay) Roberts			Yes			908
1415	Marian Sutton	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	909
1414	Rachel Tahana	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	910
1413	Rex Avery	Yes	Yes				911
1412	Carole Chambers	Yes	Yes				912
1411	Michael Rinck	Yes	Yes	Yes			913
1410	Rohan Ammundsen	Yes	Yes	Yes			915
1409	Ian Lloyd	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	916
1408	Todd Fraser	Yes					918
1407	Elysia Wanakore	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	919
1406	Michelle ODonnell	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	921
1405	Maehe Paki	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	922
1404	Peter L Nicholad	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		924
1403	Whirotangi Poutapu	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	926
1402	Richard Gee	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	928
1401	Cindy Richards	Yes		Yes			930
1400	Ella	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		931
1399	Ian Wrigley	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	933
1398	Trista Hall	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		935
1397	Sheryl Paekau	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	936
1396	Sarah Brown	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	938
1395	Jennifer Gibson	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		939

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1394	Sue Edmonds	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	941
1393	Withheld	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		943
1392	Irene Ormsby	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		945
1391	Dean	Yes	Yes	Yes			947
1389	Amy Spitzer	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	948
1387	Rodger Gallagher for Raglan Community Arts Council				Yes	Yes	949
1386	Pippa Berry-Cope	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	951
1385	Geoff King	Yes	Yes	Yes			953
1384	Kylie Baker	Yes	Yes	Yes			954
1383	Magenta Ward	Yes	Yes	Yes			955
1382	Jacqueline Jones	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		956
1381	Laryssa-Rose	Yes		Yes			958
1380	Hannah Morgan	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		959
1379	Rhiannon Kelsey	Yes	Yes	Yes			961
1378	Teresa Harry	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	962
1377	Michael Spiers	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	964
1376	Emma Tucker	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	965
1375	Kevin Collins	Yes		Yes	Yes		967
1374	Jenny Wolf	Yes	Yes		Yes		968
1373	Paul Dunbar	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	969
1372	Jennifer Kelly (Jenny)	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	970
1371	Max Norvill	Yes	Yes	Yes			971
1370	Shona Lanyon	Yes	Yes	Yes			972
1369	Zoe Stokes	Yes	Yes	Yes			973
1368	Peter Searle	Yes	Yes	Yes			975
1367	Jacqueline McGowan	Yes	Yes	Yes			976
1366	Simon Dromgool	Yes	Yes	Yes			977
1363	Steven and Theresa Stark	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		978
1362	Kerry Maxwell		Yes	Yes			980

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1327	Geert Meijer	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	1018
1326	Suzanne Kok	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	1020
1325	Samantha Evans	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		1021
1324	Moira Curse				Yes		1022
1323	Dr Surya Prakash Pandey	Yes	Yes	Yes			1023
1322	Maria	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	1024
1320	Tyler Barry	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	1026
1319	Brennon Lanigan	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	1028
1318	Kelly	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	1029
1317	Ian Pinfold	Yes	Yes	Yes			1031
1316	Holly	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	1032
1315	Carissa Crocombe	Yes	Yes	Yes			1034
1314	Liz Shaw	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		1035
1313	David Mckeown and Dorothy Derecourt	Yes	Yes	Yes			1036
1312	Rachel Clyde	Yes	Yes	Yes			1037
1311	Meta Mair	Yes	Yes	Yes			1039
1310	Pare Edwards	Yes	Yes	Yes			1040
1309	Jaimee	Yes	Yes	Yes			1041
1308	Kay Martyn	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	1042
1307	Rachel	Yes	Yes	Yes			1043
1306	Marae Tukere	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	1045
1304	Paulette Knock	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	1046
1303	Withheld	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	1047
1302	Lillian Haskins	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	1048
1301	Natasha Stoupe	Yes	Yes	Yes			1050
1300	Council Units Jellicoe Avenue Tuakau	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	1051
1299	Cheryl Phipps	Yes	Yes	Yes			1052
1298	Michael Bell	Yes					1054
1297	Ash Chand	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		1055
1296	Brad Over	Yes		Yes			1056

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1220	Daniel van Rensburg	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	1138
1219	Megan				Yes		1139
1218	Valerie Bianchi	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	1140
1217	Ella van Gool	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	1141
1216	Matthew Hurley	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	1142
1215	Te Iwa Fisher	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	1144
1214	Muni Goundar	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	1146
1213	Liz	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	1148
1211	Raghu Hegde	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	1149
1210	Mike Keir	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	1151
1209	Ali Clark	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	1153
1208	Toni Lee	Yes	Yes	Yes			1155
1207	John Cullen	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		1156
1206	Paula Rolfe	Yes	Yes	Yes			1157
1205	Elaine	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	1158
1204	Samuel Dysart	Yes	Yes	Yes			1159
1202	Brett Morris	Yes	Yes	Yes			1160
1201	Jairus Labastida	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	1161
1200	Samantha	Yes	Yes	Yes			1163

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1842****Full Name: Lesley P Williams****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:****Comment:**

I think the size of this increase is particularly hard on Huntly ratepayers. Our rates are particularly high in comparison to other areas in the district, and for what we get in return. I feel the rates received from Huntly residents are just an "ATM" to provide services to all the new glamorous subdivisions and upgrading of Raglan. We were told the rubbish vouchers would reduce the refuse charge. This only happened for one year. We didn't want water meters but they were installed regardless. We pay 3 ways for water- supply, usage and stormwater. Why should Huntly pay for Te Kauwhata's new water infrastructure- they should pay their share too.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

These are usually available to older folk who cannot afford high end retirement villages or have well healed family members to assist. Mostly they are folk who have lived in the community for a long time and supported the local businesses, sports clubs etc. Surely the local council could support its citizens better. Private contractors won't care who they put in them and eventually it will be doing the neighbourhood down- just look what is happening to the motels etc where people are placed for emergency housing!!

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

I am disturbed to think this one free service to the ratepayers is going to stop. NOT all of us have trailers to take rubbish to the dump, or people to help us to do this. I was very grateful for this service when I first purchased a house in Huntly and it encourages people to make the effort to put it out on the street instead of stockpiling in sheds etc.

The mayor dismissively states that 'people need to learn to get their own rubbish to the transfer station'- farmers can burn cardboard etc in incinerators and also have places to get rid of other rubbish as well as a range of vehicles to go to the tip! Why not introduce an annual voucher to each ratepayer for one free load of inorganic rubbish per year at the transfer station. Landlords could give their vouchers to their tenants to encourage them to keep their properties tidy. Voucher is successfully used in some parts of Australia. This is the only goodwill gesture in Huntly and judging by the rubbish

put out by indicates it is popular and well supported. There used to be a garden competition but that was done away with on the basis of saving council money!! (Given that was spent on water meters!)

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

No comment entered

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1839

Full Name: Thomas Gibbons on behalf of Waikato Community Lands Trust

Wish to speak to submission:

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

WCLT aims to advance affordable housing in the Waikato region through being a vehicle to own and hold land in perpetuity.

Hamilton City Council has contributed \$2m in funding to WCLT. WCLT seeks matching funding from Waikato District Council.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1834

Full Name: David Speirs for NZTA

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

See attached for further information

Attachment: Yes



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7 May 2021

Waikato District Council

Via email: consult@waidc.govt.nz

Dear Sir/Madam

Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency Submission on the Waikato District Council Long Term Plan 2021-2031

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on the Waikato District Council Long Term Plan.

Waka Kotahi, the NZ Transport Agency (Waka Kotahi), is a Crown Entity required by the Land Transport Management Act 2003 to undertake its functions in a way that contributes to an effective, efficient, and safe land transport system in the public interest. Waka Kotahi's functions include:

- to manage the State Highway system, including planning, funding, design, construction, maintenance and operation;
- to assist, advise, and co-operate with approved organisations; and
- to manage funding of the land transport system.

Waka Kotahi is also required to give effect to the Government Policy Statement (GPS) on Land Transport. The 2021 GPS identifies four strategic priorities:

- Better travel options
- Safety
- Climate change
- Improving freight connections

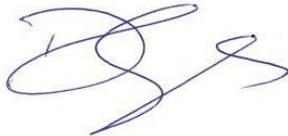
Waka Kotahi highly values its role, alongside Council, as a co-investor in the transport system for Waikato. As Council will be aware, Waka Kotahi continues to work closely with Council, and other partners on a range of initiatives to improve transport in Waikato and in ensuring that transport is fully integrated with land use. In particular the collaborative partnership initiatives including the Hamilton-Waikato Metro Spatial Plan and the Hamilton-Waikato Metro Area Mode Shift Plan as well as the partnership supporting the Te Huia passenger train services.

Through our commitment to Road to Zero 2020-30, New Zealand's road safety strategy, we are working to create a safe transport system for everyone, with wellbeing of people at its heart. Waka Kotahi looks forward to continuing working with Council to implement Road to Zero initiatives in the Waikato District and encourages Council to consider a larger investment in this program than currently forecast in the Long-Term Plan. Waka Kotahi notes in the Long-Term Plan, reference to Waikato District Road to Zero activities being 100% funded from the National Land Transport Fund, however, Waka Kotahi would like to clarify that Road to Zero Local Road activities will receive National Land Transport Fund investment at the normal Council Funding Assistance Rate (FAR).

Once again, thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to the draft Long Term Plan. Waka Kotahi does not wish to be heard in support of this submission.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Cole O'Keefe – Lead Strategic Planner (Cole.O'Keefe@nzta.govt.nz).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'DS', is positioned below the text 'Yours sincerely,'.

David Speirs
Director Regional Relationships

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1833****Full Name: Bruce Cameron****Wish to speak to submission:**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:****Comment:**

I have concerns about the large rate increase that is being proposed, especially onto the rural sector.

Where money is required to be spent on infrastructure it needs to be able to be allocated to the beneficiaries of that spend and they pay for the largest percentage of it.

You state that over the next 10 years 80% of growth is going to be in your towns and villages.

You cannot expect the general rate to be the major contributor to the funding of this. Rural landowners contribute an unfair amount due to the value of their properties which does not mean that they have the ability to pay.

In the case or the growth of the towns there needs to be a targeted rate allocated to towns where there can be a ring around the CBD and then another ring going further out from this.

The rates from this can then be allocated for the growth of that town.

This is similar to what used to operate in Franklin and worked very well.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

I am in support of your option to sell the council owned facilities to a specialist service provider.

My reason for this is that it is not a core council service and is not your skill area. With the increased restrictions and requirements imposed on landlords it is a wise time for council to be getting out of providing this service

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

From a rural perspective roading is the most important piece of infrastructure council provides.

It goes through its highs and lows as to the qualities of the roading network.

The unsealed network which covers quite a bit of the rural area lacks the regular maintenance that is required to not only provide safe passage for vehicles but also protection of it as a council asset. I do commend the council on the use of a road roller working in conjunction with the grader as the surface remains in a better state for longer.

The maintenance of the water tables along with the culverts is essential for the roads to save on undue expenditure when these are blocked and causing washouts.

The sealed network in the Glen Murray area has had some very good improvements and this is noted.

I do want to see the work and road stay in place and this will only happen when further work is done in areas where there is subsidence on the side of the roads and therefore compromising the road itself

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1831****Full Name: Pauline Rielly****Wish to speak to submission:**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:****Comment:**

The only fair way to go for this is a cautious approach. The rates in Raglan are high and to expect people to have a big increase in year 1 is making life too difficult for most. Making it a more average amount each year allows people to plan better. Wages and pensions are not going up 9% per year so it is unrealistic of the WDC to expect its ratepayers to be able to magic this kind of money up!

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Should the WDC be a landlord? Probably not as this is not it's area of expertise so we therefore wonder if these should be sold to the social housing provider and allow them to ensure these houses are up to current rental regulations with regard to insulation and heating. From here we believe the social housing provider should manage all the properties within our community fairly and equitably for those in need of this service.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

Our opinion is this needs to stop and make those who have the inorganic rubbish accountable for their own rubbish. It appears to be a wide area that this collection service encompasses and it must cost a huge amount of ratepayers money. Also we notice if you live in Raglan or around here you don't even qualify for this service. Why should we therefore have to pay for others to have the service yet we have to take ours to the dump and pay a considerable amount to do so!!

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1826

Full Name: Penina Trust

Wish to speak to submission:

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Comment:

see attached for further information

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: Yes



**Submission on Pensioner Housing
For Waikato District Council
Long Term Plan 2021-31**

Submission 1826- Attachment 1

Penina Trust is New Zealand's first registered Pacific Community Housing provider, who strive "to provide quality support that enhances holistic wellness".

As a Community Housing provider, Penina currently provide transitional and public housing as a means to addressing homelessness. While we are predominantly Auckland based, we are currently expanding beyond Auckland to support our cohorts.

Penina recognise the importance for individual's and whānau to have quick access to stable housing and support services, to stay housed and improve their wellbeing. This is especially prevalent amongst our aging population.

Elderly housing is more than just providing tenancy services and is often also about enhancing the wellbeing of the elderly people. Gone are the days of simply providing a tenancy service in the form of a house without the appropriate support that can ensure an elderly persons wellbeing. That wellbeing can encompass many factors that extend beyond property management like providing social, health, advocacy and budgetary advice and ensuring that isolation and loneliness are part of an age-friendly and caring community. All these services need well trained and equipped navigators to enable those expectations to be fulfilled.

Penina believe that Community Housing Providers, with a plan to support the wellbeing of elderly people that we have highlighted here, are best placed to ensure that age-friendly and caring communities are forged as part of a means to providing safe, secure and affordable long-term tenancies for senior citizens and creating positive and inclusive communities that support people to live well in the comfort and security of their home. This is the real distinction between what is offered by community housing organisations compared to other housing providers. Community Housing providers are not-for-profit and understand what is being provided is more than just the bricks and mortar, but warm, safe and dry homes. It is where tenants know that they are cared about in terms of what happens in their day-to-day lives, all while strong connections to communities are created and good tenant outcomes are normal.

Penina support the Council's staff recommendation that the entire Pensioner Housing portfolio be transferred to a sympathetic social housing provider.

Penina also work in conjunction with Pacific Homecare, who provide home-based healthcare throughout the Auckland region to the disabled and the elderly community who wish to stay living at home, but who need assistance. Penina would be interested in using our expertise in social housing and our partner's expertise in assisting the elderly, to tender for any opportunity and demonstrate how we would enhance the portfolio and how a structure would look that would ensure communities are listened to and values are maintained.

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1822

Full Name: Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

See attached for further information

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

See attached for further information

Attachment: Yes

06 May 2021

File ref: LAO61

Waikato District Council,
By email

Dear Mayor Sanson and Councillors,

RE. HERITAGE NEW ZEALAND POUHERE TAONGA SUBMISSION ON DRAFT 2021-2031 LONG TERM PLAN CONSULTATION

1. Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on the Waikato District Council Draft Long Term Plan 2021/31 (the Plan).
2. Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga (Heritage New Zealand) is an autonomous Crown Entity with statutory responsibility under the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014 for the identification, protection, preservation, and conservation of New Zealand's historic and cultural heritage. Heritage New Zealand is New Zealand's lead heritage agency.
3. As Waikato District Council (the Council) already appreciates, well cared for and promoted historic heritage has the potential to be a considerable draw card for tourism and people wanting to move to, or remain in, an area. Heritage plays an important role in creating an engaging and vibrant region, which in turn, fosters local identity and helps build the economy. Support and incentives that councils provide, can often be the difference between a historically significant resource falling into disrepair, or it being preserved for present and future generations to engage with and learn from.
4. The Waikato District contains several significant heritage items and areas located in public Council land that are recognised through both HNZPT listings and heritage scheduling's in the Waikato District Plan. It is important that the Council lead by example as they undertake works in and around these heritage items to utilise best practice in the preservation and conservation of heritage items and areas.

Projects involving ground disturbance and recognised heritage items

5. The Plan proposes numerous projects throughout the District, including but not limited to:
 - Water reticulation and reservoir extensions,
 - New watermains for example at Ran giriri,
 - Wastewater plants upgrades and renewals,
 - District wide stormwater extensions and upgrades,
 - Roading works,
 - Walkways and cycleways,
 - Raglan wharf, and
 - Woodlands heritage.

In the event of ground disturbance HNZPT considers that professional archaeological advice from a local archaeologist/s needs to be sought prior to the development of these projects to ensure

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significant archaeological sites are avoided. HNZPT would welcome the opportunity to be involved at the very early stage of development to advise on the most appropriate heritage management measures for each situation.

With regard work on recognised heritage items HNZPT considers that all works should be guided with a conservation plan and best practice conservation methods to ensure that heritage values are retained at the time of works

HNZPT seeks that the provision for the ground disturbance projects and projects on recognised heritage items is retained subject to:

- including the provision for obtaining archaeological advice including for comprehensive archaeological assessments to determine the need for archaeological authorities, and for works to ensure the preservation of the most important sites as required, and
- including provision for conservation advice and for work to be undertaken by conservation specialists as required.

Heritage assistance fund to be realigned to a budget that will focus on community and blueprint initiatives

6. On the 29 April HNZPT received advice as a submitter to the Historic Heritage topic of the proposed District Plan, that funds like the Heritage Assistance Fund would be realigned to focus on community and Blueprint initiatives. Feedback on this initiative was sought through the Long Term Plan submission process.

HNZPT is very supportive of incentives offered to private homeowners of scheduled heritage items in the form of heritage funds as discussed at paragraph 4 above. Many homeowners willingly adopt the additional responsibility of allowing their building/s to be scheduled as their contribution to the retention of their communities and nations heritage resource for future generations. HNZPT notes the significant number of new heritage items proposed for the heritage schedules of the proposed plan. This will assist with an improved representation of the district's heritage. HNZPT is not aware of the specific consultation that has been undertaken with the owners of all the items, both existing and proposed for scheduling but would presume that mention had been made of the heritage assistance fund as a benefit available to owners. Certainly, HNZPT mentions the benefits of heritage funds to owners of prospective scheduling and listings. HNZPT does have a nationally contestable fund available for private owners of HNZPT listed buildings only however this does not meet the known need of owners for incentive funding and therefore Council heritage funds are a very important funding source for private owners, particularly owners of scheduled only heritage buildings.

In a quick review of the Blueprints, HNZPT acknowledges that they contain a wide range of initiatives, a number of which are heritage related. However, the Blueprint initiatives are community based and transferring the funding from the Heritage Assistance Fund to community and Blueprint initiatives fund would result in little likelihood of funding to individuals. It is noted that there is another community-based fund-the Heritage Project Fund that is related to the Heritage strategy and the Heritage Forum, therefore HNZPT **seeks** that the Heritage Assistance

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Fund should not be diverted to any community fund and should be retained to be available to individual owners as an incentive to assist them to maintain and conserve their historic place.

7. **Heritage New Zealand does not wish to speak to this submission at a hearing.**

Yours sincerely

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Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1821

Full Name: Scott Summerfield for Waikato Conservation Board

Wish to speak to submission:

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

See attached for further information

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: Yes

Tēnā koe

Funding for pest control and indigenous biodiversity promotion as part of 2021-31 Long Term Plan

The Waikato Conservation Board wrote to your council in September 2020 to encourage you to include funding for pest control and indigenous biodiversity promotion as part of your 2021-2031 Long Term Plan. The Board would like to take the opportunity as part of your consultation process to again encourage you to prioritise funding for nature and conservation based outcomes as part of your upcoming deliberations.

All of the councils in the Waikato region play an important role in helping indigenous biodiversity to thrive. Councils in the Waikato are land owners, reserve administrators, regulators and neighbours to DOC and other conservation-minded landowners - each of these roles provides your council with an opportunity to be a leader in helping the country achieve its predator free goals by 2050, and to support indigenous ecosystems.

We encourage you to consider maximising your budget allocations for controlling pest plants and animals on council land, making funds available to support community conservation initiatives in your area, and restoration indigenous planting programmes on council land in your district. We appreciate the difficulties placed on all councils by responding to COVID-19 and the importance of investing in hard infrastructure, and hope that you will value investing in nature in this LTP as much as is possible.

The Waikato region contains some amazing and varied indigenous biodiversity, and it is our hope that with effective partnerships between government, councils and communities the Waikato will only build on the wealth of indigenous biodiversity over the coming decade.

Nāku noa, nā

Alan Cockle

Chair

Waikato Conservation Board

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Submitter ID: 1820

Full Name: Kate Lindsay for QEII Trust

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

See attached for further information

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: Yes

QEII Trust feedback on proposed changes to Waikato District Council's (WDC) funding mechanisms

We have feedback on the proposed changes to WDC's funding mechanisms, specifically the Council's Conservation Fund.

We are interested in the proposed changes because we play an important role in biodiversity conservation in the district. We partner with private landowners to place covenants on their land to protect areas with open space values, in perpetuity. The Conservation Fund provides support to existing covenantors and other landowners wanting to undertake protection and enhancement of indigenous biodiversity on private land.

While we recognise that this may not be the intention, we are concerned that by amalgamating the Conservation Fund into a budget with a focus on community and Blueprint initiatives, less funding may be available to individual landowners undertaking important conservation work on their land.

We would like to see the council retain a funding stream to explicitly support individuals with significant biodiversity on their land to undertake conservation activities.

Context: WDC LTP consultation document – page 14 and 15

We refer to the following statements in the council's LTP consultation document.

- "We are reviewing the way we currently support local initiatives, and we propose to move away from just giving out grants and instead, target Blueprint and other initiatives that our communities tell us are their priority projects.
- "The funding budget will be re-aligned to focus on the community and Blueprint initiatives to drive our vision of liveable, thriving and connected communities".
- "The staff involved in supporting the community and Blueprint initiatives will work directly with Community Boards, Committees and community groups to deliver their community and Blueprint aspirations".

From these statements we understand that the Conservation Fund will be amalgamated with other funds, into a budget re-aligned to focus on community and Blueprint initiatives.

QEII Trust feedback on the proposed approach

While we appreciate that this may not be the intention, we are concerned that amalgamating the Conservation Fund into a wider pool of funding for community initiatives will result in less support available for landowners undertaking conservation activities to protect the Significant Natural Areas (SNAs) on their land. We support a community driven approach to council investment but would like to see the Conservation Fund (or something similar) retained to recognise the importance and value of conservation work on private land.

Currently this fund is available to individual landowners with SNAs, Council covenants and/or QEII Trust covenants. This fund is an exceptionally valuable resource for landowners and assists with protection and enhancement of these areas through fencing, weed and pest control, and enhancement planting where appropriate. Often, financial support through funds like this determines whether landowners can afford to invest in the protection and management of indigenous biodiversity on their land.

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In the proposed change it appears that WDC will work directly with Community Boards, Committees, and community groups only. While we support a community driven approach to funding, we are concerned that over time, this may exclude support for individual landowners who have been identified by council as having SNA's on their property and are undertaking protection and enhancement work.

Waikato District Council has a responsibility to protect remaining indigenous vegetation and habitat in the district. The council will have further regulatory responsibilities for biodiversity on private land when an NPS Indigenous Biodiversity is introduced, likely later this year. It is great to see the council taking a proactive approach to this work. Over 50% of remaining indigenous biodiversity in the district is on private land and these areas have been identified as SNAs. It is our experience that having support and incentives available to landowners to undertake protection and enhancement of biodiversity on their land helps to smooth the transition towards a regulatory framework. The Conservation Fund provides this support and incentive and sends a signal to proactive landowners that the work they are undertaking on behalf of the district is valued and appreciated.

The council's 'Blueprint' documents (section 3.2. Biodiversity) clearly endorse having dedicated support for landowners – *“Maintain, promote, and possibly extend Council funding initiatives (e.g. through the conservation fund) and target these to current gaps, such as fencing bush blocks and fragments, and pest control.”* While it is possible that this funding will still be directed to landowners through the proposed new approach, it is our preference that a specific fund for biodiversity on private land be retained. This would reduce ambiguity and safeguard funding towards this work into the future.

Protection and active management of significant natural areas is critical to halt the decline of indigenous biodiversity in the district. Biodiversity needs to be a priority for the council. Funding and support for landowners to undertake this work is an essential tool in this challenge. We would like to see retention of a dedicated fund like the Conservation Fund to support this work.

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Submitter ID: 1814

Full Name: Murray Brown

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

9% increase in year 1 is too large for pensioners

We are a lifestyle block and therefore as part of rates increase it should not include cost of water

*We have water tanks only *We have own sewage disposal waste

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

They have the experience, knowledge

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

Provided the collection depot is in Te Kauwhata

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

Have been doing a good job to date

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Vineyard Rd should be 50mph not 70mph

Large trucks etc should be excluded from driving up and down main street

40mph speed limit for Main Rd

More parking options

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1813

Full Name: Bonita Dean

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

It has been a bad year with Covid for a lot of people this will add to the burden of many.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

If outsourced it will be market value rent, not useful for pensioner

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

People will just illegally dump more than they do now

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1812****Full Name: Martin Glover****Wish to speak to submission: No****Topic 1 – General Rates Increase****Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

9% increase in year 1 is too much considering the financial hardship and pressures families and businesses have endured during the covid lockdown and subsequent economic downturn caused by lack of tourism. Wages and salaries have not increased by 9%

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Sell housing to independent but ensure existing residents are treated fairly and not evicted.

Agree not a council core business running pensioner housing

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

Should be user pays-

however some residents may not be in a position to transport inorganics to the local transfer station so council needs to support all the alternative providers and advertise these other solutions- website and libraries

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

This will undermine the purpose and effectiveness of local community boards- making them less accountable they cannot spend some dollars on local amenities/events etc.

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Government has announced it has \$1 billion left over from Covid campaign and councils should have a share of this to reduce burden on ratepayers and create more jobs

wasted \$ are being spent on traffic controls which are over the top on quiet rural roading jobs- have a closer look at the effectiveness of some of these set ups

Attachment: No

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Submitter ID: 1811

Full Name: Alanah Knaggs

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

I dont agree with either option. While I understand that a increase is needed due to growth, it is unfair to have such a high increase after so many lost jobs, income and security over the last 12-18 months. These numbers are unrealistic to expect of households/owners/renters and should be reassessed.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Option 2- While I appreciate that council currently offer these flats I also feel as though they dont align with where Council are heading and should be with another agency, example being housing in NZ etc.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

The service is unnecessary and a huge expense that is not needed. While I think more illegal dumping may occur, I dont believe it will be much more than it currently is.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

Funding in our communities is important, but finding a new approach is in need now more than ever

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

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Submitter ID: 1810

Full Name: Shannon Edwards

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

I do not agree with either option for many reasons.

One being the financial hardships and pressure that a lot of families have been through this past 12-18 months due to Covid, and many with job losses and lack of income and security! These numbers are far too high to justify what we actually get out of it. Please reassess this. Its robbery!!

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Option 2- I feel Council should not be accountable for these flats and these should be run by another agency like Housing NZ! Perhaps try sell to existing residents first

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

I feel the restrictions of what you can dump now has changed my mind on how beneficial this service was- and the amount you can dump- its silly as its not a lot. Therefore I feel being able to dump free of charge should come into rates- or the costs at refuse station should drop, its far too high!!

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

Funding in our communities is very important. But finding a new way to approach this is needed now more than ever/

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Now we are a growing community I think we need more parking options

I feel vineyard roads 70km is far too high and should be dropped to 50km considering lack of footpaths too.

Refuse station needs to drop their prices

There are far too many trucks passing through main rd!

We need train services for transport to the public

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1809

Full Name: Ulrike Schwinn

Wish to speak to submission:

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

I dont agree with rates increase. So many people going through financial hard times and it is already very high, what we are paying in Te Kauwhata

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Keep this more affordable way open

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

Give an option that people can drop it off somewhere

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

TK really needs a walk/cycle way up Te Kauwhata Road going out of town.

Railway Stop!

Attachment: No

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Submitter ID: 1808

Full Name: Sue Mitchell

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Slightly cheaper and good rise in the first year- might lessen the impact!

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

A responsible service provider may have the 'skills' to be a better landlord. But I bet there needs to be a clause in the sale that stipulates that the housing MUST always be maintained for pensioners and not used for other social housing purposes.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

The community appreciate the service. If you keep it it may distract from the angst of the rates increase

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

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Submitter ID: 1806

Full Name: Newstead Residence Association

Wish to speak to submission: Unavailable to attend at this time

Topic 1 – General

Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment: Spread the rate increase evenly

Topic 2 – Future of

Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment: As long as rate payers can get access later on in life

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside

Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment: By council collective, this gets rid of the rubbish

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Yes, I support this approach

Comment: Newstead Res Assoc requires fund at odd times

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

We request that WDC finish off the concrete footpath from Newstead Pre school Vaile Rd up to the Ruakura-Vaile Rd Corner. LIC People and school use this a lot.

Please get the Newstead Walkway from SH26 to Vaile Rd re opened as trees have fallen over the path.

Attachment: No

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Submitter ID: 1805

Full Name: Newstead Country Preschool

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

We would like to request for a concrete footpath to continue from Newstead Country Preschool to the end of the Vaile Road, Ruakura Road to join LIC footpath

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1802****Full Name: Tyron Foster****Wish to speak to submission: No****Topic 1 – General Rates Increase****Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

To clarify I think that there should not be a general rate increase for all areas. The rate increase should be based on the area you reside. The purpose of the rate increase is to keep up with inflation and the growing need for infrastructure however infrastructure growth is significantly different in each township.

I reside in Port Waikato, when i reviewed the 2020-2021 plan, or the 2021 - 2031 plan there are no large projects planned for Port Waikato. If we compare a town similar to Port Waikato in our region (Raglan) they have multiple large scale projecst receiving funding in the dollar value of multi millions. Pokeno and Tuakau have significant amount of funding for large infrastructure projects. Our rates at Port Waikato should not increase at the same percentage, when based on the Long Term plan we are not being allocated anywhere in the vicinity of infrastructure upgrades/ maintenance or new project work as the surrounding areas.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:**Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection****Option selected:**

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

There are too many restrictions on what we can dispose of during the in organic already - the service is loosing its purpose.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Project planning

Port Waikato is seeing a huge influx in both permanent residents and weekend tourist population. Especially due to the expansion of Pokeno and Tuakau with Port Waikato being their closest beach and weekend destination.

The Council needs to review the expenditure for Port Waikato to put aside a budget to upgrade our tourist attractions and public spaces.

The Terrace (suggested Project)

I would love to see in the future a staggered deck/ terrace built onto the end of the carpark area that wraps around from the boat ramp (next to Port Waikato Wharf) to the little shell beach. The proposed Terrace would be made of material that would compliment the historical wharf that sits adjacent to the proposed project. The terrace would provide the community and tourists a shared space to enjoy their lunch, eat an ice creams, share fish and chips whilst overlooking the river. A comfortable place for tourists to rest after their long drive to Port Waikato. An inviting welcome and introduction to the township (a wow factor as people enter the township). Attract more tourists to the community to support local businesses, including the Wharf Store which is in the same area as the Wharf and the Terrace, more safe space for people to sit and place their belongings whilst they are swimming. More space for children to lie in the sun to dry off after swimming. A shared space for the community to interact with each other. I have attached a very rough draft of the Terrace project described above and would love for this to be added as a priority project in the Long Term Plan, there are no large scale projects listed on the current LTP for Port Waikato and this would be an amazing addition. Port Waikato has not have any significant funding for new projects in my life time at Port Waikato, which is over 30 years. Port Waikato is the closest holiday destination for the township in North Waikato , including, Onewhero, Tuakau, Pokeno, Mercer, Meremere, Waikaretu and the Waikato District need to start investing in Port Waikato as it will ultimately be the pinnacle holiday destination of the mid to North Waikato area. We need Regional funding for new infrastructure projects that help grow our profile, embody the heart of Port Waikato, provide shared spaces for the public, improve the wellness of people, are mixed use facilities, target a wide demographic of users, accessible for all.

Funding

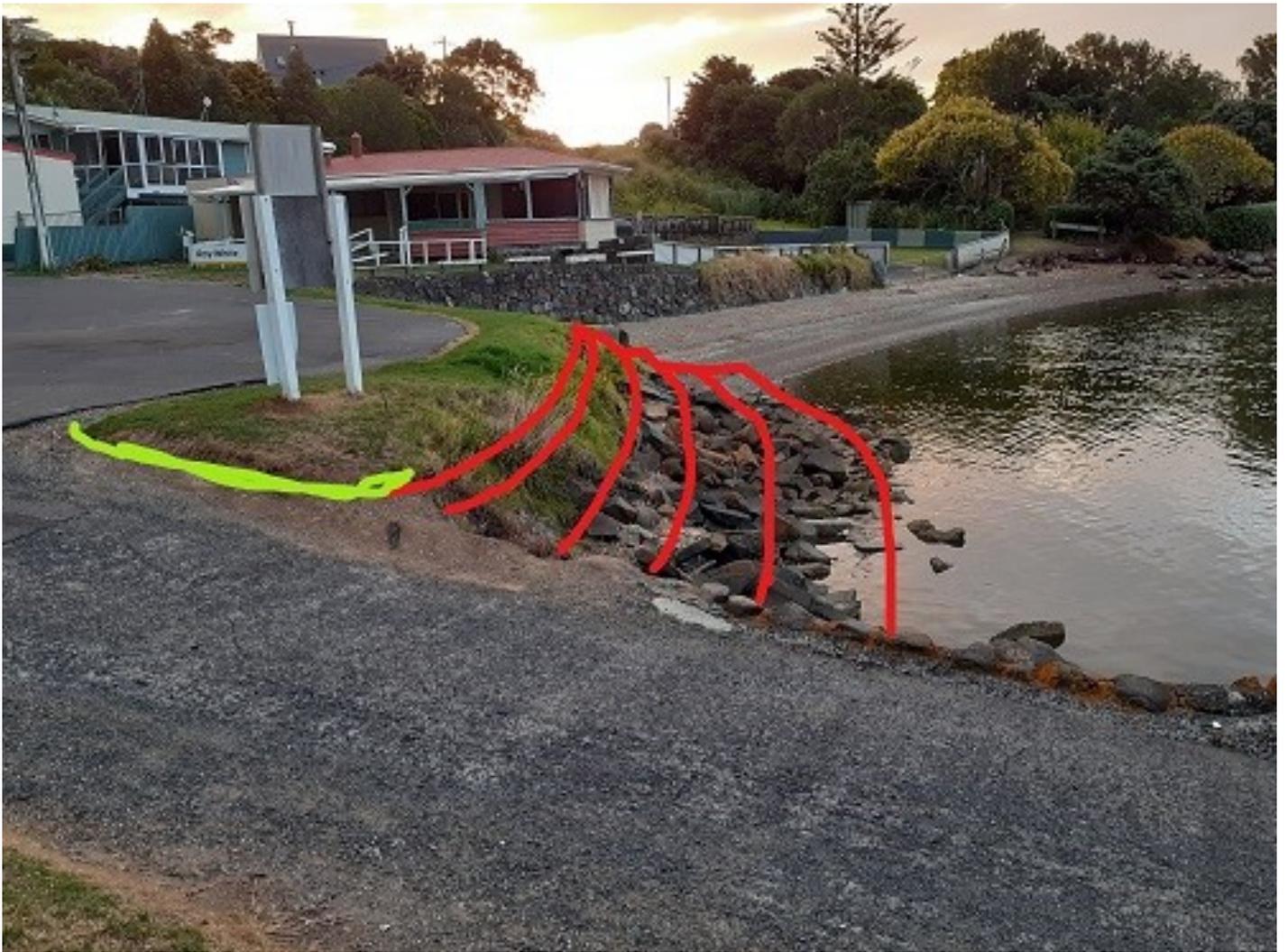
The funding of future projects for shared public spaces/ facilities/ structures at Port Waikato should not just be met by the Port Waikato rate payers. The associated costs for any of these projects need to be met by the wider Waikato District Council budget. The reason for this is that the upgrades to such assets in fact will be utilized an experienced by tourists and visitors from the wider Waikato region more than the local themselves.

Port Waikato cannot continue to fund these upgrades on behalf of all those people who come down here and utilize our structural assets or our natural assets.

Creeks

Please put some funding in to clear the creeks at Port Waikato specifically the one that runs under the bridge leading into the Port Waikato township. It always fills up with debris and excess soil from the valley and causes significant flooding the houses parallel to the creek. The creek has not been excavated in decades and is in desperate needs to maintenance.

Attachment: Yes



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Submitter ID: 1801

Full Name: Murray Penman

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

We think that a responsible service provider would probably have the set of skills required to best support pensioners.

A provider who is able to provide people with additional social and health services would be of great benefit to pensioners

Many housing providers have social workers who would be able to walk alongside elderly people who need additional support.

As a Social Housing provider who also provides home healthcare services in Waikato we are very supportive of this as we would be able to support people to remain in these units for longer and provide wraparound support

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1800****Full Name: John Stock****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:****Comment:**

I have not selected an option, this is a Clayton's decision. We are being asked to select between two options, neither of which are sustainable in the long term. Council cannot and should not be continually increasing rates well beyond the rate of inflation. Council need to cut their cloth to fit. At this rate, the proportion that fixed wage and salary earners pay in rates increases exponentially.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

The government cannot build accommodation fast enough, and the retirement village providers are only interested in those with means.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

Not required. Users can take their rubbish to the transfer station, and/or reduce their waste.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1795****Full Name: Paul and Diane Cleaver****Wish to speak to submission:**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:****Comment:**

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:****Comment:**

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Pond Road is currently being used for Logging Transport by P.F.Olsen Ltd in it's clearing of the Pine Forest owned by China National Forests.

We have made requests to Mr Peter Foote - WaikatoAlliance engineer, for the road to be better maintained; and more importantly, the Dangerous Blind Corner

to be straightened so that an inevitable accident/crash involving the Large Heavyladen Logging Trucks ,or the employees ,or the Metal Contractors for the Logging in roading is mitigated.

We are asking for immediate funding to be made available for Pond Road to be made SAFE so that the residents , their families, and the contractors involved in their work at the end of Pond Road in the Pine Forest , can go about their daily business without harm or injury.

We have tried many avenues of request and and now we believe this matter should be actioned sooner rather than later BEFORE a catastrophe happens, as already since the Logging Company and their employees have been using our Road there have been several near misses by people having to avoid DEEP Potholes and unmetalled Clay patches where the trucks have worn away the small amount of metal that there is.

We further request that Pond Road is Straightened and Tarsealed to afford SAFE CARRIAGE

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1794****Full Name: Wendy Kemp****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

This option provides Council with lower debt over the 10 years which means the interest cost is not passed on to me as the ratepayer in the future.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

This isn't a core business to be provided by a Council. This is a very specialised service and the Council would need to skill up their staff to provide, and then that would mean further costs.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

I feel that this is an essential service provided by the Council.

Without, people would tend to discard these items in an irresponsible manner, which would lead to more pollution and probably having the Council have to clean it up anyway.

With a regular responsible service, this will result in better behaviour from the ratepayers.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1793****Full Name: Rory Sherlock****Wish to speak to submission:**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

It makes little difference one way or other to the 'average' rural rate payer. Of far greater significance is that by year 3 the cost for either option will be over \$600 a year extra.

I'm uncertain how much reliance to place on council estimates. The value for our 660ha hard-hill country farm on the website (1 May) has increased by 48% resulting in a rate increase of 35%. If this is general for this type of farm the aggregate value of the council's rating asset base must be way too high and the rate take from this class well over estimated.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

There should be more specific targets and KPIs set out for un-sealed roads.

Access is the most important and basic service the council provides for us. Without access other services become 'nice-to-haves'.

One area that requires particular attention is the maintenance of water-tables. On the Otorohaea Trig Road as a case in point, in the last 12 months blocked water-tables resulted in a drop-out coming to the edge of the carriage-way and the accompanied slip took out our fence and covered a farm track with debris and trees. This has been repaired. There are several other potentially dangerous unmarked dropouts, one in particular near the top corner on the eastern side, comes right to the edge of the carriage-way still has water from going over it. If a vehicle goes over there is a 30+ meter drop. The bottom line is that maintenance of the water-tables on this road at least has been neglected for a number of years. It means that a good grading job quickly reverts to ruts, pot-holes and corrugations. It means that eventually much more expense will be required to keep this road open.

The ultimate insult came when early this year a contractor was put to work to re-instate the water-tables. They were doing an excellent job. However, they had hardly got started when the project ran out of funding and stopped. We have heard no more. In the meantime a crew has spent weeks and goodness knows the dollars erecting a guard-rail on the H22 culvert at the bottom of the Otorohaea Trig Road on western end. No doubt this is eventually an important safety measure but with a drop of no more than 3m it is hard to reconcile with the complete lack of safety measures on the unsealed road.

Rate payers and residents on unsealed road should be able to expect a reasonable standard carriageway smoothness and safety.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1792

Full Name: Fay Beattie

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Does not concern as in Pensioner Flat. But happy to go with majority or for best

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Comment:

Happy as we are but if option 2 provides more services ok with this one. Just go with any option, easy to please

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Comment:

So long as someone does collection (not me)

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Just thankful to be here happy

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1791****Full Name: Nick Koning****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:A responsible service provider would have resources to maintain and manage a full system

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:Discontinue collection. Contract collection to waste management company- the company could put a skip at intervals on street on pre-determined days.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:The blueprint is important to planning to provide a professional and extra or outside view of future planning

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**I think we must allow for future planning for a road to be built from 2a Maungatawhiri Road Raglan to Rangitahi and onto 187 Te Hutewai Road and onto 393 Wainui Road.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1789****Full Name: Paul Miller****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:****Comment:**

Neither. The two don't equate to the same rate increase over three year period. Rates are high enough with little rate of return for rural landowners particularly.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Reduce dumping of waste on rural roadsides.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

A cluster of housing located at the end of Wilton Collieries Road - unsealed. Multiple driveways and properties set close to the road. Request consideration of sealing of a short portion of the road to reduce the dust impact on properties and residents. This is at the very top end of Wilton Collieries road. Road is routinely in poor condition and regularly needs attention. heavy vehicle use makes for regular and visible dust plumes that effect housing. Resident housing is densely populated at the top end and would only need around a few hundred metres of sealing to make a big difference. leave the dirt/unsealed road for the portion of road that is farmland?

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1788

Full Name: Sharyn Park

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

My daughter just received a rate increase of \$600p/a. To have a further increase on this seems rather unfair given that the benefits they derive from the council rates are not huge (living rurally). To lessen the blow a 7% ontop seems to be the lesser of two evils.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

to retain control of costs and service levels - once given to third party, unable to control.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

By discontinuing the collection, people may end up illegally dumping more rubbish rurally (where we live) due to the cost to dispose at Extreme Zero waste.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

The state of Te Hutewai road is disgraceful considering the amount of rates that are paid and the lack of benefit that the owners around here derive.

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1787

Full Name: Janice Lapwood

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Providing social housing isn't really a core business for Councils. However, in saying this, it is important that Council forms partnerships with organisations to ensure social housing options are available for our aged citizens - these residents cannot be forgotten.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1786****Full Name: Andrew Wood****Wish to speak to submission:**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:****Comment:**

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

My name is Andrew Wood. I work for Next Construction Limited as a Development Manager. We have current development interests in the following land in Ngaruawahia:

- 15, 29 & 33 Galbraith St – 4.2 ha of Living Zone land (proposed Medium Density under the PDP);
- 61 Old Taupiri Road – 1.18 ha of Living Zone land;
- 26 Jackson St – 7,000m² of Living Zone land;
- 99 Ngaruawahia Road – 2.2ha of Living Zone land;
- 99A Ngaruawahia Road and 18 Rangimarie Road – 3ha of proposed Residential Zone (PDP)

We have 11.2ha of housing we aim to deliver in Ngaruawahia in the next three years. Even at a conservative density of 16 dwellings per hectare (ignoring any comprehensive proposals or medium density) that equates to 180 houses we want to build in three years. Using current conservative estimates this is more than \$150m of housing in Ngaruawahia. We are also actively seeking further development opportunities in Ngaruawahia. We are heavily invested in the future of the town and fully support capital growth funding that assists with our vision.

We deliver all scales of housing from single dwellings, duplex dwellings, to terraced housing and apartments. One thing we do differently to many developers is that we buy the land, subdivide the land, build the houses and distribute to the market. We generally do not sell bulk land in super lots or to build partners and prefer to sell to end users. One of our development focuses is on livability of the houses we build.

We seek further clarification regarding the capital projects list and specific elements relating to Ngaruawahia and the interrelationship with sub catchment A in the DC Policy in particular.

We seek to understand what capex is proposed in item 1RG10020 for Ngaruawahia Parks and Reserves relates to in years 2022 - 2026

The state of the road is also causing people to drive recklessness to avoid potholes near blind corners, creating near misses or cars going down banks.

The build up of gravel on the side of the road on blind corners creates a driving hazard, especially when there is only a wire fence between the road and a steep drop.

Also the state of the road has caused a number of punctures on my car, and also I have had to purchase a 4WD car so that I can feel safer when I drive.

The road has been labelled as dangerous for the Te Mata school bus and consequently there is no school bus service for the children and instead there is an increase in cars on the road, as families are left having to drive their kids to & from school (within zone). This goes against the governments direction for lowering carbon emissions.

Because there is no rubbish collection, we need to take our own recycling and rubbish to Extreme Zero waste. Again, having to navigate Te Hutewai rd and its hazards.

There needs to be change made by the council, to seal this main arterial road between Raglan and Te Mata given the increase in housing developments in the area, and taking the above facts into consideration.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID:** 1784**Full Name:** Kate ross**Wish to speak to submission:** No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

Not offered in our area any way and we are used to taking it to refuse centre

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

Make sure the funds goes to the area of most need.

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Request better maintenance of Te hutewai road in raglan. ESP with rates increase coming up. Preferably that the the due planning and budget is made available to seal the road. This has become a busy and dangerous gravel road to drive on. There and many large trucks that use the road including stock and milk trucks. The dust generated on the road is significant and due to the increased development in this area of raglan Te hutewai road needs much better maintenance and ultimately to be sealed.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1783****Full Name: Adam Colleton****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

We believe 9% is too much of an increase for the current and future residents of the Lakeside community.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

If Council is not equipped to provide this service at the expected high standard then the appropriate Service Provider should be sought.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

The Local Area Blueprint, in conjunction with ongoing community engagement and feedback, has identified the top priorities for the Te Kauwhata region is to build a strong identity based on Lake Waikare as well as unlock and promote active and passive recreation.

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1780

Full Name: Simon Rice Edwards

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Not such a big rise in the first year

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

The gravel road on TeHutewai Rd , at the Raglan end is dangerous.Grading it doesn't do much just makes it have less traction & only last for a week or 2.Would be good to have it sealed.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1779****Full Name: Denni Amoore****Wish to speak to submission: No****Topic 1 – General Rates Increase****Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

for most people the difference is less than \$100 in first year and spread across 3 payment is less than \$33 per payment

If this option is successful then would expect council to ensure some projects are implemented earlier than under option 2 so we save on borrowings

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

Pensioner housing is not a core business of council and since the days councils were in this business housing for pensioners has changed so that we now have commercial organisations successfully running this type of housing

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

we should invest this money in likes of extreme waste in fostering recycling.

However in saying this in next two years WDC should be more assertive on road side dumping and look to prosecute a few people so they no its not an alternative. We do have recycling and waste centres. May need to invest and ensure better communication on options when this is stopped

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

The amount of money is small and what it gets spent on is not always the most effective areas and I don't believe community boards have been effective in making sure local organisations are aware of how it works and what they can apply for

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

There needs to be allocated action to look at the relocation of football/soccer from Papahua reserve to an alternative venue for the future.

I should have included this in Coastal reserve management plan with aim of Wainui reserve being investigated as an option however this is probably not the only option. Can we allocate some of the money in 1RG1000 District wide parks and reserves to fund this and carry it out in year ending 2022

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1774

Full Name: Megan Ryder

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Option 1 - go hard

This will benefit all parties in the long term by way of restructuring finances in a effective and affordable manner

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:****Comment:**

Option 2

I feel that pensioners would benefit from a multi scheme service that will be cost effective to them

This could include things like accommodation, home help, medical assistance, recreational, meals on wheels etc IRD & MSD could play a big part in this

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:****Comment:**

Option 2

There are too many disadvantages in this system already to maintain it on a cost that will accelerate in the long term

I say no to inorganic as I prefer to keep costs down.

Illegal dumping would increase tho however will be outweighed

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1772

Full Name: Karen Houghton

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

I do not think our rates need increasing at all. We have a fast growing town and so the rates gathered are already increasing. Furthermore, we already have one of the highest rates in the country and very very limited facilities at the same time.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Pokeno has terrible roads and footpaths and rubbish beside off ramps. It looks unloved all the time and it is a disgrace given the high rates we pay.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1770

Full Name: Kitty Burton

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

I have read pages 14 and 15 of the consultation document. It provides no information on how funding will be allocated other than it will be in line with Blueprints. I am sure you know that there are a considerable number of communities that do not have a

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1768

Full Name: Matangi Community Committee

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

While it is not a preferred Council activity it is a legacy investment in support to the community. It is our view that it sounds as if it should be managed more effectively - possibly by another agency, but not sold as the commitment to community support could be soon lost if another organisation decided the housing did not meet it own priorities.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

This collection is valued by our community. The idea is to minimise illegal dumping by retaining it. Dumping is not minimised by unwanted items being left on properties. Many of the items placed on the roadside are recycled by other residents as they find useful items to use. At a guess half of the items put on the roadside are picked up - items that might have otherwise gone straight to the dump.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1766****Full Name: Rob and Sue Russell****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Te Hutewai road is very dangerous too narrow and even after grading not safe. Rocks hit cars flat tires broken windshield dangerous to walk or bike on big huge trucks including milk trucks. If u are raising our rates than these things need to be addressed Te Hutewai road has more homeowners and the road should be paved.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Our biggest concern is our road too much traffic to be safe too narrow and not graded well at all use of huge rocks gravel

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1765

Full Name: Hayley Willers on behalf of Te Mata School

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

On behalf of Te Mata School we would like to make a submission regarding our concerns about the areas around the district of Te Mata School.

As a school we hear a number of the concerns of the local community and we would like to state these in our submission.

1. Roads

A number of the local roads are in a poor state of disrepair for the traffic that they now receive. We would like to see roadage in the area placed in a long term strategic plan. A number of the gravel roads no longer have Ministry of Education approval under health and safety requirements to have school buses travel down them. Issues include, tight narrow corners, potholes and gravel moving around causing different thicknesses. As more people drive along our local roads this is only going to be a continuing issue that we would like to be dealt with by the councils long term planning.

2. Recycling

As you know the Te Mata Board of Trustees has concerns with the placement of the current recycle station at Te Mata School. We have stated a number of issues with this being near school grounds. In your long term planning we would like to see thoughts regarding a long term movement of this recycle station away from its current location. Although we know the council has increased its collections and has discussed concreting the area that the recycle station is on, we would still prefer the long term solution to be that it be removed from its current site outside Te Mata School.

3 Parking

We believe that there is a health and safety issue with the parking outside Te Mata School and would like to work with the council towards a solution. The turning circle on Church Lane becomes very congested on school days and when cattle trucks or tourists vehicles turn round their teachers and parent vehicles have been dented or scratched. We would like to work with the council to create angled parking spaces in the grass area on the Church Lane turn around.

4 Speed flashing sign

We are grateful that the council has reduced the speed outside Te Mata School. However to make this more visible to passing drivers we would like a flashing sign that is operational at the start and end of the school day. We feel that this would increase the visibility for passing drivers that they are preceding past a school. Currently we note that a number of drivers don't slow down and continue to pass the school at a high speed.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1763

Full Name: paula moy

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

last year was a tough year

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

otherwise more stuff may be dumped and make the community more untidy

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

interested to hear more about this

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

I would like to see improvements to the condition of Te Hutewai Road. I travel to and fro home to Te Mata school with children on board and the road is for rally drivers only, it is terribly unsafe, and the surface condition even after grading has my car sliding and the bumps. it has also caused damage to my car already on after moving here in feb 2021.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1762

Full Name: Barton Strom

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Please can we have Te hutewai Rd sealed. There are many houses up here now and more planned. It would make the roads safer also for driving the kids to school every day.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1760

Full Name: Miguel Villagra

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

More of an even spread % wise

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Better that pensioners manage their own housing

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

We don't get any of these services currently but with the money we put towards the rates we should also be eligible for collection services.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

Until we have more information about this proposal I don't think I's support it

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

We have all sorts of issues in Te Hutewai road at the moment that would be solved by sealing our road:

- School buses: We are zoned for Te Mata school and yet the bus can't pick our kids up because our road is deemed dangerous

- Trucks and tankers: We get them all day and night. For this reason our roads are in a terrible state

Having center lines on a sealed road at least would help "truckers" stay on one side of the road and not take for granted the use of all the width of the road

- Accidents: Many accident have happened in the past few years thanks to the poor state of our roads, loose gravel on the sides and massive puddle holes in the middle.

People trying to avoid crashed with trucks is another reason why this should be addressed

- Elderly: Many elderly people are being discourage from driving because of the imminent danger of meeting a speeding truck diver.

- Development: New houses are being built along our roads, therefore our roads can't cope enough. Rangatahi is a massive development that will create a big influx of residents that may choose to drive to their homes through the Te Mata way, and so Te Hutewai Road will become busier.

Also the fact that other neighbouring places like Te Mata and Ruapuke are being developed as well, will turn Te Hutewai into a busier road.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1759

Full Name: Paul (Tipi) Welsh

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Less of an increase overall and a more even spread over the course of the term.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Pensioners need a place to call home as well. There is already a shortage of housing for many who can't afford.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

We would like to eventually like to have all collection on our road. We currently don't have any rubbish collection.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

We live on Te Hutewai Road, which is an unsealed road. I have only lived here for close to 4 years. In that time the number of properties on the road have increased and therefore the number of vehicles using the road has increased.

This has led to a numerous occasions where I have come close to having an accident because of the increase in usage. There have been many occasions where I've had to swerve out of the way because of the road being in such a poor state that drivers are trying to avoid potholes on blind bends to avoid damaging their cars. It's not safe. At all.

I would like to see it safe, sealed with a clear centreline to help to keep traffic and our local residents safe.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1758

Full Name: Lauren Park

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Having just received a \$600 p/a rate increase notification on our property, this has been hard to stomach, as currently already do not feel that living rurally we receive much from the council from our current rates. Option 2 is lesser of the two evils.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Control is lost over the costs and services that the responsible service provider will provide.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

Currently where we live we do not have this facility, and have to pay Xtreme Zero waste for these types of items. The money saved by the council can be used towards other projects that help those in rural areas - such as our roading issue on Te Hutewai Rd

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

With the planned population growth doubling up until 2060 - focus should be put on all roads being sealed (new and old).

* The road quality of te Hutewai rd has deteriorated largely over the last few years with the increase in housing developments (Raglan, Te Mata, Ruapuke and Waimaunga rd), this has led to a greater number of vehicles (trucks, cars, bikes etc) on the road. Consequently this has meant that the road has become more hazardous with potholes.

* With no middle lines either, trucks and cars elect to drive in the middle of the road, and has caused a large number of near misses by people thinking that as unsealed it is a road that is hardly travelled (avoidable through sealing and drawing lines). It is in fact a greatly travelled road, with myself along with my neighbours travelling it multiple times daily from end to end, due to our work, and school drop offs (due to the school bus not being offered/available - although there are 6 kids all within 200metres of each other that could take it up, with 2 more children soon to start), along with tourists and rangitahi peninsula trucks, fonterra tankers etc travelling.

* Our household within the past year has incurred 20 car tyre punctures due to the sharp rocks on the road when graded - the council scrapes old rocks from the sides of the road that are bigger than what should be exceptable on a road. The frequency of grading is inadequate.

* Our elderly mother too finds that the road is scary due to the lack of sealing or lines on the road.

* We have also been advised that the school bus has deemed the road too dangerous to travel up. Consequently we all need to drive to Te Mata School and risk punctures and near misses, risking our lives and contributing to CO2 emissions, which goes against the governments focus in NZ reducing its carbon emissions.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1757****Full Name: Vanessa van der Schraff****Wish to speak to submission:**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Neither is preferable - both represent an eye-watering increase in rates. As a rural member of this community it becomes harder and harder to see the benefit of where our rates are going given we manage and pay for our own refuse and recycling, our own water and waste systems and live with the risks and associated costs of a gravel road day in day out.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

seems like a more wide ranging level of service can be achieved through privatisation.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

If you suspend inorganic waste collection from the Raglan community then you will see an associated increase in illegal dumping and compliance with rules which will lead to health and safety issues for all members of the community. you cannot raise rates then remove this essential service.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

If the decision about how to spend the money will be driven through local initiatives and groups then gets my vote.

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

As residents of Te Hutewai Road we are constantly subjected to the risks and costs associated with 9km of the road covered in gravel. Unlike other gravel roads in the area, this one is not a dead end but a thoroughfare through to Te Mata and is heavily used by the increasing number of residents. We have approx 50 homes on this road (each with at least 2 cars) with many more in production. In addition to residential traffic, the constant use by milk trucks, farming vehicles, heavy goods vehicles carrying building material make this road trecherous in the winter and creates a constant dust cloud in the summer.

Emergency service vehicles are also compromised by the quality of the road making their ability to get to Hamilton quickly extremely challenging and high risk for patients who need emergency hospital care (given the number of children that live on this road, this is a very real concern). As a family with 2 children at Te Mata school, our school bus service has been curtailed due to the condition of the road, forcing parents to make the roundtrip to school and back twice - presenting both a time and a financial burden which has materially impacted our families' income and ability to work. Living on a road of this nature necessitates 4WD and a constant turnover of tyres due to wear and tear; another financial burden we have to absorb while our rates are increased.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1755****Full Name: Tim Gemmell****Wish to speak to submission: No****Topic 1 – General Rates Increase****Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:**Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing****Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:**Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection****Option selected:**

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

Extreme waste in raglan is a great facility.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:****Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions****Comment:**

Extension to Te Hutewai Road pavement sealing. Te Hutewai Road is almost always in a dangerous state with large potholes and severe corrugations. I drive this road every day and vehicles often drive on the wrong side of the road to avoid potholes and corrugations. After the grader has passed over the road, the good condition only lasts a week or so until it is in a dangerous state again. I grew up on another Waikato District gravel road (Wairamarama-Onewhero Road), so am well accustomed to driving on gravel roads, and I have had more near misses on Te Hutewai in 2 years than I did on Wairamarama & Matakītaki Roads in 30 years. What is the AADT of Te Hutewai Road? I would suggest that it is far higher than Wairamarama Road, which was sealed in sections (over 10km total) through the 90's & early 2000's. This high volume of traffic including, stock trucks, residents on farms, newer residents on recent lifestyle blocks (this number is still increasing), surfers accessing Ruapuke

(often in a hurry to get to the beach), multiple daily milk delivery trucks, - results in the rapid degradation of the driving surface causing dangerous conditions. A lot of cyclists use this road regularly which is also a safety concern given the volume of traffic. I would be surprised to learn of another gravel road, this close to a town, that carries more traffic than Te Hutewai. Extending the sealed pavement for another 5-10kms would provide significant benefits (safety and economic) to a large number of Raglan ratepayers.

Regards,

Tim Gemmell.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1754****Full Name: Brett Randell****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:****Comment:**Neither. None of the options an 'even spread'

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:Councils in other areas have retained their pensioner housing, and grown it. Look at other options to support wrap around services.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:There is nowhere else in Ngaruawahia to dispose of larger items. Create workable alternatives before taking things away.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:Groups and organisations in our community that apply for funding may not necessarily be a Blueprint priority, but they are a need and a priority in the community, such as support for schools, early childhood centres, community groups including social, art

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1753****Full Name: Alexander ramsay****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:****Comment:**

I do not agree with any of the proposed rate options. The Waikato District Council asks it should be “more cautious and spread the rate increase evenly over the first three years”, neither of these options reflect an even spread. An “even spread” option would be;

General Rate increase at 6% in year 1, 5% in year 2 and 5% in year 3.

We believe this is a fair and a more evenly spread option than councils proposed options.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

As communities we have an explicit obligation to look after those most vulnerable and who is more vulnerable than the elderly, I suspect that this housing has been sadly neglected in Ngaruawahia and the WDC is just reacting to the healthy homes rules now in play rather than having done a good job over the years.

The Local Government Act 2002 does not explicitly set out a role regarding housing, however section 10 identifies the purpose of local government is “to promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of communities in the present and for the future”.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Ngaruawahia and some other communities within WDC does not have a Transfer Station and many members of the community do not have the means to transport larger items to current collection points or the income to pay for the disposal once they get there.

Inorganic collections also provide opportunities for the community to re purpose and reuse items that are put out for collection they may have not had access to in any other way.

The WDC has a long way to go with waste minimization the change to charging to put out rubbish bags has only increased the rubbish to landfill within our community.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

Most of the items on the Ngaruawahia Blueprint were not from the community they were altered within WDC and most of what is proposed for Ngaruawahia is being covered by the Community Board or should be part of WDC everyday business not touted as new initi

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Stop hiring new staff with long winded titles who are unable to explain what it is they do or stand outside council smoking / vaping for half the day.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1752

Full Name: Fiona Randell

Wish to speak to submission:

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Neither - . An “even spread” would be the following:

Set the General Rate increase at 6% in year 1, 5% in year 2 and 5% in year 3.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Find an organisation to partnership with that would provide the council the capacity to provide a wrap-around service while maintaining the pensioner housing stock.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

There is nowhere else can I dump my rubbish in Ngaruawahia

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

Have read the priorities for Ngaruawahia and there is nothing on there that is already been done by the Community Board or should be already part of councils work.

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Better footpaths

My grandkids would love a scooter park and an area that they can skateboard away from the bigger kids

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1751****Full Name: Phillip Straw bridge-Ramsay****Wish to speak to submission: No****Topic 1 – General Rates Increase****Option selected:****Comment:**

Set the General Rate increase at 6% in year 1, 5% in year 2 and 5% in year 3.

I believe this is a more evenly spread option than councils proposed options, though the paper work talks about rates been evenly spread

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:****Comment:**

I am aware of the Social Housing Reform programme of 2011 made the Income Related Rent Subsidy (previously available only to Kāinga Ora's predecessor, Housing New Zealand Corporation) available to registered community housing providers, but not local authorities. As a result of this an opportunity to enter joint ventures with community providers who can access the subsidy was investigated by some councils to access this funding and provide wrap around services such as the Auckland City Councils' partnership with the Selwyn Foundation. This type of partnership would provide the council the capacity to provide a wrap -around service while maintaining the pensioner housing stock.

The Local Government Act 2002 does not explicitly set out a role regarding housing, however section 10 identifies the purpose of local government is "to promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of communities in the present and for the future".

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Until is an alternative in each community, such as Recovery and Transfer Stations many members of the community do not have the means to transport larger items to current collection points or the income to pay for the disposal once they get there. Inorganic collections also provide opportunities for the community to re purpose and reuse items that are put out for collection they may have not had access to in any other way.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

I believe that many of current priorities for Ngaruawahia are currently being address by the Community Board and the Community. Some of these priorities are not just the responsibility of the board and lie outside the Ngaruawahia Blueprint area map. The

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Tidy up the footpaths they are filthy and uneven great example is the path from corner of Galileo up to Princess Street and the bridge as the entrance to our town it is disgusting needs cleaned and painted and why are weeds left till they are the size of trees.

Ensure the rail keeps their areas around the rail corridor mowed and weeded

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1748****Full Name: Megan Roberts****Wish to speak to submission: No****Topic 1 – General Rates Increase****Option selected:****Comment:**

Neither - . The Waikato District Council asks it should be “more cautious and spread the rate increase evenly over the first three years”, neither of these options reflect an even spread. We propose an “even spread” option of the following:

Set the General Rate increase at 6% in year 1, 5% in year 2 and 5% in year 3.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Investigate opportunities to enter joint ventures with community providers who can access the subsidy was investigated by some councils to access this funding and provide wrap around services such as the Auckland City Councils’ partnership with the Selwyn Foundation. This type of partnership would provide the council the capacity to provide a wrap -around service while maintaining the pensioner housing stock.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Until is an alternative in each community, such as Recovery and Transfer Stations many members of the community do not have the means to transport larger items to current collection points or the income to pay for the disposal once they get there. Inorganic collections also provide opportunities for the community to repurpose and reuse items that are put out for collection they may have not had access to in any other way.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

One size does not fit all

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Makes these more accessible. - I have a child in a wheelchair and the local parks are not wheelchair friendly at all.

Footpaths/kerbing - not wheelchair friendly. Many streets only have path on one side.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1747

Full Name: Jean Tregidga

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Many families are struggling with budgets since Covid: I think this is the better option at this stage.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Better services available to this elderly and vulnerable group.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

The fact that some inorganic items could be recycled and not landfilled is my reason for option 2.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

I am against the funding that is provided to ratepayers for conservation. Most of people/businesses receiving this grant sell off titles and get a very good return from this. May I suggest that people or businesses receiving this grant and subsequently se

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

District Plan etc: I object to the Council's plan to place my 3 Properties in the SNA category. As my submission (731) stated, my properties have been in the family for 101 years. They were purchased by my late grandfather Rudolf Hohneck and set up to provide indigenous NZ timber for building, furniture making and other purposes. He climbed his Kauri trees to gather seedling cones and scattered the seed among the gorse and tee trees. When they were purchased most of the western side had had a fire and was covered in gorse and teetree. Photos previously supplied to you show the many roads that were planned and navigated by him and then were bulldozed by McRobbie Bros, Pokeno in the late/early 1940's-1950's. These roads are still in good condition and because of the Continuous Forestry Cover are now not seen from above. I have been sent by MAF the booklet "Indegenous Forestry Sustainable Management" a guide to Permit and Annual logging Plans. As no logging of Indgenous Trees are allowed on any Reserve or Publicly owned Property it only leaves a very few private land owners with the ability to provide this service. Another future plan is to once again allow schools to visit and learn about our lovely native forests. The fact that my properties are in what is termed the Golden triangle (Auckland, Waikato, Coromandel) it would also make it ideal for overseas tourists (paying a fee of course) who would like a day trip and a light lunch in the forest. Currently I have no legal vehicle or walking access to my properties. (The Council have previously stated that two of sections of the unformed road are physically unable to be formed owing to the steep gradient). Until vehicle access (maybe across my neighbour's farm) which could be a possibility, a helicopter service could be provided. I currently have permission to walk over my neighbours property to do maintenance and stay for a couple weeks. I could waffle on and on but I hope you Council can see the merits of not placing all of my properties under the SNA category. I am a very responsible land owner.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1746****Full Name: Anne Ramsay****Wish to speak to submission: No****Topic 1 – General Rates Increase****Option selected:****Comment:**

Set the General Rate increase at 6% in year 1, 5% in year 2 and 5% in year 3.

We believe this is a fair and a more evenly spread option than councils proposed options, which talks about an even spread of rates. I do not believe that in Ngaruawahia in particular that rate payers get value for money from their rates.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:****Comment:**

The Local Government Act 2002 does not explicitly set out a role regarding housing, however section 10 identifies the purpose of local government is “to promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of communities in the present and for the future”.

The Social Housing Reform programme of 2011 made the Income Related Rent Subsidy available to registered community housing providers, but not local authorities. This an opportunity to do a joint venture with community providers who can access the subsidy this has been done by other councils such as Auckland City with great results. This type of partnership would provide the council with the capacity to provide a wrap-around service while maintaining the pensioner housing stock.

Just selling it off with no thought to those living in them is an clear indication of how WDC feels about rate payers.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Until is an alternative in each community, such as Recovery and Transfer Stations many members of the community do not have the means to transport larger items to current collection points or the income to pay for the disposal once they get there. Inorganic collections also provide opportunities for the community to re purpose and reuse items that are put out for collection they may have not had access to in any other way.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

I believe that many of current priorities for Ngaruawahia are currently being address by the Community Board and the Community. Some of these priorities are not just the responsibility of the board and lie outside the Ngaruawahia Blueprint area map. The

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1745****Full Name: Donald Hagenson****Wish to speak to submission: No****Topic 1 – General Rates Increase****Option selected:****Comment:**

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Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Investigate opportunities to enter joint ventures with community providers who can access the subsidy was investigated by some councils to access this funding and provide wrap around services such as the Auckland City Councils’ partnership with the Selwyn Foundation. This type of partnership would provide the council the capacity to provide a wrap -around service while maintaining the pensioner housing stock.

The Local Government Act 2002 does not explicitly set out a role regarding housing, however section 10 identifies the purpose of local government is “to promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of communities in the present and for the future”.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Until is an alternative in each community, such as Recovery and Transfer Stations many members of the community do not have the means to transport larger items to current collection points or the income to pay for the disposal once they get there. Inorganic collections also provide opportunities for the community to repurpose and reuse items that are put out for collection they may have not had access to in any other way.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

Groups and organisations in our community that apply for funding may not necessarily be a Blueprint priority, but they are a need and a priority in the community, such as support for schools, early childhood centres, community groups including social, art

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

I would like to see an upgrade and extension to the Ngaruawahia skatepark and basketball hoop. An inclusion of a scooter park would be a well utilised safer space for many of the younger tamariki. These are well used areas and with the population increase believe that a larger youth activity space would be an asset to the community.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1743

Full Name: Withheld

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

The latest economic activity/employment rates indicate that NZ will not go into recession for the next 2 years, therefore incomes/investments in the Waikato area will increase and sources of funding other than normal rates e.g. development contributions, can be used to support Council activities.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

BeST for Council and pensioners.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

Too much is excluded from pickup, and undesirable folk coming into the neighborhood to collect materials.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

Better planning of funding and activities.

WITHHOLD MY NAME FROM REPORTS.

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Do not introduce boat ramp fees, these facilities have already been paid for as it will engender good public support and enforcement costs would likely exceed fees recovered.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1742

Full Name: Satish Ram

Wish to speak to submission:

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

I am absolutely not agreeing to the proposed increase in rates as this not the right time because of the covid19 which has effected on our cost of

living. Furthermore, I will not be able to pay my rates because it is so high in comparison to other cities in New Zealand and is already effecting my day to day living. Huntly is a very small town and there is not going to be any major infrastructure or capital works going to be carried out not in the next 5 years.

Therefore, any increase in city rates for Huntly town is unjustifiable.

I am a pensioner and not in the position to pay any proposed increase in rates. I am already paying almost \$3000 on single dwelling house using the common drive way. This is unjustified. the Council should look into other means of generating income rather than increasing rates.

One eg. would be to implement toll on the new express motor way. Thoughts for consideration.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

My preferred option is 2 as this will save council money.

This will also give council to relieve pressure in maintaining the infrastructure of pensioner housing.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

To keep the city clean.

A reasonable charges could be implemented same as garbage collection.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

Some of this communities already receive grants from the government so why council .

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

This will create Healthy leaving and better environment for all those leaving away from the main cities not creating congestion or over populating

the main city.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1741****Full Name: Venessa Rice****Wish to speak to submission:**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:****Comment:**

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Set the General Rate increase at 6% in year 1, 5% in year 2 and 5% in year 3.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Investigate an opportunities to enter joint ventures with community providers who can access the subsidy was investigated by some councils to access this funding and provide wrap around services such as the Auckland City Councils’ partnership with the Selwyn Foundation. This type of partnership would provide the council the capacity to provide a wrap -around service while maintaining the pensioner housing stock.

The Local Government Act 2002 does not explicitly set out a role regarding housing, however section 10 identifies the purpose of local government is “to promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of communities in the present and for the future”.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Until is an alternative in each community, such as Recovery and Transfer Stations many members of the community do not have the means to transport larger items to current collection points or the income to pay for the disposal once they get there. Inorganic collections also provide opportunities for the community to repurpose and reuse items that are put out for collection they may have not had access to in any other way.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

Groups and organisations in our community that apply for funding may not necessarily be a Blueprint priority, but they are a need and a priority in the community, such as support for schools, early childhood centres, community groups including social, art

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

I would like to see an upgrade and extension to the Ngaruawahia skatepark and basketball hoop. An inclusion of a scooter park would be a well utilised safer space for many of the younger tamariki. These are well used areas and with the population increase believe that a larger youth activity space would be an asset to the community.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1740

Full Name: Amanda Holroyd

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

It's the lesser if two evils, we get nothing for our money in Pokeno except for more houses

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Because all councils do a [redacted] job with aged Pensioners

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Because taking it to the dump is costly, you could use the money you save making it cheaper at the dump

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1739****Full Name: Bruce Knobbs****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

In this Covid environment many companies, my employer included, have taken the step of holding salaries at current rates. Thus, over the next year or so, there is no real relief from the effects of inflation so I would follow the more prudent path of minimal increases where possible.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

I agree to option 2 on the proviso that the Responsible Service Providers will act in good faith in looking after the people in their care.

I agree with the sentiment that the council is not a landlord - it is the responsibility of Central Government (Social Services).

I agree with the sentiment that those charitable trusts, church organisations, iwi, and not-for-profit organisations are better equipped to offer a holistic service.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

I do not think that I get the full value of \$222.71 (in 2020) if I do not fill my 1m x 1m x 2m volume allocated for a once yearly collection.

If the Resource Recovery Centers are established at Tuakau and Huntly, I would support these centers to ensure the recovery and reuse (or repurpose) of Inorganic items which, hopefully, will reduce the amount of waste. I assume there will be REASONABLE charges per drop-off given that a certain amount of recovery would be able to partially offset the funding of operations of these centers.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

I agree to support this approach on the proviso that the repurposing of funding is pumped back into the local community (not transferred to other communities). I assume that this change will provide more 'bang for the buck' (i.e. lower administrative cost)

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

It would appear that the amount of hours which the new sports fields in Pokeno (off Munro Road) can be used is very restricted. This would imply that either:

- the developer has not really made the facility truly 'fit-for-purpose', as I assume, was the original intent or
- that council has been lax in contracting the developer.

I would expect such facilities would be used not only by sporting bodies on an ongoing frequent basis but also be used by the local schools.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1734

Full Name: Sarah McKinlay

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Rates saving of 1% over the 3 year period.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Once pensioner housing is sold to a third party, there is no guarantee the property will be available for its intended purpose. It's vital that low cost and government housing is available for those in need.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

Rural ratepayers do not get inorganic kerbside collection. It's our responsibility to pay for what we dispose of. For those in towns, you'll have to keep in mind that those struggling on low incomes may find disposal of inorganic waste difficult. Not having access to a car with a towbar or trailer. There's a risk of people dumping their rubbish into reserves and off the side of rural roads onto farmers land, instead of taking to the refuse centre.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

Community funding to align with the better living blueprint should also mean that horse-friendly shared trails are created in the Waikato, and horse riding access to all Waikato beaches should be restored.

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Ensure foreign companies who have purchased land and leases for pine forestry contribute or put aside money to maintain or improve the roads they are operating on. Pond Road, in Raglan for example, needs money to keep it safe for residents, or it should be sealed in the next roading budget. If council are going to allow foreign entities to profit from our natural resources, and harm the environment and communities where they operate - they need to make sure a tax is collected from them before logging operations commence.

Pond road isn't designed for high-volume, heavy vehicle use, like forestry requires. Residents on the unsealed, narrow, dead-end rural road have been asking China National Forests (harvesting pine forest over an estimated period of 4 years) and WDC to ensure their road is safe. WDC feedback is there is no money in the budget to keep the road metalled, free of potholes, ruts or undulations, fix the pitted clay sub base, straighten out the blind corner, and maintain the road in a fit condition.

The metal haulage trucks drive too fast, not keeping to the agreed PF Olsen 40km/h speed limit, and drive in the centre of the road, and tear up the base road in wet periods. There are issues with dust in dry periods that mean potable rainwater water supplies are contaminated, respiratory issues for animals and humans, windows of houses cannot be opened, dust covering vegetable gardens and fruit trees. There have been many near misses with cars being run off the road by heavy trucks associated with logging operations.

Communications with WDC's contracted Downer roading maintenance manager, Peter Foote is fruitless. In an email received by residents accidentally, he states that "the road is generally in good condition and fit for purpose. While taking the video, one of the metal trucks building the internal haul roads rounded the "blind corner" at about the 2km mark and was almost in the watertable on his side of the road so that puts paid to their claim of the trucks driving in the middle of the road. I would like to redirect these people to their point of contact so that both you and I only have to deal with one person and not multiple parties that all have their own version of how bad the road is. I'll keep you posted on Mr Cleavers communication with the Minister of Transport..... but I doubt it will eventuate into much as they will likely contact us for comment and we will simply give them the facts."

In a separate email he also states, "The safety claims that Mr Cleaver is talking about appear to be due to bad driver behaviours and not the condition of the road itself. I have spoken to the guys doing the forestry harvesting and they have established a geonet zone for the unsealed section of Pond Road whereby they monitor the speed of the logging trucks. This has been set at a maximum of 40km/hr for the trucks and anyone caught exceeding that gets two chances to comply after which they are gone from site. I have no doubt this is being enforced so it would seem that the purported bad driver behaviour is actually the residents and we can't engineer for poor driver behaviour or stupidity."

The metal haulage trucks are not geonet zoned. It's appalling that when rate paying residents are asking for assistance to fix a problem out of their control and under the management of WDC, this is the type of response residents receive. We live and drive on this road daily. Our day to day living, and safety are impacted by these operations. Please seal the road, or at least maintain it in a safe condition. In the distressing case of a fatality or incident, we have incriminating emails that prove WDC's disregard for the safety of Pond Road users.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID:** 1731**Full Name:** Aurore Scordino**Wish to speak to submission:** No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Honestly neither is a great option. We are dealing with postCOVID stress and financial losses. Many people are struggling and we can't even get enough workers to do the job needed to keep companies afloat. And you want to increase drastically the rates now, when cash is already scarce? This increase will need to be passed on to renters/staff/etc which then will affect a large population and decrease spending power. I still think it is way too early to ask so much from your people.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

What other option will the pensioners have if they can't afford very expensive retirement villages, or if they don't have any family?

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

It is very convenient and decreases the illegal dumping in remote places, as it happens in the rest of the world where inorganic rubbish collection is not in place. If you do go ahead and remove this service, then the elderly who can't get help won't be able to declutter. And if you still decide to stop it, you might have to consider making dumping at the refuse free.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1730****Full Name: Ward Ranch Limited****Wish to speak to submission:**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:****Comment:**

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:****Comment:**

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:****Comment:**

Council will do what Council want to do regardless! and people will still dump rubbish on roadsides etc.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

My submission dates back before "Covid19." Was sent into Council regarding and opposing them using Whangamarino area to store excess water etc from RED Lake Waikare. This still stands but have not heard from WDC who have allowed Dept. of Conservation to build a weir which is not monitored properly and has now encroached onto our private farmland continuing to wreck our boundary fences and destroy good pasture grazing land. Also destroyed the natural habitat of Whangamarino area. No longer do we have wildlife birds, Bitterns etc living there. DoC shot + killed all the deer there! Only things that survive there now are Koi carp, possums and water rats also some noxious weeds.

Sorry I do not sit at computer nor use facebook!!

Still waiting to be advised if there is any hearing on this issue or are council just going to do their own thing as usual?!

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1729

Full Name: Blair Kiely

Wish to speak to submission: Unavailable to attend at this time

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

How are you going to repurpose??

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Roundabout on the Horsham downs rd/ Resolution drive intersection.

This has been approved by council as a T intersection. It is disappointing to see that public safety has been put at the expense of cost.

I have copied the below from the Waikato District council website.

Our vision: a safe road system increasingly free of death and serious injury

Nationally we are striving to reduce death and serious harm on the roads, here in the Waikato district alone reported crashes result in an average of eight deaths and 2019 injuries (59 of them serious) each year.

The social cost of these crashes is estimated to be between \$73 million and \$77 million annually.

This is an unacceptable cost to our community. We're working to achieve a safer road system through:

safe roads and roadsides – investing over \$3 million annually on road safety improvements

these are our people, from our communities we have a responsibility to keep them safe. A roundabout will do this over a T intersection.

Please consider the following for the submission for the intersection at Horsham downs and resolution drive.

I completed an incident search (Fire and Emergency NZ incident data) and there have been 25 rescue (motor vehicle crashes) calls the Fire and emergency have responded to in the zone including the Horotiu bridge since the start of 2014.

This has recently had substantial changes to both intersection layout and conversion to a roundabout to improve safety for road users.

We see this as a comparable intersection to the Horsham Downs rd / Resolution drive interection. We as a community and the council in partnership have the opportunity to not wait until we experience 25 serious incidents in on Horsham downs rd before we decide to make the changes to improve road safety.

Waikato district council can be bold and make a decision for the future.

Other major T intersections where there have been fatalities and major changes made include Thomas rd / gordonton rd and the roundabout install on the main rd into Morrinsville.

We have been told that the traffic modelling doesn't warrant a roundabout, where is this data? what was it taken off? If it was taken off Horsham downs rd there is no intersection there at present. We know from the use of resolution drive no that traffic flows will be substantial.

Congestion is going to be another issue. Before and after school traffic traveling in both directions will increase the risk of an incident at a T intersection.

Traffic will back up turning right back onto resolution from Horsham downs rd – tailback to the school could cause issues especially with high traffic flows on Horsham downs rd.

Another factor would be road build consistency. This would be the only two way T intersection to be installed on resolution drive. All of the rest – into suburban streets are roundabout access.

Cost has been quoted as a limiting factor (it will quite simply never be cheaper to do than now).

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1728

Full Name: Sasi V M Ram

Wish to speak to submission:

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

None of this preferred or agreed by me, its just forced on us. This is jus ridiculous. As it is we are struggling with the recent increase and with another increase I believe will have to starve. This will make the community struggle more. Not sure what the Council is increasing the rate for, as it is we have to pay for garbage, water pressure is very low. Wonder what service do we get from Council.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1727****Full Name: Jane Manson****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:****Comment:**

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

On consultation regarding the maintenance and ongoing needs of social housing, St Stephens Vestry concur that it is beneficial to have providers (such as Habitat for Humanity) that can provide efficient and responsible maintenance and wrap around services for the people who live in these houses.

It is noted however that it is very disappointing that the council has reached a point where it no longer has been able to provide care and attention to its assets, and also to serve the elderly who have in many cases supported their communities for many years.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1726

Full Name: Dennis John Massey

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Being a superannuant- lower increases each year are preferable

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

I hope that superannuants are looked after accordingly

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

There is a brilliant, totally acceptable refuse station at Te Kauwhata

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

Council needs to do its jobs to best advantage all

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

I hope that Lake Puketirini is retained in its present form- as the recreational park it is

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1725

Full Name: Dudley JL Creed

Wish to speak to submission:

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

On condition the social housing provider keeps the houses for pensioners

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Until new ground read

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1724

Full Name: Graham Mervyn Hubber

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Wouldn't and couldn't afford to dispose of inorganics

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1723

Full Name: Hendrika Van Vliet

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

I dont think that I should have to pay for other people's inorganics to be collected.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1722

Full Name: Jane Ferrier

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

On a restricted income it is far preferable to have a gradual increase in rates - if there has to be one.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Because the WDC has not demonstrated that it can successfully implement an equitable and fair management of Pensioner Housing.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Absolutely vital we retain this important service. It could be modified though to minimise opportunities to misuse the collection. Have a small window of around three hours in which the homeowner must put out the items to be collected. Impose a fine on those who abuse the facility - knowledge of the penalty could act as a deterrent. Removing the service will simply increase illegal roadside dumping.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1717

Full Name: Rose Gray

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1716

Full Name: Pat Taylor

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Hi there,

I would like the council to reconsider allowing horses on the Raglan Beaches. 6 years ago I fulfilled a life long dream of owning my own horse and at 54 years old this finally happened.

Riding on the Raglan beach is the most wonderful experience for myself and my horse truly loves it. No ride is complete without a roll in the sand afterwards. All consideration to other beach users is always given and there has never been issues sharing the beach in my experience. We always rode at low tide when there is plenty of beach for all. I struggle to understand how we could be a safety issue as to be honest there is more danger from dogs that are not under control.

Every time we visited the beach we would be approached by young and old alike and my lovely horse has had his photos taken with locals and overseas visitors many of whom he has been the first horse interaction they have had.

It is so disappointing that we no longer have access to the beach. Could you please reconsider allowing access to horses on the beach even if this is outside the main holiday summer season.

Thank you

Kind Regards

Pat Taylor

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1714

Full Name: Neville Henderson

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

I attended a WDC Open Day meeting on May 4 @ Horsham Downs Hall.

The urgent issue for us as a community relates to the proposed intersection of Resolution Drive & Horsham Downs Road.

With the Auckland/Cambridge Expressway & the Resolution Drive link which will bring great access benefits Horsham Downs residents will also bring massive traffic increase to Horsham Downs.

The Longterm Plan has always been for a RoundAbout at this intersection & the land available for this.

More recently WDC have indicated favour toward a T Intersection based on cost.

I feel this is short sighted & dangerous.

We just need to look at the experience at the River Road /Horotiu Bridge T intersection

& the Thomas Road Gordonton Road T Intersection.

Multiple accidents, serious injury and sadly one fatal at the Gordonton Road T intersection.

Thankfully In each of these Locations the T intersections have been removed with traffic lights at Thomas Road & a Roundabout at Horotiu/River Road resulting in much safer traffic control & flow.

Obviously a Roundabout is the logical, safe option for handling large traffic flow through Horsham Downs.

Do it once, do it right!

Neville Henderson

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1713

Full Name: Jo Belgrave

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

I am on a fixed income. My rates bill is already the biggest fortnightly expense I have. If rates have to go up I would prefer it to be phased in gradually.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

It seems more realistic

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

I have no other way to dispose of large items. I cannot afford to pay to get them collected. Besides, much of what I put out has gone within a couple of hours because other people can use things so help themselves. Removing the service will just increase illegal dumping. Why not make it mandatory to put the items out within a very short period of time - eg between 6 and 9 am on the day of collection?

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID:** 1712**Full Name:** Judy Garrick**Wish to speak to submission:** No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

With the influx of housing in the Te Kauwhata area, Council will have more income than ever before from this area. Just because the value of the property has gone up, the wages of the owners will not have making it harder for people to come up with the extra amount. In these trying times, every little bit helps and everything is going up - not just rates.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

As long as the rents are kept at the same level (maybe offering a rent rebate) this is a good option for council. Allowing them to focus on other areas rather than being Property Managers.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

I agree with the council decision to stop this collection. Down side would be the dumping of rubbish but with social media, hopefully people will think twice before doing this. Council need to come down hard on perpetrators to make examples of them.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1711

Full Name: mary

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

the lesser increase 7% would make it easier for people to pay their rates

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

I would prefer option 2

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

would help keep the area clean

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

We need foot paths at Horotiu for people to walk on

Attachment: Yes

Community Services Card application



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The Community Services Card can help you and your family with the costs of health care.

Always carry your card to make it easy to get the benefits, like paying less on some health services and prescriptions.

If you have any questions or need help with this application, please call us on **0800 999 999**.

Who should fill in this form?

You only need to complete this form if you're:

- working and have a low income and no children
- working, have children and are getting family tax credits
- getting NZ Super and have a low income.

Some people don't need to fill in the form because they automatically get sent a card.

These include people who get Work and Income benefits, Veteran's Pension or Accommodation Supplement, students getting a Student Allowance, people getting Residential Care or Residential Support Subsidy.

What you need to provide

INFORMATION NOTE:
Documents need to be originals, or copies of documents that have been certified as a **true copy** by a Solicitor/Lawyer, Notary Public, Registrar of the Court or Justice of the Peace.

Proof of who you are:

If you were born in New Zealand, provide one type of official identification that has your full legal name and your date of birth (for example, your birth certificate, passport, driver licence, firearms licence, deed poll).

For you

For your partner
(if you have one)

If you were born overseas, provide proof that you have a right to live in New Zealand (for example, a citizenship certificate, a New Zealand passport, a passport from another country with residence class visa or proof of permanent residence).

If your name has changed, provide your marriage certificate, deed poll, or other proof of the name change.

All people applying need to provide **two** more documents that help to prove who you are (for example, a marriage certificate, bank statement, phone or power account, driver licence).

Full birth certificate for each dependent child in your care.

One of the documents above must be at least two years old.

Our commitment to YOU



We will get to know you, your situation and your needs



We will use your feedback to improve our service

Ka mohio
ki a kōe

—
know
you

We will make sure you understand everything you need to know



We will respect your privacy and be clear about how we use your information and who we share it with



We will let you know everything you may be eligible for



The information we give you will be accessible and consistent no matter how you contact us

Ka tautoko
i a koe

—
support
you

We will help you however we can, as soon as we can



We will be honest about our mistakes and put them right



We will respect you and what is important to you



We will let you know your options, rights and obligations

Ka mahi
tahi ki a koe

—
with
you

We will work together to achieve shared goals



Our actions will follow our words



How did  we do?

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Community Services Card applicant's form



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In the applicant form, 'you', 'your', and 'yourself' means the person applying for a Community Services Card.

If we say 'your partner' this only applies to you if you have one.

If you have received a benefit or extra financial help from us before, write your client number here if you know it. This number can be found on an expired Community Services Card if you have one.

Client number

 | |

Tell us the names you've been known by

1

What is your full name?

 Mr Mrs Ms Miss Other

First and middle names

Surname or family name

2

Is the name on your birth certificate the same as above?

 No Yes

First and middle names

Surname or family name

3

Have you ever been known by any other name?

 No Yes

1

2

4

What name would you like us to call you?

 The name I wrote in Question 1 The name I wrote in Question 2

 Other

ATTACHMENT FOR Q1:
You need to provide proof of your identity. What you need to provide is explained on page 1.

HOW TO ANSWER Q3:
For example, have you had married names, English names, changes by deed poll, or aliases?

ATTACHMENT FOR Q3:
Provide your marriage certificate, deed poll, or other proof of any name change.

Tell us more about you

5

What date were you born?

Day	Month	Year

6

Are you:

Male
 Female
 Gender diverse

7

What is your Inland Revenue tax number?

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Tell us about where you live

8

Where do you live?

Flat/House number	Street name
Suburb	Town/City



HOW TO ANSWER Q8:

If you live in a rural area, flat/house number could include your RAPID number, fire number, emergency services number.



HOW TO ANSWER Q9:

Mailing address can include a PO Box, rural delivery details, or C/O address.

9

Is your mailing address different from where you live?

No
 Yes
 ↓ Tell us your mailing address

10

Are there other adults living at your address?

No
 Yes

11

Are you in a rest home or hospital?

No
 Yes



HOW TO ANSWER Q12:

Please only give us contact details you'd like us to use.

1

How else can we contact you?

Tick the best way for us to first contact you

Home phone	()	
Mobile phone	()	
Other phone	()	
Email		

Tell us your ethnicity

13

Tick the group(s) you most identify with.

Māori → Which tribe(s) or iwi?

New Zealand European
 Niuean
 Samoan
 Indian

Other European
 Tokelauan
 Tongan
 Chinese

Cook Island Māori
 Other ↓ Please write below Don't want to answer

ⓘ INFORMATION FOR Q13:
We collect this information for statistics we use in research and future development work.

Tell us about your residence status

14

Do you usually live in New Zealand?

No Yes

ⓘ HOW TO ANSWER Q14:
This means you consider New Zealand your home, you're a legal resident, you usually live here and you intend to stay.

1

What best describes your residence status in New Zealand? Tick only one box.

New Zealand citizen by birth [Go to question 18](#)

Granted New Zealand citizenship
 → Date citizenship granted
Day Month Year

Granted permanent residency
 → Date permanent
Day Month Year

Other ↓ What is your residence status?

16

When did you arrive in New Zealand?

Day Month Year

17

What country were you born in?

Tell us about your dependent children

18

Do you have dependent children in your care?

 No

[Go to question 19](#)
 Yes

Child 1

Full name

Date of birth

Day Month Year

Relationship to you

Parent 1: Full name

Parent 2: Full name

Child 2

Full name

Date of birth

Day Month Year

Relationship to you

Parent 1: Full name

Parent 2: Full name

Child 3

Full name

Date of birth

Day Month Year

Relationship to you

Parent 1: Full name

Parent 2: Full name

Child 4

Full name

Date of birth

Day Month Year

Relationship to you

Parent 1: Full name

Parent 2: Full name

Child 5

Full name

Date of birth

Day Month Year

Relationship to you

Parent 1: Full name

Parent 2: Full name

If you need to include more than five children in your application, please write these details about each one on a separate sheet of paper, and provide it with this application form.



HOW TO ANSWER Q18:

Please give the names of children you support financially and who live with you as a member of your family, including:

- your own children
- adopted children
- stepchildren
- children at boarding school
- grandchildren / mokopuna.

The child's name should be the same as on the child's birth certificate.

Tell us the names of all the parents of each child.



ATTACHMENT FOR Q18:

Provide the birth certificate for each dependent child.

Tell us about your relationship status

19 Do you have a partner?

By 'partner' we mean someone you're in a relationship with.

No [Go to question 23](#)

Yes

20 What is your partner's full name?

Mr Mrs Ms Miss Other

First and middle names

Surname or family name

21 What date was your partner born?

Day Month Year

Please ask your partner to fill in the Partner's section on page 12

22 What is your relationship status with your partner?

↓ Tick one of the following boxes

Married In a civil union In a relationship

Overseas pensions and benefits

23 Do you or your partner get or qualify for a social security benefit, pension or allowance from overseas?

No [Go to question 25](#)

Yes ↓ Tick the box that best describes your benefit, pension or allowance

Retirement or old age Superannuation Disability or health condition
 Widow or survivor Child or dependent War related
 Other

ATTACHMENT FOR Q24:
You'll need to show us proof of these payments, such as a pension certificate.

24

If you ticked 'Yes' for question 23, please give details of the payments you or your partner get.

	Payment 1	Payment 2	Payment 3
Who is the payment for (you or your partner)?			
What country does the payment come from?			
How much do you get each time the payment is made (in overseas currency)?			
Is this amount before or after tax?			
How often do you get the payment (for example: weekly, fortnightly, monthly)?			
What is the name of your pension, allowance or benefit?			
What is the payment reference number?			

Business income

25

Are you or your partner self-employed?

No

[Go to question 27](#)

Yes

[Please describe your business](#)

Sole trader

Partnership

Limited liability company

HOW TO ANSWER Q25:
You must use NZ\$ and before tax (gross) amounts.

ATTACHMENT FOR Q26:
We may ask you to provide your business accounts.

26

Please complete the following table for your last financial year.

	You	Your partner
Net profit before tax	\$	\$
Shareholder salaries	\$	\$
Depreciation	\$	\$
Net drawings	\$	\$
Funds introduced	\$	\$

Tell us about your current work

27

Are you working?

No

[Go to question 29](#)

Yes

INFORMATION FOR Q27:
Working means for wages or salary.

28

How much do you get paid?

Where does it come from?	Amount paid (before tax)	How often? (for example weekly, fortnightly, monthly)
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	

29

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Is your partner working?

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 No

Go to question 31

 I don't have a partner

Go to question 31

 Yes

30

How much is your partner's regular gross wage (before tax)?

Where does it come from?	Amount paid (before tax)	How often? (for example weekly, fortnightly, monthly)
	\$	
	\$	
	\$	

Tell us
about
income
in the last
52 weeks?

31

Did you or your partner get income from any of the following sources in the last 52 weeks?



Tick one box in each line below

- Accident compensation (eg ACC) No Yes
- Income insurance (replacement/protection) No Yes
- Interest from savings, investments, or bonds No Yes
- Dividends from shares, unit trusts, or managed funds No Yes
- Net income from rents No Yes
- Payments from three or more boarders or flatmates No Yes
- Child Support payments No Yes
- Other income for a child No Yes
- Maintenance payments No Yes
- Payments from a former partner No Yes
- Student Allowance, scholarship, or Student Loan living cost payments No Yes
- Overseas pension, benefit or allowance payments No Yes
- Other superannuation or retirement scheme income – government or private (don't include NZ Super or Veteran's Pension because we already know what you get) No Yes
- Income from an estate, if you have inherited money No Yes
- Income from trusts No Yes
- Other No Yes

**Important:** you must answer question 32.

ATTACHMENT FOR Q32:
You need to show us proof of income you've received in the last 52 weeks.

32

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Did you answer 'Yes' to any of the sources of income listed in question 31?

No Yes

↓ Tell us the total before-tax amounts, for the last 52 weeks

Where did the income come from?	Payment made to?		
	You	Your partner	Jointly with your partner
	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$
	\$	\$	\$

33

Did you or your partner get other types of payment apart from money in the last 52 weeks?

No Yes

↓ Please tell us about the type of payment and its value

Type of payment	Where did it come from?	Its value
		\$
		\$
		\$

34

Do you think you and your partner will get the same amounts you've told us in questions 31, 32 and 33 in the next 12 months?

No Yes

Go to question 36

35

Tell us what income or other payments you expect to get in the next 12 months. Please use the before-tax amounts.

Where will the payment come from?	Payment made to?			How often do you expect the payment?
	You	Your partner	Jointly with your partner	
	\$	\$	\$	
	\$	\$	\$	
	\$	\$	\$	

36

Do you or your partner pay a professional to prepare your tax return?

No Yes

↓ How much do you pay?

You	Your partner
\$	\$

37

Do you or your partner pay child support?

No

Yes

↓ How much do you pay?

You		Your partner	
How much?	How often?	How much?	How often?
\$		\$	

38

Are you a tertiary student or will you be one next year?

No Yes

39

Do you or your partner get Working for Families tax credit?

No

Yes



Please tell us how much you get

You		Your partner	
How much?	How often?	How much?	How often?
\$		\$	

Paid parental leave

40

Are you or your partner getting paid parental leave payments?

No

Yes



How much per week?

\$

41

What is the date of the last payment?

Day	Month	Year

ATTACHMENT FOR Q40:
Please provide proof of these payments, eg your payment advice letter from Inland Revenue.

Community Services Card partner form



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This partner form should be completed by the partner of the person applying for Community Services Card. If you don't have a partner please go to page 15.

If you've received a benefit or extra financial help from us before, write your client number here if you know it. This number can be found on your expired Community Services Card if you have one.

Client number

 | |

Tell us about yourself

1

What is your full name?

 Mr Mrs Ms Miss Other

First and middle names

Surname or family name

2

Is the name on your birth certificate the same as above?

 No Yes

First and middle names

Surname or family name

3

Have you ever been known by any other name?

 No Yes

1.

2.

4

What name would you like us to call you?

 The name I wrote in Question 1 The name I wrote in Question 2 Other

5

What date were you born?

Day Month Year

6

Are you:

 Male Female Gender diverse

7

What is your Inland Revenue tax number?

ATTACHMENT FOR Q1:
Provide proof of your identity. What you need to bring is explained on page 1.

HOW TO ANSWER Q3:
For example, have you had married names, English names, changes by deed poll, or aliases?

ATTACHMENT FOR Q3:
Provide your marriage certificate, deed poll, or other proof of any name change.

Tell us where you live

HOW TO ANSWER Q8:
If you live in a rural area, flat/house number could include your RAPID number, fire number, emergency services number.

HOW TO ANSWER Q10:
Mailing address can include a PO Box, rural delivery details, or C/O address.

HOW TO ANSWER Q11:
Please only give us contact details you'd like us to use.

Where do you live?

Flat/House number

Street name

Suburb

Town/City

Are you in a rest home or hospital?

 No Yes

Is your mailing address different from where you live?

 No Yes

Tell us your mailing address

How else can we contact you?

Tick the best way for us to first contact you

Home phone	()	
Mobile phone	()	
Other phone	()	
Email		

Tell us your ethnicity

INFORMATION FOR Q12:
We collect this information for statistics we use in research and future development work.

Tick the group(s) you most identify with.

 Māori New Zealand European Niuean Samoan Indian Other European Tokelauan Tongan Chinese Cook Island Māori Other Don't want to answer

Tell us about your residence status

13

Do you usually live in New Zealand?

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No Yes

1

What best describes your residence status in New Zealand? Tick only one box.

New Zealand citizen by birth

Go to page 15

Granted New Zealand citizenship

→ Date citizenship granted

Day Month Year

Go to question 16

Granted permanent residency

→ Date permanent

Day Month Year

Go to question 16

Other

↓ What is your residence status?

15

When did you arrive in New Zealand?

Day Month Year

16

What country were you born in?



HOW TO ANSWER Q13:

This means you consider New Zealand your home, you're a legal resident, you usually live here and you intend to stay.

The Ministry of Social Development includes Work and Income, MSD Housing Assessment, Senior Services, StudyLink and other service lines. The legislation administered by the Ministry of Social Development allows us to check the information that you give us. This may happen when you apply for assistance and at any time after that. The Privacy Act 1993 requires us to tell you why we collect the information and what we will do with it.

Why we collect information

The information you give us is collected under the authority of the legislation administered by the Ministry of Social Development and will be held by the Ministry of Social Development.

The information is collected for the purposes of the legislation administered by the Ministry of Social Development including:

- granting benefits and other assistance under the Social Security Act 2018
- delivering superannuation services under the New Zealand Superannuation and Retirement Income Act 2001
- delivering assistance under the Veterans' Support Act 2014
- providing services under the Residential Care and Disability Support Services Act 2018
- statistical and research purposes
- providing advice to Government
- providing support and services for you and your family
- providing education related services
- care and protection needs of children
- assessing eligibility for social housing and calculating income-related rents under the Housing Restructuring and Tenancy Matters Act 1992
- assessing whether you and/or your partner may be entitled to an overseas pension, benefit or allowance.

You are not required to give the Ministry of Social Development information, but if you do not give us all the information we ask for, your application for benefits or pensions and other assistance may be declined.

We may contact health practitioners

The Ministry of Social Development may contact health practitioners to check any health related information you give us.

We may use information for public housing

Information you give us when you apply for assistance, and at any time after that, may also be used for public housing purposes under the Housing Restructuring and Tenancy Matters Act 1992, including reviewing your eligibility for social housing or your income-related rent. Public housing is subsidised housing available to people in the greatest need of housing for the duration of their need. It is provided by Kāinga Ora and approved community housing providers.

We may compare the information you give us with information held by other agencies

The information you give us may be compared with information held by other agencies such as Inland Revenue, the Ministry of Justice, Department of Corrections, New Zealand Customs Service, Department of Internal Affairs, Accident Compensation Corporation, Kāinga Ora, Ministry of Health and Immigration New Zealand. It may also be compared with social security information (for example, pension or benefit information) held by other governments (including Australia, Malta and the Netherlands).

We may share information with Inland Revenue

Under the Tax Administration Act 1994, if you have dependent children, the information you give us may be shared with Inland Revenue for the purpose of administering Working for Families Tax Credits. Inland Revenue may also:

- use the information for the purposes of child support, student loans and taxation
- disclose it to the Ministry of Business, Innovation, and Employment, Statistics New Zealand, the Ministry of Justice, the Accident Compensation Corporation, and the Ministry of Education
- disclose your personal information to your partner.

We may give information to service providers, employers, public housing providers and childcare providers

The Ministry of Social Development may:

- give employers information about you if you use our employment services
- share information with childcare centres to administer your entitlement to childcare assistance
- give information about you to the Tertiary Education Commission, Workbridge, training providers, career services or other agencies that have a formal agreement to provide services on behalf of the Ministry of Social Development, if you use our employment services
- share information about you with public housing providers (such as Kāinga Ora) to administer your housing-related assistance.

We may use your information to give you a better service

Other information that you give us that is not required to assess your entitlement may be used to provide a better service to you.

You have the right to see and correct your information

Under the Privacy Act 1993 you have the right to ask to see all information we hold about you and to ask us to correct that information.

Signature page

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Applicant and partner

The information that I have given, or that has been given about me in this application is true and complete.

I understand what you do with my personal information and how you protect my privacy.

Applicant's name (print)	Applicant's signature	Date		
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
		Day	Month	Year
Applicant's partner's name (print)	Applicant's partner's signature	Date		
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
		Day	Month	Year

Helper's statement

Complete this if you've helped the applicant or their partner to complete this application form.

Your first and middle names

Your surname or family name

Your address

Your phone number

Tick the box for the statement that applies

- I completed this application form at the request of the person applying. They told me they understood what they were signing. The statements and answers I have completed are true and complete as given to me by the person applying.
- I completed this application form at the request of the partner of the person applying. They told me they understood what they were signing. The statements and answers I have completed are true and complete as given to me by the partner of the person applying.

Helper's signature

Date

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
Day	Month	Year

Next steps

Next steps:

Send this form to:

Seniors Support Centre
 Ministry of Social Development
 PO Box 5054
 Wellington 6145

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1710****Full Name: Mark Glover****Wish to speak to submission: No****Topic 1 – General Rates Increase****Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Bully tactics really - there is only option 1 - Simply you try to hide the fact that option 2 is 1% more expensive overalls by making it 2% cheaper in year 1. Anyone that understands finance and the fact that the likely direction of the WAIDC is to continually rise rates the most cost efficient mechanism for the rate payer is to save the 1% overall 1% overall for 'life' is better than 2% in 1 year.

I will support your direction that this lowers overall debt for the WAIDC by option 1

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Sell - the WAIDC cannot manage its current mandates without being involved in non core business.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

Rates are going up - no one needs this all the time - payment on demand.

This also works with a key pillar of environmental responsibility and sustainability

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:**Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**

Comment:



Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1709****Full Name: David Adams, Anthea Adams, Matthew Adams****Wish to speak to submission: No****Topic 1 – General Rates Increase****Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Those of us who live north of the Waikato river see few of the services provided by WDC. (We provide our own drinking water, waste water and storm water services. We do not have any nearby council recreational areas or library facilities.) The proposed increase of 16% should be accompanied by specific service outcomes rather than woolly sounding statements. We do not believe that we will see any benefits in improved services for those in our area. The increase in income from rate increases will almost certainly be spent in the higher density dwelling areas like Tuakau and Pokeno. It is all too easy to spread increases by using General rates and uniform annual general charges rather than targeting ratepayers on a user pays basis. In a personal sense we object to the proposed rate increases on the basis that we will receive little or no benefits from the increases. There was a somewhat tacit admission of this situation at the recent local meeting.

Having said this, Option1 is preferred because it provides more cash flow earlier which will benefit a council facing such major and rapid changes.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Selling pensioner housing requires some strong conditions. Some buyers could treat housing as a purely commercial operation and even asset strip it before on-selling. A non-profit making organisation or iwi or similar should meet pensioners' need more sympathetically. The sale should not come down to just the highest bidder.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

The inorganic collection now has so many restrictions that it is of limited use and discontinuing it could result in a small saving to most ratepayers.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

There is not enough detail to understand how things could be done better.

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

For ratepayers like us living north of the Waikato River there are limited recreation facilities for such activities as walking, horse riding and orienteering. Waiuku is short on reserves for its size; even the rugby grounds are privately owned. 50 years ago it was possible to use the sides of the country roads but it is no longer safe to do so with widened sealing and much higher traffic volumes. The Waikato North Head Forest has become more and more necessary to allow these activities to continue. It is one of the last State Forests and unlike many private forests has few restrictions to use by the general public. Its use by the public has to a greater extent taken pressures off councils from providing similar facilities in the West Franklin area. Many Waikato users will travel for an hour and more to use this valuable resource. However, it has not been seen in this light by either Auckland Council or Waikato District Council. The recreational management of it has been somewhat ad-hoc but well supported by Crown Forestry. Now that the latter has been absorbed into the Ministry of Primary Industries this management has fallen between stools. 10 years ago there was a move to close the forest for recreational use by the then contracted managers, Northern Forestry. Fortunately, after several well supported public meetings of forestry users and others, it was generally accepted that the Waikato Forest would continue to be open to the public. The area open has of course diminished, especially in the northern section, in the ensuing years as NZ Steel has exercised its options under the 1966 "Heads of Agreement" between the Government and itself. Ideally tailings areas rehabilitated under the terms of the Agreement would have continued to be returned to public use but this has not happened in recent years. Now new management at NZ Steel's subsidiary, NZ Steel Mining Limited, is proposing to close the southern section for a small exploration programme. In the past 55 years it has never been necessary to close the forest even with the forest wide drilling programme implemented in 2010. The current users of the forest no longer have advocates to support their recreational needs. We believe that recreation should be overseen by councils even when they are not directly contributing to the cost of supply and call upon the Waikato District Council to take an active interest in the management of the public use of the Waikato North Head Forest. If it is lost to the public it would be expensive and difficult, maybe impossible, to replace it with an equivalent premium resource.

Attachment: No

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Submitter ID: 1708

Full Name: Ann Weir

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Affordability for the average person!

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

The inorganic collection needs to be MORE FREQUENT not removed.

The stuff that is not able to be recycled is what is being put out for this collection.

We get little enough for our rates.

IF you take the INORGANIC rubbish collection away, I demand a REDUCTION in my Rates of 2 full trailer loads to a local dump station every year.

The inorganic stuff is STILL going to the dump whether you like it or not.

And it is better collected and disposed of responsibly than DUMPED ON OUR ROADSIDES.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

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Submitter ID: 1707

Full Name: Sjaan Appleby

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

We would love the top 400 meters of our road to be sealed as there is quite a number of houses at the top of the hill now and the dust gets into everything. From 451 through to 474 Wilton Collieries Road. Its not a long distance and its mostly straight and flat.

Attachment: No

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Submitter ID: 1706

Full Name: Beverley Bell

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1705****Full Name: Carolyn Sutherland****Wish to speak to submission: No****Topic 1 – General Rates Increase****Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Total over 3 years is 16% but Option B is 17%!

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Lightenload on council, use money to save higher increases in year 4, hopefully, or extra money for something useful.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Some people, especially elderly, do not have

easy access to the dump. One suggestion that I saw in Gisborne, was every first Sunday of month people could put on berm any stuff they didn't want eg books, coffee tables, kitchen stuff, tools, appliances, CDs, records, tapes, toys etc. People went out to help themselves, no money involved. Each one responsible for clearing own unwanted stuff away by 1pm. Council did a tidy up Mon morning. Guys went in Van's looking for old lawnmowers etc to repair and resell, some took old fridges etc. There are rules eg NO CLOTHING Seemed very popular as everyone likes something for free!!

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:****Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**

Comment:

See above

Attachment: No

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Submitter ID: 1704

Full Name: Jan Thomson-Heatley

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Easier affordability

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:**Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection****Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Hopefully continue to decrease fly dumping. We already have to see this on a regular basis think it would compound the problem if stop annual collection. Ultimately contracting out services to clean up road side dumping would cost more to tax payers in the end. People more likely to hold on to rubbish if know there is annual clean up ability

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:****Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions****Comment:**

Attachment: No

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Submitter ID: 1703

Full Name: Lucy Marshall on behalf of HAAWI (Horse Access Advocates Waikato Inc.)

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Horse Access Advocates Waikato Incorporated (HAAWI) was formed to advocate for horse riding access and bridle trail formation within the boundaries of the Waikato District Council, after signs were erected at the end of Riria Kereopa Memorial Drive in early January 2020 prohibiting horses from accessing the beach. We have a following of over 750 people.

HAAWI's four objectives are:

1. To reinstate horse riding on Waikato beaches.
2. Inform the equestrian public of upcoming and current submission processes for district and regional council plans that affect horse riding access and recreation.
3. Assist public in making submissions to Waikato District and Waikato Regional Councils, advocating for equestrian facilities, access, and rights.
4. Be a significant stakeholder representative group for the Waikato District Council and Waikato Regional Council.

(As well as the information following below we have also attached the document presented to Hapū at Poihākena Marae in February as well as the document we presented at the Whaingaroa (Raglan) Reserve Management Plan Hearing, also in February, on behalf of the Waikato equestrian community).

Wainui Reserve Key Proposals:

- 1) We support management of commercial activities by way of consent, lease, or license.
- 2) We support a dune enhancement programme and agree with progressive removal of woodlots with long term succession planting of native species. We disagree with councils' statement in the draft RMP (page 48/A) that 'sand dunes were badly eroded until 2004 due to public use and high winds'. Since 2004 regular natural events such as high tides, king tides, storm surges 'large sea events' and seasonal movement of sands continues to cause coastal erosion irrespective of dune planting. The argument that horses have contributed to dune damage is negligible to the damage natural events have caused. Riders do not wish to ride horses in the dunes, and with reinforced signage and education for anyone unaware of local conservation efforts, damage by horses will not be an issue.
- 3) We agree with the development of a well graded walking / cycling trail from Wainui Road (Riria Kereopa intersection) into Wainui Reserve, however we would like horse riding access either to the side of the existing trail or as part of this trail to be created at the same time.
- 4) We support the location of the proposed horse loading zone and car park in Wainui Reserve. It removes horse floats and heavy horse trucks off Riria Kereopa Memorial Drive as this was one of issues Hapū expressed in our first meeting. Another benefit of moving the equestrian parking to Wainui Reserve is that it separates family beach users from heavy vehicles and clears the car park for pedestrian use.
- 5) We would like to see the details of what the co-management agreement with Tainui Hapū entails. The details have not been made available as to how this would work practically. For anyone to submit on this point they would need to be in possession of this document which has not been provided as part of this submission process.
- 6) We support the creation of a concept plan to identify horse riding access, mountain biking trails, regeneration of steep valley sides, access link trails, and a one-way bridge upgrade proposal. We would like to preserve existing horse-riding trails within the Wainui Reserves and build new trails on the farmland, in

addition to permitting horse access on to Ngarunui Beach. We are advocating for horses to be permitted to be ridden on the beach.

We would like signage in the equestrian car park that highlights horse trails and bridle trail markers. Currently there is no easily accessible public information that shows bridle trails.

In regard to horses being ridden on the beach, there appears to be good community support shown in feedback from early engagement. Waikato District Council received 167 responses with 133 in favour of horses being ridden on the reserve and the beach. However, when this latest draft of the Reserve

Management Plan (still dated December 2019) came out for consultation there has been no further mention of horse access to the beach, and no further directive for consultation, it has been completely overlooked.

We support the creation of a horse access trail from Council-owned Wainui Reserve, to Ngarunui Beach. There is an existing access track used and maintained by the council for beach access which is suitable for horses. To turn this into a horse access track would be beneficial for the following reasons:

- 1) Eliminate horses having to access the beach from the end of Riria Kereopa drive.

2) A designated access stops widespread dune degradation.

3) Health and safety; one designated track for horse riding gives walkers the choice to use other access points should they prefer not to share the track.

During the Christmas holiday period (January 2020), local Hapū directed Waikato District Council to enforce the 2016 Beaches & Reserves Bylaw that prohibits horses from the beach. There had been no horse related accident or incident that warranted such a knee jerk reaction. The bylaw was unknown to exist to the

Waikato equestrian community and many local residents. There are questions around whether the correct notification and consultation process was followed by council for this Bylaw to come into effect. The office of the Ombudsman is going to investigate this further subject to the outcome of this RMP.

Since signs were erected in January banning horses from the beach, HAAWI has sought to engage both Waikato District Council and Hapū to understand their concerns, and why they felt the need to apply a blanket ban. HAAWI has had two face to face meetings with Hapū at Poihākena Marae, and three face to

face meetings and numerous email correspondence with Waikato District Council.

Following our engagement with Hapū and WDC we developed a proposal that addressed Hapū's concerns. Significant sacrifices were made by the equestrian community to meet their concerns they put forward in the first meeting. Our proposal is attached.

Under D.3.7.ix e. of the RMP council can give a concession to activities identified as Restricted or Prohibited on the reserve. Under the current permitted activities in Wainui Reserve horse riding is listed as Restricted to designated trails and areas only, and not permitted on the beach or dune areas. We are asking council for permission for horse riding on the beach to be stated as a Permitted activity. Horse riding in the dunes to remain as a Prohibited activity.

Attachment: Yes

**HAAWI Presentation
WDC Whaingaroa Raglan RMP Hearing
25 February 2021**



1 Introduction

Thank you for the opportunity to talk to our presentation on the RMP which provides for the future development and use of the Reserves. HAAWI supports the general concept of allowing people to enjoy their activities be it surfing, fishing, walking with or without a dog, riding a horse, attending music festivals, picnicking, or jumping off a cliff holding onto a sail, or the myriad of other forms of enjoyment afforded by such an environment. We are aware there are culturally significant sites within Wainui Reserve that do need protecting, and we support trails that avoid these areas. We also support the existing mix of bush land, forestry, and farming which utilises nature's lawnmowers (cattle) to provide a park-like setting on Wainui Reserve. We accept that managing a diverse group of users is challenging and requires respect and consideration from all so as to protect the environment and continue to provide a source of joy for years to come. It is indeed a privilege to be allowed access to this beautiful part of NZ.

Horse Access Advocates Waikato Incorporated (HAAWI) was formed to advocate for horse riding access and bridle trail formation within the boundaries of the Waikato District Council. It was apparent that the equestrian community were not part of any negotiations or discussions when the ban was enacted in January 2020, nor when the WDC Reserves & Beaches Bylaw 2016 was created, which prohibited horses from accessing beaches in the Waikato District which includes Wainamu Beach & Ngarunui Beach in Raglan. However, there is a provision within the bylaw that horses may be permitted access with prior written permission of the council.

A group of horse riders from Raglan formed a legal entity with the purpose of regaining access to these beaches, and to be the point of contact between the horse-riding community, Waikato District Council, and other relevant groups such as local Hapū.

2. Raglan Whaingaroa Draft Reserves Management Plan (hereafter referred to as RMP)

Following the ban, and subsequent discussions with WDC representatives, HAAWI was directed to submit on the Wainui Reserve Management Plan as a way to be able to futureproof horse riding access to, and riding on, the beach. HAAWI is only submitting on the Wainui Reserve, not Manu Bay Reserve or Papahua Reserve.

We have been advised by the council that there is a provision in the Bylaw where permission can be granted to allow horses to be ridden on the beach. From the Draft Raglan Whaingaroa Coastal Reserves RMP (December 2019) In section D.3.7 Recreation & Leisure it references Horse Riding as Restricted to Reserve Only, and we are wanting it to be a Permitted activity on designated trails and areas and access to Ngarunui Beach. This is to be an outcome of this RMP process.

The steps we have taken to date are:

- Met with invested parties to discuss solutions.
- Identified the concerns that caused horses to be banned by meeting with WDC on several occasions and Hapū at Poihākena Marae on two occasions and spoke with a cross section of the community to gauge concerns, issues, and support.
- Considered public submissions from the first round of Early Engagement, as well as this second round of recent submissions.
- Formulated rules and code of conduct and changes to access points for riders as solutions to mitigate identified issues.
- Took Legal advice on the validity of council's decision and processes undertaken since the initial consultation for the WDC Reserves & Beaches Bylaw 2016
- Consulted with the Office of the Ombudsman regarding current processes, their transparency and legitimacy.

4. Concerns

Concerns heard from the Hapū at Poihākena Marae include the increased horse vehicle traffic on Riria Kereopa Memorial Drive, and in the car park at the end of this road. Their concerns also included inconsiderate behaviours which included dung being left behind in the car park and on the short access trail to the beach, unruly horses on the beach and a couple of occasions where horses had been spotted in the sand dunes. Our members frequently picked up after others and sought to educate where possible.

Given the increased number of beach users over the year, the proportional increase can also be said about any of the beach based recreational activities, and therefore we support the new Horse Loading and unloading zone identified in the RMP.

Prior to the ban on horse riding being enacted in January of 2020, there had been NO rules or code of conduct for horse riders to follow.

There have been no rules in place pre- or post- the implementation of the WDC Reserves & Beaches Bylaw 2016. Very few people knew the bylaw existed until the signs banning this activity were erected in January, and certainly none of our members.

There appears to be positive support for horse access to the beach, demonstrated by both the RMP Early Engagement and this second round of submissions. Non-riders enjoy seeing horses when they're on their daily walk, as well as people who used to ride in days gone by who can appreciate our enjoyment of riding here. There are also many people who despite not having any interest in riding themselves wish to see horse riders retain access to the beach and to allow for future generations to ride here.

In the first round of submissions for the RMP support was evidenced by approx. 164 out of 170 submissions in favour of horse riders keeping access to the beach. There is also very strong pro-horse sentiment in this latest round of submissions.

5. Required Outcome

Raglan / Whaingaroa has a unique outdoor environment and heritage that needs to be protected and maintained to encourage healthy lifestyles and wellbeing for everyone, which means we need to look for a solution to enable horses back on the beach.

Our recommendations for your consideration today are as follow:

- a) A new vehicle park for equestrian vehicles be created at the top of Wainui Reserve as proposed on the Wainui Reserve - Draft Raglan Coastal Management Plan Map - where it is labelled HP (Proposed Horse loading/unloading zone). This will encourage equestrian activity away from Riria Kereopa Memorial Drive area.
- b) We would like a designated horse beach access point. The existing trail from Wainui Reserve down to Ngarunui Beach is a good option for horse-riders to access/exit the beach without encountering other beach users as shown in the document prepared for Hapū.
- c) Signage with Rules & Regulations to be discussed and signposted at all access points so they direct all horse riders to the same access point, and to advise the rules of riding there.

6. Conclusion

Raglan offers a unique outdoor environment and lifestyle. In addition, it has been proven that people involved in an equestrian environment in their formative years learn a huge range of skills and responsibility and encourages them to participate in the outdoors and to connect with nature, and therefore encourages them to be involved in the upkeep and maintenance of the area which they enjoy. It also gives them connection to place - unlike screen time! We are all part of this community and contribute in so many ways.

Beach riding is a unique part of New Zealand, and in particular Raglan's, culture, and heritage.

We have proven over the past 13 months that we are open to finding workable solutions, by consulting with WDC, Hapū and the wider community. Given the support evidenced in the current submissions we believe it is clear that horse riding on Ngarunui and Wainamu Beached should be reinstated as a permitted activity in the new RMP, and this in turn would act as the written permission required by the WDC Reserves & Beaches Bylaw 2016.

540 **Submission 1703- Attachment 2**
Proposal to Poihākena Marae to reintroduce Horse Riding to
Wainamu & Ngarunui Beaches, Whaingaroa. 4OCT2020

Following our first meeting with Hapū at Poihākena Marae we are keen to work together to get a system for Beach Riding in place that will work for all parties. We heard that Hapū members biggest concern is the increasing number of people and riders using the beach, of whom few had any perceived respect or thought for their environment, or of the privilege it was for them to be there. We also believe from listening to Hapū members concerns that potentially a change of access would be better for both parties. Having also heard your concern for the types of horses you saw in the car park, we feel that by limiting access purely to pleasure riders (no racehorses, or professional horse training) that it would create a feeling of greater safety. Here are our ideas:

Proposed Permit Scheme

Having looked at the concerns Hapū at Poihākena Marae raised, the only way forward that we can see is a permit system that still allows beach access but in a much reduced and regulated way.

What we have discussed with WDC is that we would need a Beach Riding page on the WDC website where people could register to ride. This would be an initial solution as, in the longer term, WDC are looking to implement new event and sport booking software, and that would have the ability to autonomously take bookings and issue permits (to a limit) automatically.

For registration to the website/permit software the usual information would be required: Name, Address, Contact numbers (home & mobile), Email address, Named riders and Car/Float/Truck registration, and this would permit them to create an online login. Terms & Conditions would need to be 'ticked' as read and understood before registration could be completed.

Once registered you would have access to login and register when you would want to ride.

Each day there would be 10 slots available where riders can register their vehicle. Once booked they would need to ride on that day/or pass that date booked in order to book another time slot – this will eliminate people jumping online and booking every Saturday for the next few months!

Every time riders go online to book, they will need to accept the terms and condition and riding rules (so there is no excuse for not knowing them). This is also where information could be added for exceptional circumstances, such as Rahui's (as would be advised to us via Hapū), or other events that would mean riding could be on temporary hold, or only permissible on certain areas of the beach (such as Soundsplash etc).

By having all this information, it is easy for warranted council staff to see who is riding at the beach, and check they have their permits.

Signage and Rules:

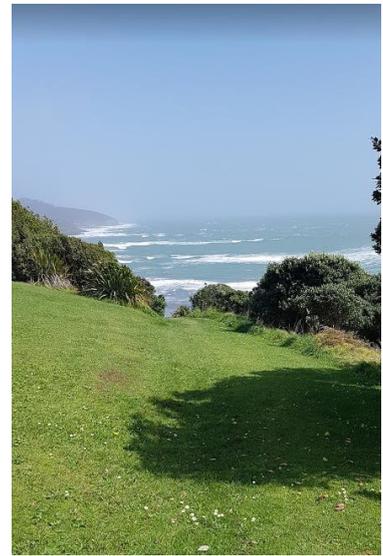
These are the rules that we believe will cover most scenarios and help mitigate the concerns that Hapū at Poihākena Marae spoke of at the last meeting.

As well as these needing to be read each time you book a permit to ride on the beach, it also needs to be signposted at the horse entrance (wherever this ends up being) to the beach.

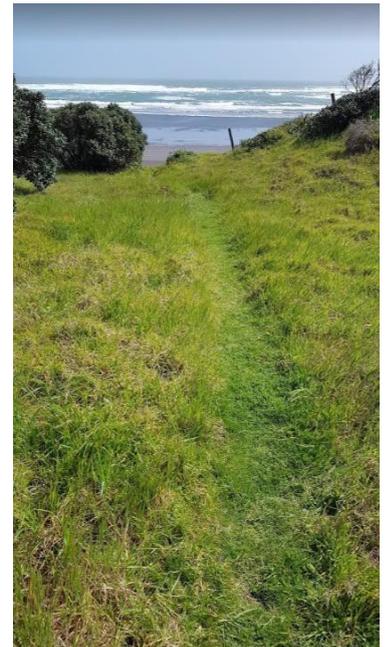
- Show consideration for other beach users at all times;
- Ride/lead your horse in a manner that does not intimidate, or cause danger/nuisance to other people;
- Absolutely NO loose horses, horses at liberty or green/unruly horses at any time;
- All horses must be under control at all times
- NEVER ride near the surf lifesaving flags;
- NEVER ride/lead on coastal dunes except when accessing the beach via designated/signed route;
- NO RIDING permitted over the summer season 15DEC-15FEB;
- Remove all horse manure from the carpark and beach access, and take it home;
- Riding Helmets to be worn at all times;
- Strictly NO professional horse training to take place – recreational riders only.

Horse Vehicle Parking and Access to the Beach

We have looked at the option of accessing the beach from Wainui Reserve and WDC have indicated that Horse Vehicle parking could be created off Te Paiakaroa Road, and access would then be down the existing pathway to the beach, taking the worn track just north of the wooden steps, to where the last few metres (from the old fence line to the beach) would be across the dunes. It appears that the original pathway is still in use and would just need to be re-signposted.



- 1) Plan of Wainui Reserve showing proposed horse vehicle carpark and access route to Ngarunui Beach.
- 2) Image of existing track from Satellite
- 3) Start of track from the carpark at the end of Te Paiakaroa Road
- 4) View down track before the wooden steps/bridge
- 5) Where walking path tracks to the right
- 6) (photo below right) current pathway to the sand dunes
- 7) (photo bottom left) The distance from the original fence line, across the dunes to the beach. Approx. the same distance as at Riria Kereopa Drive car park/dune accessway (around 10 metres).
(Photos taken 27SEP20)



Proposition:

If we can agree in principle at this meeting that this idea could work, and that Hapū will support the idea, we could ask WDC to start to create the software required to get this system in place and work on a trial period, with a view to ensuring it works efficiently, and has full Hapū approval before the beach closes to horses on 15 DEC. This trial may need to start from Riria Kereopa Drive Car Park initially, until a car park at Wainui Reserve can be approved, however with the new rules in place it should already be a huge improvement to local residents in that area just for the short term.

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Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1702

Full Name: Waimato Tupaea

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Decrease over years

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Need more homes for pensioner

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Otherwise people will dump illegal places as its happening now.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Roads between Tuakau and Pokeno needs lots of attention and fixing

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1701

Full Name: Tania

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Paying enough on rates as is .no more increases

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Look after our pentioners.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1700

Full Name: Chris Norris

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

9% is too much of a hit, lower the better for the first year.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Increasing rates, and trying to take this away is too much.

Pick it up, and RECYCLE it. Don't just stop it with a pretense of being "green".

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1698

Full Name: S Cooper

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1697****Full Name: David Gordon Young****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

It doesn't matter what I choose. I am quite simply horrified that you have deemed the general rates should go up 16 to 17% (depending on your choice) over 3 years, and on top of the recent property revaluation to boot. What happened to keeping increases in line with inflation? My income certainly doesn't increase by this amount. And don't get me started on targeted rates and value for money, because I don't think I get any value in our road.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

I'm a Brit. No! stop raising you eyes to the ceiling! ANY sale of council (publicly owned) assets to a privately run consortium is a mistake. Whatever BS that spurts from these business people, however sweet it smells, the only thing they have their eye on is profit. Public/private partnerships NEVER work in favour of the people they're supposed to help, and in this case, pensioners. Keep things in house and perhaps you could spend a little extra cash on them with all the extra rates you'll be collecting in for the foreseeable.....

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

A once a year collection, for those of us who already pay extra on top of the general rates for this service is hardy too much to ask. If there were more collection centres, especially near larger urban conurbations, perhaps we could afford to discontinue the kerbside collection. No wonder people either dig big holes on their property and dump it, with all the environmental issues that follow. Or dump it on the roadside for some other poor sod to clean up. People are inherently selfish and lazy, which is why we pay for these services and you guys provide them. If the collection service is at odds with your WMMP, then you should most definitely increase the number of centres that folk can take their waste to for proper and safe disposal. But it needs to be affordable. If this is difficult to achieve, you must engage with manufactures and producers to encourage them to make their products more recyclable. eg Stop using polystyrene in packaging and why do we need to shrink-wrap EVERYTHING? And

where do we recycle soft plastics? I only know of one bin in The Warehouse in Pukekohe and it's ALWAYS full! We need more recycling centres.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1696

Full Name: Liz Curtin

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Because out of the 3 years we're only worse off (as rate payers) in year 2

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

There is no rubbish collection at my address and we need to transport this 3km up the road by car which isn't fair to the place we have to leave it outside

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

We live in a group of houses up a gravel road at the far end of Wilton Collieries Rd. We would like to ask council to seal from the boundary of #451 for 300m up the road. Our houses and front yards get covered in dust, our kids can't play outside and we can't hang washing on the line. There are 9 families living in this small area. As rate payers we miss out on rubbish and recycling at our driveway and have to drop this off 3km up the road. By sealing our small section of road we will be seeing the benefits of our rates first hand. Thank you for your consideration.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1695****Full Name: Guy Phillips****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

it is a 1% cheaper over a 3 year period plus it give the money up front for our council to use. lets hope they use it wisely and not just to give themselves a big pay rise! if they do there will be a lot of very un happy rate pays (voters)

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Owning Pensioner houses is not core business if it was we would own a lot more as a council and offer the wrap around services that go with them. if we did it would then make sense to keep them as we only own 34 best let some professionals take them over and free up some capital.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

happy that this is user pays if you have rubbish that can not go in the normal rubbish bags then you should pay for its removal or take it to dump or recycling center's

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1694

Full Name: Paddy Curtin

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Go hard

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

Messy and ugly. People need to be responsible, not council.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Please tarseal the top 300m of wilton Collieries road. 9 families live up there and live in the dust.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1692

Full Name: Susanne Giessen-Prinz

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

I disagree with the enormous rate increases.

My house value has gone up with out my doing. I have lived at my property for 16 years, I have no plans to move or sell. I have no advantage my home being valued over a million.

I can accept a rates increase but not on a 100% valuation increase.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

I agree with option 2 under the condition that Council make sure the responsible service provider can not sell the housings for at least 10years.

Council needs to be transparent how the money will be spend. I believe strongly that money received from selling assets has to be invested into existing community assets (like community halls, swimming pools, etc.)

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

I would like to see the council to fase it out rather then to discontinue. Education is the key to changing behaviors.

I am sure it is more hazardous and costly to clean up illegal dumping.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

I am a volunteer in a community group. It is already very difficult to run on limited funds and plan ahead for a year in advance. If council can just repurchase funds, I feel it will be impossible to plan ahead, it can derail great community initiatives.

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1691****Full Name: Penelope Cammock****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Both 7% or 9% are big increases on their own. Option 2 will allow time to adjust and assess and feedback on the perceived value of the increases before further increases are applied.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

This option will broaden the use of homes for other services rather than limiting to only one vulnerable group.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

Inorganic collection makes the streets look untidy. If discontinuing this services, I would expect to see this reflected in any upcoming rates reviews.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1690****Full Name: George Maru****Wish to speak to submission: No****Topic 1 – General Rates Increase****Option selected:****Comment:**

I'm against having a rates increase.. no need for it.. Reduce the amount of staff the council have doing nothing. No ones checking footpaths, edging, tripping points where concrete sunk, hedges and plants incroaching, and having to walk around , and also our footpaths are not wheel chair or mobility scooter friendly. Especially when crossing a street from footpath to footpath. And also i think our roads are shocking.. Where has our rates gone cause we only get patch work done, they the contractors can't get that right. So please no rates increase..

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Because if its not broken why fix it.. If we sell it, would that reduce our rates..i dont think so..

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Because we've paid for it in our rates over the years, and it gets rid of items that are rusting or causing a health hazard in your back yard. I'm surprised we havent a refuge center in Ngaruawahia.. wouldn't have to take it to Hamilton.. We could have a set up like Hunly, Tekauwhata, Terapa.. Come on council think about it.. we could recycle and sell recycle goods like them..

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

If its not broke... why try fixing it..

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Our roads are shocking.. who inspects them when contractors have completed work.. roads put wear and tear to our vehicals.. with uneven surfaces, pot holes. And thats right though out waikato.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1689

Full Name: Kiri

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

NONE

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

My rates pay for it,wdc hasn't done anything in 21 years for princess st N.G.A,over \$42,000 in rates!!!
KEEP IT

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1688

Full Name: Matthew Stockton

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

A ridiculous question. A third option should be look at ways that the council can reduce costs and services to ensure that rates do not increase faster than inflation.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

I think providers could do a better job than councils, civil should focus on core functions

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

We don't get collection here in Raglan, instead we have Extreme waste who actively try to reduce waste going to landfill. It would be great for all other areas to do this too.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

This is a very broad question as you don't say what is being repurposed , from who and for what purpose. As such is not one I can answer

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1687

Full Name: Kim MacPherson

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

This allows people's incomes time to hopefully increase to be able to afford the rate increases.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1685

Full Name: Jose Guy

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

If you continue collection I believe this will help with less rubbish dumping in the long run.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1684

Full Name: Tahla davis

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

9 percent increase is huge. Slower the better for families

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Need a playground area in the river terraces subdivision.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1683****Full Name: Meghana Gaddam****Wish to speak to submission: Unavailable to attend at this time**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

In the middle of an affordable housing crisis, it is a state's duty to provide assistance to those who have paid taxes for the majority of their lives (pensioners) and are still unable to afford market price, as a basic human right. However, as a country, we morally aim to provide a service that caters for a more holistic wellbeing of those using government services. If the Waikato District Council is unable to provide housing in a way that caters for other significant services, such as home help, meals and social services, and a responsible service provider can, then it is the best option. Notably, if the funds raised from the sale of pensioner housing aids in developing other significant infrastructure, environment or community projects, then it is a win-win situation. It is likely a concern will be whether the service providers are in face, responsible, however we are aware that Charitable trusts and iwi also have to adhere to strict building, health and safety, and ethical codes, plus have been provided regulated service for years and years.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

To whomever it may concern,

Firstly, I am aware that many submissions have had to be read tediously over the past couple months so thank you, so this will be kept concise and to the point.

Feedback on two concerns today: Environmental Policy and Youth Engagement.

On the 2020 Climate Response and Resiliency Policy and action Plan, there seems to be a lot of hesitation to act explicitly and quickly. I, and many youth are in full support of tangible action to reduce emissions, and for local government to manage environmental risk (i.e, effects on water supply and quality), more must be done than 'identifying' and 'factoring in the risks.' From there, it is essential that a comprehensive action plan on policy, regulations and their implementation is followed. While this plan is a step in the right direction, and has a strong, scientific backing specific to the NZ context, it seems hesitant, and there is a lot of research being undertaken, collaboration being encouraged etc. However, there seems to be no incentive or urgency in following through after this, and building policy or infrastructure that can mitigate the rapidly approaching effects of climate change. Frankly, LGNZ's advocacy and support for collaborative efforts within the sector for improved effectiveness, service delivery and planning, is ineffective. This is due to a lack of benchmarks from which this is measured and the ambiguity of the word 'effective.' Once these are clearly defined, and there is a plan that has tangible, measurable, time-bound outcomes, will many members of the community be satisfied. However, we also fully support Local Government's demand of Central Government, and realise that much of this is almost impossible without their support and guidance. Ardern's declaration of a "Climate Emergency," while amazing for publicity on the world stage in addition to discourse created around the environment, felt token, and performative as this did not change much in terms of real policy outcomes. We really hope that LGNZ's needs from central are satisfied.

A wonderful part of this policy and action plan though, is the collaboration between councils. Recently there has been an initiative between Hamilton City Council, and Waikato Regional Council (I believe?) to create a joint youth council team, or something similar. I believe this kind of collaboration and a creation of a collaborative whole district youth council/board would be extremely beneficial, establishing a direct line of contact for both council and the youth to bring forward issues, and for both to provide solutions and assess their effectiveness from various points of views. The youth engagement plan for WaiDC was very thorough and we agree with the majority of it, and we are aware that there can be large difficulty in assembling that kind of korero when the Waikato District is so geographically large. However, when the long term plan consultation mail random generator turned out no one less than 30 years old, and a lack of youth engagement is prevalent everywhere (I apologise and I know this is an issue that is just so widespread and to be honest, unlikely to be solved ever), this could be an effective action in filling a visible gap in stakeholder voice. Stakeholders, that will be residents, and perhaps even ratepayers, in 10 years time, or less.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1682

Full Name: Pauline Giles

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1681

Full Name: Megan Brunel

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Not so hard on the pocket

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

They need to be looked after

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

It helps people who can't afford the dump fees to have a chance to have a clean up which makes our town cleaner

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

We would like a playground to be installed I to the river terraces subdivision, this being a children friendly subdivision it would make sense to give them somewhere to go

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1680

Full Name: Neil Guy

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1679

Full Name: Rachel Jenner

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

The increases are very high and my salary is static, I would rather the increases were smoothed out over time for financial reasons.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Because I don't have a trailer or tow bar, so this collection is very convenient for me to once a year offload a few items that cannot fit in the rubbish sack.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1677****Full Name: Withheld****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

I don't prefer either option. It is an absurd increase to already overpriced rates. So many new housing developments have been happening in the Waikato district so you already have a substantial amount of rates coming in from those properties! Well you have devised a cunning plan here with the 1% difference. Its an embarrassment being a part of the Waikato district paying a ridiculous amount of money for the tiny piece of land I have. I don't qualify for the rates rebate and work my butt off to only just keep my head above water in today's financial climate. All council members should be ashamed of themselves for even coming up with this stupid plan.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

And then where does this money go? Do our rates decrease because of not having this expense?

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

Yet another service being discontinued yet ratepayers still pay more. What a joke!

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Council is going to do what they wish regardless of what ratepayers say.

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

It would be nice if Council considered ratepayers instead of just ripping them off! Additionally, I requested a submission form to be sent out to me two weeks ago. I still have not received this!!

I wish for my name to be withheld from this submission.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1675

Full Name: Shirley Scott

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

I am not sure why the council feel that it is okay to consult on the timeline for such large increases in rates without seeking feedback for the feasibility of the increase. Has there been any consultation process to gain feedback from the rate payers themselves - are we just expected to pay for the councils' spending sprees?

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

This is a duty of care - there is not going to be significant damage costs and rent arrears will be low level

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Comment:

We do not receive kerbside inorganic collection

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Look at some ways to reduce wasting of money and overspending and then there will be even more money to repurpose

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

The road maintenance is lacking - is there any quality assurance follow up on works undertaken

Recycling is monthly and there has been times when it has been hit and miss for the truck arriving - the guys on the truck are awesome though

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1674

Full Name: Ana Randall

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1673****Full Name: Ben Chapman-Smith****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:****Comment:**

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:****Comment:**

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

My request is simple: that our road be sealed at some point in the next year or so, please.

Pond Road is getting busier every year, especially now that pine trees are being harvested at the end of Pond Rd, and this leaves the surface in a terrible condition, more often than not. I regularly make requests to Council for potholes to be repaired and gravel dropped in muddy parts of the road, and I know a number of my neighbours do too. Sealing it once and for all would seem to be a better option in the long-term. I suppose every person living on a rural gravel road could argue this, of course, but my neighbours and I agree that our road seems much busier than most. We have forestry trucks and associated vehicles (utes) coming through from 4:15am - 4:30pm every day, and we've been told the harvesting will continue for around 4 years. That's going to have a huge impact on our road quality, obviously.

Thanks for your consideration.

Ben Chapman-Smith

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1672

Full Name: Murray Allen

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

It is lower cost to do today than tomorrow. More can be achieved now with the rates income.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

It requires expertise to manage that Councils do not need or would have. We have that professionalism in Huntly with the Kimihia Home & Hospital. It would be better to subsidize a community based Trust into ownership of the assets.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

Provided that a Recycle Center eg. Raglan's Extreme Zero Waste is put in its place first.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

It is time to reassess and target towards greatest need the available funds.

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

It is well past time that the Huntly community is brought into assist planning for redoing the internal bypass and roads and to gain access to the Expressway.

Immediate removal of the concrete barriers and filling the subway to footpath level is needed. These measures should have been planned to go as soon as the EXY bypass was opened instead of allowing the Town center to continue to stagnate. Assist the Te Awa cycle-way to extend from Ngaruawahia to Rangiriri.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1671

Full Name: Garret Huelson

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

I would prefer to see higher rates coupled to and more amenities available as a result.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Pensioner housing is not the councils core business.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

I'd rather not pay for the council to collect other peoples inorganic waste. There are already rubbish tips available and it shouldn't be the councils responsibility to transport peoples unwanted inorganics to the tip.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

I live in the new development at Matariki Terrace's and would like to have a new playground installed within walking distance. A large proportion of the people living in this neighborhood are young families and it would be great to have a small playground and level sports field for the kids to play on

within the development. There are large nice playgrounds scattered throughout Hamilton and no newer facilities within our area.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1670

Full Name: Te Awhina Wymer

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1669****Full Name: Silvia Fowler****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:****Comment:**

I do not support either of the two given options.

Many people are struggling financially as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic and will continue to struggle for some time yet. Most people's rates will already be increasing due to the increase in their property's value as per the recent re-valuation. This in itself will be placing an extra financial burden on those who are already under financial stress.

WDC will be receiving extra income from rates having been adjusted to reflect the new property values. There should not be any additional rates increases on top of that. Furthermore, there have been many new houses built during the past few years and many to be built in the next few years. This will add even more rates income to the council.

Given the uncertain times we are still living in, there should be a temporary freeze on any proposed rates increases or, at the very least, there should be a much more conservative option. There should also be a cap on the amount of increase applied to a property's rates as a result of the increase in CV.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:****Comment:**

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

As noted above, it is a popular service in our community. It also is a valuable service to those who do not have the means to transport bulky inorganic waste to a refuse station.

Some people of our community would probably not be prepared to transport items to a refuse station and have to pay a fee. I believe that discontinuing the current service would lead to an increase in illegal dumping.

Perhaps, instead of sending all the inorganic waste straight to landfill, would it be an option to channel this waste through a recycling center first and anything that is not accepted by the recycling center is then diverted to landfill?

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

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WDC will be receiving extra income from rates having been adjusted to reflect the new property values. There should not be any additional rates increases on top of that. Furthermore, there have been many new houses built during the past few years and many to be built in the next few years. This will add even more rates income to the council.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1668

Full Name: Virginia Foster

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Easier for people on lower incomes.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

I have lived in areas where inorganic collections were stopped for a year causing more rubbish to be illegally dumped. A lot of people cannot afford to take their inorganics to the dump and do not have the means to get their waste to the dump. Inorganic collections are also good for people to pick up things that may otherwise end up in the dump (one persons trash is another persons treasure).

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1666****Full Name: Ruawaro Tennis Club****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:****Comment:**

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:****Comment:**

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

I submit on behalf of the Ruawaro Tennis Club. The Tennis Club is a facility that belongs to Council but is administrated by the local club which is well patronized with strong membership. The Club has been functioning and in this location for well over 60+ years and is well supported by the communities west of Huntly. The Club has two astrograss courts which the club fundraised and paid for themselves and had them put in in 1998 (23 years). They have been well managed and annually groomed by the club at their cost and the time is coming when they need replacing. Normally these courts would have a finite life if well looked after like these have for 15-20 years. We would like to submit to have the astrograss replaced with new astrograss within the next two years. The foundations are sound it is only the astrograss that will require replacing on both courts.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1664

Full Name: Cameron Lamont

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Because.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

The cost of maintaining old infrastructure is costly. Concentrate on other infrastructure that will provide the ratepayer with better value for money.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

There are now private property maintenance companies offering the same service and billing those that created the waste.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1663

Full Name: Jillian Freeman

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

If the following 2 years stay at 3.5% then the overall increase is less than option 2.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

It is very helpful to have this collection, and encourages people to tidy up and get rid of broken or unwanted items. It is an excellent service to the community.

If there is no collection people will need to arrange a trailer to take large items to the dump. There may be people who can't afford to take a trailer to the dump (hire a trailer and/or pay the dump fees), then rubbish will pile up.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1662

Full Name: Luka Love

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

This is a conversation worth having but you cannot turn off the waste stream in year one. Give people a chance to downsize and reduce current waste with an acknowledgement it will be phased out in future to prevent future accumulation. Much waste that goes out in this collection gets collected by others and upcycled, this is a net good and shouldn't be discouraged.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1661

Full Name: Kathy Anderson

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

I am opposed to rates increases..the amount collected is increasing due to the ridiculous increase in house and land values, without an increase applied on top.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

I do not like private service providers operating essential services. Some things should not be for profit and all PSPs are profit driven.

There are plenty of extremely expensive retirement villages for those with unlimited finances.

Let's keep control over the options for those less well off and also allow the electorate have some say in matters which is much easier when local council is operating services.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Not addressing people's need to get rid of items just leads to fly tipping or unsightly collections on property.

Obviously having a better set up for repurposing usable goods is essential going forward.

For junk, it remains in the general public's best interest to have junk removed and disposed of appropriately.

A tidy environment is good for the community.

Piles of unwanted rubbish encourage pest problems if left on private property and impact on neighbours. Not everyone has the finances to deal with disposal. Living in NZ has become very expensive, especially Waipa.

We should not penalise people for not being wealthy.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1660

Full Name: karan jaidka

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

no reason just sounds better

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

less cost to council

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

its needed and part of service

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

please make sure there are parks etc in the new subdivisions coming along like river road estate as otherwise there are huge gaps for kids in those new housings.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1658

Full Name: Meret Horlacher

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

It looks slightly cheaper.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

maybe the experts can manage it better.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

better to use one truck to ship the trash. hopefully less rubbish dumping.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

prefer local people to spend on what is needed.

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1657

Full Name: Malcolm Brown

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

slightly cheaper for us when compounded through three years.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Let the experts do it.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Better for environment having one truck collect whole street or area and recycle what is appropriate. We are a long way from dumping site.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

Locals more in touch with local needs.

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

No.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1656****Full Name: Jennifer Bradley****Wish to speak to submission: No****Topic 1 – General Rates Increase****Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

You dont appear to take in the consideration that pensions only have a fixed income By the time we pay normal living costs plus Power Rates Insurance etc there is very little left Yes some have opt out to move to Retirement villagesg but they have do many hidden costs its not a option Help us out Stop spending so much on cycle tracks that we cant walk on even if we wanted due to some riders on bikes & scooters dont give due consideration to the people trying to mailtain our health by walking Give us a break Now we have Units going up everywhere with no parking causing congestion in streets Empty School buildings where surely you can put up oations in these buikding thus giving people a stopgap in housing

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Once again no help for the pensioners Just wait for tgem to pass away tgen tgey are not a burden on society You will all get there one day Sorry forgot you do get paid reobabky The only good news this week that Richard Briggs (very hightest paid person apart from Prime minister) is leaving Maybe you can put his salary to good use

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:****Comment:**

You are all pathetic We got hammered this was the e way to go Now you are having doubts Again costs involved What next we you come up with

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1655

Full Name: Sandra Groufsky

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Take the hit early and then balance out.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Definitely continue - it is such a welcome service and its only done once a year.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1653****Full Name: Anthea Sayer****Waikato Regional Council****Wish to speak to submission: Unavailable to attend at this time**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:****Comment:**

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:****Comment:**

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

Inorganic kerbside rubbish collection

16. WRC supports option 2 – to stop kerbside inorganic collections. As noted in the consultation document, kerbside inorganic collection is contrary to WDC's Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (WMMP) goals and is costly.

17. WRC encourages WDC to consider diverting funding for kerbside inorganics into actions that are more in alignment with WDC's vision for a zero waste community.

18. WRC supports the continuation of the Raglan food waste collection service. This is a community run

asset which operates in alignment with the vision and goals set out in WDC's WMMP.

19. We also support the expansion of resource recovery centres in Huntly and Tuakau and believe organics should be part of resource recovery planning.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: Yes

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Dear Gavin

Waikato Regional Council Submission on Waikato District Council's 2021-2031 draft Long Term Plan

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on the proposed Waikato District Council's 2021-2031 draft Long Term Plan. Please find attached Waikato Regional Council's submission regarding the draft plan. The submission was formally endorsed by the council's Strategy and Policy Committee on 4 May 2021.

Should you have any queries regarding the content of this document please contact Anthea Sayer, Corporate Planning Team directly on (07) 8590512 or by email anthea.sayer@waikatoregion.govt.nz.

Regards

Russ Rimmington
Chair

Chris McLay
Chief Executive

Submission from Waikato Regional Council on the Waikato District Council's 2021-2031 draft Long Term Plan

Introduction

1. Waikato Regional Council (WRC) appreciates the opportunity to make a submission on Waikato District Council's 2021-2031 draft Long Term Plan (LTP).
2. We would like to be heard in support of our submission.

Three waters infrastructure

3. WRC recognises the urban growth pressures Waikato District Council (WDC) is facing in relation to three waters management, and for compliance with community water take, wastewater and urban stormwater consent obligations.
4. We note that several municipal wastewater treatment plants are currently subject to significant upgrades to meet community expectations and the requirements of consents that authorise the operation of this important infrastructure.
5. WRC encourages WDC to set aside adequate funding for infrastructure upgrades to ensure efficiency and compliance is achieved.

Biodiversity

6. As part of our own draft LTP, WRC is proposing a significant increase in biodiversity investment based on the urgent need to tackle the issue of biodiversity decline and to respond to the imminent release of the National Policy Statement (NPS) Biodiversity.
7. WRC understands WDC's draft budget includes provision for the implementation of the pending NPS Biodiversity. This is strongly supported by WRC as it will provide for the necessary staff time and resourcing to respond to the NPS and to be actively involved in co-developing regional biodiversity strategies alongside WRC and others.
8. We suggest that WDC also considers a sufficient level of funding to support the planning and delivery of other local biodiversity programmes which could take the form of:
 - Sufficient budget to enable and respond to the specific requirements to identify and map significant natural areas (SNAs). We would see this as a co-investment with WRC and its proposed increase in investment to the regional biodiversity inventory programme;
 - Expanding the funding available to private landowners who have SNAs on their property and who wish to undertake management of those sites;
 - An appropriate level of expenditure in council's own parks and reserves budgets (where reserves include important biodiversity assets) to support the development of appropriate reserve management plans and delivery programmes (such as pest and weed control).
9. WRC would also like to comment on the change in approach to community funding noted on pages 14-15 of the consultation document. Under this proposal, specific community grant funds available for conservation (amongst other things) would be rationalised and re-aligned into a single community and blueprint initiatives budget.
10. While we understand that this would reduce administrative costs from managing multiple smaller funds/budgets, we think there is a risk that funding targeted for biodiversity conservation efforts will be potentially lost and/or traded off against other priorities under a single pot. It is our view that biodiversity and conservation grant funds should remain targeted and ring-fenced to boost conservation efforts on private land.

Climate change

11. WRC notes that the approach to climate change note in the draft LTP does not follow the national guidance on approaching natural hazards and risk related climate change.
12. Not making a specific allowance to proactively plan in a dynamic and adaptive manner limits the effective implementation of the regional and national policy direction and the provisions of Waikato district's proposed district plan (refer to proposed provisions 15.2.1, 15.2.2 and 15.2.3).
13. This has the potential to negatively impact district and regional council collaboration in projects to ensure community climate change resilience, like in the case of the work currently being undertaken with the Port Waikato community.
14. WRC also notes that the economic conditions, Three Waters reform (maintenance of assets) and growth assumptions do not include the effects of climate change and the impact it has on capital expenditure, community resilience and levels of service for existing infrastructure. As a result, this is also missed in the challenges section of the consultation document.
15. WRC understands that WDC does have a Climate Response and Resilience Policy and Action Plan but encourages WDC to adequately fund it in the final LTP. As WRC has recently undertaken this work at both a regional and local scale, we are happy to offer assistance or advice on the preparation and implementation of this.

Inorganic kerbside rubbish collection

16. WRC supports option 2 – to stop kerbside inorganic collections. As noted in the consultation document, kerbside inorganic collection is contrary to WDC's Waste Management and Minimisation Plan (WMMP) goals and is costly.
17. WRC encourages WDC to consider diverting funding for kerbside inorganics into actions that are more in alignment with WDC's vision for a zero waste community.
18. WRC supports the continuation of the Raglan food waste collection service. This is a community run asset which operates in alignment with the vision and goals set out in WDC's WMMP.
19. We also support the expansion of resource recovery centres in Huntly and Tuakau and believe organics should be part of resource recovery planning.

Public transport

20. WRC understands WDC has signalled funding in its draft LTP for establishing and improving public transport services and infrastructure at various locations within the district. We support this initiative and look forward to partnering with you to develop and implement innovative and cost effective transport improvements.
21. In particular, we wish to support the inclusion of the following activities within the WDC's draft LTP:
 - Funding to roll out the Total Mobility Scheme district wide;
 - A funding contribution to the operational cost of the new Te Huia passenger rail service.
21. In relation to Te Huia, we note there has been discussion at the Rail Governance Group regarding establishment of additional stations within the Waikato district. We request that that council gives consideration to bringing forward the timing of funding signalled in the draft LTP to year one for investigation, design and construction of platforms in Te Kauwhata and north Waikato.

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1652****Full Name: Barbara Barrant****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

This is my preferred option because the rates are very high at the moment and a 9% increase would cause a financial burden to many already struggling with the adverse financial effects of the global pandemic.

Here in the north Waikato, we seem to have few services for the high rates that we pay. In Pokeno and surrounding area there are many people who commute into Auckland. That might be to the CBD or surrounding areas. We were encouraged to live here with promises of infrastructure and transportation that has been very slow arriving. We feel as with the last Auckland lockdown, to be between Auckland and Waikato and therefore not benefiting from either.

Given the expansion in this area the rate revenue you receive must have increased hugely. Yet, we were ignored when decisions were made with regards to the Hamilton to Auckland train service. A service that is badly needed here.

I appreciate that there is a need for more homes but building houses without infrastructure just causes problems.

I am unable to speak at the hearing but happy to be contacted.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

I can understand why this is your preference however, this sale must have strict caveats that these houses are not able to be sold privately and therefore lost from the housing stock available. Could you include an option to take back ownership if this occurred?

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

This is an essential service that needs to continue. Should it be discontinued I'm sure there will be an increase in rubbish being dumped in inappropriate areas. The cost to remove and dispose of this will still fall on the council.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

There is a dearth of land in the Pokeno area that needs to be utilised to provide better services to the community. The truck stop in the Pokeno village needs to be relocated to the industrial area. This would improve the main street creating a safer and cleaner environment for all.

The planned Gull fuel station could also be placed there instead of the proposed site, which is on a bend and in my opinion would be dangerous. (I have submitted my objection to this.)

There also needs to be a mandatory speed limit on the main street of 20 km. There are many trucks that drive too fast through the main street. Now Countdown has opened road activity has substantially increased and created an environment that is in my opinion an "accident waiting to happen".

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1651

Full Name: Chris Lynam

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

No real reason other than council has already established option 1 is preferred.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

The buildings probably owe the council nothing so why hand the business over to someone else to do what ever. Another desperate attempt to save money.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Illegal dumping of rubbish is bad enough. Discontinuing this service will surely multiply the problem and then the council will end up having to deal with the problem and costs. I know, put the rates up again to cover it.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Pokeno is a fast growing town with more houses being built every day. More rates money coming in and yet the main street is a mess. I have given up going to public meetings at the local hall because

all you hear is the same thing. The elephant in the room appears to be the Z Truck stop. While that is there, any roadworks done out the front off it will be a waste of time and money as the trucks will 'grind' the surface off the road when they enter and exit. It attracts heavy traffic into the village where there is a lot of pedestrian traffic. Are the underground fuel storage tanks safety compliant and certified and that goes for the Gas petrol station over the road? Pokeno population has grown dramatically and the village needs to move with the times. Get rid of these eye sores. Mercer has a purpose built truck stop, use it. I'm sure I'm not telling you anything new. Action is what's required!!

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1650

Full Name: Bryce Shuker

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Councils job is to stick with the basics of running the county. eg: roading etc

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

If you made it a really good collection every 2 years and made the area more than a pathetic 1 metre by 1 metre area then there wouldn't be the problem of illegal dumping around our country roads. This problem is becoming worse every year and it is only since you stopped the inorganic collections.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1649

Full Name: Romla Rachel Singh

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

To pay less

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Will retire soon

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Easy for community

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1648****Full Name: Kara Reed****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Cannot afford such a big increase this year. Covid has been hard on a lot of people. The smallest increase now is the best thing for the people.

Or you will have people who can't pay them. Pensioners, including my mother who lives in the area, didn't get a 9 or even 6% increase in their cost of living rate. How are they meant to cover even the smallest increase?

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Only if the people in these homes are guaranteed they can stay. The government has a responsibility to these people. And if you sell them then the rates increase should now be as high as you are bringing in money from additional avenues.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

They make the streets look messy and we have rubbish tips people can use.

But again, if you remove it, the rates increase should not be as high. You will be saving a lot of money removing this service. Or, offer a one off voucher for a discount at the local tips, for people to take their own inorganic rubbish there.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

No. You are proposing removing costs like the inorganic, and selling items to make money. You should not remove existing funding or reduce it in anyway.

That's just double dipping and another way to make sure you get your 9% increase in the first year.

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1647****Full Name: Steph White****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

I have just purchased a house in the Waikato with a large mortgage and if there must be such large increases to our rates then to spreading it out more evenly is preferred.

I would prefer an Option 3: Less increase spread out over 5+ years or better still - no increase. And with any increase to see more bang for our buck. We have very high rates for what we appear to receive here in Te Kauwhata. E.g. Our town is growing exponentially fast - could we now have improved rubbish collection service of wheelie bins for all waste options; improved recreational facilities e.g our dog park is a paddock - some agility equipment would be nice; there is no nice relaxing place to take a walk with the dog - unless you like getting fence attacked by the many people that house 2+ dogs loose around the front of their properties- some planning for the town to have nature, green space walks would be good.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:****Comment:**

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:****Comment:**

I would select discontinue if the cost of this was transferred to improved general rubbish collection - wheelie bins for all rubbish types: general, recycling and green waste.

I believe if you discontinue you will get more illegal dumping. It is harder and costly for people to dispose of larger items in smaller towns due to location away from main city centres. Many people do not have towbars and trailers.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

People housing more than the allowed number of dogs at one property in non-lifestyle/rural parts of the town. How are the rules enforced?

People housing dogs free range around properties that are aggressive at the front fence when people and other dogs walk past along the footpathed side of the road. Dogs should not be housed at the front of a property - our town is growing with more people/families taking walks with their friendly dogs than there used to be and the law needs to reflect this. It is a risk to the public and other animals as fences often are not adequately secure and dogs can get through. It makes for a very unpleasant walk.

P.S. I am a dog person and advocate for a more dog friendly environment encouraging responsible dog ownership.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1646

Full Name: Gail Riddell

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Option 3, decrease the rates.

They are already absolutely shocking and we receive virtually nothing. No sewage, water, street lights, our road is awful too.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1645

Full Name: Hayley Archer

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

First home buyers, the increase in rate would be helpful for our family if spread over the three years.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

It's always such a shame to see the state of the gravel roads in our area. The gravel end of Ferndale road is well over due for fixing up

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1644

Full Name: David Everett

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Its of the lesser value.

I suspect this will not be kept to as is usually the case with any rates rise.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Council as is the govt should look after the vulnerable.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

At our address for the rates we pay we only get for our money

1) recycling taken away

2) nothing else, we pay for our rubbish

There is nothing else so having inorganic rubbish is actually helpful to us!!

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:



Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1643

Full Name: Roger Bull

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Spread it more evenly

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Depends on the RSP chosen but better to keep rates down.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

We always discard our own Inorganic waste so never use the service but the danger of stopping it is that some people have no way or disposing with theirs and that will cause a bigger problem with dumping as dump rates are getting too high.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

There should always be ongoing checks on where money is distributed to make sure it is still relevant

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Speed limits change too often and the signs are often missed unless you are familiar with the area. Where speed limits change there should be a painted sign on the road so when you are driving you see the change clearly, also there should be repeater signs more often so it's clear whether you are in a 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90 or 100 area. It gets very confusing.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1642

Full Name: Maria Henrymelsom

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

I really don't like any option the rates compare to other council WDC are far to high, but it seems you have to do it, so only option is the option 2

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Going to a provider, will cost more for our elderly, surly we can look after them.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

This is a great idea it gives people a time to clean up there sections, if it stops I feel you will see messy section and more rubbish dumb around cause people can not afford dumb fees or do not have the means to get rid of the old items

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1640

Full Name: A Gray

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

I choose option 2 as my preferred option regarding the proposed rate increase because the figures are smaller and a more realistic increase from 4%, 6%, 7%

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Retain Pensioner housing as an affordable option for our elderly community

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

I support the continuation of the inorganic kerbside rubbish collection for three reasons.

Firstly it is an essential and necessary service as there is nowhere to get rid of inorganic rubbish locally unless you have a car and a trailer.

Secondly, discontinuing this service would make illegal dumping of rubbish into our waterways, bush, roadsides and the Waikato River the only viable option.

Thirdly, it would be irresponsible for the council to give permission for new housing developments but not cater for the increase and excess rubbish that housing creates.

In conclusion the inorganic kerbside rubbish collection needs to remain.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1638

Full Name: Felicity Baillie

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

I don't support a rates increase so am not ticking either option. This is a 'Claytons' question just so the Council can say residents support a rates increase.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Where would the residents live if the housing was sold? We need more information.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Some residents lack the physical strength and means to take big items to the dump.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1636

Full Name: GILLIAN MARIE

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

To expect people to pay almost 10 percent increase in one year is unreasonable. Many of us are on fixed incomes and can not afford that kind of rate increase. The economic situation has been made worse by Covid-19 and job losses. People are already leaving the area because they can not afford the rates being charged by Waikato Distract Council.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Should be part of Council policy to assist vulnerable elderly in our community.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

We do not have an Inorganic collection in Raglan.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

No. I do not understand your explanation and its consequences. I consider that more community consultation with community groups needs to take place before there is any change. I do not support anything that takes away local control of funding for communit

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Council needs to look into different options for sewage than land disposal with runoff into streams/rivers/lakes/ the sea.

Sewage disposal needs to be included in developers' costs for new developments, not a cost that existing rate payers have to cover in rates.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1634

Full Name: Pam Douglas

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

I am the President of Huntly & District Kennel Assn., and even though we have enjoyed the use of The Point, in excess of twenty years, the time has come to relocate our activities. This is not of our choice, but we do realise that there are other demands on those facilities. My concern is that the Council is wanting us to relocate very shortly, and time is running out. We have been working together but to no avail. Three committees hold monthly meetings in the building and that is also used for storage of Agility equipment and conformation dog show equipment. We hold weekly training also for Obedience and Agility. We fully support the improvements proposed for the old pony club site, Waipa Esplanade, with the view for a potential future lease, along side other community users, but are concerned it will not meet your deadline.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1633

Full Name: Abhishek Dey

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Looking at Economic forecasts, there will be a great fall in Economic welfare through a recession or Economy crash sometime soon. As 2021 has been a relatively good year for New Zealanders, I believe a hard and fast rate increase would benefit more people as they would have more means to pay for the increased rates.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

The Council is corrupt and incapable of providing adequate services, so passing off to a responsible provider makes logical sense.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

Spend the money on providing ways for citizens to dispose of these inorganic rubbish in a more sustainable manner, or, subsidies applicable businesses.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Open the Newstead walkway!

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1631

Full Name: Sharon Burke

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Because we will already be paying extra due to the new valuations increasing and council wastes all of our hard earned money

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Because if it gets in private hands rents will increase beyond affordability

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Because otherwise people will dump stuff on roadsides and there are not enough refuse centres around anyway and they are too expensive

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

Whats wrong with how it is funded now

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Why are we charges rates on Taupiri Community Centre when there is not one and also we do not vote in the Taupiri ward. Please explain

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1630

Full Name: Brent

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1629

Full Name: Conrad Fourie

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

1. I have bought the above mentioned house over a year ago, and we have only 2(two) street lights in our road. You guys have been here multiple times and these only 2 street lights have never worked and is still not working.

2. All the home owners in our street have septic tanks on our property's and yet you guys are charging us for waste water ???

3. The roads in this town is a bloody disgrace and yet you have the nerve to ask for more money !!

4. Why do we not even have a police station to control menace car and truck drivers speeding down our streets ??

So now you tell me why do you need more money?, to do what with if you cant even fix the current situation

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

As above

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

1. I have bought the above mentioned house over a year ago, and we have only 2(two) street lights in our road. You guys have been here multiple times and these only 2 street lights have never worked and is still not working.

2. All the home owners in our street have septic tanks on our property's and yet you guys are charging us for waste water ???

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So now you tell me why do you need more money?, to do what with if you cant even fix the current situation

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1628

Full Name: Lesley Hazlehurst

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

I would prefer to zone Waipa District Council: will this ever become possible?

Our children go to the closest local schools which are in Cambridge

We do all our shopping in Cambridge and use services in Cambridge such as the library

It is counter intuitive to have to go to Ngaruawahia to the council when our closest council is just up the road in Cambridge

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1626

Full Name: Annette Young

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Option 2 because 9% is too much - way surpassing cost of living pay rises

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Option 1 retain pensioner housing - private providers will increase rents too much

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Option 1 continue service otherwise rubbish will be left lying around homes or dumped in parks etc

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1625

Full Name: Kevin Lepper

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Actually prefer only a 3 % rise this is outrageous money crabbing by local council

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

unless there a local collection point will make more people dump on the roadside

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

we need a local heated pool in Pokeno

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1622

Full Name: Bruce Vickers

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Our income was hit hard last year, would like to spread the increase over a longer period of time

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Council should still be a provider of Social Housing.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

If you cancel the service, reduce the cost you charge at the recycle centers

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Sorry, what & where before I agree to anything

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1621

Full Name: Dianne Appleton

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

It works out a better amount for the rate payer across the three years.

But not gives the council more money in year 1 to spend or waste

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Private enterprise generally make a better job of managing housing. But they can be more expensive.

Let the council spend their time running the city

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Because there are many people who have no way to get rubbish to the tip.

If you discontinue the service, how would

You propose to help people get rid of rubbish that can't be collected?

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1620

Full Name: Fraser Kemp

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Neither. Why do the rates need to increase this much. They should be base on inflation cpi etc

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1619

Full Name: Catherine Shaw

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Because a 9% rate rise would be too high for people on lower incomes. But why the extra 1% cost on option 2 and why can't the increases over the 3 years be eavened out instead of having a 9 or 7% rise in the first year?

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

As long as the housing still remains pensioner housing under new provider it will free up funds for other things.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

My preferred option is to continue the collection but obviously there are people who drive around and take most of the better stuff so council are loosing out on being able to recover some of the cost by selling scrap metal etc.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1618****Full Name: Kris Hines****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:****Comment:**

My preferred option would be for the council to start spending and delivering first for the Pokeno area before actually putting the hat out and ask for more contributions

There is a legacy of non delivery in the Pokeno community of community facilities and services which other communities in Waikato have existing. There needs too be a significant upgrade Pokeno facilities and it's difficult to be asked in good faith when we have given a fair amount already without much return.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:****Comment:**

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Previous planning and projected LTP spending in the Pokeno area keeps getting pushed further into the future and not being delivered on what is planned and the costs in the future make delivery more expensive or not affordable and then get dropped

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1617

Full Name: Mandy Hotene

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Can't afford 9% at the moment

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

They are a need at the moment

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

There are no other helpful options available.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

The large bins are a good option for kerb side waste.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1616****Full Name: Robert McHugh****Wish to speak to submission: No****Topic 1 – General Rates Increase****Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Taking option 2 will on compound interest give the council more income after 3 years.

Taking option 2 is less impact to the rate payer yearly as nobody is this current climate will be receiving pay increases of 9% so the addition will be removed from disposable income

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Retain pensioner housing and get some backbone in managing services. Why is the council not a responsible service provider

External providers will unless capped by contractual agreement increase pensioner housing costs. Responsible providers will be commercial organization required to make profit over providing pensioner managed housing

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Continue collection or have a nominated period as now for kerbside collections when each district can take inorganic waste to a pre-approved tip or collection site at no cost.

The service is not removed but re-organised to remove all the feeble excuses made above for removing the service

Removing the service will INCREASE the likely hood of illegal dumping not reduce.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

Comment:

Repurpose a hip word for removing

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

The maintenance of roadside grass in the Tamahere area is at best poor. The contract will be awarded on cost and the equipment used is unsuitable for cutting narrow, inclined sections around the numerous oak trees. After cutting the mess left is worse than before the cutting and sections remain uncut as the tractor and mower are not design for these awkward areas. The landscape architects should be contracted to maintain there less than adequate scemes

This leads to untidy grass area, litter gathering in long grass and the added excitement of the Friday and Saturday night skid boys performing on the roads and grass verges leaving tyre debris to add to the other [redacted] that is left around

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1615

Full Name: Susan McHugh

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Option 2, preferred as it is fairer for residents. Option one is more beneficial to the council
I would prefer to have the 2% difference in my pocket and not the Council's purse.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

It is quite likely that a service provider would increase rents, reduce maintenance contracts, sell the properties to make gains, change T and C's which would not be of benefit to our older populations

If the council chooses to implement option 2 - council have an ethical and moral responsibility to protect our older and venerable populations, through strict control clauses

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Continue collection or alternatively have a nominated period when residents can take items free of charge to a identified dump

Option 2 would lead to increase illegal dumping

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1614

Full Name: Roland Stenger

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Immediately making a significant amount of money available will mean that council won't have an excuse for lacklustre action. After all, Option 1 is the council's preferred one!

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

I favour Option 2 under the proviso that council can sell to a Service Provider who can effectively and efficiently address the needs of current and future tenants.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

I'm unsure this is good value for money. I cannot recall that I've ever used this service in 20+ years.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

I was very pleased recently to see that council has installed new toilet facilities at Cliff Street in Raglan - much appreciated! However, it disappointed me that the overall positive impression was badly tainted by the installation of utterly useless hand dryers. Especially during a pandemic, it is very important to encourage hygiene in public places. However, I am convinced that only a tiny minority of

toilet users will actually dry their hands using these ineffective dryers. They seem completely insufficient to me. There must be a better way available!

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1613****Full Name: Ronel JACOBS****Wish to speak to submission: No****Topic 1 – General Rates Increase****Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

I prefer no rate increases as my family and I have been paying extremely high rates already since we moved to Pōkeno in 2015. We are highly disappointed that on top of the high Waikato District Council rates, we still need to pay Auckland Council - Watercare for water and Waikato Regional Council for whatever else rates too. We had not seen much improvements in the last 5 years and it was said that once there is more people moving into Pōkeno the rates will fall as more people will contribute, yet it keeps climbing rapidly and our property values are good going up although no improvements are made.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

According to your booklet it cost almost the same to provide the service than the income of the rent

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:**Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives****Option selected:**

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

My understanding is that the community sessions have been done years ago and not a lot of people who are currently/today in our community have not been consulted if this is still the right strategic direction. To give an example - Pōkeno does not need a

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

The Wastewater Treatment is extremely high (over \$1,500 per annum per household) compared to other councils. There should be an investigation as to understand why Waikato District Council rates aren't comparable to others.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1612

Full Name: Anna Cunningham

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

If this is cheaper for everyone in the long run, then I believe it's the best option.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1611

Full Name: Siân Clynes

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Absolutely keep this. Helps low income families and it also helps reduce dumpings.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1610

Full Name: John Woolford

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1609****Full Name: Lisa James****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

It's been a tough year for people give us more time to recover from the effects of covid before putting the cost of living up.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:Not councils core business

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

I do not want to see all of this "stuff" go to landfill. If the waste collection was not offered it might be given to other families in need, or op shops.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Please keep Raglan's food waste scheme!!!!!! Composting our food is an important part of the goal to divert Raglan waste from landfill and it is a very successful programme, which is being copied around NZ. I cannot understand why council would consider removing it.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1608

Full Name: Julie Capner

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Better able to budget for it on SuperGold income. Also potential for council to make increase in years 2 and 3 if necessary

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

It would be good to have a RSP who maybe also would consider s live in site manager as in UK housing to oversee individuals and ensure safe environment and maintenance of units

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

Make it like Auckland with ratepayers being able to book an individual collection for their address once year or every other year

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

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Submitter ID: 1607

Full Name: Gordon Tonks

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Option 2 actually will cost another 1% increase overall

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Local Govt housing is costly and Central Govt is trying to increase housing in this sector. It makes no sense to have both parties involved.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

This is more than just a service to our rate payers. A lot of what is one persons rubbish is another's treasure and allows recycling from the kerbside.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1606

Full Name: mike alton

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

times are a bit tuff at the moment and a similar increase per year may be a better option.for me any way...

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

i think just as the country is at the present,the governments of the past have sold off state owned homes and privatetised them now we have homeless kiwis and mum and dad investors that picked up the slack are now in the gun because people cant afford the rents required for these people to make a profit on their investments....

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

living in the country you collect stuff that may be of use to neighbours/collectors or scrap metal people,so this gives a chance to give stuff a new life or recycle...

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1605

Full Name: Bereneice Cathro

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

It works out cheaper for the ratepayer. Better to do big and then ease off.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

As long as the service provider is very good at their job then it allows council to use the funds for infrastructure rather than maintenance on the housing.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

As long as the resource recovery centre is up and running and has reasonable hours, hopefully it will have a shop for the sale of items taken to the centre, and residents do not have to travel too far to get there.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1604****Full Name: Tony Kirton****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Important Note: As a result of the dramatic increases in 2021 capital valuations the rating database is now calculating increases of between 20 and 40% in year 1 instead the 9% that is indicated in option 1. I understand this is because the calculations for option 1 were made using the 2017 valuations which produced a rate per dollar which has now been applied to the new valuations thereby distorting the result. I would appreciate confirmation of this and a timeframe for a correction to be made on the rating database.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Individual Councils (especially the smaller ones) simply do not have the capacity to address the huge increase in demand for social housing. This has become such a significant national issue that it requires consistent policy making that should be implemented by a single national agency.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

The scavengers make the collections uneconomic.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1603

Full Name: Kim Rangihika

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Go hard early and recovery in the final years will be achievable

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

If it reduces debt I am HOPING it can be reflected in either our rates or in our environments

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

As stated - it's not addressing the true issue of not creating the waste in the first place. However I do believe Council & our country should invest in way better recycling solutions and support the limited sales of certain wasteful products

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Unsure about this

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

There are roads around Horotiu that are terrible- and need addressing. I can't tell what was done outside the dairy area - but Washer Rd where children catch buses is awful.

If there is going to be growth in Horotiu then footpaths need to be improved and added to both sides of roads and street lighting improved. For example there is a stretch of Great South Rd that has no streetlights and there are houses there. Makes for difficulty turning across the road into them

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1602

Full Name: Kathy Gold

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Hopefully with increased rates money is available to start projects that need attention, with out wasting money on patch up repairs, to then be fixed later.

As long as they don,t creep up more than this amount as promised, its easy to loose track of increases year by year.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

This is a good idea only if these houses are retained and possible more added, this type of housing is very important in all communities. Standards need to be maintained at all times

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

, This helps the community , some people struggle to dispose of these products. Dump prices are reasonable pricey.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Reserves in the Raglan area need to be under control by the community board , and user groups as they have the day to day knowledge of their use and problems. At present users of these reserves are ignored . Things could work in a much more harmonious way, at present many people of the community that have donated a lot of time into Raglan are cast aside, yet the information is there for a better outcome. Please Use It.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1601

Full Name: Russell Davis

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

This will keep inorganic waste pick up. You are living with the fairies if you actually believe people will take care of their own inorganic not pollute the local costal dunes and environment.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

I believe you already have these sold off? but are not telling people this has happened, that is the message going around out community

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

No comments

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

It seems on your WDC website I can find NO, repeat NO KPI's for your sub contractors, street lighting repairs ? We place a request for a light to be replaced and while this is acknowledged we later find out nothing is getting fixed "cuz we do not have bracket that is broken ? Well is the bracket

on order ?? Or we learn they this sub contractor is behind lighting request because they were waiting for a new bucket truck ?

Where is the accountability ? the KPI"s for responsiveness ? where are they ?

This is a safety issues which does not seem to be a priority with the council, shame!!! shame !!!

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1600

Full Name: Lesley Thornley

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Neither option: increase needs to be in line with cost of living. Projects should be at least in part funded by debt (loans) and minimise the cost to current rate payers

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

it is important that local government retains an accountability and responsibility for social housing. Even if it is in a relatively small way, such as it is now.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

there are people who have no other means of disposing of their inorganic waste. We are fortunate in Raglan but it still requires people to have access to a vehicle which can transport the inorganic items safely

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1599

Full Name: Helen McCabe

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Should be a service provided by central government

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

You should improve the regions resource recovery services at transfer stations and community shops

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

Should focus on public transport across the entire region

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Make desexing and microchipping of domestic cats mandatory

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1598

Full Name: celia Edmonds

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

There should be NO rate increase for rural property owners!

As it is at the moment we get no rural services, no recycling pick up, rubbish collection we have to pay for buying specific, blue bags or it won't be collected, no foot paths, no street lights, extremely poorly maintained gravel roads. The main road in our area (Old Mountain Rd) is extremely dangerous for drivers and pedestrians.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

We need to be sure our pensioners are provided for, this can only be certainty under the council

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Have contacted Waikato Council via email and phone calls over the years regarding the dangerous condition of a section of Old Mountain Rd, with no outcome. Recently I was advised to go through our local councillor Lisa Thomson, this I did read below.

Hi Lisa

Celia Edmonds here. I live on Old Mountain Rd, Waitetuna, I have done for the last 6 years

While I have lived here I have submitted a written complaint to Waikato District Council along with other residents about the dangerous condition of the section of road from 944 old mountain rd to Bush view drive. It's less than half a kilometre.

This section of road is gravel, it needs to be tar sealed ASAP.

The extensive pot holes are graded at least 9 - 10 times a year, the pot holes return within a week. Residents are having to deal with constant damage to their cars.

The amount of residents that use this section of road has increased significantly over the last 10 years

Children walk or bike this stretch of road to Waitetuna school and bus, no foot paths.

A few days ago I witnessed a driver hit a pot hole, temporarily loose control, almost hitting a child walking home from school!

There is a blind corner from either direction, so pedestrians and drivers can not see each other until last minute, braking on a gravel road with permanent pot holes is extremely dangerous.

As you know when there has been a car accident on hwy. 23 traffic is diverted down old mountain rd, another hazard when they hit the pot holes approaching a blind corner.

The increased speed to 100 doesn't not help with safety.

The condition of this stretch of road, being gravel has multiple dangerous hazards as mentioned above.

As it is, it's only a matter of time before there is a terrible accident, worse a fatality.

Passed and present communication with Waikato District Council, written and verbal has had no outcome only to be told 'there is no funding' this is unacceptable!

Home owners in Waitetuna valley pay high rates, we get NO services. We are requesting that the section of road from no. 944 to Bush View Drive be tar-sealed for the safety of our community ASAP please.

Today I spoke to roading at Waikato District Council, they advised me to contact you so this matter can be presented for the District Plan.

I really hope you can help us Lisa moving forward for a positive result. Could you please advise what happens now?

Celia Edmonds

Im very grateful this community concern has now been formally submitted, via this submission form. If nothing is done about the road and there is a serious accident or fatality, proven that the road condition is the concerning factor it will be on Waikato District Council. Seriously enough is enough, no one wants that, however as it is, it's only a matter of time. Please take this as a serious matter, it has been going on for many years.

Thank you for your time

Celia Edmonds

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1597****Full Name: Marie-Christine Wells****Wish to speak to submission: No****Topic 1 – General Rates Increase****Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

It helps when budgeting long-term, especially for those who already have set payments coming out of their accounts for other purchases and services.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

If you're going to do a job, do it properly or not at all.

My only concern is finding a responsible service provider who has a community mentality and who will not capitalise on pensioner housing to make huge profits and for selfish reasons.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

I have seen irresponsible people who throw small inorganic rubbish in the normal rubbish bags that are collected weekly and throw the larger ones on the side of roads, in drains, by the railway track, and outside neighbours' homes. These people do not take inorganic rubbish to the recycle dump. This could be because they do not have the means to do so or can't afford to pay for it.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:**Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**

Comment:

1 Roothing and lighting

a) The road, markings, and footpaths along Horotiu Rd and Park Rd need upgrading - particularly with the community growing and traffic becoming heavier.

b) The railway crossing had some work done on it but is shoddy work that damages tyres. Why can't it be as smooth as the one on Kahikatea Dr and Grey St

c) There needs to be better lighting on Great Sth Road - between Washer Rd and Horotiu Rd, and along Horotiu Rd. Again with the increase of people living in these areas and the increase of traffic, this is essential in terms of security and safety.

2 Playgrounds

There is a playground that caters mainly for younger children, but the teenagers and youth living at Horotiu Rd, Park Rd and Birdwood Rd do not have access to facilities such as a basketball court.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1596

Full Name: Jan White

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

slightly more affordable in the beginning.

Firstly we would want to know what the rates increase will be given the significant rise in property valuations. Is it intended to reduce the percentage increase to reflect this?

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

I just hope this will not mean an unaffordable increase in costs for residents on fixed incomes thus either rendering them homeless or unable to afford heating and good food.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

The Huntly depot is inconvenient or impossible for those without a trailer and an unpleasant place to visit.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1595

Full Name: jo

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Should allow minor dwellings to be built on properties, not just dependant person dwellings. With the housing shortage we're experiencing this is an important change.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1594

Full Name: Ngawai

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

If the expiry date on the invoices are linient it may suit

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Unless they will be replaced with more better housing for pensioners

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

There is a nearby dump

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

N/a

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1593

Full Name: John Lea

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Financially this I more palatable

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Better to have someone more experienced running these

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

Better to manage this through refuse transfer stations

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1592

Full Name: Nadene Hall

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

It's fairer on people who are still struggling after Covid, but also for people who may move out of the region over those 3 years.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

I believe specialist housing should be run by a specialist provider, not a council.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

It's a big expense, leads to far too much dumping, and the people who use it are the sorts of people who will probably dispose of their rubbish responsibly anyway.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1591****Full Name: Godfrey Bridger****Wish to speak to submission: No****Topic 1 – General Rates Increase****Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

I trust Council to make the best decision, and WDC, like most Councils, are desperate for funds to improve assets and infrastructure and maintenance

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

I trust Council to make the best decision, and WDC, like most Councils, are desperate for funds to improve assets and infrastructure and maintenance

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Refuse collection (of all types) is a core service to the community. If it's costing you more then charge us more for it.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

It makes sense to review everything regularly, we live in a fast moving world.

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

The Gulleys around Tamahere/Matangi need cleaning up to remove noxious and introduced species, and a long term plan needs to be drawn up to make them an attractive community asset for everyone to enjoy. This needs to include access to them as well as regular maintenance. See attached document.

Attachment: Yes

The Greenway

Hamilton City to Waikato Countryside recreational access via
the Mangaonua Gully

A joint proposal to Hamilton City Council and Waikato District
Council for valuable economic recovery projects after Covid19

By

Professor Chris Hendy, 78 Matangi Road,

George Lusty, Spokesperson, Friends of the Mangaonua Gully

Godfrey Bridger, 49 Poplar Lane

V12: 13 May 2020

Hamilton City, Waikato District & Waipa District Councils

- Working together to provide projects that the community needs, are transformational, and generates jobs after Covid19;
- HCC has submitted “[Development of Natural Area Gully Networks](#)” to Central Government as a \$103.5m “Shovel Ready” project for funding assistance;
- Mangaonua Gully is a \$22.22m part of that project (there are 4 other parts);
- This Greenway proposal is a more detailed community suggestion to utilise those funds.

Benefit Highlights – HCC Proposal

Section 15 (for whole Gully Project)

“Environmental Wellbeing

Improves resident’s access to natural areas within the city, building a stronger understanding and appreciation of biodiversity in Hamilton. Contributes to significantly improved biodiversity value in the urban environment which will have positive flow on effects on climate change.

Social Wellbeing

An improved path network through gullies and natural areas can improve social wellbeing by providing more opportunities for residents to be physically active and enjoy their surroundings. This has a likely impact of encouraging further social connections.

Cultural Wellbeing

Natural areas are significant to Mana Whenua. Improved access by the community is likely to ensure that these values are shared and understood more widely and there is an opportunity to reinforce gullies contribution to the Waikato-Tainui Environmental Plan

Economic Wellbeing

The project expenditure provides a direct boost to the local economy. Not only this but the indirect and induced expenditure is expected to multiply the effectiveness of this funding. PWC has estimated in a report to the Construction Strategy Group the multiplier effect for construction. “That one dollar invested in construction produces between \$2.51 and \$3.11 in economic activity”. On that basis this project would return approximately \$290M in economic benefits.

Longer term, the pathways create another attractive aspect to Hamilton and encourage more people to live, work in and visit the city.”

Benefits of Mangaonua Rehabilitation – Community Views: 1 - 8

1. Rectifies part of the neglected landscape which cannot be remedied until better access is available. (Most cities have hills to provide character whereas Hamilton and its surrounds has Gullies instead. This gives Hamilton and the Waikato District around it a unique feature.)
2. Provides a wildlife corridor from the Waikato River for native birds, bats and fish, linking existing significant natural areas (SNAs).
3. Enables more efficient control of mammalian predators, especially possums, rats and stoats etc.
4. Remove problem weed species such as privet.
5. Contributes to the Government's "1 billion" trees initiative.
6. Provides highly appropriate recreational activities for "country living" – the transition zone between rural and urban living areas;
7. Is a labour intensive scheme, especially in its initial stages, and will largely utilise local resources
8. Will result in a significant public resource extending Hamilton's riverside walkways and will create a new network of non road pedestrian and cycle routes. Effectively it provides "parkland reserves" that are geographically integrated into the landscape

Benefits of Mangaonua Rehabilitation – Community Views: 9 - 13

9. Provides easy access for continuous maintenance of a natural part of the landscape for the enjoyment of all.
10. Will provide a useful natural education resource for the several close by schools, the University and the Technical Institute.
11. Effectively provides natural native flora and fauna parks and waterways deeply integrated with physical landscape and avoids planned or inadvertent incursions by rapidly growing population. It resists the negative effects on the region from gradual urbanization that usually removes greenery, birds, lizards, fish and other native wildlife and increases pollution.
12. With the modest extra cost of good signage, will provide historical, geological, environmental and cultural links for everyone to become more knowledgeable about the world we live in. This is particularly important for our children.
13. If properly fenced (at significant cost), will provide native reserve areas free from domestic pets which harm birds and other native fauna.
14. If planted with some NZ Bush Nettle, especially where security is required, will bring back the threatened native red and yellow Admiral butterflies (kahukura and kahu kowhai).

Risks

	Risk	Mitigation
1	People perceive greater public access to lower value of their lifestyle properties	The reverse is likely to occur due to: a) additional amenity value of access to NZ environment, b) population pressure will continue to increase anyway, c) this provides structured access highly aligned to its “country living” transition zone purpose
2	Greater public access increases risk of crime to bordering properties or antisocial behaviour	Implement security measures such as Solar PV powered movement-triggered lighting, cameras, fences and signage.
3	Property ownership issues could delay work	Start immediately where land is publicly owned, leaving gaps if necessary, where special negotiation required (like footpath to Poplar Lane!)
4	Rare or endangered species discovered	Involve University and experts as quickly as possible. Noting that access will improve likelihood of conservation.

Consultation & Support

The Project has been shared with more than 30 people from the area (including Friends of the Mangaonua Gully) and several experts (Professor Brendan Hicks, Professor Bruce Clarkson, Peter Morris, Keith Thompson, Tony and Jane Lorimer) and has largely received strong support.

Supporters include residents of Poplar Lane area where there are also concerns over security and value reduction.

It is envisaged that the Hamilton City Council and the Waikato District Council will also liaise with mana whenua groups regarding aspects of implementation and signage.

Background

- Councils have a network of pedestrian and cycle trails along the banks of the Waikato River, but have done little to link these to the often deep gullies which thread through the city.
- This contrasts unfavourably with New Plymouth where similar gullies support much loved and well used trails such as the Te Henui and Huatoki walkways.
- The longest and most significant of all the gullies in and around Hamilton is the Mangaonua and its tributaries, yet this is the least accessible gully system, despite its ecological, cultural and scenic value. Rehabilitating the Mangaonua has previously been thought desirable but requiring too much labour to be feasible (HCC Gully Reserves Management Plan December 2007).

Topographic Map of the Gullies



The Mangaonua⁶⁸⁰ Gully system prior to the arrival of Hamilton



An airphoto taken in 1953 shows the area surrounding the Mangaonua Stream and its tributaries. The gully system is completely surrounded by farm land.

Pasture covers the flat land either side of the gully system and there is evidence of some grazing down into the valley floor, but also significant erosion of the steep gully slopes. The original Poplar Lane Estate is outlined in white. Remnants of the original native forest and willows occupy about 40% of the valley floor.



Mangaonua Gully now

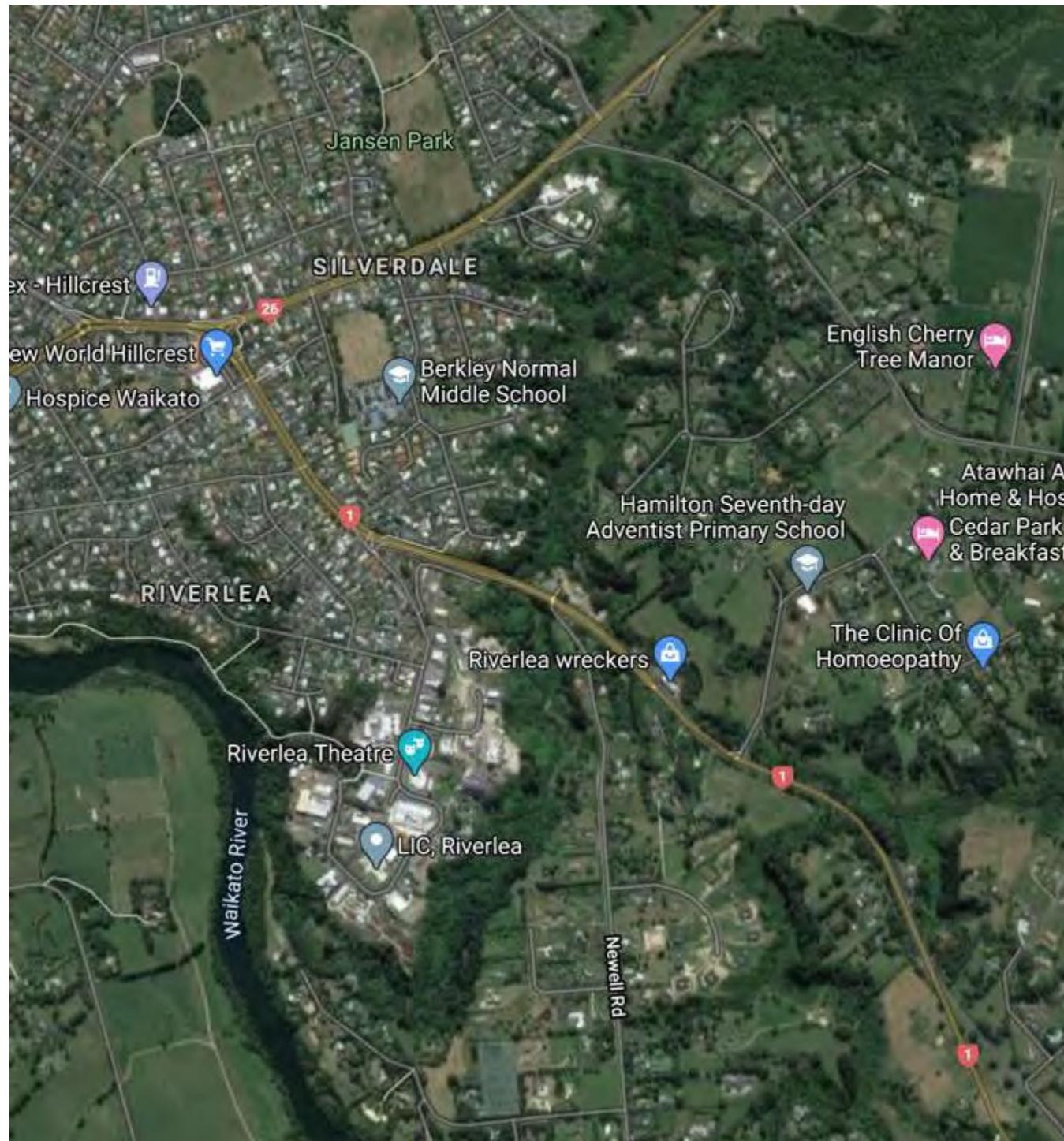


Figure 12: Gully Management Zones: Mangaonua Gully

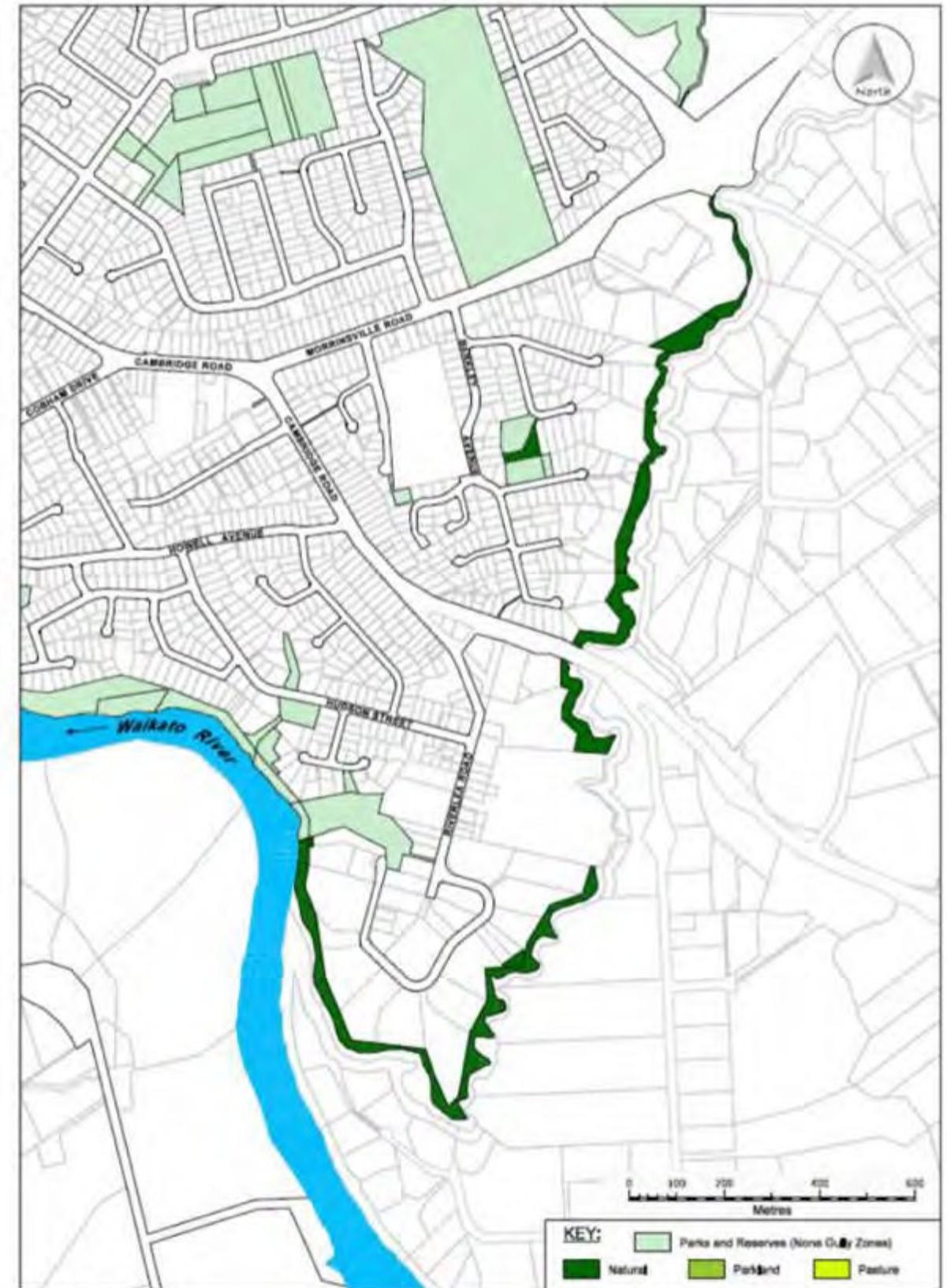


Figure 12

MANAGEMENT ZONES FOR MANGAONUA GULLY

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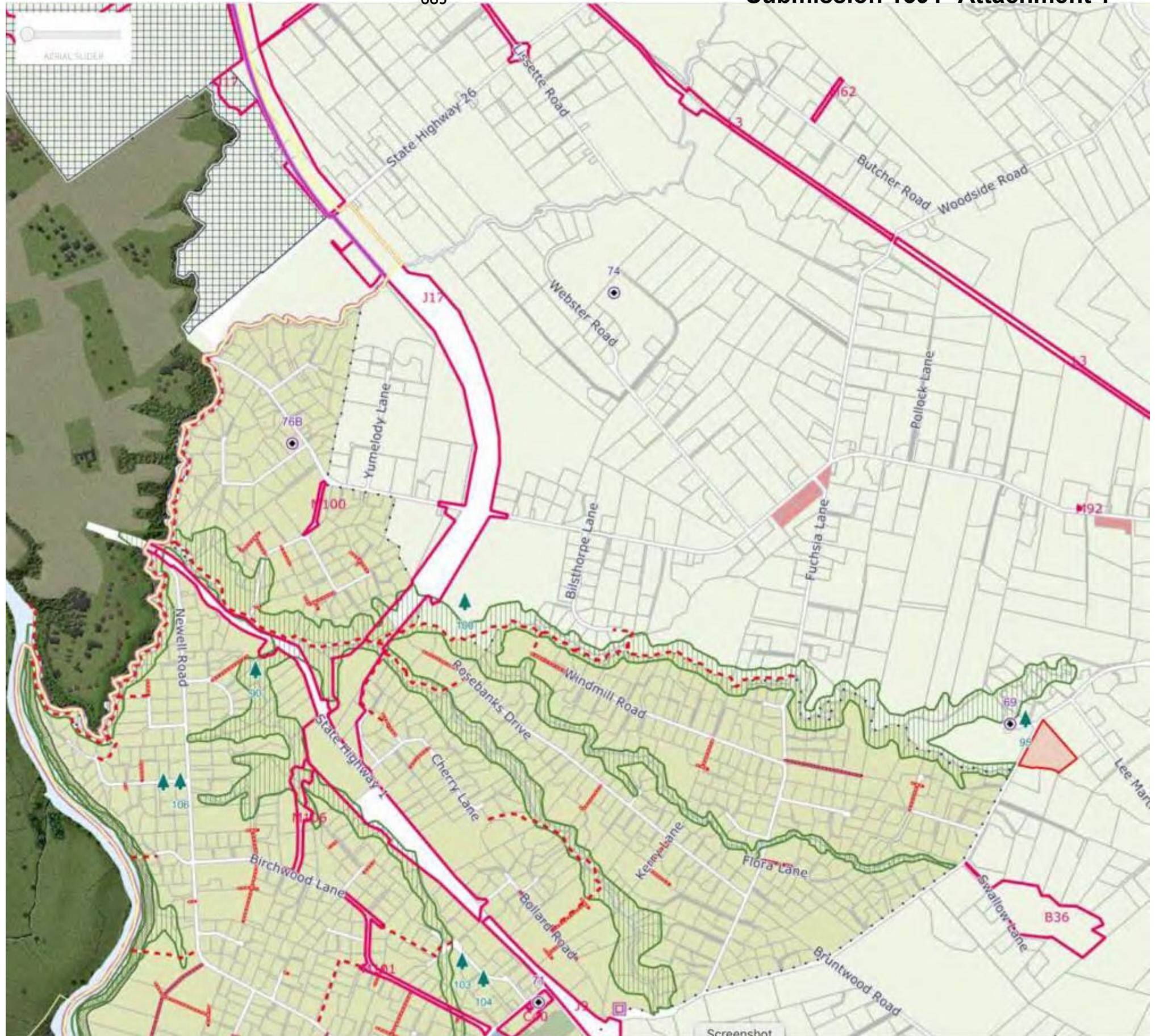
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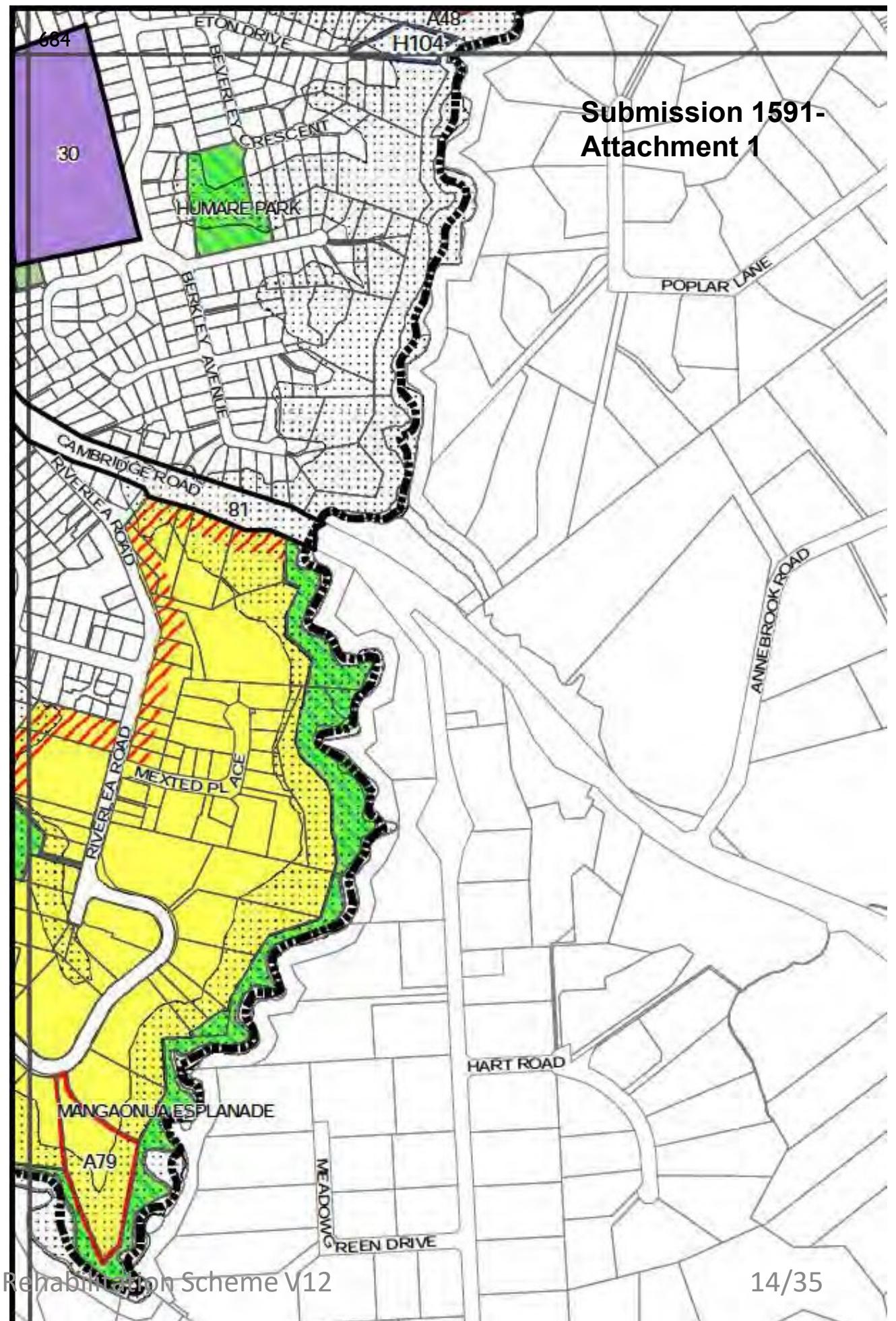
Poplar Lane

Matangi Road

WDC District Plan Map of Mangaonua Gully and its Tributaries



HCC District Plan Map of South Eastern Boundary



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HCC District Plan Map of "Gown to Town" Trail

(Dashed in black)



Hamilton City
Operative District Plan
July 2012

Zoning Map

Map No **13**
Last Updated February 2013

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Map provided by Hamilton City Council

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Mangaonua Gully Rehabilitation

- Hamilton City is largely devoid of hills but is crisscrossed by deeply incised gullies which give the city its distinct character
- The Mangaonua Stream and its tributaries including the Mangaharakeke, Mangaone Streams and other smaller gullies is by far the largest and most significant gully system in or adjacent to the Hamilton City area.
- It contains much of the significant natural area within the city and is currently very poorly accessed or utilised.
- Rehabilitation would enhance the gully system as wildlife corridors for native invertebrates, many of which are locally or nationally threatened.
- Although some gully rehabilitation has been undertaken within Hamilton City, the majority of this gully system has been unrestored because of the scale of work involved. This gully system has also been identified as a high priority for restoration by Waikato District Council (Waikato Regional Council Technical Report 2017/36). The Covid-19 recession 'shovel ready' funding has provided a rare opportunity to redress this as the work involved requires extensive labour.

Current Status - Vegetation/Flora

The Mangaonua Stream is largely bounded by riparian reserves administered by Hamilton City Council and Waikato District Council.

The reserves are currently in poor state with serious infestation of weed species including:

- Willow (*Salix cinereal* and *Salix fragilis*),
- Privet (*Ligustrum* spp.) and
- Blackberry (*Rubus fruticosus* agg.)
- Gorse

There are significant clusters of native species that require extra conservation work including:

- Kahikatea,
- Totara,
- Coprosma spp.,
- Pseudopanax spp (incl Lancewood and 5 finger).,
- other native broadleaves and
- Tree ferns (*Cyathea medullaris*, *Dicksonia squarrosa*, *Cyathea dealbata* and *Cyathea fibrosa*).

Current Status - Wildlife/Fauna

- **Native birds** regularly sighted include:- Tui, Shining Cuckoo, Pukeko, Australasian Harrier, Waxeye, Grey Warbler, Fantail, Ducks (species not identified), New Zealand Kingfisher and Morepork.
- In addition rehabilitation of the gully system and predator removal are likely to encourage Kereru and Bellbirds to re-establish themselves.
- **Native fish** observed include:- Long finned eel, Short finned eel, Mudfish, Banded Kokopu, Common Bully, Crans Bully, Redfinned Bully and Common smelt.
- **Other native Fauna** include glowworms, long tailed bats and speckled skinks. Geckos may also be present.

Stage 1: Cambridge Road to Matangi Road

Construction of an access track and weed removal

The first phase of the Mangaonua Gully Rehabilitation Scheme envisages construction of two access tracks from Matangi Road to Cambridge Road with a bridge over the Mangaone Stream. One track will be within Hamilton City esplanade reserves and the other within Waikato District esplanade reserves. Initially these tracks will provide access for weed vegetation removal, predator trap lines and then replanting with appropriate native species.

Clarkson *et al.* (2007) indicates that the original vegetation on the gully floors would have been a kahikatea, pukatea, swamp maire forest and the valley sides with a tōtara, mātai and kōwhai forest. The fragments remaining of these forests will be augmented with new plantings resulting in a gradual replacement of most of the exotic tree species. Obstructive logs should be removed from the stream bed, and illegally dumped rubbish removed.

Fencing will be required to define boundaries between reserves and neighbouring private land and should be of a standard to keep domestic cats and dogs from straying into the esplanade reserves.

When the major rehabilitation work is completed the tracks could be paved suitable for walkers and cyclists. A bridge across the Mangaone stream will be required on the Waikato District bank of the Mangaonua.

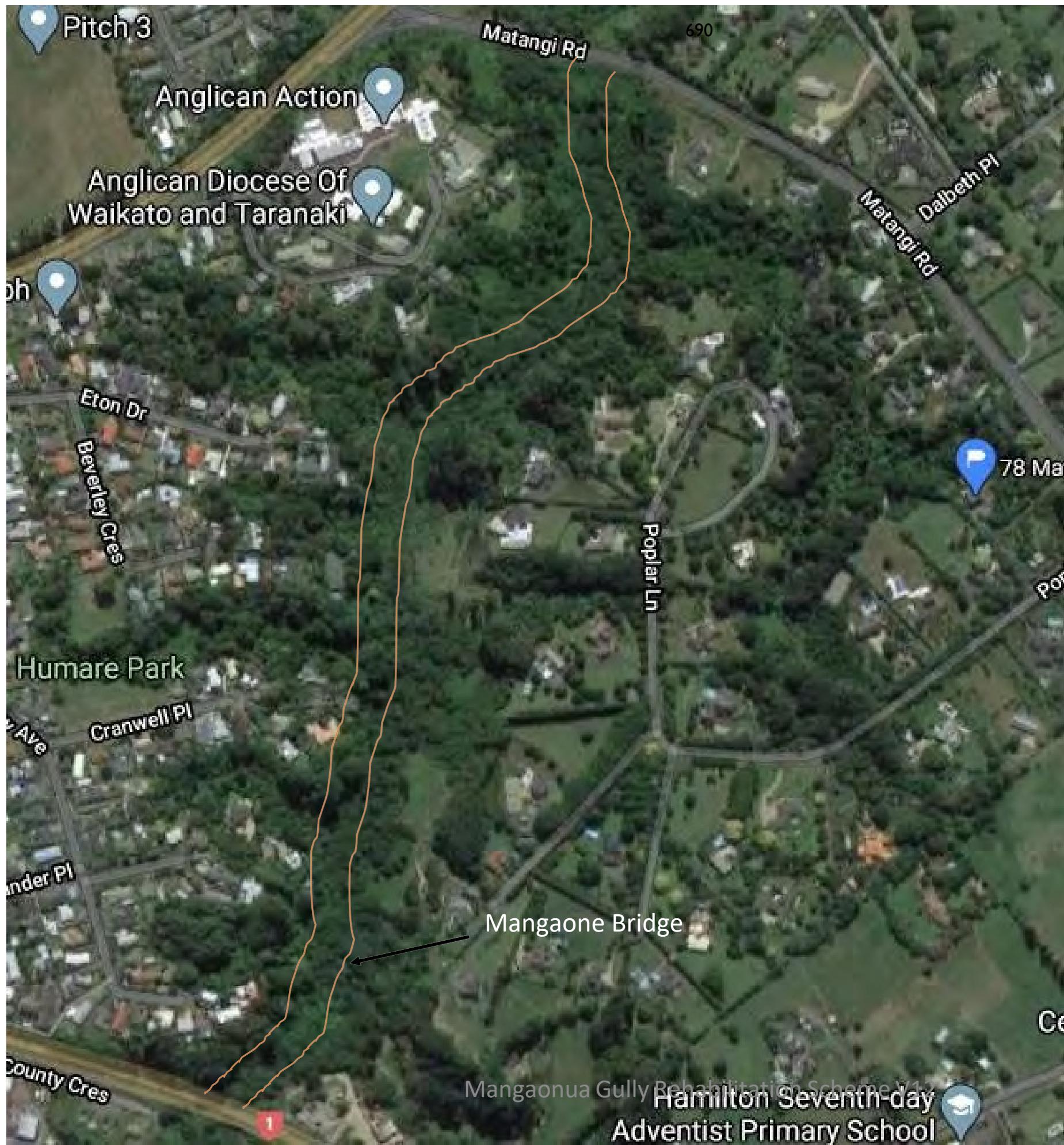
Crossing State Highway 26 from the Matangi Road intersection allows access to the partly constructed “Gown to Town” trail around Silverdale.

Mangaonua Gully Rehabilitation Scheme

Stage 1

Proposed access tracks
(indicative only)

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Stage 2: Access Track from Poplar Lane to Hūmārie Park

This phase results in construction of a graded path through riparian reserves from Poplar Lane with a bridge over the Mangaonua Stream to Hūmārie Park.

This will give greater public access to the Mangaonua walkway from both the Berkley area in Hamilton City and the Poplar Lane, and ultimately the Cedar Park rural residential areas of Waikato District.

An additional advantage will be provision of an off-road pedestrian & cycle access between the Poplar Lane/Matangi Road rural residential zones with three local schools (Berkley Normal Middle, Hillcrest Normal and Hillcrest High Schools) and access from the schools to the gully system for environment education.

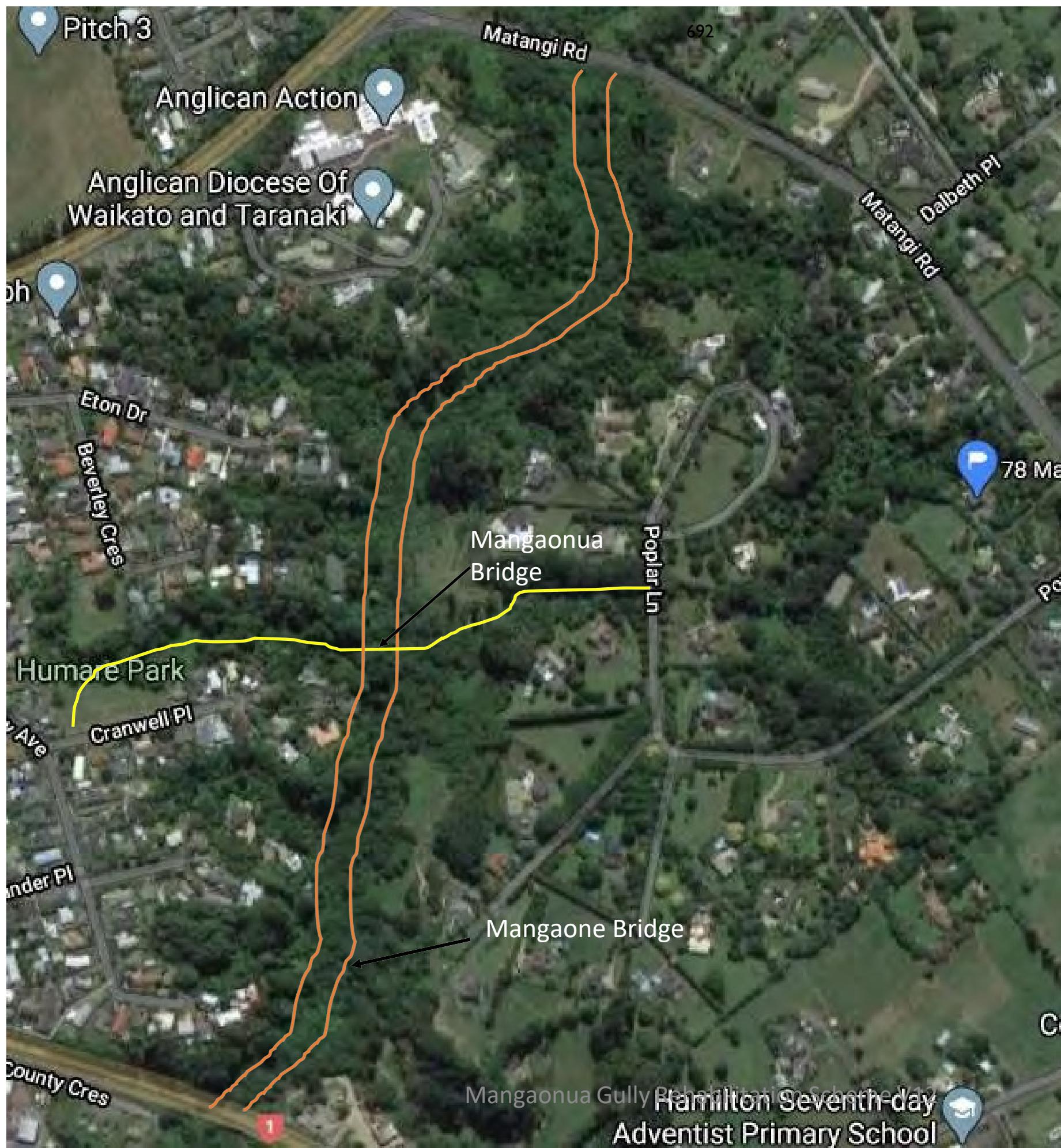
Students travelling beyond Berkley Normal Middle School can use the existing light controlled pedestrian crossing across Morrinsville Road to Hillcrest High School, and the existing underpass to Hillcrest Normal School.

This should ease cycle traffic on Matangi Road and especially across the Matangi Road/Morrinsville Road/Silverdale Road intersection, which is particularly dangerous as it is in an 80km/hr speed zone.

Mangaonua Gully Rehabilitation Scheme

~~Stage 2~~

Proposed path (in yellow) linking Poplar Lane and Hūmārie Park the indicated path is the most direct of several potential routes (indicative only)



Mangaonua Gully Rehabilitation

Stage 3

Access track from Cambridge Road to the Waikato River

The first purpose of this track is to provide access for weed removal, predator control and replanting with appropriate native species. The stream should be cleared of logs and other foreign obstacles provided this can be done without degrading the environment for aquatic fauna. Use of this waterway for powered vessels should be disallowed as adverse to both wildlife and neighbouring residents.

There will probably be a need to construct a bridge over the Mangaonua Stream, and linkage with the Matangi Road – Cambridge Road segment, may be possible underneath the Cambridge Road bridge. Fences need to be erected along boundaries with private land capable of preventing access by wandering cats and dogs.

When major works are completed the access track will be paved providing linkage between the existing Malcom Place to Riverlea Road riverside walkway and eventually to Hamilton Gardens and Hamilton City centre to the west and Silverdale to the north. Ultimately (Stage 5) the tracks could be extended along the Mangaonua Stream to Lissette Road and Newstead.

Completion of this segment would complete the wildlife corridor for native fish, birds and bats



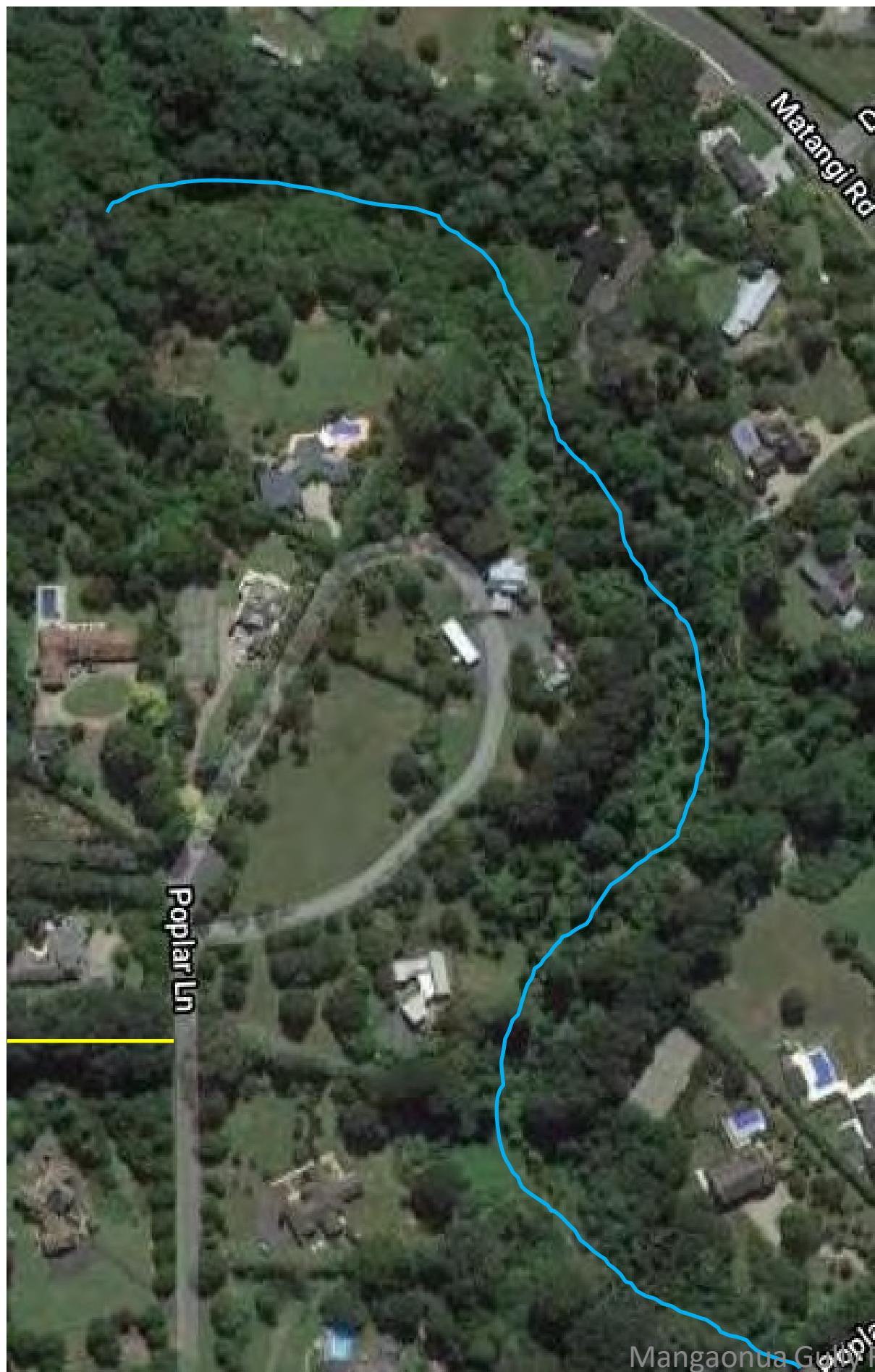
Mangaonua Gully Rehabilitation Stage 4

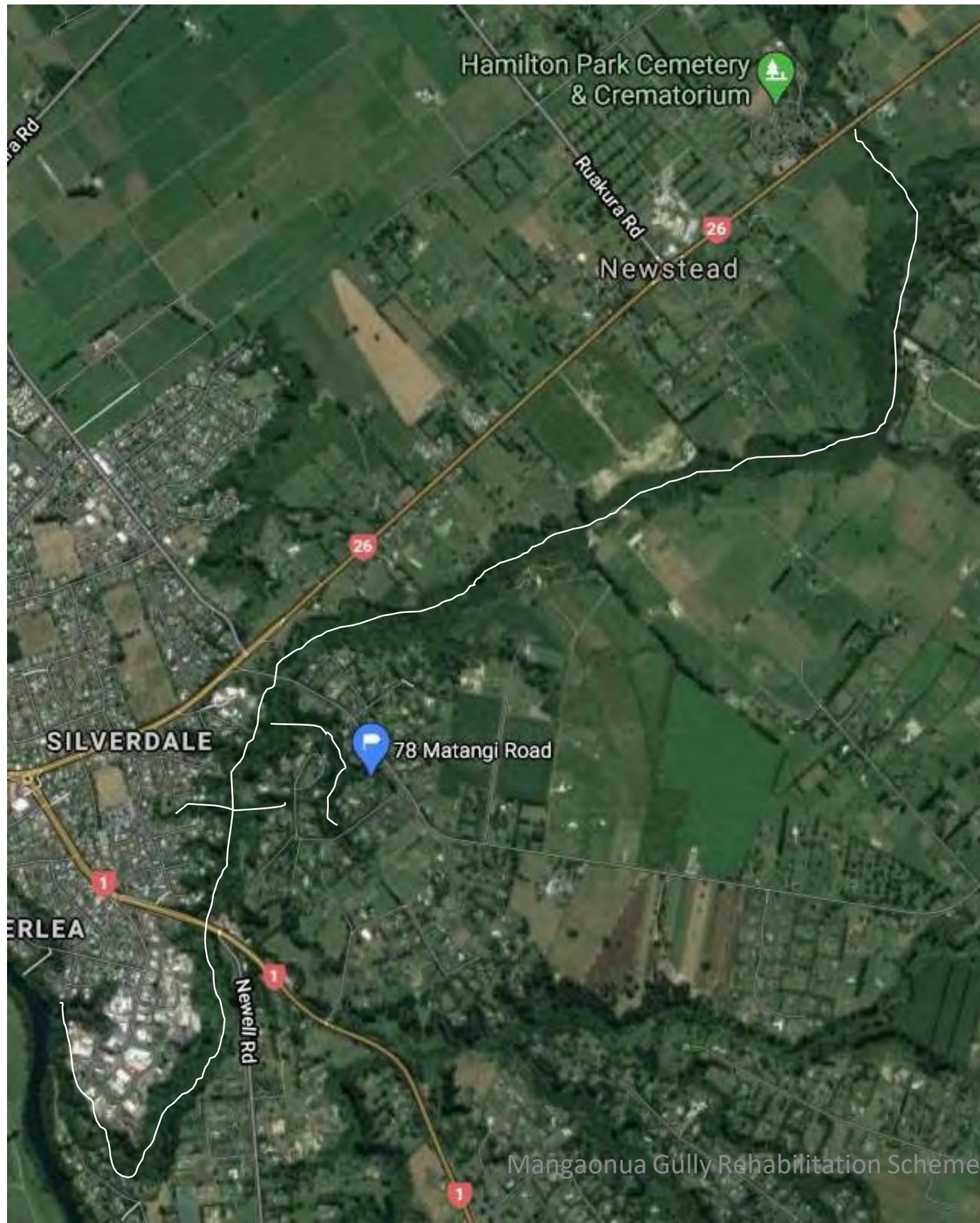
Pedestrian track (in blue) from Mangaonua Stream to Poplar Lane (route indicative only)

The purpose of this stage is to provide a loop walkway to link up to the Stage 2 development (in yellow).

It will also extend the weed control, enable access to several stands of mature kahikatea, and small wetlands containing raupō and *Carex secta*.

Most of the route involves private land through which access will need to be negotiated and may not be achievable while present subdivision rules apply





Stage 5

Long term potential network of pedestrian/cycle trails

Extension of the Mangaonua Gully Rehabilitation Scheme could result in a dual purpose walkway/cycle trail from the Matangi Road Bridge to State Highway 26 opposite Hamilton Park Cemetery and Newstead Model School.

Cycle path links to the Waikato Expressway Cycle Trail at the Mangaonua viaduct, and to the Ruakura-Hautapu cycle way (Stage 7, if this can be brought about).

Pedestrians can continue over SHW26 to the already constructed Newstead – Vaile Road walkway.

This will give continuous off road cycle and pedestrian access from the city centre to Hamilton Park Cemetery and beyond

Stage 6

Potential Extension of the Mangaonua walkway/ cycleway

There is currently a short section of walkway (Alan Turner Walkway) in the Mangaharakeke Stream Gully linked to the swingbridge between Fuschia Lane and Woodcock Road.

This gully is located entirely within the Waikato District. A walkway through it, as foreshadowed in the Waikato District Plan, would add approximately 3.5km to the network with potential access points to Annebrook Road, Windmill Road and Bishopthorpe Lane complimenting the Mangaonua walkway system.



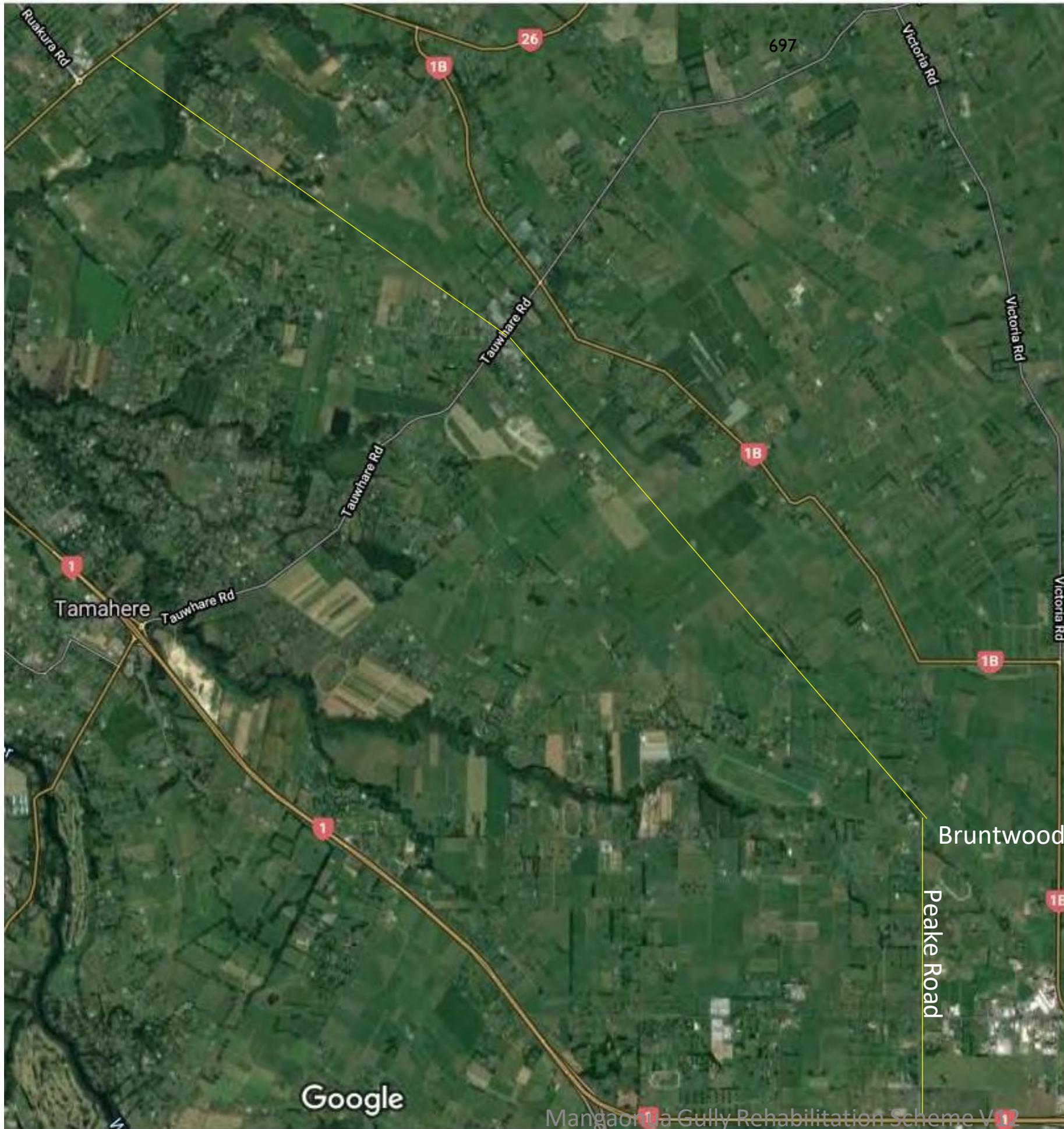
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Stage 7

Newstead to Bruntwood rail cycle track

This proposal is independent of the Mangaonua Gully Rehabilitation proposal, but forms a logical link to it by providing an off road cycleway through some very interesting scenery between Hamilton and Cambridge. The proposal is to construct a cycle path within the Ruakura to Hautapu branch railway easement, but to one side of the railbed with a suitable safety barrier between the cycle track and the railbed. A bridge across the Mangaonua Stream will need to be constructed, although this could be at a lower level than the existing rail bridge. A link track to join the Mangaonua Gully track will also need to be constructed. The rail cycle track is proposed to terminate at Bruntwood allowing cyclists to proceed down Peake Road to access the Avanti Cycle Drome on Cambridge Road rather than continuing to Hautapu where joining with Victoria Road is likely to cause a more significant traffic hazard.

The proposed rail cycle track falls within two district council areas, Waikato and Waipa, and would require assent from Kiwi Rail.



Conclusion

- The Mangaonua system is the most neglected gully system in the Hamilton / Waikato council areas.
- The 'Shovel ready' grants would facilitate the extensive labour and capital works required.
- The Mangaonua system is ready to go especially if previous plans were available.
- The various branches of the system will provide enhancement of flora, fauna, recreation and off-road walk and cycle ways.
- Nature knows no boundaries – this proposal would tie in well with a coordinated effort by Hamilton City, Waikato District and Waipa District councils.

Appendix 1 - Supply of locally sourced plants

Consultation with Peter Morris (Peter Morris Gully and Nursery, 67d Fuchsia Lane) indicated that his nursery was capable of supplying the full range of native plants suitable for replanting in PB3 bags and approximately 1m in height from locally sourced seed.

Currently these cost about \$6 each to produce and would take about 2 years to be ready for planting. It will take at least 2 years to achieve adequate weed control before planting could commence. Our estimate is that about 25,000 permanent plants will be required with a further 50,000 temporary shelter plants (such as manuka, flaxes etc). We estimate that about \$500,000 may be required to supply these plants.

Appendix 2 - Fencing

Fencing serves multiple purposes

- 1 Defines boundary between private land and esplanade reserve
- 2 Keeps domestic pets (cats and dogs) out of the reserve
- 3 Deters intruders onto private land.

Suggested construction

- 2.7m posts set 900mm into the ground at 3m intervals
- 1800mm chain link netting topped by 2 strands of barbed wire
- 3 batons between each post.

Interlock gates at all exits to the esplanade tracks

Appendix 3 - Butterflies

Red and yellow Admiral butterflies (kahukura (*Vanessa gonerilla*) and kahu kowhai (*Vanessa itea*)) were once common but are both now largely restricted to a few locations due to the removal of their host plant (NZ bush nettle (*Urtica ferox*)). Perhaps some bush nettle could be planted where extra security or privacy may be desired. This point will need consultation with neighbours.

Appendix 4 Signage

- To make the rehabilitated reserves more useful for public education interpretative signs should be erected covering
 - Geological History
 - Cultural Significance
 - Environmental Importance
 - Importance to safeguarding the diversity of native (especially endemic) species
 - Any particular initiatives undertaken in this project

As the major use of these is likely to come from schools, a significant cluster of these signs should be within 1km of Berkley Normal Middle School

Appendix 5 Public Consultation

- Tangata Whenua
- Siting of fencing
- Access points
- Retention or removal of exotic trees (not all need to be removed, and it is important for fish life to retain shade cover over the streams)
- Style of replanting
- Other interest groups to be included such as: Walking, Park Run, Cycling, Forest & Bird Society, other environmental groups.
- Department of Conservation

Appendix 6 Public Involvement

- Assistance with planting will give a sense of belonging likely to lead to long term care and value of the public asset.
- Information of the project at all stages, especially if this can be done digitally with the ability to provide feedback to the project leadership will also lead to a sense of belonging.
- Consider setting up a public advisory group (as distinct from technical advisory groups) such as “Gully Watchers”. This gives a channel for public concerns to be aired and disputes to be diffused.

Appendix 7 - Geological History

Following one of the largest known volcanic eruptions the Waikato River broke through from Lake Taupo about 22,000 years ago and flooded the Hamilton Basin leaving only a few small hills poking above the great sand and gravel floodplain. Finally, about 14,000 years ago it ran out of sediment and cut the trench it flows in today (McCraw, 1967].

Ground water from the extensive floodplain either side of the river emerged as springs which led to the formation of gullies that quickly cut back towards their water source eventually forming the intricate pattern of branching gullies (McCraw, 2000).

Include Maori history and cultural significance

Above used for Signage

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1590****Full Name: Debbie Loots****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Some people get a pay rise every year or the minimum wage are being increased every year. Taking this into consideration, spreading the increase out means that it is more manageable to pay rates.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

a Responsible service provider should be able to support pensioners better.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

We already have a problem with illegal dumping. Taking this option away will only worsen the problem.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

I like to get more information on this.

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1589

Full Name: Richard Stretton

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Keep costs down

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Council not best placed to own pensioner housing. Doubles up on expertise with dedicated social housing providers

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Community good

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

Enables the council to manage budget better

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1588

Full Name: Sally Wagstaff

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Neither. Maintain current rate levels with no increases. Spread payments out evenly.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Generally disappointed with the gap between district plans/zones and Council's practical approach to approving subdivision or multi housing developments including the use of minor dwellings in rural areas. Here in Onewhero we are seeing subdivisions on food production capable lands for housing and re-sale with no consideration to the rural atmosphere or offsetting these developments with land permanently earmarked for food production. Whats the point in having a district plan and thus zonings?

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID:** 1587**Full Name:** Leighton Fletcher**Wish to speak to submission:** No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Rate increases need to be as low as possible - I have little confidence that the Year 2 and Year 3 increases will be kept as low as predicted for Option 1. WDC can't keep raising rates at such high % year-on-year.

WDC is simply pushing the burden of increased expenses onto rate payers without taking responsibility for minimising Council costs. Council needs to get back to focussing on core services only, in order to reduce rising costs.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Council should be focussing on core services only.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

This is a core Council service. Stop trying to cut these core services and still increasing rates significantly.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1586

Full Name: Anne Williams

Wish to speak to submission:

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

I am hoping that council is not passing the buck here. Would the Responsible Service Provider be the right option or would they be putting the pensioners housing rent up. This is another area that does not concern me or my situation presently but I do have concerns that in the long run, is this going to be the best thing for the pensioner housing.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

This does not impact on my situation. We have no roadside kerb collection. The only drawback I see for the ("townies") is that the discontinuation of services may lead to illegal dumping.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

I am concerned that the proposal will be to lessen what funding the community will get. It does not say definitely where the money will be repurposed to. So, unless there is definite guidelines to where the money will actually be going, I cannot support t

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Yes, I would like to put in a submission for better roading at Hauroto Bay Road, Te Uku, Raglan. I have been living at our property for what will be 8 years at the end of July this year. In this time, I have noticed that the road has been neglected to the point where the road surface has got down to the clay, there are large potholes and a lot of the road, especially at one or two corners, has bad corrugations in it. I do not think it appropriate for Council to increase our rates while we have got sub-standard roading. I have noticed that over the years, so-called improvements have been made to the road from Raglan to the deviation but some are good improvements, but some were probably unnecessary. We had a meeting of Council roading and the current mayor, and some of the residents at 175 Hauroto Bay Road (2013) where we told that the council would ensure that the road was kept up to a good standard. I feel let down, because this undertaking has not eventuated. The council take increased rates from us here on Hauroto Bay Road but we do not feel we get value for money. For instance, we do not have rubbish collection, we do not have to pay water rates, sewerage waste rates. If something concrete were to be done for the roading, we would not feel that the rating was a waste of money in our situation. I have noticed that there has been some metal put on the road today. Please tell me WHY it had to be large metal which will flick out of the potholes, will only be "rolling around and not binding" and is hard on the vehicle tyres. There was not even (to date) a roller following the metal truck. It is just a cosmetic reaction but is not an effective solution. It says in your document that you maintain unsealed metal roads, well, this road has not been maintained effectively at all.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1585

Full Name: Lisa Crandall

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

9% is too much of a shock to people's finances in one hit.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

I disagree with the privatisation of such services. I think that Josie shows this has led to unfavourable outcomes for the public, and especially for society's most vulnerable members.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

I think this service is very important. People dumping waste in gullies etc is already a problem. I believe that if the inorganic collection is stopped, dumping of waste in natural places will get worse. It is all very well saying that a service goes against your environmental goals as a council, but without a practical alternative, I believe the removal of this service will lead to unintentional, negative consequences.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1584

Full Name: Rex Lucinsky

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

The combined rate for Waikato District Council and the Waikato Regional Council are high. Most families including elderly people are struggling to find money to pay for there existing rates, without having to hike them up to 9% for year 1. The rate increase should be spread equally over the 3 year term.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Pensioner Housing should be sold to a Responsible Service Provider or a partnership trust between both entities.

Pensioner Housing should not be a burden upon the rate payers, as there are government agencies that can handle this.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

Outdated service community service. User pay would be preferable. Why should i pay for other ratepayers rubbish to be collected and dumped.

Each ratepayer should take responsibility for transporting and removing their own rubbish, not the community.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

To much funding to groups and communities that is squandered without any accountability.

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1583

Full Name: Tony Perkins

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Option 2 is a higher increase over the 3 years

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

I would happily take inorganic rubbish to a collection point for free than have scavengers sorting through and spreading the material all over the path. It will also reduce the cost of collection to council and enable recycling at the collection point.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

It would make the use of targeted rates more transparent.

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1582****Full Name: Rebecca****Wish to speak to submission: No****Topic 1 – General Rates Increase****Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

As I am already struggling to pay my rates and not entitled to a rebate, you will be putting much added stress on my family of 4 children and 2 adults. My husband works while I'm on working for families. Our rates for WDC and regional are \$4000.00 annually that is not including water. You want another 3% increase and I don't see where the money goes to in my area of Huntly. Yes there has been a few changes here, but I see more spent in other areas

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

I think that a responsible service provider will be able to provide the necessary services to elderly, there 34 units in the Waikato and I would think they maybe able to focus more on healthy homes even building extra units, like HNZ.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

In Auckland they have done it were you book appointments for your inorganic to be picked up with the same size amount. I dont really use this service as you can hardly dispose of much rubbish so I take to the dump myself. But have seen others do and wouldn't want to see this dumped on the roadsides.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:****Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**

Comment:

Huntly is always missing out on getting better things, I see there is a new childrens park coming, but it could have added a Waterpark, seating and BBQ area. I really would love to see Huntly grow into a town where children can grow and be proud of living here. Fancy having to drive to other towns for markets, parks, pools, gyms etc.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1578

Full Name: Graeme Cummins

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Sticker shock in the first year, with softer hits in subsequent years

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Personally, I don't believe it to be the business of rate payers to provide social housing. This I believe is the role of Central government, by what ever means it sees fit, Responsible Service Providers, or appropriate government departments.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Will help offset illegal dumping, plus many people lack the means to convey bulky refuse items to the appropriate transfer facilities.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1573****Full Name: Alan Page****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Because there isn't an option which does not include increases each and every year or which matches the increases I receive to my salary which are far below this rate and based on me producing more income and doing more work. I appreciate the work that the council does do and I am happy if these increases are used ENTIRELY for infrastructure projects, but otherwise there is a lot to be said for living within your means - which may mean some pet projects and highly paid consultants may have to be put to the side.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Pensioner housing should be considered a public good and as such is better managed within the public sector than a for-profit private provider

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Why should rates increase if services are being reduced?

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

There are major issues brewing with roading over the long-term which are avoidable with proper planning completed now. We need to designate roads correctly and then stipulate what development is allowed on those corridors and preclude any development which will require the reclassification of the roads and subsequent changes to speed limits. Sh26 is a prime example of this. Properties are selling with '400m of road frontage' - if developers are permitted to build homes along that entire road frontage, they will be introducing a high volume of potential conflict points (albeit for a short period each day) as residents exit their driveways into a thoroughfare. This will result in the need to reduce the speed limit at all times, to make it 'safe'. This should not be permitted as the road is a major arterial. All development should be restricted to ensure the number of conflict points is not increased - houses can still be built, but would need to be planned so that all residents exit via the existing driveway for the property in question. That is, developers will need to invest in converting the driveway to a road into their new development and then roading within the development to link up to that ingress/egress point.

On a related matter, an overarching design is needed for cycleways. These are a vital addition to our community, however, they succeed internationally only where they are provided with their own infrastructure, not imposed on existing roading. This limits the danger of shared modes and ensures safe, easy options for pedestrians and cyclists. Once the design is agreed, we then urgently need to set about building the required, separated infrastructure and putting in place the necessary controls (eg traffic lights) where that infrastructure intersects with / crosses existing roading.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1569

Full Name: David & Kathleen Hardwick

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Spreads the necessary increase better over the extended period

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

It is one less problem & cost the WDC has to keep dealing with.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

It is needed to be kept because for most residents it is the only way to dispose of their inorganic items & also stops others from indiscriminate illegal dumping.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

All feedback from your citizens is important

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1568****Full Name: Linda McDonald****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

It is a health hazard when it happens and we do have refuse centers for this type of disposal. The emphasis is changing, as it should, to recycling items, rather than consuming and disposing of them.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

The last 300m of Wilton Collieries Road is quite highly populated, with several houses close to the road. This part of the road also services one business and two agribusinesses that have trucks with trailers traveling past. The road is a dirt road and the traffic produces an enormous amount of dust, that is getting into houses and water tanks. We have a significant number of young children living on the last 300m of the road and to minimize health problems we believe this part of the road should be sealed.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1567

Full Name: Jenna

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

I completely do not prefer any of the 2 options. WDC already charge the biggest rates in NZ with nothing much to show for it! It's outrageous. Any rate increase just further supports my doubt in the integrity of your office in handling ratepayers' money. Decrease the rates significantly, that's my preferred option.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Where will the funds go if you sell them?

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Discontinuing is not a sign of progress. It will do more harm than good to stop it.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

I was expecting more of this when we moved into the area not so long ago, considering WDC charges one of the highest rates in the country. Imagine my disappointment when I still end up going to Auckland for such facilities. What a shame.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1566

Full Name: John Gasson

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Because it looks to more efficient and cheaper overall

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Pensioner Housing is not Council's core business.

It's better to sell the housing and get some cash and then let a company with the appropriate field of expertise run it.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

It would be extremely disappointing if Council ceased this service. It would appear that Council was all about saving costs and having less hassles. This is a Council responsibility to collect the rubbish. If it comes back to money simply charge more for the service.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1565****Full Name: Lynda Reid****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

The cost of living is already a burden in Tuakau for many. Rates are extremely high already. These increases are going to negatively impact many homes. Why would already financially-stretched households benefit from 'fast and hard' when increasing rates? The focus on wellbeing of Tūākau residents is not apparent in this approach.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Council-provided pensioner housing is an important service. It is about wellbeing of elderly and provides access to a human right - affordable, adequate housing. It is already in short supply. The service should be a priority. Perhaps the problem is that the council assumes this service to the elderly should be 'neutral cost'. Also, if the buildings are in need of repairs and maintenance that cost so much, it seems that council is happy to palm their responsibilities and problems onto others to sort out at the cost of the other. Seems more like a profit-minded decision versus fulfilling social responsibility towards the elderly. Council, do the job of providing affordable adequate housing to pensioners and do it well. Our elderly are our collective responsibility.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

This removes responsibility from council and places all responsibility on residents, all for a +- \$20 reduction on residents' rates bills. Reducing important services like this does not benefit the community. Inorganic waste is already extremely difficult to deal with from an individual household perspective. The removal of this already minimal service would be extremely unhelpful and encourage further illegal dumping. This is a valuable service that council has collective power to provide. Council, use your collective clout to offer this service!

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1564

Full Name: Nigel Dally

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Able to budget better

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Council should not be involv in housing

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Discontinuing this service will lead to more illegal dumping on reserves and in waterways

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

I contract to council in parks and reserves

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1563****Full Name: Liza adams****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:Will be easier to budget for

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:****Comment:**

Not too sure. I think affordable pensioner housing is a real problem in NZ. As long as the Responsible Service provider keeps housing affordable I suppose so. Ideally I think Government should be managing pensioner housing and providing more as well

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

It's a great service and good for the environment. People will get better at it the longer we do it. Less dogs/birds going into rubbish then too

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

There should be a playground/reserve in the Lorenzen Bay/ greenslade Rd part of raglan please. Flying fox? In Nokia Park subdivision. Boardwalk from Lorenzen Bay to the Wharf would be amazing too! Thanks

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1562

Full Name: Corin Te Wini

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Obvious choice, its the lowest rate overall.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

This was a historic agreement to provide housing for our older generation. Purchased by rate payers. They should be a council resource for pensioners to enjoy.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

There is already an increase in illegal dumping and there will only be more if this service is pulled then our rivers and streams will be effected by people who will dump their rubbish.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

More interactive areas for the kids would be great!

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1561

Full Name: Philip and Jenny Moon

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Better able to plan for increases.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Council and Ratepayers contribution to social housing for residents who have been shut out of the housing market.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Preempting the dumping of inorganic materials which seems to be an increasing problem, convenience & accessibility for people who do not have the means to transport larger inorganic items to a dump.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Lack of clarity & specificity means I am unable to make a considered response.

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

There should be a Council policy on the blanket spraying out of berms as has happened over large areas of Bruntwood Road. This is bad policy from an environmental point of view, raises questions

about sustainability practices and encourages dumping of rubbish. For example the corner of Bruntwood and Tauwhare Road is consistently strewn with rubbish. I have raised this issue previously but have never received a response other than a generic acknowledgement.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1560

Full Name: Nici Wickes

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

This is invaluable to our community. Discontinuing will only encourage more illegal dumping. It is a great, high profile service that represents money well spent for our rates.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1559****Full Name: Janelle Ward****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Why is option one a 16% increase and option 2 17%? That is the only reason to choose option 1.

I think both rate increases are far too high and should be in line with inflation. We pay far too much already, I live in a 68m2 house and am actively regenerating the land yet pay \$3000 a year in rates, while council fails to even mow the grass so i can see out my driveway or remove privet or gorse from their land that adjoins mine. Not happy.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

If you can't do it properly shouldn't do it at all...if others can provide better service then go for it.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

I live in Raglan and have to pay to deliver my hard rubbish to the dump. It makes you think twice before taking on more stuff - when people have to pay to drop off to dump it makes them consider before they next buy (i hope).

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Why does Raglan have such massive targeted rates? Developers are putting pressure on the systems here and profiting - they should pay!

It doesn't make sense to me that i have come to live in a small community and we pay more than Aucklanders or nearly any other place i know of. Eg I would be more than happy to have the rugby field mown less often - what a huge waste of money and hours of noise pollution every week. Anyway rant over ;)

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1558

Full Name: Josie Redmond

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

I am not happy about either of the significant increases at all, however for budgeting reasons spreading it more evenly over time suits our household better.

We have two properties we pay rates on; one in Onehwerro and one in Port Waikato.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

It is a valuable service and rurally we get very little for our rates. This is one thing we can actually utilise.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Speed limits outside schools.

This is a very topical issue - particularly for me, as I am a school principal of a small rural school (Pukekawa School) on a main highway (Highway 2) where the cars are regularly travelling over the stated speed limit which is already too fast.

There will be an accident and it will involve children.

I have already spoken to my local police officer, Dan and he has been contacting the council and his road safety contacts.

We need this addressed urgently.

School buses and cars are pulling out and it is only a matter of time before there is a serious accident.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1557

Full Name: Emma Page

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Smaller "jump" increases means it is easier for most to budget.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

If they do not raise the prices out of reach, and frees up Council for other things

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

100% keep. We are rural and it is invaluable.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

As a former president of a community group, Council funding is so important to keep us running.

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1556****Full Name: Colin Hanrahan****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:To bring the rise in in a more affordable manner in these times of uncertainty with Covid 19.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

I would prefer option 1 as I feel that we have a duty of care to our elders but I understand that it makes fiscal sense to select option 2 to enable a potentially improved service provided that the Responsible Service Provider operates within strict guidelines approved by the Council, Iwi and elderly care specialists.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Unless we have more regional recycling centers, stopping the collections will increase the amount of waste heading to landfill or being fly tipped as this is usually the opportunity that people have to clear out those items too big for the recycling bin or that don't qualify for the usual recycling process.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1555

Full Name: Tony Krippner

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1554

Full Name: William Davidson

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Not a Council business.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

Very expensive service to operate. People need to recycle more and take personal responsibility.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Fine rubbish dumpers \$1,000. Stop wasting money on roads that don't need it. Cut the size of council. Stop wasting rate payers money. Make land bankers and developers pay more for services.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1553

Full Name: Carole & Jon

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

It is unsightly in our District, it can increase the risk of theft in rural areas as it gives opportunists a reason to sniff around.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1552

Full Name: Brian Palmer

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Over the 3 year period option one is the cheapest (16.77% v 17.96%).

The Labour/Greens Government need to do something urgently about Local Body structure and funding - the current situation where Local Body rate increases are far greater than wage increases is not sustainable. Simple maths paints a grim picture for the salary and wage earner.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Pensioner Housing is a Central Government issue - Local Government should not be involved in providing housing to pensioners or any other group

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

It's probably the cheapest option for ratepayers - if the Council doesn't collect in-organic rubbish then ratepayers will have to dispose of the material themselves.

Given the Governments drive on environmental issues in-organic collection may be a task better controlled/directed by some Central Government body.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

Ratepayers should be allowed to decide on this issue - i.e. for Te Kowhai if residents want to have a local hall they should be allowed to decide and to then agree on a funding mechanism

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

The Labour/Greens Government need to do something urgently about Local Body structure and funding - the current situation where Local Body rate increases are far greater than wage increases is not sustainable. Simple maths paints a grim picture for the salary and wage earner.

Issues to be covered are the large number of local bodies in the country each having their own systems & processes & setting their own rules for things such as Building Permits etc etc.

And the confusion & clashes of direction between the various Councils needs to be removed (i.e. some current examples are the confusion between Waikato District and Hamilton City over roads and between Waikato District and Waikato Regional Council over drains & pests). Are NZTA a better organization to manage all NZ roads??? And are DOC a better authority to manage all drainage & pest issues???

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1551****Full Name: Maggie Smith****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Neither option is preferred!!!!

These rate increases are completely out of alignment with wage and salary increases (other than the minimum wage increases). My salary has gone up by 1% each year for the last 2 or 3 years and that's the case for a lot of workers. Council needs to cut it's cloth to match what money is available at current property tax amounts not just keep increasing the tax on land owners. Councils are not there to redistribute wealth - you are supposed to be a service not a burgeoning bureaucracy handing out grants and donations and growing your staff numbers at an alarming rate - you need to stop doing this and put that money into the services you should be providing. Given the huge number of new properties created within the district over the past 5 years and the enormous increase monies gleaned from Development Contributions and property taxes (rates) on all these new properties I see no reason for Rates to rise at all.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Councils management of these properties has to date been very poor. Best to hand them onto someone who will do a better job of it.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

Council doesn't want to do it anymore so lets just be real and accept that you are going to call it quits on this service regardless of what feedback you get. Best that you expect a major increase in illegal dumping to follow the removal of this annual service 'cause it's sure as eggs going to happen!

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

You need to go further - if communities want a particular 'thing' to happen then communities will make it happen. Council should not be re-distributing wealth by handing out grants and donations to community boards, societies, clubs, or individuals.

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

The golf course at Ngaruawahia should be sold to a housing developer with the requirement that a public park be retained for all rate payers & residents to enjoy. The current situation whereby a peppercorn rental is paid by the golf club for such a desirable piece of land is untenable. The sale of this land could reduce the rates increases required for the entire district. All rate payers own this prime real estate yet few get to see any gain from this asset. Selling it to a developer would result in many dollars from development contributions as well as ongoing income from rates paid on the resulting properties.

There are plenty of other golf courses available to golfers including privately owned ones like the one in Huntly. Golf courses are not something rate payers expect a council to provide.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1550

Full Name: N Mirfin

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Option 3 - Rates go up at the rate of inflation

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

Most of what i want to send you dont take.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Tar seal Uapoto Road. This is a through road which has already had one fatal accident and many near misses. The part of the road where the accident happened has been tar sealed. Do we have to wait for another fatal accident to get the rest of the road sealed?

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1549****Full Name: Hayley Willers****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

I understand that there is approximately 600km of gravel roads in the Waikato District? I have been living on one of them for the last four years. Frankly, the current maintenance of them is unacceptable. I understand that there is nothing in the budget for the upgrading of any gravel roads to be sealed and this is also an unacceptable approach. Some of the gravel roads in our community are now high use roads and even with regular maintenance they are not fit for purpose. I appreciate to seal all of the gravel roads it is not affordable but you need to have a plan to seal the roads the are getting busier and busier and becoming dangerous. You expect people living in our rural communities to pay an equal share of rates but you are neglecting to provide us with the services that we need. In the past four years, we have had an accident of the road with a large truck because the road is not wide enough and the trucks go to fast and cut the corners, a broken axel caused by excessive and

unacceptable corrugations in the road, a number of punctures from potholes and metal that is too large and too sharp and shocks and cv joints needing replacement well before their time...all of these costs were avoidable if the road was fit for purpose. We also not have an issue in our community with our school busses refusing to drive the roads to collect and drop off our in zone children because they consider the gravel roads to dangerous.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1548

Full Name: Peter Taylor

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Inevitably rates will continue to rise, and at the end of the 3 year period the anticipated jump will be a little less painful. Unlike the pain of another 9%.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

I have yet to find a council that has not regretted selling pensioner housing, in the long term.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

As much as I love the redistribution of people's junk (please leave a week for the scavengers before pickup) I can also see the drawbacks. How about 1 free day at the dump per month(?) for domestic inorganic rubbish. Might help roadside dumping too.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1547

Full Name: Lee Olsen

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1546****Full Name: Ngahina Armstrong****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

We save everyone money in the long run. I'm all for decreasing the burden on our tamariki/mokopuna.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

As long as we maintain the tenancy agreements that already exist!

I think other corporations will maintain and improve pensioner housing for our elderly. Council struggles to uphold and improve pensioner housing which then has a negative impact on ratepayers.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

Inorganics are a headache not only for the neighbours of households who have massive piles of inorganics but also for us as a council. We (ratepayers) end up paying for the collection of those who are simply too lazy to follow the rules of inorganics set by council. I think however if we are taking things 'away' from our ratepayers we need to somehow improve elsewhere. I feel like our communities think council is always taking away services and not replacing or improving existing services. I think if we can be transparent with our communities do more work around showing what we as council provide this will help our communities exactly how council is spending money. This may enlighten the perception of our communities.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

More money for our communities and community groups.

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Solid waste - I have been asking for council to implement big bins for solid waste - exactly what hamilton city have done. There is litter flying everywhere on collection days because of the weather and home owners/tenants laziness to ensure all refuse is contained. I feel bins will mean a cleaner district as these will prevent rubbish flying everywhere. Make recycle bins BIGGER this incl. cardboard and glass etc. Make general refuse bins smaller to encourage our communities to recycle and reuse. At the end of the day this is what our vision is within council so we need to reinforce this.

Parks/Playgrounds/Reserves - I would love to see our communities investing in our youth through running of programmes or the creation of multi purpose gyms where our youth are involved in various sports and exercises. Setting up of twilight netball nights or even touch. Something to get our youth involved.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1545

Full Name: Eric Andrews

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Firstly I dont agree with either option, for rates to be above inflation, you need to review the management team.

Option 2 is the fairest of the 2 choices and will be easier for ratepayers to manage their funds

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

It would take one good person to look after the pensioner housing, RSP have proved in the past not to be cheap, and have not been very effective

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1544

Full Name: Cathy

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

9% increase is a little high for us in year 1.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Saved cost and easy to manage. Just oversee the Service Provider, not deal with daily issue with pensioner housing.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

It is easy for the residents to dump, maybe just reduce one day for collecting.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1543

Full Name: rachel mcevoy

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Prefer neither but doesn't seem to matter what we think. Everything going up these days.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

No do not agree - when Council should have the tools etc to keep these units maintained.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

We Live rural and not only do we have minimal rubbish bins supplied so appreciate the collection once a year.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1542****Full Name: Jean Aldworth****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

No reason in particular, but think it may help those that are already struggling to pay the high cost of rates, as a more even spread in the first year. A 16% increase in rates over 3 years in my mind is totally exorbitant.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

The people that are in these housing units, need the stability of knowing that the people have a voice in their housing, if these were sold to a private provider, or a Govt run one, we have all seen what happens with them, change of Govt, and all promises are out the window, and as for a private one, responsible or not..... \$\$\$\$ create their responsibility, so if council put up rates, who's gonna pay not the provider, it will be the tenants.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

We get very little bang for our buck with the Council, we have no footpaths, no mowing of verges, etc etc.....so I think a once a year inorganic collection.....that has been SERIOUSLY scaled down should be retained.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

If you would like to say what you are intending to repurpose the money too would be a good idea, and will the new Blueprint initiative still have the same budget amount. And I think your idea of match funding communities as they grow, is simply a way of

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

The Road on River Road, has been for the last 19 years (the total amount of time we have lived in this house) been resealed continually, we have no proper Road Frontage drainage, hence when it rains straight down Alexander Redoubt Rd, across the Road and straight down our driveway, it is like a River flowing sometimes. The reason it is worse every year as when they resealed the Road it makes it slightly higher,our option this year is to Sandbag our top driveway which will then force the water down the Road which then will flood at the intersection of Whangarata and George Street which floods continually at least once a year anyway.....

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1541

Full Name: Jack Nines

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Better to have a larger upfront impact and lower ongoing increases

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Providing social housing is a central government responsibility otherwise we are simply subsidising another ratepayer.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

Ratepayers should be responsible for their own rubbish and if we want to promote recycling then being responsible will make people think twice about throwing stuff into land fill and why should ratepayers subsidise this service?

Support user pays

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

Council should not be funding any groups as this is simply another tax that is someone else's responsibility like central government

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1540****Full Name: Shane Solomon****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:****Comment:**

My preferred option is no rates increase, but of the options put forward I prefer option 2 as it less 'hard' on particular communities in the district and I am not sure about the equity throughout the region being fair. Option 2 will allow people to manage and budget for the increases. I understand the three waters scenario but believe unmitigated housing developments are critical to the balancing act.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:****Comment:**

Option 1 on the condition the purchaser is a proven responsible social service provider and not a property investor.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:****Comment:**

Option 1. There are parts of our community that cannot afford refuse disposal or have accessibility to refuse stations.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1539

Full Name: Stephanus Meyer

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

None of the above will suit. - No one has the money for that kind of increase.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Get some money in the bank to help with the council spending.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Is one of the small benefits rate-payers still have don't take that away to.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1538

Full Name: Craig Witters

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Neither option is palatable. Rates in this district are very high as it is. I don't see value for our rates as it is.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Pensioner housing is one of the more important wellbeing type policies councils deal with. Sacrifice some of the lesser important policies.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

People need to take responsibility for their rubbish.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1537

Full Name: Bronwyn Robinson

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

We don't really have a choice here because if we choose option 2 we end up paying an additional 1% increase.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Selling pensioner housing will allow for the pensioners to be provided with a better service level than they are currently getting. From my interactions at WDC, I have only ever heard the people dealing with the pensioner housing complain about how difficult it is and how hard it is to keep up with. Hearing that, it may be better to sell these to someone who is better equipped at managing the pensioner housing.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

I think it will be silly to get rid of this as I think this will increase illegal dumping around the district. I believe a lot of people rely on this service annually to get rid of a lot of stuff and think it is a great service to have.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

Only if the money allocated is going to be spent in the community it is allocated for. It should not be reallocated to other areas of the Waikato.

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

We pay almost \$4.00 for WDC facilities, however with the working from home flexibility, the WDC building is almost empty on a daily basis. This should be reviewed because ratepayers are paying for a building that is barely being used.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1536

Full Name: Tina McKenzie

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1535

Full Name: Jacqui Turley

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1534

Full Name: Gavin Andrews

Wish to speak to submission:

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

We need more funds to keep facilities maintained to a high standard and for growth to continue.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

A service council should continue to supply to the community.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

People need to take responsibility for their own rubbish use.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID:** 1533**Full Name:** ian Mclennan**Wish to speak to submission:** No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Hard and fast get it over with. also 2nd option is more cost as % are cumulative on previous year

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Was originally subsidised by Govt thats why TLA's got into it. It was a hand over of responsibility from Central Govt and now needs to be put back in there court.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

The restrictions on what can be picked up now makes it less useable .Any thing of use or value usually goes before pick up . The issue will be road side dumping and this will need some policing.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

But make sure the funding is for needed items in a community, not NICE TO HAVE items

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1532

Full Name: Akio Osuka

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1531

Full Name: Kim Sutton and Steve Holmes

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Easier to budget for increase.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Otherwise people dump stuff in the dubs and waterways. At least with inorganic collection a lot of the rubbish is removed safely from the community.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1530

Full Name: Liana Gough

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1529

Full Name: Kristen Kendall

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

There's no zero increase option

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1528

Full Name: Jerry Chen

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1527

Full Name: Frances mace

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

More doable

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

It is our role to help the elderly, and give them a sense of our caring.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

That way, not lots of unwanted things lying around.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Submitter ID: 1526

Full Name: Roy Petrie

Wish to speak to submission: Unavailable to attend at this time

Topic 1 – General

Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment: If the land was not so expensive, rates could be more manageable. Why should we have to move out of our existing homes because of the high rates increase. I have just retired @ age of 81. In the next 3 years we will have to move into a cheaper home. Why should we have to do this.

Topic 2 – Future of

Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment: If the pensioner housing has to be sold, the people renting @ moment should be given priority over anyone else. People are in there because times are very tough out there and people have little money.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside

Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment: More houses are being built, so more rates for the Council. If you dont continue the collection, more rubbish will be left on the roadside. Bring back voucher per rates being payable.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback

or Suggestions

Comment:

2 years ago we had a ratepayers meeting in Pokeno. I showed concern about the intersection Helenslee Road and Munro Road. Council admitted the intersection was a mistake and would be rectified.

Attachment: No

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Submitter ID: 1525

Full Name: Liza Herseuman

Wish to speak to submission:

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

No increase. We paying enough as is! you are making living very hard.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Comment:

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Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Continue as it is only one a year

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

I dont have an option choice, I just dont think our tac should be so much. There are so many people living here so where or what is the money being spent on?

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

I want to know where our extremely high tax rates are going towards! We pay so much on rates are compared to Auckland.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1524

Full Name: Esme

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Our communities cannot absorb such big increases.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

You want to take extra rates but don't want to keep the standard. If the council is not in a position to provide social housing then the council should revisit why they exist.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

AGAIN - YOU WANT MORE MONEY FOR LESS SERVICE. So many things are used and recycled when it put out - cancel inorganic and we will just have more rubbish dumped in public areas.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1522

Full Name: Tonya McNamee

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

I'm aware there are significant needs for infrastructure. I fully support investment in public transport, rail, transport links, looking ahead to be sustainable and looking after current assets. This is where this should be going.

I am also aware so much of the councils money goes is due to bureaucratic processes taking up significant time and having to contract out so many services, how can you address this?

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

You have simply not provided enough information for me to feel secure that option 2 is the best option. I agree wraparound services are essential, and they need to be warm and secure. But you have not stated if the costs would be the same for tenants under a social housing provider.

Given the service provider would have to purchase the properties, and complete all the renovation - this may be a significant increase for tenants. In the document you mention social housing provider here you mention a responsible service provider (a rather broad term) you have not expressly excluded private business from this list.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

We do not have this service in Raglan as we have extreme zero waste taking much of peoples inorganic waste, however because they reuse so much you are only charged for the items that are truly waste.

This is an essential service for many who cannot afford the costs of taking things to the refuse station. Though wouldn't it be great if we were able to reuse much more of what is thrown away. Raglans Extreme Zero waste is an amazing enterprise.

Perhaps consider the Auckland council approach, where you have to book the kerbside collection. This seems to be working well in terms of reducing illegal dumping.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

No information so cannot support without knowing more.

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Pest plants need to be addressed in our region i.e. privet, climbing asparagus, woolly/deadly nightshade. WDC should be getting behind any initiatives such as "Whaingaroa Weedbusters"

Would be great to see fruit trees planted in public spaces, I know you will say there will be waste where fruit drops, but I doubt it with food insecurity this is a no brainer. Once a year prune if at all.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1520****Full Name: Catherine and Robert Breeuwer****Wish to speak to submission:**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:****Comment:**

1 Rates increase

property value rating has just increased, there's more homes within the district paying rates so there should not be a rates increase at all. We, Robert and I disagree with any increase.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

3 Pensioner housing

Both Robert and I agree we should keep the Pensioner housing with the council. Do not sell it. Your staff and members of our community know the pensioners better than any other body. Keep them in our community.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

2 Inorganic rubbish collection

We not agree that rubbish collection should be free for the community who live here. Continue to collect costs via rates. Keep inorganic collection going. It helps to keep the community tidier.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1519****Full Name: P SLOANE****Wish to speak to submission:**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:****Comment:**

I read with trembling anticipation the grand new plans of the district council, and i wonder if anyone in the council actually knows what they are doing. There seems to be a race to spend unaccounted money on grandiose and ridiculous projects and lump the costs on the rate payer. I for one have had enough.

I reside in a rural Waikato town where my water is from the sky, sewerage is by septic tank and I have no footpaths or other council amenities to use, however now I am expected to increase my rates payment to improve other towns services and amenities. Sorry but a big NO from me.

Its high time new development was paid for by the developers not the community, with many large projects going to happen in the Waikato---Sleepyhead beds town, Mr Perrys development at Horitu. I f these people want to develop an area then they should pay the full cost and not subsidised by the rate payer

NO NO NO to any rates increase---time the council sharpened up its act and was fiscally aware

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:****Comment:**

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1516

Full Name: Kendra Barham

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

End of wilton collieries road, 9 house would like to see some changes there is alot of dust that goes into people homes from all traffic which effect there breathing, mental health, washing, animals water bowls,troughs feel frustration it's become a real issue for residence.We also get alot of clay which comes up which becomes dangerous when it rains gravel gets put on but clay keeps coming though. We understand tar ceiling the whole road would not happen due to cost but in front of houses & worst area's please help the residence that live on gravel part of wilton colliers road.Thanku for listening.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1514****Full Name: Brendon Mclaughlin****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:****Comment:**

Neither option.

We get NO value from our rates contribution. We are on rain water tanks, septic tanks, we pay for rubbish stickers (although I accept that it is subsidised). You don't cut the hedges on the roadside that are not on our property, I used to mow the berm, until you decided to wreck them and scrape off the grass - now it looks terrible.

So, NO, I do not want any rates increase. Since you don't do anything for us.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

It provides us a small amount of value from our rates at present.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1513

Full Name: Jasper

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1512

Full Name: Andy Buckley

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Please keep, its a valuable service for rural home owners

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

The road conditions are generally awful the bigger trucks are causing this

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1511****Full Name: Tama Walters****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:I support general rate increase if it means funding projects within Horotiu community.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:****Comment:**No comment

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Inorganic collection appears to be the only visible service that WDC provides in the Horotiu Community. There's a general consensus from previous community meetings residents in the Horotiu village don't see what WDC does. I'd support discontinuing the service IF WDC removed the need for purchasing rubbish bag stickers.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

Nothing has been done since the last community meeting, everything for Horotiu appears to be centred around the river track and Te Awa Lakes development etc.

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

The playground at Affco park is horrendous. It's been the same playground for 20 years apart from the occasional replacement of wood chips and bark. The footpaths to the park are terrible cant even walk along it with a newborn pram without having to avoid pot hots, larges cracks and over grown grass.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1510****Full Name: Matthew Dexter****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:****Comment:**

Neither option is acceptable! My pay has not increased by 9 or 7% this year so do not see that you should get that much of a increase. You should simply look to save costs, and wages for many of your staff who do not do a whole lot of actual work would be a great starting point!

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

This is simply the council trying to do as little for their community as possible. It is one collection a year and is the least the council can continue to do!

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1509

Full Name: Genaya Macklow

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1508

Full Name: Mark Sawert

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1507

Full Name: Kristin McCluskie

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Affordability

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Access and affordability

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Avoid dumping and associated costs

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

More funding. The range of books for children is abysmal and now that we no longer have access to Hamilton libraries our kids are lacking resources

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1506****Full Name: Withheld****Wish to speak to submission: No****Topic 1 – General Rates Increase****Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Because ultimately it costs us less.

Cynically my husband says, with this option, people are more likely to go bankrupt more quickly, and this will perhaps stop the craziness of the housing market price increases!

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

If a truly responsible service provider is found then the tenants should get a better deal, however there is always the concern that this service provider may not have any legal regulations which may stop them from changing their rental costs and care in the future.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

It may help people recycle more... I think in Raglan we have XTREME waste so we don't have a collection like other areas, it certainly makes you think carefully about your options for waste disposal before choosing to take things to the dump and have to pay to get rid of them.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

I don't understand it enough to make an informed decision. I don't feel that this section is explained clearly enough in layman's terms in the consultation document, Blueprints is a strange term to use. Maybe if I read the entire consultation document I w

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1505

Full Name: Tracey Kerr

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Option 2 is more manageable along with other rate increases in place.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Would ensure some guarantee for pensioner housing being continued.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

The better way to deter illegal dumping and burning of inorganic waste. Council limits their willingness, ability and authority around illegal dumping and burning so this option allows council to act and provide for its ratepayers and community.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1504

Full Name: Mary O’Callaghan

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Smaller increase at start

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Sounds like the RSP is the better option for these pensioners

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

When was your last collection? I think in the 11 years I have lived in Hamilton I remember two happening. In your proposal document you used the word GENERALLY once a year. What does this actually mean? I also think that giving households once or twice a year to drop a trailer or car load off at the refuse centre it maybe a better option. Don't give us that carry on about minimising waste because the ratepayers are already doing that with the new rubbish recycling. The council should get behind more places for ratepayers to get help to fix electric items instead of having to throw them away.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Getting rid of overdue library fees??? Why? Consumers need to obey the rules and bear the consequences if they don't. I have no problem paying a late fee for overdue books and understand that this was a condition of joining a library both here and overseas. Maybe we could use libraries as a place repairs could be made to electrical items as above....like the Repair Co-op does in Frankton.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1503****Full Name: Sophie Preston****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Because there are a lot of people trying to get their first homes. The banks are quite harsh at the moment and do take rates into account.

The gradual increase may not make a huge difference but I believe would help.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

If it would lower the rates (a decent amount) then great let's get rid of it.

Otherwise let's keep the Waikato tidy and continue.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1502

Full Name: Christopher Manson

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

A large rates increase may disincentivise projects and development. A smoother climb will be more appealing when reviewing cashflows for some people.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Without the service people may resort to dumping or burning rubbish, both could mean worse environmental impacts.

The council could instead try to refurbish, upcycle, repair or dismantle objects for scrap; all of which could then be sold. Anything left would be waste to throw out in an environmentally friendly way. A considered and very public call for people to step forward may be encouraging and show greater interest.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1501

Full Name: Richard Owen

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

This is a valuable service. In practice very little actually gets picked up by the council. 95% of the items I leave out are collected by individuals to re-use or resell. These people know the date of the collection so know to cruise the area and pick up. If there is no inorganic collection then much more will end up in land fill. The council doesn't seem to understand this.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1500

Full Name: Alan and Bronwyn Kosoof

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

to get it over and done with. Are of the firm belief it is too much and would like to see more bureaucracy go and council only be involved in core activities. Drop the consultants who are engaged to do public hearings that go nowhere.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

there needs to be a buffer. I would rather pensioner housing than the doggy 'fun mud days'. Get the priorities right. These are difficult times and council need to be responsive. (and FYI, we own a dog).

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

too costly and we need to be shaving costs. Its getting away from 'core' council activities.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

Regards Heritage Orders through the Council LTP. FYI we currently have an appeal before the commissioners to rebuff a heritage order on Rimu House. We support the targeting blueprints for heritage funds and would submit that the funding be only availab

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Sick to death of the continued treadmill of district plans. So difficult to navigate. Don't have the time to interpret them, their impact on us is significant. Documents are difficult to read and are in 'legal speak', designed so the ordinary ratepayer cannot understand. A far better approach would be any changes contemplated, then those people affected personally should be contacted directly. This 'generic' reporting via electronic means to EVERYBODY is a 'copout' and a 'tick the box' exercise as proof by Council that have consulted. Notified electronically to the point of being overwhelmed. The important issues go un-notified. for example the Gleeson Cox Landfill Application. There is no fronting by Council Management to the ratepayer who employs them. When a ratepayer is directly affected by a Council decision, there is still no fronting, neither directly or personally. Its all done from behind a computer screen and you are lucky if you pick up on it.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1499****Full Name: Tania Wooding****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:I would rather a gradual increase for my rates- this will help me budget and plan.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:There is a risk that 'responsible service providers' could extort the elderly. I believe that this should stay in the hands of local government.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:I believe that this collection could be twice a year. This would allow clean up to happen on a more regular basis and as it is paid for in the rates bill, be a cheaper alternative to going to the dump.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1498

Full Name: D Sedgwick

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Responsible Service Providers can increase rents or charges at will and make it difficult for residents.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

We already have rubbish thrown around the entrance to our village. We would rather have council collect and dispose of inorganics responsibly.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1497

Full Name: Kendra coulter

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Really your just going to put up anyway what a stupid question. How about you spend on cording to your budget not fleecing recidents

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

As long as outfit does good job council has other priorites

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

People will dump anyway you will still have to pick up better to do it on your terms

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1496

Full Name: Merimeri

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Decreases over time.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Councils mess so council can continue to clean it up. If council sells it to a provider, will there be rates decreases? I doubt it.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

That's what we pay rates for so continue the service.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1495****Full Name: Shelley Langton-Myers****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Having a smaller increase overall is preferable. Makes sense especially if this lowers council debt faster.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:****Comment:**

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Many people see the collection as the one direct service the council provides for them. Especially for us that live rurally (have septic systems and rain water, which I know are a separate bill anyway) and drive to Auckland each day for work (so we mostly use roads, parks and services maintained by Auckland council, I even use the Auckland libraries not Waikato ones). I realize the council sprays herbicide on our roadside- but I really don't see that service as a benefit. People will feel as though the only thing the council provides them with is taken away.

The argument that there will be less dumping as a result of the discontinued service seems ultimately flawed- wouldn't this increase illegal dumping as people no longer have a yearly chance to get rid of their inorganic waste? Therefore dumping in hidden/ council owned places rather than pay to visit the dump. We already have enough issues with people dumping rubbish on the council owned parts of Pioneer road (near motorway exits/entrances) all year round. I don't see this issue decreasing by discontinuing the collection. The collection also discourages people piling up waste on their properties and causing local pollution.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1494

Full Name: Andrew Hope

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

I want neither option. Do not increase higher than inflation rate yearly. You need to stop funding anything that is not core council business.

You provide no value for money at present and have the audacity to ask for more coin.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Money from any sale will just get sucked up and will not go to help the ratepayers.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Stick to your core business i.e. roads, rubbish and local infrastructure.

If Port Waikato was on the Coromandel our water fronts would be permanently defined all ready.

You are a pack of thieves, I'll break it down because this is as simple as things get Don't spend money you don't have. Start at core business do nothing else.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1493

Full Name: Eshan verma

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Everyone has been severely affected by COVID and the downturn. Having no increase or minimum increase should be the option

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

The main road leading into Te kauwhata does not have any streetlights. With the amount of growth around the area would be possible to have some installed.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1491

Full Name: Sylvia O'Leary

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Spreads out increase more especially with covid recently

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Best to be done by specialist provider

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

If you don't do it illegal dumping will increase. Lots of stuff gets picked up by others that need it. Great option for those without trailers to get to dump

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1490****Full Name: Raewyn Picot****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Are the last year people are struggling financially and can't afford a big jump particularly after most valuations have gone up thus increasing the amount payable anyway. It is almost like the council double dipping. Dont mind a small increase but don't get a lot out of what we pay, at least the roads don't which are in a poor state

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

As long as the new owners take responsibility and provide the best care

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Where will people go if this is gone, probably dump it on side roads. Not a lot of options here in Tuakau to get rid of unwanted rubbish.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Please put more money into this rather than council leadership training. Did notice the difference in money allocation last year

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1489

Full Name: Mike green

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

To keep rubbish from being dumped roadside.

Also no mention of a rates decrease following removal of another service

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Now that Horotiu bridge road appears to be a main route for Hamilton traffic Safety around crossing the road at Horotiu school needs addressing. Possibly a light controlled crossing.

Horotiu road/great south road could be a roundabout which would likely help slow traffic through our village.

Traffic lights at Horotiu bridge road have terrible sequencing, especially around school pick up at 2:40

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1488****Full Name: Claire Halpin****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

9% is a ludicrous increase in one year. The other option is not great either but at least it gives those struggling a small reprieve to try and recover from the financial impact of Covid. 9% coupled with the ridiculous increases in rateable values from latest revaluations definitely looks like extortion. It's not like we're getting any more for our money

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

There is no such thing as a "responsible service provider". The best intentions of others who have gone down this path have proven that ... they can agree to whatever they like at the time of doing the deal and while it may make those in council feel like they've done right by those relying on council-owned housing, it is only ever a matter of time before it turns bad for the tenants. Ask the thousands of elderly people being left homeless all over the country.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

I laughed out loud at "illegal dumping" being listed as one of the issues associated with the inorganic collection! Whoever wrote that should perhaps take a drive around the district then report back to ratepayers as to why it's an issue re the collection yet not for those of us who see the illegal dumping that occurs every other day. At least there is one opportunity annually to dispose of things too large for the highly-expensive black sack ... Hamilton City doesn't have that so instead all the rubbish of those who are unwilling/unable to pay for transfer station disposal gets dumped out of town which not only creates an eyesore but assumably ultimately costs WDC anyway since it is being dumped outside the city limits. The irresponsible people are always going to be the irresponsible people ... why penalise those who do benefit from using the inorganic collection as it is intended? I believe the Ministry of Social Development needs to offer vouchers for the refuse transfer stations to those on benefits so they can dispose of their crap in the right place but can't divert the funds to other uses eg cigarettes. Some items are gratefully picked up by others which is a good thing!

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1487

Full Name: Robbie Bennett

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

My preferred option is that there be NO increase until Council has taken a close look at costs, especially high level management salaries. 17% increase is a big ask!

I selected Option 1 because my income is likely to drop as I move into retirement soon.

Question: Does this rate increase take into account the savings from stopping the inorganic rubbish collection?

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:****Comment:**

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

Although it's been a great way to recycle stuff, especially when a longer period was available prior to pick up (all the metal was recovered, useful items found new homes etc) there are many negative aspects, as you detail above.

There must be considerable positive effect on households being able to get rid of unwanted stuff so easily, making their living conditions better (especially for low income families), but I think there is a need for householders to take responsibility for their waste. Having to pay to dump a trailer load at a transfer station occasionally provides a very real message about the cost of running landfillsand the huge backlog at the Lincoln St transfer station is a real eye opener. Everyone needs to see that!

Something to consider though. What will be the cost and visual impact of fly tipping that this change is likely to create?

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

My property has an Significant Natural Area (SNA) identified on it. This new process appears to remove the current "conservation Initiative Fund" and replace it with a system that won't give private land owners with SNA's access to any assistance. Council

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1486****Full Name: Josephine Lunny****Wish to speak to submission: No****Topic 1 – General Rates Increase****Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Not happy with the increase which I think is too much but if it was option 2 we would be paying more overall 17%

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

I don't believe we should be selling them - we need to keep them for our Pensioners who don't have much. Don't believe they will be looked after by a responsible service provider.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

If this is not an option for people there will be more people dumping them illegally rather than taking it to the dump themselves.

We need to get some of the charities more involved who need things like Women Refuge etc - a lot of stuff that is thrown out is ok and could be reused/recycled but people can't be bothered taking it to them.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

Since this does not impact rate payers. It does need to include the Pokeno area as well - this area is growing and does need the support & businesses - should not be forgotten we are part of Waikato not Auckland!!!

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Pokeno needs more rubbish bins around the reserves/park areas. People will use them if they are available

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1485

Full Name: B Henderson

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

How about zero rates increase for the next 2 years and you start living within your means. At this time with covid and job insecurities we as ratepayers cant afford to pay out more in rates to yourselves or HCC

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

As is what normally happens when you privatise housing, costs will rise for sure. Keep housing and consult again in 2 years

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

If you stop collecting inorganics people will dump on country roads

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1484****Full Name: CJ Govan****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:Option 1 which is the councils choice is actually %1 less over time, and if an increase is going to happen regardless I prefer the biggest one first then the rest don't feel as bad

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:****Comment:**I can't comment on this as I don't know enough about it.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:I have moved up from Rotorua where there is no inorganic, but easy access to recycling centres that allow you to drop off many different items for recycling including wood and e-waste- I believe that was a good system and encourages recycling/upcycling - and there is still access to landfill or skip bins (both at cost) for people who made those choices. People who believe in illegal dumping will do that regardless of what you offer

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**I don't have enough information to comment on this area

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1483****Full Name: Sharon Thomas****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Solely a personal preference as the past year has been difficult financially with the Covid pandemic affecting our work and income causing considerable financial stress. Of which we are only just coming out of.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

"We feel like we are no longer in the best position to provide pensioner housing" Speaks to the lack of real interest in providing this service. When clearly theres no passion for something, it will never really be done properly. If there are better suited organisations who can provide this better, let them do so.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Strongly feel that to provide a once a year collection to clear ratepayers stored inorganic seems a reasonable way to keep the district cleaner, less likely to have buildup affecting waterways and roadsides, even possibly becoming health hazards. Without this service you'll likely see more irresponsible dumping and build up of stored rubbish, whereas the council is aptly set up to manage and sort appropriately and effectively.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

I dont have enough information to comment.

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1482

Full Name: Kathryn Babe

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

It's a struggle to pay the regional and district rates now so a smaller increase over time would be preferable

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

There's a huge shortage of pension housing as it is to sell will make it worse like state housing

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

There is enough rubbish dumped illegally as it is and stopping curbside will make it even worse

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1481

Full Name: Barney Wharakura

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

I agree with your reasoning in the pamphlet

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

Lets change our wastefull habits to a more responsible way to deal with our waste. Will thete be support for our communities to do this? Would that be at a cost as well?

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Light upgrades for parks and training grounds for sport like Rugby League.8

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1479****Full Name: Christopher Els****Wish to speak to submission: No****Topic 1 – General Rates Increase****Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

I do NOT want any rates increase as its not the right time for any rates increase. So many people are hanging on for dear life to the most important asset they own and so many owners are on reduced hours, pay cuts or no jobs. This rate increase is unethical, inhumane and poor timing. Councils should think about survival mode instead of improvements we dont need right now. So many families are and will be struggling for awhile, give us a break please. Think of the people!

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

I would prefer to keep things the way they are but I hope by selling this asset we will retain the social housing system and gain income to help relieve needed costly services.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

I would prefer to cancel it but i know if we do our beautiful country will be destroyed with people dumping rubbish anywhere. This service is very good and the last great one we as ratepayers can support to keep NZ as clean as possible.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

I only support it if their is sensible use of this repurposed funding and the option doesnt go to waste.

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

I believe we need to defer extensive and expensive plans and projects for now. Covid is no ones fault but everyone were affected. It would not be fair to push for such high rates increases, especially on families with reduced wages and or no wages. Many have bought or delayed time for morgages till things get better. Do the right thing please and dont increase our rates.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1478****Full Name: Joanna****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

I think with housing being an issue already, tenants struggling to rent at current prices it would be better to slowly increase over time rather than all at once. When the rates increase most landlords will increase their rent to try and cover the cost.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

I think this is a good opportunity for council to reduce their debt to potentially put resources into other more pressing issues.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

To be honest I didn't know this collection existed. However, the refuse centre is still available for anyone that wants to get rid of there rubbish and I would like to think that people can begin to come up with new ways to recycle there inorganic items

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1477****Full Name: Daina-Jane Cunningham and Robert Hall****Wish to speak to submission: No****Topic 1 – General Rates Increase****Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

In the long run option 1 is cheaper based on a 4,000 rate increase through option one is 4,670 after the 3 years.

Option two rates would be 4718 in the long run.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

I feel I am not the most appropriate to speak on this. As it is the tenants of the houses that are the ones who will be able to identify that they are affected by the proposal. Particularly, as they may become displaced.

In the longer term, I feel that through selling the pensioner housing it will reduce this liability, as well as reducing debt council dept I am in favour and support of this proposal.

In addition... You could possibly gain more capital from selling on the private market reducing debt further. However, for me I am struggling to find/purchase a home so I am biased towards this.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

I oppose discontinuing. It will not help illegal dumping. I am not clear on how removing inorganic collection will reduce illegal dumping or waste minimise. On the city fringe, people dump a lot of items. Our district is tasked with removing this, we remove the dumped items ourselves and clean them. Using our own time and money. In addition we all ready pay for rubbish stickers and rubbish bags. A lot of the items that are put out to collection, would already go to landfill. Compliance with the rules; ensure people are properly educated before pick up, and/or don't pick it up. Compliance is on the ratepayer and not within the scope of the plan change whether to remove a service we are already provided with. Health and safety is your concern as an employer not the ratepayers. Reason 1: having one trip to collect all items saves multiple people going to the dump, therefore reducing the strain/stress on these places. Reducing emissions and costs to your ratepayers.

Reason 2: people still need to get rid of waste. Removing inorganic collection service won't stop this fact as people do get rid of old stuff in order to fit more efficient appliances etc.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Allow tiny homes, and multiple small homes on rural sections. Life is hard to find a place to live and I worry about the displacement of people.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1476****Full Name: Carol Smythe****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

As an aside...With the current trend in new builds, I hope the infrastructure to support this has been considered and reflected as a cost towards the developers and not the existing ratepayers

I personally prefer to get expenses over and done with, so hard acc ne fast as long as the council sticks to ws hat they say they will do

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Past experiences where services have been contracted out have proven to always provide a far worse situation than what was promised.

With the council providing this service, ensure a accountability

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

If this service is not provided, illegal dumping will worsen. This is a great service and benefits everyone. Alot of people pick up other peoples stuff that has been put out, thus helping reduce waste

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1475

Full Name: Sue Ratcliffe

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

I dont think it is the responsibility of local government to provide pensioner housing. This should be a central govt service.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Without this service I think that illegal roadside dumping will increase.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

I think that our rural road speed limits are too high on narrow roads with little safety berms and undulating surfaces. This is particularly an issue over peat country. A comprehensive review of speed limits is needed.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1474

Full Name: Janine Mirkham

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Smaller amounts spread over longer period is more affordable

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Sensible choice. Council spend money elsewhere

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

A valuable service for the community... reduces illegal dumping .if you discontinue this you will have more dumping and have to pay to collect it anyway.

Allow people to take usable items.. encourage traders or give them a contract to collect... residents make two piles... usable/recyclable and rubbish.

Many people put out fully usable recyclable stuff!! It's not all dump stuff. Make it more recycling oriented.

Lots of people do not have the means/vehicle to take to dump or a second hand store... council needs to look at a bigger picture.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Lake Waikare... desperately needs sorting... this is getting worse year by year!! Ten years ago I could take my horse in the water... not it is so toxic and the fish are dying. There used to be swans living there and now there's nothing.

What plan does the council have to sort this out?

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1473

Full Name: jamie Macgregor

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1472

Full Name: Elizabeth Tuhakaraina

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

n/a ... Not a rate payer

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Leave it

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Option 2 stops it all together. But maybe a third option of an open day at the dump of a trailer load (per address) , will cut collection cost.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Tregoweth Lane, Huntly.

Needs urgent repairs.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1471

Full Name: Emma Mark

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1470

Full Name: Withheld

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

My preferred option would be none object to the general rate increase as we have the highest rates in nz already and don't get much from it. The percentage is to high.I think as a first home buyer it's making it harder to maintain our house with the extreme high rates increase. Still have Mortgage on top of that only just surviving. I would like my name to be withheld from reports

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

Don't really use it and if it means paying less in our rates for not having it then I'm all for it.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1469****Full Name: Peter Haworth****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:****Comment:**

Neither option. Wasnt that long ago projected rate increase was 2.5 percent per annum. This is a figuring abuse of capital value based rates. It will serve no purpose toward increased services, in fact, certain services have been getting reduced. I do not support this increase and have heard no valid reason to accept it. You are cashing in on ridiculous house prices and offer no increase or improvement in services at all. This will also impact lower income earners in both a rent capacity as well as their ability to pay such exorbitant rates

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:****Comment:**

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1468

Full Name: Brian and Nancy Baxter

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

More evenly spread across the 3years.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Who decides who is a Responsible Service Provider?

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Cost of taking to the dump too dear...especially for the elderly. Not every household has access to a trailer either.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1467

Full Name: Rachel Yorke

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Neither option is ideal. Even though I'm not a ratepayer, I was and Rates are enormous already in the Waikato.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

A responsible service provider could be anyone. Then the units will be bould for more housing expansion and our elderly will have nowhere to go

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Of course continue inorganic. Too

Many people are hoarding in their yards due to high landfill prices and lack of ways to get it to the landfills. At

Least rate increases give householders something back for once

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Ngaruawahia. Bombing areas aren't dangerous. There are many pools in the wider country that have them. There just needs to be rules. The lack of attendance to our pools and more

People swimming at the rivers is due to this change in the pools policies. Bring bombing back!

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1466

Full Name: Jessica Webb

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

I vote for NONE of the two options provided.

16%/17% increase is crippling and unsustainable

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Elderly have done their work, they should be looked after.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

We should be minimising waste and reusing, not encouraging maximum disposal of unusable items

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

Community boards know BEST about what the community needs and should continue to be able to contribute to their community in a positive manner, incl knowing where funds are needed the most.

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1465

Full Name: Dylan Hunniford

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Rather have neither as even with a descent income the rates are becoming untenable and and actively considering leaving the region as a direct result of the cost of rates in this district and actively earning others.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Only if this leads to a reduction in rates without a significant increase in cost to pensioners.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

This is extremely valuable to my household. Why are you not considering a pay and book system? If you remove this service. Expect one less ratepayer.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1463

Full Name: Mark Thompson

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Smooth cashflow impact

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Historic and vehicle for future govt funding

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

Agree with waste minimization approach

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1462

Full Name: Nicola Dove

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

It is a 1% lower increase. The Council wants to impose far too high rates increases. Those of us on lower incomes will struggle to pay our rates and your rates subsidy is woefully inadequate and applies to only the very poorest rate payers. Councillors should be representing ratepayer views not pursuing their own agenda.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

You should not only retain pensioner housing, you should upgrade your stock and invest in far more. We have an aging population who won't be able to afford your rate increases.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Inorganic collection is one of the few useful services that Council provides to families for their overinflated rates.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

Not unless you first consult with the community/individuals you wish to remove or reduce funding from.

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Why has Council not invested in bridle paths around Matangi and Tamahere where there are large horse populations?

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1461****Full Name: Bernardette Wood****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Many households are struggling financially in the current climate. The rate increases in any form will have a major impact on many families. My personal preference would be no rate increases for a few years. Or to keep them in line with wage increase percentages.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

I agree with the theories you have put forward.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

This is an important service to the community. In the overall scheme of things the small increase attributed to this in the rates bill is insignificant. I think that there would be a lot more illegal dumping if this was discontinued.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

Hopefully that money will be directed to organisations and groups that have a history of achievement and ongoing success in their endeavours.

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1460

Full Name: Jimmy

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Council really needs to justify why we keep getting such a huge amount of rate increase. House owners in Auckland Council's regions do not pay that high amount of rate. Most people get impacted by Covid-19 financially, so Council will need to understand that.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:**Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection****Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Most people need this inorganic collection service once a year.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:****Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions****Comment:**

Council really needs to regulate and control cats roaming around the neighborhoods and defecating in other peoples' properties. In most cases, this issue gets way out of control and really annoying to find cat's feces in the yards almost everyday.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1459

Full Name: Tania mayo

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

hard enough finding the money for rates at the best of times.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Opting out of a social responsibility and expecting someone else to take it on? Do you really think they can do a better job than you? Do the pensioners think they will be better off under another provider? Maybe let the pensioners choose the provider. They originally chose YOU.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

For rural rate payers, this is about the only thing we get from Council for our rates. What, and how much can be put out, has become more and more prescribed. But it gives us all an opportunity to have a good clean up, for people to "shop" other peoples junk for treasure and means it is not getting fly tipped or burnt in rubbish fires.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

More sorting of waste at dump sites, Men's Shed set ups for the fixing and recycling of stuff for charity or onselling. Also provides a service for retired people to get together and fix stuff.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1458

Full Name: Valerie Walker

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Why are we increasing 9%

Where are the rates going to in my Area of Pokeno? There are more people moving here then ever before, us included, so why are we increasing an already high rates?

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

No. If there's no proper vetting service I place before hand for these services/companies

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

No collection will force people to illegally dump

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1457

Full Name: Sheryl Tregurtha

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

People struggling to pay now let alone with a big increase

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Privatisation hasnt worked in other areas - certainly not to the benefit of the pensioners we have a moral obligation to look after these people who have worked hard their entire life

But cant afford to now survive in these expensive times

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

This is the only value for money i get from my rates, i live rurally we have no foot paths, no lights, no water or sewage - I pay a [redacted] load of money for nothing so please dont stop the one thing that we use and if you do i would want a significant reduction not just 13\$

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1456

Full Name: Susan Ramsay

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

No preferred option - our rates increase each year

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Not sure why asking which option as with water meters the council will go with their preferred option and ignore any feedback

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Ngaruawahia does not have a town refuse station and not all residents have access to a vehicle or a trailer to make use of either the Hamilton or Huntly stations so the current collection is highly valued, also means we have less road side dumping.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1455****Full Name: Terence Denton****Wish to speak to submission: No****Topic 1 – General Rates Increase****Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

These are not equivalent options (from a rate payer point of view). Option 1 results in lower rates at the end of year 3 compared to option 2. Option 1 is the lesser of two evils.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

No privatised service ever results in better service, due to the profit motive. It might cut council costs but this is at the expense of a vulnerable sector of the community. I would rather see council invest in this sector than in some of the other, less vulnerable sectors, it has chosen to invest in.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

I believe in user pays - I should not have to pay for a service that I do not use. Council should rather subsidise the costs of recycling items which can be recycled so that waste minimisation is incentivised. For example, if dropping off inorganic waste at landfill (or a recycling facility) was free to rate payers, council would not have any collection costs and illegal dumping would be reduced.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Undecided - my concern is that these type of schemes become monopolised by a few groups/individuals rather than achieving a more homogenous spread. The result is that larger, more organised initiatives benefit at the expense of smaller initiatives even th

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1454

Full Name: John Stevens

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Neither, i can not see why we need a 16% increase over the next 3 years, rates will go up regardless as the value of the land increases.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

i am not sure this is a service we should expect from a council

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

people should keep their own area clean, this would also make them create less waste if they have to tidy it up.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

With such a large area there are a lot of rate payers who get no benefit out of some of the things that are part of the rates, should people using the services not pay for these services. Also regardless of the value of a property should rate payers not all pay their equal share?? i agree roading, drinking water, rubbish collection, parks etc (even though i live 50km away and will never use them) are all things we should all pay towards but if i live in the country and for example have to pay for my own

sewage and waste water then why should i have to pay for towards the cost of providing these in town.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1453

Full Name: Nicola Hinton

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Neither are an option I approve. We know Councils waste money! You need to look at what are priorities and put that first

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

It is your job

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

It's all part of the service. The community also finds things to recycle/repurposed. Rubbish will be dumped on roads otherwise.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1452

Full Name: Luke

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

It is not in line with reducing waste in the district

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1451****Full Name: Rebecca Cook****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:****Comment:**

Neither, Waikato district pay some of the highest council rates in the North Island, and why? Our roads are terrible, in Tuakau particularly the pathways are tremendously dangerous when wet, we pay for a library that isn't even open (hasn't been since last year) we pay for the recycling collection which consists of small bins (compared to Auckland council that offer the large wheels bin) then we have to pay \$2 per ticket for our general waste, extra for waste water and THEN we have the Waikato Regional council rates on top of that. IF AND ONLY IF we were seeing major improvements in our area should this be considered, it should NOT be done after the increase as (as we all know) this will never happen and the money just disappears or is used for some pointless exercise exercise like the Huntly train station!

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

This will only encourage people to dump elsewhere. Inorganic is a valued service and should be continued. By becoming a refuse collector you are of the understanding that inorganic are included in this (as it always has for many years) there is no further h&s risk than there was previously, this is just an excuse to raise rates BUT drop service.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

All of the above. Rates are extortionate in comparison to the services rate payers are provided. We could move back to auckland, pay more for a house but rates will be significantly reduced! It just doesn't make sense especially with the world economic crisis occurring with Covid 19 and many people still struggling financially. Pretty disgusted the rate increase is going ahead anyway.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1449****Full Name: Gerald lane****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:****Comment:**

None of the above are an ideal option. The rates you want are not realistic given the issues of the past 12+ months and the projected base of not returning to pre covid employment until 2025. I fail to see what council have done in our area to justify this expense. Huge money to spend on Libraries. 7.5 and 3 mil in Ngaruawahia and Raglan alone, ridiculous.. Huge money in open spaces, are you kidding me,, massive over spending. And if I took the time to go through a lot of the other spending areas there would be lots more absolute waste of rate payers money. You guys need to get realistic you cannot keep upgrading you flash palaces at our expense. We see the grader maybe 2 or 3 times a year if we are lucky on the 2 goat tracks near by. Other than rubbish and sometimes mowing the edge what the hell do you do for us that justifies a 9% increase. Piss all. Get real Sanson, stop wasting our money.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:It's not your core business.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

Why should we pay to collect peoples waste other than weekly. We have always had to pay and deliver our own to specified sites, why can't everybody.

And make fines bigger to dump illegal rubbish. Encourage rate payers to report these assholes.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1448

Full Name: Donna McKenzie

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Why would you even consider selling?! There is not enough housing as it is!

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

How about funding what we actually need? We don't need a new pool, we don't need more artwork along the rail trail, stop wasting our rate payers money

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

We do not need a new pool

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1447

Full Name: Ella mcarthur

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Neither options are suitable.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1446

Full Name: sizhao liu

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

no rates increase, we paid highest rates in the area

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1445****Full Name: Jenna Rangiwai****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:****Comment:**

My preferred option is none. Our rates are too high as it is and we don't even have anything to show for it. Our roads are so bad and never get fixed. How are we meant to keep lying for this and afford to it for this if it keeps increasing. People move out to Pokeno for a better lifestyle for their families and affordable housing. This is just crazy to think our rates are the highest out of anywhere. And what do we have to show for it!!!! No increases we pay too much as it is!

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:****Comment:**

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1444

Full Name: Clint Prior

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

I dont actually agree with either option and find the scale of the proposed increases untenable. Especially given we already pay for our waste and our water on top of this cost. We represent an average household on an average income and will struggle to pay this cost. Our wages dont increase 3% each year let alone enough to cover the scale of this proposed increase along with the other increasing costs of living.

I haven't seen anywhere in your document where this cost comes from.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Its been done fairly well in Hamilton, just need to find a socially responsible buyer.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

Xtreme waste do a great job at the Raglan refuse/waste minimisation centre. This is a more efficient way to encourage reuse and up-cycling

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

I would love Council to explore the costs and barriers to rebuilding the long wharf at end of James St.
I think this would be a great community asset.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1443****Full Name: Melissa Greentree****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:****Comment:**

I absolutely DO NOT support any of these options including the 16% proposed increase! This is absolutely disgusting. Currently, we pay \$4500 to WDC and WRC. With a 16% increase that will mean our rates will be \$5220 per year. We can not afford this, including the majority of other residents in Pokeno. We have the highest rates in New Zealand. The council is driving hard working people out of Pokeno because they just cannot afford to live here!! How is this democracy?! With the proposed 16% increase to already extaustionate rates it is crippling families that are already struggling due to the financial pressures of Covid-19 and already heavy rates bills. This needs to STOP!!

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:****Comment:**

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Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:****Comment:**

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Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

Comment:

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Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1442****Full Name: Kelly Greentree****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:****Comment:**

I strictly do not support any of these two options. A rate increase is absolutely ridiculous. We already pay the highest rates in the country and you want to increase by 16% ? Myself and the rest if the pokeno community are absolutely appalled by this. No way.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:****Comment:**

As above.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

I have very little inorganic waste and would use the local refuse station if need be.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

I strictly do not support any of these two options. A rate increase is absolutely ridiculous. We already pay the highest rates in the country and you want to increase by 16% ? Myself and the rest if the pokeno community are absolutely appalled by this. No

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

If anything, I think we all deserve a rates decrease. If the rates increase, I will certainly be looking at moving out of pokeno.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1441

Full Name: Megan Parket

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

The money goes further

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

It's a big job for the council, perhaps specialist in this area might be better

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

The neighbourhood looks awful for a month or more, even though dates are given, people still put stuff out early

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

Money will go further

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Community members are working on access to the paper road from Smith Rd to access Te Awa cycle way. Please put a gate in fence of cycle way so bikes can access from paper road. Also please make

a simple gravel path on this paper road for pedestrians and cyclist. This would give a safe path for children to walk to school. River Road is too dangerous to do so. It also wouldn't cost a huge amount to do.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1440

Full Name: Nica Van WOERDEN

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

A 9% increase is way too much for a single year.

But, option 1 appears to be 1% less overall?

So I'm not sure, really.

Do you really need that much more money when there are so many new houses in the area, who all contribute?

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

You appear to be being honest when you say you no longer can do this well.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

We don't use this.

It always looks so messy.

People rummaging through and leaving a mess is not a wonderful option.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

We have to trust you that you will do the best for our community and region.

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

We are still waiting for the Smith Road access to the walkway and river using the paper road. This needs to be a safe access and I understand the neighbour has been awkward, but this could be completed very quickly and benefit the wider community which comes out our way to use our amazing facilities.

Also, we would like to know what is happening to the promised WIFI improvements, please. Sharing a copper wire with each additional house on our street is not fair.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1439

Full Name: Bridget Dowsett

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Like a lot of people lost job over covid and limited funds

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Very hard to get housing and once it's sold it's very hard to get back the housing for the community

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

For some people this is the only way to get of items no car etc

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

As they can apply for funding to support community groups

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

The smith/river and driver road area has no community park space or access to the Te Awa walkway. We have the paper road opposite Smith Road but the neighbour has been abusive and has tried to discourage the useage. We would like access to the cycleway.

Fibre connection for the same area as it stopped at the Horotiu Bridge Road and coming out of Ngaruawahia at the other end so a small area in the middle missing.

The old Perry's sand pit owned by Hamilton City Council utilised as is a current vacant site

We would like to see this used as

1 motorhome park nzmca park (leased)

Car parking for Te Awa walkway

Dog park (leased like Horotiu)

Long term - mountain bike park as suggested by Perry's

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1438

Full Name: Helen Dutton

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

I would prefer nothing but I guess there is 1% difference

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

To help pensioners stay in homes

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

If you discontinue rubbish will be left everywhere and its good to keep our area tidy.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Currently the Smith/Speedy/Driver and River Road area have no community park space or access to the Te Awa Walkway which is very close to us. We currently have a small access way to the Smith Road (Paper) but the current joining owner is abusive and discourages use by the locals. We would like use of this paper road. We have an amazing community who all desire to use the outdoor space.

It was suggested we could drive to Horotiu.

2 things - one that's not great for our carbon footprint and 2 - there is very little parking in the summer time at Horotiu. It was said this parking issue would be addressed - if that is the case could it not be made available at Sullivan Road entrance or the old Perry sandpit (Cleanfill site) so the West side of the river do not have to go through the major intersection at Horotiu especially when we are on bikes. River Road is extremely dangerous to walk or cycle on.

The old Perry sandpit which has clean fill is a vacant site. We would like to see this utilised in the short term as:

1. a NZMCA motorhome park/ car parking - great connection to the cycleway
2. dog park
3. walkway through to the bridge.
4. eventually long term.. the mountain bike park suggested by Perrys.

FIBRE connection in this area.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1437****Full Name: Kahu Tukere****Wish to speak to submission: No****Topic 1 – General Rates Increase****Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

OPTION 2 - Preferable because there will be many people within our community who will not be able to afford Option 1. At least option 2 would give families time to prepare financially and to accommodate this rate increase. Families can hopefully still maintain a reasonable standard of living. As the cost of living is expensive no matter where you live.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:****Comment:**

OPTION 2 - If council admits they are not able to provide the necessary services needed and better outcomes for pensioners will be attained by seeking responsible service provider who can. Then option 2 must be the best choice. Also an added bonus is council debt is reduced by 3 million. dollars

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:****Comment:**

Option 1 - Continue Inorganic day - This service provides for the responsible disposal of Inorganic material by the community. Rather than having it 'dumped irresponsibly' which council has to address anyway, this helps to maintain our environment and allows for all people access to this service.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:****Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions****Comment:**

Maori Wards - We need to have Maori representation as part of the decision making process for Māori. Who knows best to speak on behalf of and make decisions for Māori - it is Maori.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1436

Full Name: Charlene Pickering

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Less increase the two years following

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

There are multiple Responsible Service Providers in Waikato that are more aware of the housing crisis and are able to provide not only housing support services but other much needed support services. Eg Te Runanga O Kirikiriroa, Rauawawa Charitable Trust, Te Kohao Health.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Having the kerbside collection has made Hamiltonians more responsible for their waste and the environment. Although there are some things about the service that I dislike, overall I feel it is good for our environment.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1435

Full Name: Kenneth Soanes

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Please refer to the 2018 LTP. The promised plan was for high rates for 3 years and no more than 5% increases for the following years.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

This is government business not local authorities.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

Raglan does not have this service.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1434****Full Name: Jessica Steiner****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Option 2: Gradual increases will be easier on the communities pocket, not everyone is financially secure as say myself, as both my husband and I work full time and can manage increases.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

I believe current tenants and future ones will benefit having a responsible service provider available 24/7 for issues and keep up with inspections to ensure units are up to standards. I do want to see these housing facilities solely for pensioners NOT otherwise. These flats need to remain a safe / quite environment for those living there - the elderly.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

I personally don't use this collection, simply because of where I am and the end of my driveway; we have in the past used it, but people kept adding to it and it became a nuisance. I know the community love it; they visually see where a portion of their rates are going. Would we look at collection points? or contact numbers to contractors to pick up certain items e.g. whiteware? Just a thought.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1433

Full Name: Philip Pannett

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

I do not agree with either option. The increases proposed are both too high. With many ratepayers on fixed or even reduced incomes, rate increases should be no more than the rate of inflation. The Council already receives increased rate income from growth and therefore doesn't need to increase rates by such a high amount. The Council needs to look very carefully at proper cost control across all of its activities, staffing levels and the activities it undertakes.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1432****Full Name: Ste'en Webster****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Get the pain over and done with quickly, rather than drag it out. Also gives WDC a more substantial pot earlier in the game, and less sticking points to get major objectives tackled before costs blow out more than current forecasts. Why chase the eight ball when we can jump out in front of it? This may hurt a bit in the short haul, but seems to me will be easier for EVERYONE in the long haul.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Wake up - don't privatise an asset. Don't be daft. It's this kind of thinking that created New Zealand's current housing woes... Once any government body lets go of an asset, it's twice as hard to get it back or replace. Think sensibly and long term - stop looking at short term solutions. If anything, government bodies should be looking to increase stock of pensioner housing - we have an aging population, including all of you (staff) and your parents! We need to look after these people, not pull the rug out from under them and privatise (we all know where that leads).

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Even though we personally don't use this service, it's proven very successful and should continue. Besides removing large amounts from landfill, it brings into focus the issue of foodwaste, and makes it a household topic. Hopefully the next step will be reducing foodwaste - as really, no household has any excuse to be wasting food! It comes down to habits, shopping, cooking, leftovers... once habits around these activities are adjusted, combined with composting, we have reduced food waste in our household to ZERO. I kid you not. At that point, once the scales are tipped and the service is no longer needed, yes THEN look at discontinuing.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

I need more information... repurpose the funds to where???? The groups you mention are important, and need to be promoted and funded in any way possible. I would not support any form of defunding from these groups - unless it was going to similar purpose.

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Pest plants need to be addressed in our region i.e. privet, climbing asparagus, woolly/deadly nightshade. WDC should be getting behind any initiatives such as "Whaingaroa Weedbusters"

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1431

Full Name: Saacha Morgan

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

rubbish is still going to go to the landfill anyway whether we take it there or you take it there. At least give us one small break for once in our lives and let us get rid of stuff in our garage without costing an arm and a leg.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1430****Full Name: sara Morrow****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:****Comment:**

I think that in our current climate that Councils should think about cutting back on rates, with house prices increasing, mortgages at an all time high and the world economy, I believe it is not being community minded to continually increase rates.

With many people affected by covid and with many projected to be economically affected by covid it would be a nice opportunity for councils to put their rate payers first.

I do not believe that rates should continually increase every year.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

As a community organisation I believe it is good practise to make sure that pensioners have housing, if council can find a responsible service provider to take over the pensioner housing with them not in the future selling them off for profit I believe this would be a good option.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

I believe if kerbside rubbish collection stopped people would burn their waste which would have a negative outcome for our environment.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1429

Full Name: Frederick neicho

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Councils cannot be trusted to not increase in year 2 and 3 through “unforeseen circumstances “

Look for more savings in other areas

Hold council staff accountable

Look for more efficiently ways of doing council services

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

It's not council responsibility and expertise to manage pensioner housing

Specialist housing providers will be more efficient in looking after the pensioners who need it

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

People have take more responsibility for their waste too much is being sent to the landfill

Recycling and gifting to people who may need it

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1428

Full Name: Ian Burgess

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

This is a very useful service and is a good use of ratepayers funds. A 6 monthly collection would also of benefit to ratepayers. Alternatively a more affordable option a local tip sites would benefit local communities.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1427****Full Name: Anthony Anderson****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:****Comment:**

Both these proposals are out of line with the rate of inflation for New Zealand and with the quality and scope of services actually provided. With the recent general increase in land values these amounts are far too onerous for fixed income persons and small business trying to recover from the shutdown of the New Zealand economy as a result of Covid and the generally low levels of compensation packages. The council must investigate and manage their costs and management capabilities for real application and take responsibility for the management, efficiency and cost of services.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

The work practices of the Council Compliance Management does not match the requirements of their customers.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1426

Full Name: Isabelle Peterson

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

I don't understand why rates are going up they are expensive enough as it is

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

We don't get enough as it is from our rates

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Why are they so expensive anyway rates can be accounted for single people or per person per household

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1425****Full Name: Michelle Brown****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

I expect the economy to become more challenging over the next few years. Ratepayers will find it difficult to meet these increases but think the larger increase now will assist ratepayers to budget in the years to come.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Council represents and serves the community and older people should be valued as part of that community. Older people tend to use fewer of Council's services; rubbish, water, walking and cycling tracks. Community housing for pensioners should remain - if we're unable to look after our most vulnerable then this is a poor reflection of Waikato District as a place of refuge for the broad range of its inhabitants.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Minimise illegal dumping for a small annual fee. Council should consider increasing rates to lower dump fees and encourage householders to dump rubbish in pre-arranged sites rather than on the roadside or down gullies. Raglan's Zerowaste site could be a blueprint for all Waikato District dumps. Happy to pay a higher rate to enable this to happen. Waikato District is a beautiful area - let's be leaders in managing waste in the area.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1424****Full Name: Dennis Parker****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:****Comment:**

I prefer option 3; ie zero rates rise. The council must learn to operate more efficiently and its highly paid managers must manage services and projects within established budgets. The council must move away from its "cost plus" mentality. White elephants like Te Huia should not be undertaken on just to satisfy green political agendas.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Housing should be the responsibility of central government, because they have the authority to modify the economic environment, local councils do not.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

I've not used this service in the past; and the rubbish gets spread around after a few days and becomes an eyesore.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1423

Full Name: Annerose Lilley

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Gradual increase seems easier on the pocket.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Seems to be better for pensioners.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Might prevent more illegal dumping.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Pokeno is growing so fast yet there is not one single pedestrian crossing anywhere, which makes crossing the road so very dangerous with people taking chances and children crossing streets, there are bound to be fatalities because of it very soon.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1421****Full Name: Bruce Church****Wish to speak to submission:**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:****Comment:**

As a ratepayer of senior years, on a fixed income, I am more than a little perturbed at the proposed rates increases over the next three years.

I would like to understand why current resident/ratepayers should pay excessively for developments benefitting future generations, particularly when borrowing costs are at record low levels.

Please explain why rates need to increase by 9% in 2021, and 3.5% in both 2022 & 2023 - a 16.7% increase in total over the next three years, under option 1.

Option 2 is even worse- 7% in 2021, 6% in 2022 & 4% in 2023 - a 18.0% increase in total over the next three years

These proposals are significantly higher than official inflation forecasts; and the WDC should be taking advantage of current low interest rates, for long-term developments, rather than burdening current ratepayers.

I will look forward to your explanation in relation to my above comments

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

I fully support the proposal to sell 34 pensioner housing units in Tuakau, Huntly & Ngaruawahia to a dedicated social housing provider.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

I believe inorganic rubbish disposal is the responsibility of individual residents – not all of whom are ratepayers, but may be tenants in rental properties; and that the service should be stopped!

But I do realise that less respectful residents are liable to dump their inorganic waste on the roadside, which the council has to remediate

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1420****Full Name: Rosser Thornley****Wish to speak to submission:**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:****Comment:**

Rate increase - when most people have their income tied to no more than the cost of living this should be the benchmark for rate increases, so I do not support either option proposed. Additional funding needed for priority areas to manage growth and freshwater requirements should be paid for by longer term financing as future generations will also benefit

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:****Comment:**

Pensioner housing - of course this should be maintained - we have seen and are now paying for the cost of the previous sell off of this stock. I do not understand why this needs to be sent out for feedback - as councillors you should know to do the right thing in an area like this

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:****Comment:**

Inorganic rubbish collection - continue with the service in areas of low socio-economic housing

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Best wishes as you finalise the plan

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1419****Full Name: Carmen Morunga****Wish to speak to submission:**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:****Comment:**

General rates increases: The first option of 9% 3.5% and 3.5% = 16% compared to 17% in the second option is the better option.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:****Comment:**

Pensioner housing: You must always have pensioner housing in the district. You must always look after the district's elderly in any way you can. The elderly of the district have probably been paying this district's rates all their adult lives. In fact the council should be building more pensioner housing because the population is getting older. Do not sell the pensioner housing to another housing provider as they might charge pensioners market rates which they can ill afford. Sometimes it is not about making a profit. It is about your Duty of Care to the people of this district. If you want to save money have a look at the amount of staff you are currently employing. Do you really need that amount of people? Is their work output compatible with their pay?

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:****Comment:**

Inorganic collection: Should still be a service the council offers, otherwise people's junk will be just piling up in their back yard

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Thanks, hope my input is considered.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1417

Full Name: Sir Don McKinnon on behalf of NZ Memorial Museum Trust – Le Quesnoy

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: Yes



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SUBMISSION TO LONG TERM PLAN 2021-2031

REQUEST FOR FUNDING SUPPORT FOR NEW ZEALAND MEMORIAL MUSEUM & VISITOR CENTRE, LE QUESNOY, FRANCE

Background

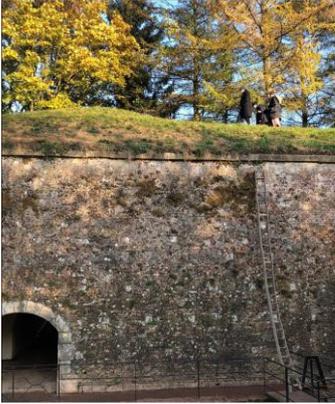
In the closing days of the First World War, our soldiers on the Western Front, exhausted survivors of battles on the Somme, Messines, Passchendaele and from halting the 1918 Spring Offensive, had one last wall to climb – literally.

The small town of Le Quesnoy in northern France had been under German occupation since August 1914 and this was November 1918. Surrounded by a moat and a 17th century wall complete with ramparts, the medieval town was like a fortress that had survived many an invasion in the preceding centuries. It had one more force to reckon with. The New Zealand Division had arrived to liberate the town from the German occupiers, who continued to defend the ramparts using howitzers, machine guns and rifles. Orders had been given to the New Zealand troops not to shell the town, to avoid any casualties among the 1600 civilian inhabitants.

Instead, some 300 flaming oil drums were fired onto the ramparts to create a smoke screen obscuring the assault by New Zealand infantry using long ladders to scale the outer walls and inner ramparts. The liberation of the town was completed with the capture of over 700 German soldiers, against just on 500 New Zealand casualties including 142 dead - the liberation was achieved without



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the loss of a single civilian life. This is an achievement which the town and its people have never forgotten, even today - over 100 years later - which is now beyond living memory. They speak of the liberation with awe, still amazed that men would come from the far side of the world to free their town and citizens, to rescue them in their darkest hour.

The liberation of the historic walled town by the New Zealand Rifle Brigade just one week before the end of the Great War was a demonstration of Kiwi ingenuity and an act of courage. The story of Le Quesnoy is different from that of many other World War One sites – the town was liberated without being destroyed, and the residents were not displaced, and in that respect, it is a story of hope. The town was preserved intact and stands as a place where memories are lived and relived to tell the story to all who will listen; of the price that was paid for freedom in a war that stole much from our world.

The Project

The NZ Memorial Museum Trust - Le Quesnoy (a non-profit charitable trust) believes it is time to build a permanent memorial to our soldiers who perished on the fields of Flanders and France in the “war to end all wars”. Indeed, it did not end all wars and many more New Zealanders lost their lives on European soil in the Second World War. Over 12,400 New Zealanders are buried in France and Belgium. It is appropriate that the sacrifice of a significant number of New Zealanders, who will remain forever in a place far from home, is acknowledged and remembered.



The Trust has had the opportunity to purchase a heritage property, the former Mayor's residence and Gendarmerie (military police headquarters), in Le Quesnoy, which is directly connected to New Zealand's World War One experience in Europe.

The Trust is working towards the vision of creating “a Kiwi place in France where memory and relationships are alive”. We are working towards this goal through the establishment of a Museum and Visitor Centre in Le Quesnoy where our story will be told across multiple platforms – through artefacts, interactive activities, movies, audio stations, an app and other media.



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The museum itself will include space for exhibitions and interactive activities, both digital and manual, designed to encounter and explore the stories of New Zealand's liberation of Le Quesnoy, New Zealand's contributions to the war in Europe, the history of the town of Le Quesnoy, an introduction to New Zealand's culture and heritage to Europeans, and the unique relationship that has developed between New Zealand and the French in Le Quesnoy.

Our Objective

Through this project we seek to celebrate:

Freedom – which inspired our people to go to war

Friendship – the unique bonds which developed between the people of Le Quesnoy and New Zealand which are still strong 100 years on

Future – the opportunity to create a better future with a focus on how to avoid war

Our Partners

To fully realise the link between past, present and future, we have engaged New Zealand's most respected professional museum experts to help shape and guide the concept through strategic planning and interpretative masterplanning. We have recently approved the Internal Experience Design Brief for the Museum and Visitor Centre prepared by museum experts Lily Frederikse, Tim Walker and Karl Johnstone. The Feasibility Study prepared by French company, Lamaya, was signed off last year and our Māori Advisory Group has provided a Māori cultural framework to inform the overall visitor experience.

We are in discussions with the French government about a potential partnership. They are very supportive of the project.

We have raised \$8M to date towards the \$15M total. Most of this has come from private individuals and businesses, who are on board with the vision of establishing "a Kiwi place in France where memory and relationships are alive". This is not just a project about remembering the past but focuses on the future, developing an experience which is cross-cultural, connecting across nations, through educational experiences and exchanges, offering an opportunity to reflect and learn from the past as we step into the future. As it is so beautifully expressed in Te Reo:

Ka mua, ka muri

We walk backwards into the future.

Our Request

We have previously presented to your Mayor at the Rural and Provincial Council Sector meeting. We wish to request that you consider a funding commitment to this project as part of your Long-Term Plan.



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Our submission is to request that Waikato District Council supports the project to build a Museum and Visitor Centre in Le Quesnoy with a donation equivalent to \$1 per resident of your district, to remember those who gave their lives in the World Wars to give us freedom.

The funds are not required immediately and can be paid over the next three years. We are seeking a commitment from you towards the project at this point in time.

Soldiers came from this town and district as evidenced by your War Memorials. Their names stand in perpetuity here in our country. Their descendants live here and maybe even sit in this Council Chamber. New Zealand soldiers came from cities, towns and villages across New Zealand, not knowing what they were going to face on the other side of the world but stepping forward with a courage and belief in what was right and just and good for our country and our world. They went with a belief that tyranny and injustice threatened the very essence of our lives, threatened the freedom, friendship and future which, because of their sacrifice, generations that came after them have been able to enjoy.

In this day and time, we cannot even imagination what they must have faced on the battle grounds of Europe, but we can remember and honour them.

The NZ Memorial Museum Trust asks that you do just that through support of our project.

Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission which we hope will be favourably considered.



Rt Hon Sir Don McKinnon ONZ GCVO
Chairman
New Zealand Memorial Museum Trust



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Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1416

Full Name: Kathleen (Kay) Roberts

Wish to speak to submission:

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

I support organic collections continuing.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1415

Full Name: Marian Sutton

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

I do not pay rates.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

I am happy the way things are.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

I am happy the way it is.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1414

Full Name: Rachel Tahana

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1413

Full Name: Rex Avery

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

As long as we the tenants get better deal, i would say, so to it.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1412

Full Name: Carole Chambers

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

6 & 7% increases are large amounts, necessary now from failure to cover maintenance in the past. Why lump it all on us, spread it out to cover future generation of rate payers as well.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

There are no responsible service providers - dollars are their bottom line.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1411****Full Name: Michael Rinck****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

I fully support modernising infrastructure that has for far to long been ignored. For example, it is high time to think about modern waste water treatment plants that recover/recycle waste water instead of just discharging it somewhat treated into our water bodies.

I'm generally concerned about inefficiency in council spending, and specifically the drive to push public services out to private contractors. I'm happy to pay more rates, but I strongly wish for council to build/retain ability to provide the services needed by the community without relying on the private sector. If this means we need to have fewer councils/districts to gain the necessary efficiency, then I'm fully in favor of that, too.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Sounds to me like the real reason is to yet again sell assets to reduce debt. Absolutely not, if council lacks the ability to provide proper care, then build it. Do not trust private providers, costs will likely increase a lot for users of this services once the sale has been concluded.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

While I am for this change, I am concerned it could lead to illegal dumping of inorganic waste. Has the council considered this and how to counteract it, and what the cost of cleanup may be?

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1410

Full Name: Rohan Ammundsen

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Because if you are going to f#%k us up the a\$\$ with a massive rate increase on top of an RV increase then i'd rather get the worst of it over quickly.

I also hope it will allow the council to get moving on things quickly.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Because it simply makes sense. This should not be the council's responsibility.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Because if you are going to f#%k us up the a\$\$ with a massive rate increase on top of an RV increase then the least you can do is let us keep this one small thing.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1409

Full Name: Ian Lloyd

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

It is more balanced over the long term

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

It will be the better option in the long run, letting council have less concerns and concentrate on other requirements. As long as the service providers are held responsible.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Due to the cost of taking inorganics to waste transfer stations, if this is removed, more illegal dumping will take place at a higher cost to the tax payer to clean up

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

I believe that if the sinking lid method is adopted, hopefully the powers that be will be more cautious with the funds allocated to them

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

I think that that rate payers should be able to dump solid waste at transfer stations at no charge and the cost be covered by our rates, if you have a disk like a dog disk issued when your rates are paid you can access the yard at no charge thus eliminating false drop offs

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1408****Full Name: todd fraser****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:****Comment:**

I live in Raglan. The rates are already incredibly high and now the council is looking at increasing the rates by 16% in three years. Especially given Raglan is a tourist town and we are still dealing with the effects of Covid.

Here is a better idea. How about increasing the developers contributions!!!! The council has zoned for increase in population and if you want this get the developers to upgrade the existing infrastructure (including the single lane bridge!!!!)

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:****Comment:**

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1407****Full Name: Elysia Wanakore****Wish to speak to submission: No****Topic 1 – General Rates Increase****Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

I am currently renting atm and foresee that these increases will no doubt be passed on to me. Therefore, I have selected option 2, due to the fact that I don't know whether I'll even still be in this property in year 2 or 3. Taking on the higher increase straight away doesn't make sense.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Define 'Responsible Service Provider'? Who would these providers be? Foreign investors? No thanks, These should stay with a local organization so people can make contact directly. Selling off, and relinquishing ownership means more red tape for (already vulnerable) pensioners who obviously don't have the time to process all the paperwork.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Discontinuing this service will no doubt cause waste build up on many properties. This service at least helps to keep this to a minimum. Without knowing how these costs are recouped, can I make a suggestion? What if a week or 2 before commencing the inorganic collection, use that period for people to put out 'items that can be re-used', and allow people to up-cycle these items? Recycling and re-purposing is surely better than contributing to landfills. This 'may' cut down on the amount that has to be collected and possibly reduce the overall costs.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

Not enough information provided above to support such a change. Meaning: What impact will that have? What exactly do you propose to do with those funds? How would the proposed 'repurposing' of funds benefit our community? etc

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1406****Full Name: Michelle O'Donnell****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:Easier to manage as everything else is increasing

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

The Te Hutewai Rd needs sealing. There has been a dramatic increase in people living on the road due to subdivisions and the Rangatahi development. The road is very busy, an occasional grade makes it worse. School buses won't drive it and deem it too dangerous. There is a corner just after Bensemen Rd that is extremely dangerous - the road drops off to a sheer drop and the fencing is very poor - it needs a barrier at least. There are parts of the road that have had slips lately too, even on the tarseal. In the last 2 months I have had 4 near miss head-on collisions with people driving on the wrong side of the road to avoid the bad potholes and corrugations. Please take this request into consideration. It is a safety issue.

Attachment: No

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Submitter ID: 1405

Full Name: Maehe Paki

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Would prefer neither - the rates are ridiculously high and far too expensive for my elderly mother to cover on a pension. The services we get for the rates increase are also minimal, in particular kerbside rubbish; we also pay for this via stickers, inorganic day - whereby next to nothing is allowed for pick up and creates huge messes for the home owners to clean up. Be interested to know what exactly the rates increases will cover as the info in the attachment was vague.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Less cost on the rates payer would assume

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

Less cost to the rate payer. It's an ineffective service that we rarely use.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

Repurpose for more activities for our youth.

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Need more fun activities such as a basketball court, skating rink or playground facilities on the paa side of Ngaruawahia; an upgrade of Paterson park facilities.

Also how do we propose a submission to change our street names in Ngaaruawaahia thats reflective of Kiingitanga and our unique Maaori history

Attachment: No

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Submitter ID: 1404

Full Name: Peter L Nicholad

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

My wife and I are superannuitants and a nine percent increase would have a big impact o. Our budgeting.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

I do not believe that the provision of pensioner accommodation is a role that should be paid for by ratepayers.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

When Auckland City Council changed the way in which they catered for inorganic collections illegal dumping of such material increased markedly. If you do not have a car which can tow a trailer or a station wagon how can you dispose of inorganic material? As the rubbish collectors do not take plant material even if it is in a "legal" bag with the correct sticker I have seen people dumping organic matter in the parkland near to our house and when walking along the pathways there seen material that has been dumped.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

It has been reported in our community paper that our mayor is VERY keen to increase the housing/building in our area as he wishes to increase the income from rates. Firstly, some of the region's best land for agriculture is being swallowed up; particularly around Tuakau. The recent developments in Pokeno have been done sensitively (and in line with the requirements set out by the original land owners) and apart from some mistakes made by Environment Waikato Pokeno is an appealing place to live. There has been a sigh of relief recently given the fact that the potential developers of land to the west of Helenslee Road are being taken to court. The worry is that if the people concerned get the go ahead that development could end up like that currently taking place in Ramarama where what is being built is not in accord with what nearby landowners were shown was going to happen. Something similar is happening in bed developments near Pukekohe where the roads are narrow, the sections small and the houses tiny. The people I have spoken to on my walks around the Helenslee Block would be up in arms if the council allowed the development of the proposed development to the west was different from that in the Helenslee Block.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1403****Full Name: Whirotangī Poutapu****Wish to speak to submission: No****Topic 1 – General Rates Increase****Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

The margin between the two options for the first year is small, but the second and third years are savings are more obvious. If there was a third option spreading the overall increase equally across the 3 years, this would be preferred.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

If there is no economic gain or loss then why change. Social services are already being accessed by tenants and therefore no impact on their needs.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

The cost per household for collection is small compared to self disposal. I am willing to pay for the increase therefore. There is no incentive for disposing of inorganic responsibly.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

Not sure but I see no harm in reviewing the budgets since priorities often change.

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Can we have an organic waste disposal system similar to raglan?

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1402****Full Name: Richard Gee****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

people cant afford the go hard approach Covid has decimated incomes

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

we must look after our elderly ourselves not contracted out to others they worked hard for our district

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

gets rid of junk in one swoop

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

the local community boards understand their communities and central District council does not, ratepayers want money for local projects not caught up in a central grants scheme, the money needs and should be spent locally b

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

employment in our district should be a priority to encourage businesses to come to waikato and employ the community, special zones, special rates, special assistance, focussed staff to encourage entrepreneurs to come and investors to build... a employed workforce serves its community better and problems are less when everybody is working

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1401****Full Name: Cindy Richards****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:****Comment:**

None of them are the preferred option. Our rates are absolutely disgusting. We pay over \$3,000 per year just in WDC and then have WRC rates on top of over \$300 per year. That is over \$60 per week just on rates - unaffordable, outrageous and very little to show for it.

Our town has little in the way of upgrades - old playground, dirty toilets, potholed roads, streetlights that don't work, and virtually non-existent public transport. A massive influx of housing with very little infrastructure and all we have to show is an abundance of bakeries!! Reduce the salaries of Councillors and use some common sense and we shouldn't need any increases whatsoever.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:****Comment:**

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

Discontinue - and reduce our rates to reflect yet another service that we do not have.

While you are at it, reduce the cost of rubbish collection - or take the levy out of our rates.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Attachment: No

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Submitter ID: 1400

Full Name: Ella

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Neither option is preferred, we already have the highest rates in nz, and they go up every 3 years anyway with the house prices.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Why would you sell an asset that makes the council money and if you sell there is no guarantee they will not evict, increase rents to unaffordable amounts (for someone solely living on the pension) or demolish the houses for other land use. I believe in looking after the elderly and would volunteer my time to the council to manage the pensioner property's.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Without this there would be even more illegal dumping than there already is, instead you need work out ways the community would make less trash. Until people no longer need the service. Some ideas below

1. make it easier for people to get their appliances ect fixed so they don't throw them out.
 2. Free cooking classes
 3. New cars dont have tow bars, so some kind of call in trash pick up option - like uber but for your trash to be taken to the dump/ recycling center
 4. What is being dumped/ put out in the collections? Work out options to reduce this.
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Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Fluoride is toxic I disagree with this being in our water supply, there should instead be more education for kids not be given juice and fizzy.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1399

Full Name: Ian Wrigley

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Less impact on the current situation for NZ. This is not the time to be spending more, you should find ways to be more efficient. I feel it is incredibly tone deaf to be seeking a 17% rate increase in the next 3 years and instead you need to tighten the belt. You're not doing enough for the communities you are taking rates from to warrant this quite frankly.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

I have zero faith in the government's ability to manage this. Keeping it local ensures it is retained as pensioners rather than being added to the state home pool.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:**Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives****Option selected:**

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

Repurposing this money takes control away from the community and puts it in the hands of those who lack intimate knowledge of the local areas. Bad ideas at any level.

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

This needs some oversight. Currently the review process for dogs that have been deemed scary due to breed prejudice have no avenue for appeal.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1398****Full Name: Trista Hall****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

I chose this because I had to choose one option. I don't think there should be any increase for a few years. I personally lost my job through covid and have a job that pays a lot less now, others are in the same position.

If you get rid of the pensioner housing as planned won't that save money.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Let a company who is better suited do a better job.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

People can take items to the tip.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Don't sell off the water like Auckland did. They aren't managing it very well, they are relying on Waikato water to get them through.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1397

Full Name: Sheryl Paekau

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Income preference, the higher increase while I'm still working. the lower percentages in subsequent years.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

I find it hard to maintain the upkeep of my own home and yet my rates have to contribute to upkeeping other homes. I personally do not benefit by that provision like benefiting from, libraries, rubbish collection, halls etc

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

For myself I do not have a trailer to go to the dump. It is a good annual service to cart away rubbish that the Normal rubbish collection doesn't deal with. I do not mind contributing to that service. Even though it doesn't stop road dumping to does lessen this public nuisance.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

We want to sustain, beautify, support community initiatives that benefit the towns. We need reasons to bring people to our towns otherwise they will drive on down the highway having no interest to turn off.

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1396

Full Name: Sarah Brown

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

It saves money in the long term

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

It's a waste of council resources, best to sell assets and use money to fund other things

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

I don't tend to have much which can be added to the inorganic collection. It would be handy though to have a directory of businesses that you can take your assorted items to instead of adding them to landfill

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1395

Full Name: Jennifer GIBSON

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

There is a large population of pensioners on the peninsular who would find it difficult for a larger increase in one year.

Also if you propose these increases please stick to it.

If our rates are increased then it would also mean that council needs to do some trimming of expenses.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

A "Responsible Service Provider" is an unknown, who would you propose? and in doing so it will still need council oversight which is still time and money.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

I have ticked continue collection, although here in Thames we do not have such a privilege.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Please get behind the value that libraries have in the community.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1394****Full Name: Sue Edmonds****Wish to speak to submission:**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

While this option may prove difficult for some, it will only be ghastly for the first year. I pay my rates weekly so it is spread thinly. Maybe the Council should suggest more people pay this way, rather than in hefty dollops.

And with all that is going on by Central Government on changing things around, WDC doesn't want to get its debt any higher than it needs to.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

This makes me very nervous, despite my preference. The Council will have to be terribly careful about who it chooses to buy this housing, as those who run villages and other housing complexes are very conscious of their shareholders and their profit margins. It would be embarrassing for the Council to find that the inhabitants of their sold pensioner housing suddenly face huge rate hikes, even if the housing itself is improved beyond what Council could afford. The media would love it!

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

I agree to this with one proviso. I agree the metal collectors and other bargain hunters have always collected the best of what is put out, but if Council isn't going to do it it **MUST** provide residents with some available alternatives and likely costs. And if there are to be some new efforts at recycling centres, then don't forget the southern regions!

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

From experience, residents and interest groups/committees know best what they want/need funded. And if residents/groups are prepared to contribute, either financially or in kind, based on Council's overall planning, then Council should grab those opportu

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1393****Full Name: Withheld****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:****Comment:**

I'm not picking any option as its a raut. If you can't budget on the massive amounts of rates you are ripping from our community then there is something extremely wrong with you. Our rates are more than most community's and almost double what auckland are paying and for what? We have nothing here. Stop treating your rate payers like cash cows. We have only just come through covid many without jobs and now you want to completely ruin people by asking for more money? Where does a 16 percent rates increase fit into a 1 percent wage rise of people who actually got that wage rise. And you put 17 percent in option two never mind the fact that it'll compound over those years Do the math for God's sakes. I for one will not be voting you in again as it is clear you cannot budget to save yourselves.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Stop kicking the elderly out in the street. For fs sake you really take the cake. You want more money and you want to throw away your elderly. The ones who originally made this country great. Shame in you.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

It's a no Brainer. You stop the inorganic you make more people dump illegally because they can't afford to take the stuff to the dump. Again. No brainer.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Please withhold my name from my submission.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1392

Full Name: Irene Ormsby

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Actually percentage doesn't mean a thing to me. What's that in dollars?

I don't agree with increase of rates, particularly with pensioners.

One has to wait for the inevitable to happen.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Better the devil you know then the devil you don't.

What ever happens will happen.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

It's natural for residents to accumulate or out grow or improve in personal items.

For some it must be a problem to get rid of these items.

Better to keep the service or you will find items dumped on road sides.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

I have nothing else to say.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1391

Full Name: Dean

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Sell pensioner housing, stop inorganic collection, reduce size of council to essential services, find more cost effective solutions and reduce rates

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Sell and reduce rates

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

Discontinue and reduce rates

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1389

Full Name: Amy Spitzer

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Gradual impact on rate payers

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

Not required by all rate payers

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1387****Full Name: Rodger Gallagher for Raglan Community Arts Council****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:****Comment:**

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:****Comment:**

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

Raglan Community Arts Council does not support this approach. Decisions on Council funding are best made by councillors and Community Boards who have close relationships to their ratepayers and communities. The current system of funding through Community

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

That funding is allowed for in the LTP for 2023 for a rebuild, storm water drainage, resealing and car park marking of the front car park on the local reserve at 5 Stewart St, Raglan (Raglan Old School Arts Centre).

The car park is currently asphalt seal on a base of decomposing concrete. The area has excess ground water and the car park has minimal drainage.

It is used every day by visitors to the Arts Centre, parents dropping off and picking up children at the Raglan Kindergarten on the adjacent property. When big events are held in Raglan the car park is used as public parking. e.g. ANZAC Day parade or funerals at the Congregational Church in Stewart St.

The worst areas of the car park have been patched by Council every couple of years. The time has now come for a complete rebuild of the car park

Raglan Community Arts Council propose that a provision of at least \$100,000 be included in the LTP for this work to be undertaken.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1386

Full Name: Pippa Berry-Cope

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

A 9% increase in year 1 is huge. And then because of the Annual Plan / Long Term Plan cycle, there could be a variation the the LTP in the next AP to increase the rates above what is proposed.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Please sell the pensioner housing. I don't think this is something that local government should be providing, at the expense of our rates. Rather it should be a social housing provider / Housing NZ, at the expense of our taxes.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Please keep this service. In my location, at the southern end of the district, we can't easily access WDC refuse transfer stations.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

I don't know, I didn't read this information. And why are we being asked here, if it is not a formal consultation discussion?

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

I would love to see some finding allocated to a park / playground in Tauwhare village.

Thanks.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1385****Full Name: Geoff King****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Whilst I understand the argument for Option 1 I think a key issue is that it is inequitable to existing residents vs those that move into the district in year 2 or 3.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

I can see & largely agree with the justification for ceasing the service. However, there is a discussion to be had on stopping & do nothing else, particularly for your communities on the south side vs progressing an alternative. Whilst the council has recycling & transfer stations in Glen Murray, Huntly, Te Kauwhata, & Raglan there are no council facilities, or council promoted partners, on the southern side of the councils district.

There are other providers of inorganic recycling in the Waipa / southern side of Waikato district. Is there an opportunity to discontinue to current service and at the same time partner with inorganic recycling providers to put in place a better alternative offering.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1384

Full Name: Kylie Baker

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

I actually do not support a rates increase. I believe that council is mis-managing it's expenditure.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Selling off of housing stock has never worked for either central or local government. The goal should be to retain and upgrade these properties.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

If this collection does not go ahead each year I believe it will result in more illegal dumping.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1383****Full Name: Magenta Ward****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:****Comment:**

I chose neither as a 16% or 17% increase over 3 years is ridiculous. The questionnaire for the long term plan involved too many expensive projects that are unnecessary. Work within your means, we have too. Covid has hit a lot of people and nurses proposed new agreement was at less than 2% over about 18 months so how can you propose rates so much ridiculously higher. They are already high.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

If you sell it will other providers have extra costs?

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

It has helped decrease how packed our compost bin gets and encourages other people to recycle scraps.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1382****Full Name: Jacqueline Jones****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Hi I am a member of the newly re-formed Tauwhare Community Committee, and as a voice for the whole community, we wish to apply for funding to have the paths completed in our residential 50km Tauwhare Village area. We currently do not have paths for the whole village, for example entering Tauwhare Village from Victoria Road end there currently is a grass walk way next to an open drain on the right, that we would greatly appreciate having a path, as we have a number of families at this end that have to cross a very busy and dangerous road to get their children to the local school and pre-school. In the winter the grass is often long and unkempt and the track muddy.

We struggle as a community with drivers not obeying the 50km rule in the Village, and we have discussed as a committee the possibility of having identification of a crossing from the path across the road to the community hall, as Tauwhare School bi-annually have an end of year school play at the hall which requires multiple journeys to and from school for rehearsals, which involves crossing the

road just outside the hall. The hall is also used for many other school activities during the day and evening, and local community events. Having identification as a crossing would hopefully alert drivers to take more care and drive slower, and keep our precious Villagers safe!

On that note we have also discussed the possibility of a crossing or similar for those families with young children who cross from the left hand side of the Village (entering from Victoria Road end), to walk along the inner drain as there is no path on the left, and its too dangerous to cross at the intersection of Tauwhare and Scotsman Valley Road, we also have teens who catch Intermediate and Secondary school buses outside Tauwhare School and walk there from this part of the Village. Highlighting this crossing with something such as a Zebra crossing and signage would hugely improve the safety of our Village families.

I am not sure if this area of Council relates to Roding as there was no option for paths, so hopefully our submission gets to the right people. Unfortunately due to work commitments I cannot make the submission hearing date.

We as a Community really hope you will consider our proposal as path completion, along with safe crossing zones, in our beautiful Village has been a long time coming, and it would benefit the community greatly from a safety point of view, plus it would help to beautify the Village and make it easier for parents with strollers, prams, toddlers on trikes etc and our teens with bikes and skateboards to get around the Village in an easier, safer manner.

Thank you.

Kind Regards

Jacqueline Jones

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1381

Full Name: Laryssa-Rose

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Would make it easier on households especially after Covid. As someone who was made redundant and isn't working (as I have a little one) every penny counts.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1380

Full Name: Hannah Morgan

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

9% is a huge increase to take on after the last few covid years it will be a struggle for some and I feel where I live is very much a first home buyer market , as I myself am a first home buy Id prefer to lessen the blow slowly.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

If the council feels this is what is best for our pensioner Im for it. Better they be looked after than neglected and forgotten.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

I know some may not follow the rules but to most it is important it helps stop illegal dumping but people need to understand what can and cant be taken. I had to google last collection and maybe issue fines if people havent cleaned up there kerb a week after collection.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

I feel the roads in Tuakau are very neglected the road out of Tuakau to Bombay is dangerous due to the pot holes. Also on Elizabeth street there is a very danger bit were the road bends but its hard to see I suggest arrows to show this as many of my friends and family have damaged cars noticing this to late.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1379

Full Name: Rhiannon Kelsey

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Lower increase in total over the 3 year period

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

This is definitely better to be done by an external provider as it stretches Councils already limited resources.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

The rate impact of removing this still costs less than a trip to the dump. It is a convenient way for houses to remove unwanted items on an annual basis and reduces the risk of illegal dumping.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1378

Full Name: Teresa Harry

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Won't hit the wallet quite so hard initially and decreases after the initial hit.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

All that will happen is your so called responsible service provider will sell the housing as has been shown elsewhere.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

If you get rid of it all that's going to happen is people will dump in the river or similar issues will occur. If you discontinue it you better have a replacement for it as people are lazy and will do what's easiest and cheap I.e dumping.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

No as all you doing is hiding where you are sending the money, like to tainiui.

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Is tainui paying commercial rates with their commercial developments like the inland port, te awa.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1377

Full Name: Michael Spiers

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

I favour increasing rates to a realistic level so that infrastructure can be maintained. Keeping rates low, while popular politically, is disastrous in the longer term, as many councils are discovering.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Specialist service providers are best placed to manage social housing.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

Kerbside collection encourages scavengers to pick through piles awaiting collection. Recycling in combination with landfill is a better and less costly alternative.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

I favour reviewing funding regularly rather than just keeping payments going for historical reasons.

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1376****Full Name: Emma Tucker****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:****Comment:**

NO RATES RISES. LAST YEAR COVID HIT A LOT OF PEOPLE IN THE AREA HARD, COUNCILLORS ADMITTED THAT THEY STILL GOT PAID, LOTS OF US IN THE AREA ARE ONLY NOW GETTING BACK ON OUR FEET, THIS HUGE INCREASE ON TOP OF ALREADY EXORBITANT RATES IS MAKING POKENO AN UNAFFORDABLE AREA. THIS NEEDS TO BE LOOKED INTO YOU CANT EXPECT US TO KEEP UPPING OUR RATES, WORK WITH THE RATES YOU HAVE ALREADY. MAYBE POKENO WILL HAVE TO GO WITHOUT A LIBRARY FOR A FEW YEARS I WOULD RATHER THAT THAN KEEP INCREASING THE RATES, PLEASE WORK WITH US RATHER THAN AGAINST US AND REMEMBER WE ARE THE PEOPLE WHO ELECT THE COUNCILLORS

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

HOPEFULLY THE \$\$ WE MAKE IN SELLING THEM CAN GO BACK INTO THE RATES AND WE WONT HAVE TO PAY AS MUCH

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

This is one of the only things I see that we get for our rates, unless you are going to give us 1 free trip to the dump per year then I would like this to continue

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

FURTHER TO THE MEETING IN POKENO, I FEEL AS THOUGH THE COUNCILLORS WEREN'T REALLY RECEPTIVE OR SYMPATHETIC TO HEARING WHAT WE HAD TO SAY

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1375****Full Name: Kevin Collins****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:****Comment:**

The choice should not be defined by the impact on rates. It should be defined by which option allows the council to do a better job of delivering the services that the rates pay for. The differences percentage differences between options 1 and 2 are minimal, so it doesn't really matter. Pick the one that allows WDC to do the work better and faster.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:****Comment:**

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Sure, illegal dumping is a problem, but getting rid of the collection service will only make it worse. Surely, WDC can provide this service safely for its workers and within the rules.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Is WDC inspecting and monitoring the clusters of buildings, dwellings and toilets springing up along Ohautira Road? These need to go through the same consenting process as more traditional construction. Are they?

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1374****Full Name: Jenny Wolf****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:****Comment:**

I don't support either, unless you demonstrate some forward thinking - eg relax some of the "rules" about secondary dwellings on a property - which helps some of us create affordable rental housing for people (not Air B&B). Insist all new builds catch their own water.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:****Comment:**

I have no fixed opinion on either, other than to state Council could work closely with communities and investors to develop more affordable pensioner housing - even if this means fast tracking / relaxation of permits etc / making it easier for people to consider investing in this area that provides for the market of people who cannot afford to buy a modest home. I would encourage this also in Raglan.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Continue the organic waste collection in Raglan - this is a responsible way of ensuring food waste is re-purposed and reduces landfill and models and teaches the community about their personal responsibility.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID:** 1373**Full Name:** Paul Dunbar**Wish to speak to submission:** No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Would prefer it to be even higher to reduce council debt.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

This shouldnt be a council service - and only benefits a couple of communities.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Otherwise a lot of this is dumped or burnt on farm.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Why are the Matangi/Tamahere areas part of this council that is run out of Ngaruawahia - there are 4 other council offices that are closer to me than this.

I dont want to be paying for a range of library + other services that are 1 hour + away for me to use/will never use.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1372

Full Name: Jennifer Kelly (Jenny)

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

I prefer Option 2 because a 9% rise in year 1 is not a good fit for my budget. 6% and 4% are higher than 3.5% in years 2 and 3, but the load is better spread.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Providing Pensioner Housing just creates more bureaucracy and expenses for the Council.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

People will just dump more inorganic material illegally without this service.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Indifferent: Found the initial Blueprint meeting encouraging and promising but the plot was lost in subsequent deliveries.

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1371****Full Name: Max Norvill****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:Obviously it has a lesser of an impact on the individual rate payer

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:It would take the responsibility of pensioner housing away from council and as a District council it is not a responsibility they should feel duty bound to provide. A different matter for a city council.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:I feel it is a very convenient service that the council provides. I'm sure it prevents a lot of this material being dumped illegally and sometimes council just has to be a good service provider even if it's not very cost efficient.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1370

Full Name: shona lanyon

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

no assurance that they don't get bowled and rebuilt . yes they might get first choice back in but at what cost?

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

we would see more couch's beds etc just dumped. not everyone has access to a trailer or can afford one.

You need to fine the person who goes around with a truck cherry picking the metal to sell.

that should be going to council to help with costs.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1369****Full Name: Zoe Stokes****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

During what is still a very turbulent time in the world I believe there is still some time to go before the repercussions of Covid are felt by NZ - material costs, lack of imports, employment etc. I generally agree with a rate increase but I think those in financial governance should be moving conservatively - the slow and steady option feels more sustainable. If it means a few things take a bit longer to come to fruition I don't think that's a bad thing - it allows some flexibility as well. With the area growing at such a rate maintaining community development in a very deliberate and considered manner means we will make better, long term decisions. Having a greater immediate increase in rates and therefore a larger wallet in the short term is not, to me, of benefit.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

The key is in the term 'Responsible Service Provider' - this very specialised housing should be managed by those with the skills and means to do so. As long as they are held to account.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

If anything I think this should be twice a year. Housing turn over produces a lot of this waste and in an area with relatively high rental or temp housing it seems like there is a need to provide a collection more than once a year. I appreciate the cost however the alternative is that people dump more often. This is costlier and worse for the environment.

Hard rubbish collections in Australia are a hugely popular way for people to get furniture, grab white goods for parts and repairs and recycle items that would otherwise be thrown into a river or dumped. Most countries I've lived in have had similar systems.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1368****Full Name: Peter Searle****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:I don't care either way, it was just the first option shown, hence the reason I ticked it.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:No point in holding onto the units if the council is losing thousands of dollars a year, especially when you look at the amount of money that needs to be spent to maintain them in the next ten years. As you say, leave it to the experts !!

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:I believe in user pays. I have never used the service, nor would I. If I have inorganic rubbish to dispose of, I take it to a refuse station. I don't like seeing this rubbish sitting on the roadside, sometimes for weeks. It looks unsightly, encourages people to scavenge, and invariably people will put out items they shouldn't, or the pile is too big, which means it doesn't get collected and ends up sitting in situ for a long time. It's not a good look, especially with tourists travelling on our roads (hopefully again).

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1367

Full Name: Jacqueline McGowan

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

What can be put out for inorganic collection feels like it has shrunk so much that we struggle to identify things we can put out and we don't bother using it. However, I am concerned that those who can't afford to dump responsibly will resort to illegal dumping or filling the property they live in. If the inorganic collection is abolished, I'd hope to see solutions for low socio-economic groups.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1366

Full Name: Simon Dromgool

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Neither option is preferred. Cut costs in council, stop engaging consultants, reduce non core spending.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Because Council has proven multiple times it is not good at running anything. Councils focus should be on core services, water and wastewater reticulation, rubbish, parks and reserves.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1363

Full Name: Steven and Theresa Stark

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

A 9% increase in one year is far too much. It is increasing difficult to bear rates increases with no corresponding increase in service.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Council does not have the expertise required for services to this vulnerable age group.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

It appears budgeting in the 2018-28 LTP for this service was not realistic. This is a good service as it keeps many from illegal dumping and it provides an easy avenue to dispose of large non-used/broken items.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

We would like to see the mayor's discretionary fund ceased. Rates money should be used to provide services, not an ad hoc handout of funds. As council has debt, handing out ratepayer funds to special interest groups is not on. These groups should do their own fundraising for their projects. If the

community deems their projects worthwhile, they will contribute; if they don't find a group's project worthwhile, they will not contribute.

Remove the portion of funding for town water, wastewater from rural landowners rates bill. Rural folk must bear all their own infrastructure costs without subsidy from people living in town. Town dwellers should not be receiving a subsidy from rural landowners rates bills.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1362

Full Name: Kerry Maxwell

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Option 2

Government funding available to upgrade the pensioner housing which is needed

Need to keep rent affordable for pensioners and would like to see guaranteed tenancy for ten years

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Saving dumping of rubbish

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1361

Full Name: Rosanne Bjerring

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Covid has affected many industries and people in the district. Need to budget carefully over next few years to manage the recovery.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

The track record of social providers in maintaining and managing housing is not good. Defining and identifying a 'responsible' provider is too vague and open to housing being sold to manage a profit.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

As you acknowledge, this is a popular service. If it is not going to continue then an annual voucher should be given to each household to take a load to refuse station.

This would help prevent fly tipping.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1360****Full Name: Barry Weaver****Wish to speak to submission: No****Topic 1 – General Rates Increase****Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Cost efficient

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

This is not a local government responsibility, belongs to central government.

Capital costs (assets) involved along with the ongoing maintenance and refurbishing expenses for the benefit of only a limited few, is not a fair way of spending rate-payers money which is obtained as a compulsory tax.

Proviso:

If it can be shown it is a money making venture with a 'market or greater' return on investment, then it could be seen as a worthwhile venture to provide funds as Council income.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

Providing there is a workable alternative offered:

Issue two free tickets to the Collection Centre's for acceptance of 1x 6x4 trailer or a Ute load or a small van or a car boot load, per visit.

These tickets would be sent to the rate-payer not the occupier with the annual rate demand receipt.

This gives the rate-payer the option of when to use his tickets, twice instead of once a year, eliminating dumping when occupants move, and spreads the Collection Centre's load over 12 months.

This provides the rate-payer with an equal or better service and saves the council their collection contractor costs and the inevitable mess before and after the annual collection.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

The distribution of donations/funds to non-council organisations should be reviewed.

Most recipients do not get all the money they require and have to have a funding plan in place, therefore council donations are not critical.

The money distributed is obt

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1359

Full Name: Nicky Harvey

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

We've already sustained a huge 42% rate increased this is the best of 2 terrible options.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

The council already gets a huge amount of money from us, why not give some of it back.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

We don't get this service but we pay for it..!

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

But only if it is going to be used to support the rural sector.

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

The roads are appalling we've been complaining and it constantly falls on deaf ears.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1358

Full Name: Bob Forsyth

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Not all pensioners have their own home, if anything there is not enough pensioner flats. Average pensioners will never afford the option of staying in Pensioner Estate Development's.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

It is abused and not policed.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Concrete Footpaths along inner streets and main road in Ngaruawahia are unsafe and a hazard in a lot of area's. Walkway over the bridge across Waikato River in Ngaruawahia is not wide enough to accommodate walker's, cyclists and motorized scooters if using in unison. Too dangerous for cyclists or scooters to cross bridge on the road, no cycle lane.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1357

Full Name: Guillem Ferrer

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1356

Full Name: Valentina

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

COVID has hit families hard, where some family members have lost their jobs.

I believe rates should not increase. We pay the council enough money on rates.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Makes sense

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

People should be more careful with what they buy and how they dispose it. Most of the time, individuals chuck items that can still be used or repurposed.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1355

Full Name: Arthur Raymond & Helen Rosemary Godkin

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

It evens out the increases

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Don't agree to Councils being involved in private housing projects.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

If this service is discontinued there is more likelihood of unwanted inorganic items just being dumped in the streets and other areas.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1354****Full Name: Hendrikje Marieke van Kooten****Wish to speak to submission: No****Topic 1 – General Rates Increase****Option selected:****Comment:**

Neither - from what I have read, there is no benefit to those of us living rural. No road upgrades, rubbish or recycling collection or any other improvements for rural ratepayers, just more local body taxes.....So a rate increase nearly 20% in 3 years is completely unacceptable - our compliance costs are skyrocketing and our incomes are decreasing, where the hell are we meant to get the money from?

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

At least my rates go to something I support.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Although this has no benefit to us, we have had rubbish dumped on our property and have had to pay to dispose it - not all farmers dump rubbish on their farms. Our road has rubbish regularly dumped on it, along with cats which WDC also refuse to deal with so, yes, pick up peoples rubbish at the kerb or collect it from roadsides and stream banks.....

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

Does it matter? You've already made a decision and as for the increase in fees, basically across the board - how can people be expected to comply when WDC clip the ticket all the way, increase fees at will and pretend to consult their CUSTOMERS

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

When are WDC going to begin sealing again on rural roads around Raglan? No new seal has been done for years now and in the meantime our district continues to grow with WDC collecting plenty of 'roadside contributions' and the many, many other permits and contributions payed by each new subdivision and house built.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1353

Full Name: Sarah Bing

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

We struggle to afford rates as it is.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Only if going to a not for profit provider and kept as community housing after existing tenants leave.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Council will have significant costs in the future related to climate change - part of which is caused by organic waste in landfills. The fact this is even up for discussion at this point is very very short sighted and disappointing.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1352****Full Name: Catherine Kotzé****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

The rates in Pokeno are extremely high when compared to a property in Auckland I am paying 5 times as much as people in Auckland. This is becoming very hard to sustain as a first home buyer and being on a single income. These rates increases are not in line with my income nor are they in line with the services and facilities available to us. I would prefer in investigation into why the rates are so high and a plan to lower the rates and do more with what we already spend.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

We already pay so much for garbage removal, it make sense to pay just a bit more to get the inorganic removed.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1351****Full Name: J.A.Lings****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Firstly with COVID-19 still hanging around I don't think anyone will be getting an increase so I feel no increase for year 1 and no more than CPI for year2 and consultation for year 3 onwards

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Government in my opinion want to pass on responsibility so they can deny accountability so keeping the housing keeps them responsible

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Continue collecting or drop price at transfer stations \$74 for a small trailer as minimum charge is a bit excessive

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1350****Full Name: Crystal Lange****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

14% over 3 years is ridiculous. I am in a wage freeze and on the sole breadwinner for my household. Insurance is increase and now you are wacking on rates. This will start and property rollover as more and more people are forced out.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:regulation of rents

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:don't collect what I need to get rid of

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1347

Full Name: Dianne Firth

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Cheaper in the long term, although the difference to my rates really isn't that much.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:**Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection****Option selected:**

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

We dont put out a lot. I do however believe that people will dump more in our reserves if this ends. People are too used to this service.

I do feel that in recent years some of the complaining the council does about the amount of incorrect waste is directly linked to the information put out there. In areas that are worse for incorrect waste it would be nice to return to placing information directly into the letterbox of householders. For example, Waingarua Road often doesn't know it's collection as the week is advertised as "Huntly, Glen Massey and Pukemiro" and put out all their piles when the Ngaruawahia week is promoted. A simple letterbox drop would go some way to resolving this as well as inform them of what can and can't go out as the list has gotten smaller in recent years of what is collected.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

Community boards provide a valuable service. Quite frankly they are under utilised by the council.

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

I have had a number of issues with Belgravia as a contract holder of the pools. The biggest being their payment collection service took random money out of my bank account on incorrect days many times (more than 15), this got so bad we ended swimming lessons. Dealing with their payment collector is a nightmare.

I don't believe using an Australian based provider supports localism, our Council should be leading my example and giving more contacts to businesses that are in its catchment area.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1346

Full Name: Deb

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

A lot of families are already struggling post covi 19 . A bigger increase would put more pressure on everyone.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

The only way council retains control of over the pensioner housing stock fully is to own it.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1345

Full Name: Alice Hicks

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

This will spread the increase in a more manageable manner especially with ongoing effects from lockdown

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

As long as service providers are reputable and sign maintenance agreements

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Collection keeps the standard of disposing of inorganic materials more safe

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1344

Full Name: Jordan Burley

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Option 3 council learns to budget better and stops rebuilding the same playgrounds every 12months. As a middle class income earner and home owner, why do I end up living in povety so everyone else can enjoy the things I worked so hard for?

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Provide a place for us to take it?

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1343

Full Name: J Gerrard

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Neither, rates increases should be related to CPI.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1342

Full Name: Mike Parker

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Project costs are constantly increasing so it makes sense to get on and do the work quickly with the funds from rates.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Companies are all for profit and not often as sympathetic to dealing with people as our local council is.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

It's a fantastic service without which some areas could become dump sites due to the cost of other means of disposal.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

Will you be diminishing services?

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Will rural holdings with larger land areas be subjected to the same rate increases as urban areas that receive far more services? In addition, rural areas are already paying extra for compliance through consents

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1341

Full Name: Victoria Peterson

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Because it's not such a big increase after a hard year.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Because I think the other option will make the rent too high.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Because it is so expensive to get rid of rubbish and it's a good excuse to clean up.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1340

Full Name: Carolyn Hall

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Option 1. - The increase is spread a bit more evenly. Many people are doing it tough post Covid and aren't back to square one again as yet.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Comment:

I believe pensioner housing should be retained. It is a necessary service to the elderly in the Waikato. There are many many pensioners living on their pension alone and doing it tough, especially in areas like Tuakau, Port Waikato etc. To sell the housing off and privatise them will only make it even more of a burden on the elderly. Many do not have choices, hence why they are in Pensioner housing vs privately owned.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Comment:

I believe that the Inorganice Kerbside Rubbish collection should continue.

There is an awful lot of economic hardship in the Waikato Region. Not only this but an awful lot of illegal dumping. At least by continuing to provide an option for some of the household waste at the roadside may lessen that which is illegally dumped. Another major issue is that many many people on low incomes cannot afford dump fees let alone have access to trailers etc. to take their waste to dumps. There are many many people who are elderly, live alone, as I said don't have vehicles etc. to be able to dispose of household unwanted goods any other way.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1339

Full Name: Daphne Hunt

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Not such a large amount initially for those on Superannuation

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Those on Superannuation find rent a struggle especially if single. Social Providers will inevitably increase the rents.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

The current collection is very limited. However, if other options were available at reasonable cost I would possibly prefer 'discontinue'.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1338

Full Name: yvonne van dommelen

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

its a little less painful for the ratepayer

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

selling off pensioner housing is short sighted, not all elderly can afford to buy into a retirement village

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

this is why we pay rates

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1337

Full Name: Bryce Grimmer

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Because there is no reason why you should be putting them up so much in the first place.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

If you sell to a private company it will make the rich people richer and the old people will miss out.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Have to get something for our rates. If you take this away you will get more dumping of rubbish and more burning. Take a look around the roadsides.....councils are not cleaning the roadsides as it is. The rubbish is disgusting.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1336

Full Name: Marian Saxton

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

I believe the Council should re-zone the area south of Tauwhare Road, along Bruntwood road as Rural residential, Country Living.

Rationale is that the 'horse has already bolted'. While I appreciate there are elite soils in the area and the Council wishes to support production from this land it is a farce to image that is going to happen - just look at the map and observe the subdivisions that have already taken place. I have lived in the area for 27 years and have witnessed more and more houses being built and currently 3 immediate neighbours have extra temporary type dwellings with tenants.

I have planted large trees on my boundary that are now bothering my neighbour, whose house is 3 metres from the boundary - a house extension which WDC condoned out of plan.

There is one vegetable grower in the area, leasing land, but the remainder of the residents are life stylers and it's unrealistic to imagine that the land will start producing anything more than a few beefies for the freezer. I say this as a farmer and a practical person.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1335****Full Name: Kerry Walker****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

I think 9% in one year is too much, especially given last year and the current year with the pandemic affecting people's incomes, ability to source employment etc. I appreciate that property is booming so people are coming into the area and infrastructure is necessary but Option 2 is a better alternative.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:****Comment:**

I do not have a preferred option as there are two sides to the choices. Shouldn't Councils be responsible for the care of the elderly in their region, but at what cost? Alternatively if sold, an RSP may not have the pensioners' interests as top priority.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:****Comment:**

I think it's such a great service but the cost is an important factor. My concern is that if the service is stopped illegal dumping will get much worse.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

I hope the Council is keeping in mind that we are a rural region. What has happened at Pokeno is frightening and more farm areas are being subdivided into two, three section lots. You only need to look at the state of Pukekohe to see how planning has gone awry. The horticultural sector cannot cope with being surrounded by suburbia. Councils always seem to allow residential growth around existing, (sometimes historical) long term held property without consideration for the consequences.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1333

Full Name: Dennis

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Neither options are a solution. Learn to live within your means. A small increase is to be expected. Adopt a user pays for the peripheral services and focus on water supply (where applicable) sewage (where applicable) etc.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Sell the housing and return the funds gained back into the core responsibilities that a council is there for.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Continue the collection to minimise roadside dumping.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1332****Full Name: Raylene Bush****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:****Comment:**

Neither option. Why increase rates when the council does nothing now for the rates we pay! Where we live, which is in the Huntly Boundary, we don't get rubbish collection, we do not get mail delivery, we do not get weed control on council land but we have to maintain it ourselves! I believe what council is charging is way too much. With more people building in Huntly why do the council want to put up rates? Developers have paid and put in place the drains etc at their cost, NOT the councils.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

So council is throwing out the very people who built this community, how disgraceful!

Rate payers have paid for the pensioner housing so leave them alone, in fact council should be building more for the elderly.

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Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

If council discontinue this collection, council will be picking up rubbish on side of the road that has been a proved fact when they started making people pay for stickers. Rubbish was left on sides of roads and council HAD to pick it up so what a waste of rate payer money again!!

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1330

Full Name: Greg Carr

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

No longer a core function of the council and better provided by other organisations.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Unless there is a way to get rid of these items there will continue to be a problem with dumping. Also if done efficiently then the recyclable (steel) should also be able to be reused rather than just dumped.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1329

Full Name: Michelle Levy

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

None of these are my preferred option. Please don't use a slogan designed for a specific purpose ie COVID emergency response to apply to long term fiscal responsibilities of Council. People with fixed incomes in towns such as Raglan cannot simply keep absorbing your across the board rate increases.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Let those who are experts in social housing delivery this service

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Comment:

N/A to Raglan -we don't have this service. I would much prefer you support our greenwaste collection as a business as usual item.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

My support would depend on the extent to which the community actually has the final say in decision making. Those outside our community should not be making decisions on our behalf.

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Your survey questions are somewhat biased in that they do not allow for an answer which disagrees with both the options presented. Your options also do not reflect the diversity of geographical areas represented by your Council.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1328

Full Name: Helen Jansen

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

total = 16%, lower than option 2

increase is huge so to have the highest increase immediately is easier to digest

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

There are subject matter experts who know more about elderly housing than council who should have oversight but not responsible for the actual responsibility.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

There is enough illegal dumping already and if the option for pickup is removed, this will only increase.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

I need to know more about the proposal, where the funding is currently going, how much, why before I can respond in a thoughtful valid manner.

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

larger areas for off-lead dogs is required. I have two large dogs who find that the current areas do not provide enough space, particularly if there are others in the area, and several (near Onewhero) are not fenced and therefore not safe for off-lead dogs to do dog things.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1327

Full Name: Geert Meijer

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

there is no need for an increase really just beter bugeting from the council side

9% increase is way too much! my income doesn't increase with that much each year.

it's really hard to keep up with the increases in rates. i've been living at my place for almost 10 years. bought this house because it was in my budget at the time that i bought it, however now with all the increases it gets over my budget, but i don't want to move. feels out of balance.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

if it goes to a responsible service provider than the client is always worse off by paying too much because the provider wants to make too much money

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

i can easily drop this off myself at the waste centre, it's only been picked up 1per year anyway, so might as well look after it myself

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

not sure

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

100% fiber coverage out in the country

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1326

Full Name: suzanne Kok

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

a 9% increase is way too much! my income doesn't increase with that much each year.

it's really hard to keep up with the increases in rates. i've been living at my place for almost 10 years. bought this house because it was in my budget at the time that i bought it, however now with all the increases it gets over my budget, but i don't want to move. feels out of balance.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

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Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

i can easily drop this off myself at the waste centre, it's only been picked up 1per year anyway, so might as well look after it myself

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

not sure

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1325

Full Name: Samantha Evans

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Not enough in the community - no attractive reserve parks to attract 1. visitors, 2. make Ngaruawahia a desirable place

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1324

Full Name: Moira Cursey

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

There is no category above for organic waste. I submit to include funding for the curbside food waste collection that Xtreme Zero Waste currently manages for Whaingaroa. Please fund this again. Thank you.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1323

Full Name: Dr Surya Prakash Pandey

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Discontinuing collection will see a significant increase in the illegal dumping - there are many instances of illegal dumping of inorganic waste even when inorganic collection is happening!!

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1322

Full Name: Maria

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Correct me if wrong. There is a 1% difference between the 2 options but either way customary land non-rateable land.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Land the house is on does not belong to government.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

People can get rid off their unwanted junk a lot faster and safer.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: Yes

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80%

related services (including living accommodation and child welfare homes).

- 9 Land used solely or principally—
 - (a) as a place of religious worship
 - (b) for a Sunday or Sabbath school not used for private pecuniary purposes
- 10 Land that does not exceed 2 hectares:
 - (a) a cemetery, crematorium, or burial ground or crematorium that is not used for private pecuniary profit);
 - (b) a Māori burial ground.
- 11 Māori customary land.
- 12 Land that is set apart under [section 227](#) or any corresponding former provision:
 - (a) that is used for the purposes of a school and does not exceed 2 hectares; or
 - (b) that is a Māori reservation under the Land Act 1949.
- 13 Māori freehold land that does not exceed 2 hectares and no meeting house is erected.
- 14 Māori freehold land that is, for the purposes of the Land Act 1949, subject to an Order in Council made under [section 227](#) of the Land Act 1949.
- 15 Machinery, whether fixed to the soil or not.

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1320

Full Name: Tyler Barry

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

COVID. to implement a massive increase at a time where tenants and or property owners are still providing rent relief or loss of tenants, an 9% increase will be a shock in one year

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

the council should not have to fund this support, from what I understand Pensioner housing is costing rates payers \$300,000 per year, as the council will not charge fair market rent to break even.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

it is costing the rate payer to provide this service, in which not everyone is using and there is a great cost to the service and let alone still requiring to purchase BLUE BAGS at a ridiculous cost of \$3.50 each, how can you justify this. the Waikato district council should be following suit from the Hamilton City council and provide wheel bins to all housing reducing the need for plastic bags.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

to reduce the significant shortage of housing within this country and district, there needs to be amendment in the town planning for the CBD areas (raglan) to allow buildings up to 3 stories, this will then provide more housing in the area, having retail on street level, first and second floor downtown apartment living. it also bring greater atmosphere to the town to help business and reduce burglary and malicious damage to buildings, that has been a big problem this summer.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1319

Full Name: Brennon Lanigan

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Other increases are likely due to new valuation of properties. A conservative approach that is only slightly (1%) more expensive will be easier to absorb by rate payers.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Opportunity for improved services for pensioners in these accommodation units through an appropriate service provider.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

Opportunities to source additional funding streams and better apportion funds received.

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1318****Full Name: Kelly****Wish to speak to submission:****Topic 1 – General Rates Increase****Option selected:****Comment:**

I feel a lot of New Zealanders are being ripped off by council and NZ govt

So preferred option is neither - to cover all COUNCIL expenses that you lost during the pandemic. What about the essential workers who worked during the pandemic, like myself who kept up with all the payments like we would during our normal days before covid19. Is it my fault this pandemic hit us, no. I was just in the right workplace at the right time. So unfair.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

I feel a lot of New Zealanders are being ripped off by council and NZ govt

My preferred option is NEITHER because OPTION 1 you need the people's revenue to maintain IT so it'll increase regardless of what option it is at the expense of all NZers

OPTION 2 is you sell the pensioner housing to gain extra revenue we unaware of what council does with it and ask for more from majority of all tax and rate payers of NZ

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:****Comment:**

Option one - if continued ... you as the council have every authority to start educating our schools all across the waikato district about the recycling differences, Paper, Cardboard, HDPE grade, PET Grade and Grade 5 plastics.

Should supply large recycling and waste bins.

Use a computer system like they do down Christchurch to keep a tab on homes that goes against it - again another increase to our rates gah

Option two -

Then we will end up like in the movie Terminator lol rubbish and inorganic items all over the country. Is this the sorta of future council want to strive for lol

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Start by educating and supply different colour coded bins to help the younger generation to recycle  in all of the waikato schools across the board - these are our future leaders and they are bound to educate the ones they live with

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Why do council charge thousands of dollars for permit on new builds. When the government thinks they are trying to help first home buyers into a new home. The cost is ridiculous. And ain't no FHB will even get close to their deposit.

Our system in NZ in general is such a rip off.

We will be called the 'Land of the long White Taxes'

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1317****Full Name: Ian Pinfeld****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

It would be nice if the rates didn't need to be increased and unfortunately we cant do anything about it. It is a fact of life when you own property. Either way it adds to the same amount of increase over the period.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

I do not see that councils should use my rates to subsidise others into a home. This should be left to the relevant Government departments. Rates should be used to provide essential services, roading, water, sewerage and refuse collection and general amenities such as sports grounds, libraries and the like.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Unfortunately rubbish collection is becoming a very expensive cost now as can be seen by the amount of roadside dumpings as you drive around our area. If this is stopped there could be even more dumping occuring.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1316****Full Name: Holly****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

I fail to understand how you can justify any increase in rates AT ALL considering we are in a global pandemic. Local family's have had incomes drop, hours cut and lost jobs, everyone I know has been effected financially. Our rates in the Waikato are already higher than if we lived in Auckland, our local council should be working within the current financial resources and adapting ways to reduce costs rather than increasing costs including looking internally and making sure the council is operating lean with low hanging fruit made redundant and internal cost cuts before you look to increase our living costs. If the council can produce a budget that shows rate payers you have made every attempt to operate lean, cull digressionary costs and not increase operational costs, that council costs have been audited and reviewed and there is absolutely no way to avoid rates increases then you will have my support. In addition, one would also expect councilors not to receive pay rises during this time.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

cost cutting - what ever it takes NOT to increase rates. Maybe consider reducing councilors salaries in line with other kiwi family's pay cuts.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

People can hire bins rather than creating the huge mess curbside and go to the dump themselves. Maybe look at providing a bin service for people who need a yearly collection they can pay for themselves, either operated by the council or a bin service provider. Cost cutting needs to be the focus in the coming years

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

Yes we need to cost cut during these times, once NZ is in a better position we can then review these additional digressionary costs. Time to tighten the councils belts!

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

We need to see how often your costs are being audited. How can it be possible our rates are higher than Auckland, yet we face a rate increase during a global pandemic. We need to be satisfied every cost possible has been reviewed, digressionary costs culled and there is simply no other way to avoid rate increases.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1315

Full Name: Carissa Crocombe

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Neither.

The last two years have been really hard. Job loss, wage freeze, increase in other living factors.

People just can't afford this right now

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

People will dump roadside anyway.

This gives them one chance to get rid of it in a sensible manner

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1314

Full Name: Liz Shaw

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Neither No increase work with in your means.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Comment:

Bring in collections in Raglan. Decrease our rates .

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Stop screwing us out of money we can't afford.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1313

Full Name: David Mckeown and Dorothy Derecourt

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

More support for pensioners having a responsible service provider who can offer more wrap around services if necessary to the elderly person.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

Money spent on this could better be spent on other services for the ratepayer, perhaps savings used to keep householder refuse costs down.

Also the glass and any sharp objects left in grass could cause injury to others after rubbish collected.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1312****Full Name: Rachel Clyde****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:****Comment:**

Don't increase at all. What makes you think people can afford this at this given time?

More houses are being built which means, council is getting more rates anyway. Remove one house, build 4. Instant revenue for council and ratepayers get next to nothing.

Does this extra money go on infrastructure? Can't see it. My street has now been deemed low income area in the last few months cause of the low life living up the road and the multiple duplexes going up within a km radius. Why should my rates go up when my property is surrounded by a low socioeconomic group of no hopers?

The water quality is rubbish and we need filters. Council don't mow berms (council land not ratepayers). Streets gutters are littered with leaves and rubbish leaving drains overflowing when it rains. We can't see clearly down our street anymore for all the cars parked on the road. Libraries should be user pays. I'm paying for services that I and many others don't use. Gardens at roundabouts and median strips are a complete waste of money when the plants are replaced bi-annually or annually. Put in low and slow growing plants and maintain them.

STOP BEING GREEDY. manage the money currently and make it work.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Not sure how good a job the council does with pensioner flats but if its anything like the government and the motel alley down te rapa then give it up and have someone capable of running it. Old people shouldn't have to worry about anything in their later years, they've paid tax and rates for most of their lives. Have some respect and serve them the dignity deserved.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

I'm in 2 minds about this one.

Take it away and people will just dump more rubbish with little consequence unless the council makes taking rubbish to the tip free.

Keep it and the streets become a dumping ground for others to rummage through with no care how they leave it.

My personal preference would be to have the tips take rubbish for free.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1311

Full Name: Meta Mair

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

This option spreads the increases to rates more gradually, which will be easier on low income families.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

This is not a core Council services

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

A more effective way of dealing with inorganic rubbish.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

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Submitter ID: 1310

Full Name: Pare Edwards

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1309

Full Name: Jaimee

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1308

Full Name: Kay Martyn

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Prefer the sharp rises spread more evenly as we are pensioners on a fixed income.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Who knows what changes a Responsible Service Provider would make, like open it up to all ages and leave the pensioners out.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Because then people would dump their inorganic rubbish anywhere to avoid expensive dump fees.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

Prefer status quo

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

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Submitter ID: 1307

Full Name: Rachel

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Before I could comment the community would like to see answers to the following as this is what we are already paying for - if I received this level of service from a private business I would never go back!

'Maintaining and upgrading the district's roads' - what a joke - Tuakau to Pokeno being a case in point - any Council that puts their name to the work that is carried out constantly on this road should be embarrassed!

'Managing rubbish and recycling' - weekly collections already charging, recycling taking less and less

'We attract new business' - Sleepyhead looking to develop at Ohinewai may disagree with you!

'AND HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED WHAT YOU GET FOR YOUR MONEY'? - Yes regularly.....

Have the 'lame duck' Te Huia stopping at Pokeno and Tuakau - now, not in a few years time when the service is used even less!

And the list really could go on and on....

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Why sell to a third party who are only (generally speaking) in it for the money ... although depending on how much you sell it all for you could give people a rebate - now there's a thought

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

I am sure old beds and household rubbish would add to the beauty of the region as this is what will happen, they will be dumped - surely Council can see that. Cost of then removing dumped rubbish and cost to the environment passed on to the ratepayer?

How are people supposed to dispose of oversized items without access to transport, and then having to pay charges at the tip in Pukekohe (Auckland)

Certain people will always dump rubbish, inorganic gives people not only the opportunity to dispose of items but for the community to share the old exercise bikes and bbqs we all need more of!

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1306

Full Name: Marae Tukere

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

people are already finding it hard to pay rates. if council have a look at the demographics of our population especially in Huntly, Tuakau and Ngaruawahia we are not a high-earning population. although I would prefer lower rates increases, to spread them out evenly works better for me.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

this is a great service, discontinuing it would lead to more rubbish being dumped illegally which council would have to pick up anyway.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

the issue of Maaori wards should have been addressed in this document. I strongly support Maangai Maaori and Maaori wards and think the council needs to put the wards in place immediately.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1304

Full Name: Paulette knock

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Option 3 NO Increase

Ive lived in Pokeno for 5 years and paid over \$3500 in taxes each year and although I understand community facilities cost money, we don't have these in Pokeno, yes maybe the greater Waikato area but this could be 45 mins from us. No footpaths, bad roads, bad recycling

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Don't think we even have pension housing in our area. An independent company might allow this function to grow

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

Council is so picky about what they collect that they might as well not collect anything

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

Allows community groups to get on more efficiently with what they want for their people

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1303

Full Name: Withheld

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

I would like my name withheld on reports please

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

We need a footpath all the way along Osborne Road to cater for all the Horsham Downs School students biking and walking to school. It is far too dangerous with the current situation. There also needs to be a pedestrian crossing on Kay Road to take people from Flagstaff to Horsham Downs side.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1302

Full Name: Lillian Haskins

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Works out less over the 3 years than option 2.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

I think the council has an obligation to look after its long serving ratepayers with pensioner housing and retain the stock. Especially in these tough renting conditions

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Our nearest dump is Pukekohe Refuse station and their fees are horrendous. This is a very important service and illegal dumping would actually increase without it when people cant afford the dump fees and there is no inorganic collection.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Port Waikato is becoming a very popular holiday destination even more so in the 5 years since we have our property there.

We need an upgraded playground at Maraetai Bay, a skatepark/scooter park for the older kids at Port Waikato or even just monkey bars at playground on Cordyline.

I also think the toilet block at Sunset Beach needs to be upgraded definitely.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1301

Full Name: Natasha stoupe

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

My rates are already very expensive i know that we have to keep up with the times but with very little income and general living expenses going up my family and simply will struggle to afford these .

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

We still need to consider the older generation and look after there welfare and keep there independence

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

I simply can't understand the reasoning behind getting rid of this service

Where are we supposed to get rid of it now and some people don't have time

This is an accessible service

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1300

Full Name: Council Units Jellicoe Avenue Tuakau

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

To continue proper services for the district.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

To enable regular checks with units and area around the grounds

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Option 1 to maintain hygiene and cleanliness of the units, especially in hot summers

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

To maintain extra maintenance at units. Roof inspections, cracked tiles, clearing of guttering's.

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Heat Pump maintenance checks each year

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1299****Full Name: Cheryl Phipps****Wish to speak to submission: No****Topic 1 – General Rates Increase****Option selected:****Comment:**

I cannot vote for either option as I feel railroaded. We moved into the area after my husband lost his job for a better and less expensive life. These rate increases are beyond comprehension at this time. You have a job to do, but it should not be to the detriment of the ratepayer. There are young families and older couples who don't have a spare 4-5k a year to boost the coffers. You wouldn't run your own home into the ground and shouldn't do so to others. I've spend many years of my life on committees so please don't see me as just another whinger. Depression is all around us because of Covid - you don't have to add to it but you're choosing to.

17% in 3 years! Do you honestly believe people can afford this?

In another year you will have many more ratepayers - I suggest you do not increase the rates and be patient like the rest of us.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Many older people cannot afford to live in the other options. Service providers, as we all know go down hill very quickly and lose sight of their priorities for the sake of money.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

People will dump rubbish - it's not right but they will.

Discontinuing will make this more severe as there is then no opportunity to do it the right way.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1298

Full Name: Michael Bell

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

I don't want either option thank you. Stop stuffing up our communities by trying to make them better. Find a CEO who has a focus on saving rather than on spending! Pretty soon many of us will be moving out of the District because of ridiculous rates.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1297

Full Name: Ash Chand

Wish to speak to submission:

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

I choose no option because there is no logic behind the decision to increase the rates apart from greed. You give me a valid explanation of why you need more money and ill give you a logical explanation of why you don't need to increase the rates.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Comment:

If you sell the pensioner housing, what would the current employees who look after it do?

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Continue the collection because you get enough income to do the job, if you stop collecting kerbside, would that amount be deducted from the rates?

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Have you driven around pokeno town?

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1296

Full Name: Brad over

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

I don't like any of the options but I had to choose one, the rates we pay in pokeno is already sky high this is daylight robbery

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

It's good to get rid of rubbish

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1295****Full Name: Withheld****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Really, really struggling at the moment. The cost of everything has gone up but wage increase doesn't come anywhere near close to covering ever increasing costs of living. Plumbers, electricians, firewood, food and other necessities have all gone up. I don't spend money on ANY luxuries and to be honest even the 7% increase will almost break me. Life is so stressful, does it really have to go up 7%? To say 'go hard and go early' shows you really don't have the money issues that many have and are living in a bubble with not a clue of the crippling effect of these increases. We already pay more rates than most other regions. I would like to see a couple of years of the council just doing what is absolutely necessary and giving rate rises a damn rest. It is absolutely disgusting that the rates are being increased by 16% over a three year period. You should only be allowed to increase them by what the average wage earners wages increase by.

*Do not use my name in my submission

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

If this is to private companies then absolutely not because they are all about profit no matter how responsible they say they are. Look at the mess the country is in because of selling of state houses years ago.

* Do not use my name in my submission

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

So you want to put our rates up but take away this service? No way! We need this because otherwise you will see a lot more illegal dumping. So what if a couple of people break the rules...just leave their stuff behind. It sounds like you want to penalize the majority of us who do follow the rules because of a few and that is not fair. Of course YOU want to discontinue it because it means less work for you. Of course it's a huge task but with the rates we pay we deserve it to continue. I have noticed more and

more rubbish being dumped illegally on road sides over the past year or so and if you stop this service it will happen more and more.

* Do not use my name in my submission

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1294

Full Name: Barry Birchall

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Less impact. These rate increases are a significant issue for all ratepayers including those on fixed income superannuation.

I presume these rates apply to all rate payers in the WDC based on rateable values.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Less cost to ratepayers

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Must be continued to help stop illegal dumping.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

Any system that directly targets funding to the best people to do the best job is just common sense.

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

How did the council allow the development of Kowhai Downs and not include footpaths to allow kids to walk to School safely.

Is it going to take a death or serious injury to get this job started!

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1293

Full Name: Beverley Young

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Choosing this option because as I would like it to be more evenly spread.

Half my pension goes in rates & insurance. Insurance I can make choices but with rates there is no choice. Owning my home gives me security but I fear with large rates increases I may at some point have to make another choice re housing.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Councils not the right people to be managing this kind of housing. Dedicated suppliers of pensioner housing a better option.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

Discontinue the collection but have a place where it is reasonably priced to take excess stuff.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Pokeno should get its library & community facility in the timeframe as promised in 2021 or as soon as is possible. The importance of developing community connections can only be successful if there is a

meeting place fit for purpose. The hall is old, drafty & uninsulated requiring better heating & is often too large for some of the smaller groups to meet. Heating the large spaces in winter must require a large spend on electricity.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1292

Full Name: Tammy Hohaia

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

I would like to have my financial burden to become easier not harder

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

It will increase housing options for others in need and pensioners will still be able to apply through a social housing provider.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

I think this presently works out cheaper and easier than an annual rubbish dump visit.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

My family and I really enjoy the flowers and gardens through the township, especially the roundabout. We're not even flowers people but it always looks nice, and brightens our day. I always find myself anticipating what's going to grow next because it seems to always be changing. Big props to the workers :)

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1291

Full Name: P W Birch

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

This is an increase of ~18% within 3 years. Are you out of your minds?

(On top of that comes the increase from WRC rates with proposed 7.3% on their rates - just for next year)

Who is increasing my (rather meagre) superannuation by the same amount?

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

It's your job - do it.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

It's your job - do it.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1290

Full Name: Nicole brzeska

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

If you don't collect it, it will land up in landfill and contribute to global warming. People are too lazy to work out what to do with food scraps etc.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

I am appealing about the really bad state of Te Hutewai road (unsealed part). Grading is done, but the rain washes away the gravel so quickly that the road becomes extremely dangerous. Clay is exposed and a number of times, I have skidded. The amount of bends on this windy road mean we are constantly turning the wheels too. There are such significant potholes that you are constantly swerving, and a few times there have been near misses as you swerve away from other people. The gravel bunches up on the side of the road, making it impossible to drive completely on the left hand side, making this incredibly dangerous as you go around the corner. This road was satisfactory when

there were less lifestyle properties. However, now with so many new homes, the grading only lasts a week or so. It is dangerous. I hope it doesn't take a very serious accident to fix this. We really believe the time has come to seal it.

Attachment: No

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Submitter ID: 1289

Full Name: Trina Regnier

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Neither. These are ridiculous rate increases! What will I as a rate payer on rd Te hutewai receive for this?????

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

The council have continued to allow more and more houses to be built on Te hutewai. This road is now severely dangerous! If you want blood on your hands continue to do nothing but if you care about your community you will tarseal the road to at least 600 Te hutewai and upkeep the road to a much higher standard. It is incredibly dangerous driving my two children to work/school daily. The volume of traffic, milk tankers, cattle trucks, farm vehicles, tourists using Te Hutewai road is not the same as it was 10 years ago. It makes me fearful for our lives and others. This is no joke. The road condition is appalling.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1288

Full Name: Stef bell

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

If you expect a recession be kind to the community who may loose income with wages not meeting cost of living already.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Council will have best interest in elderly. Not a source of income.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Good community service.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

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Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Footpaths in Ngaruawahia are poor the Point playground as no footpath toward Durham Street. Highly unsafe for children or pram (that can't go on the grass)

Footpaths around the township also don't have consistent landings for prams or wheelchairs you have to 'J walk' on highly busy roads to access a landing.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1286

Full Name: gavan mcintosh

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

easier on the pocket

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

you need the cash

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

most of it is picked up by scrap merchants before pickup anyway

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

why do i have to pay for 2 water connections when i only have 1 i have 2 houses on my property

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1285

Full Name: stephen sandwell

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Very unhappy with proposed Rate rise.

I believe you should look at your own organisation and restructure and reduce your overheads.

Times are tough enough, very disappointing initiative from Council.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Comment:

Maintain housing , people are struggling with rising real estate markets , this seems affordable option

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Comment:

Only continue if no extra costs to us

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1283

Full Name: Kathryn Baty

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Although increase in rates is not entirely welcome, it is a necessity. By proposing that the largest increase at the beginning will enable the Council to be able to start/complete what is required more promptly rather than spreading out the cost over 3 years.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Enables the Council to free resources to manage other appropriate areas of business. Would like to ensure that whoever social housing is sold to that they are accountable and either raise or maintain a good level of accommodation and service to the Pensioners.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

To discontinue the service. People will eventually get used to taking their waste the the dump.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1282

Full Name: Ben MacCormack

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

These a significant rises in rates. What extra services are we going to receive? Are bin collection of rubbish on the agenda? Also why do we pay extra for waste collection when we already pay rates?

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

I write to you with concerns regarding the resource consents for 75 Henry Road, Taupiri. As a resident Red River Estate (66 Komak Road, Taupiri) I am concerned to hear that the company (Cabernet Foods) that has recently taken lease of the building on 75 Henry Road is a meat processing company. We are also hearing that they have intentions to also slaughter animals in the future at the site. This property is surrounded by residential homes including the entire Red River Estate. Can you please assure us as residents that no resource consent for slaughtering animals has been granted and should it be applied for in the future that we would be notified and allowed to stress our disagreement with it prior to any approval?

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1281

Full Name: Robin Champion

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Consideration to ratepayers who are financially impacted by increased costs.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Current local body structure is not best suited to providing pensioner housing

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

discontinue the collection in its current form please but needs to be a replacement service by council.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

whether local or central government, please upgrade sewage processing Te Kauwhata.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1280

Full Name: Christopher (Kit) Jeffries

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

I recently travelled the unsealed section of road in the Waikato District between Raglan and Kawhia. Through to the boundary with Otorohanga it was really concerning to note the poor condition of this road - e.g. corrugations, pot holes and channels (judder bars!) on some corners resulting from water flowing across them.

As I understand it this road is part of the West Coast tourist route to/from Raglan south from/to Awakino/Mokau. In recent times, particularly with the increase in domestic tourism, I believe the use of this road has increased. This is compounding the wear and tear of the road surface and I am asking Council to consider an increase in its maintenance schedule and to include in its LTP a provision to at least traction seal the worst sections of the road, along similar lines to the sealing undertaken by the Otorohanga District Council in recent times.

Your favourable consideration to this request is sought.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1279

Full Name: Daniel Palenski

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

I'm submitting on Te Huia in support of the following improvements. Off peak services from both Auckland and Waikato, extension to Puhinui station as soon as it reopened, stations at Te Kauwhata, Tuakau and Pokeno

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1278

Full Name: Bethany Rolston

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

Waipa District Council does not collect inorganic kerbside rubbish and it works really well, as long as there are providers that can offer the service to residents.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

I think encouraging groups to work with the wider community is a no-brainer and will help people to collaborate, be more efficient and hopefully reduce double-ups in services.

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1277****Full Name: Rebecca Phillips****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:****Comment:**

I am extremely against the rates increases therefore I have not selected an option.

1. The new Govt valuations will be coming out in 2021, this will no doubt lead to increased property values compared to 2017 when the last valuations were done. Therefore WDC will already receive increased rates from this. The readings aren't too clear but it looks like whichever one is higher (rates based on new valuation vs rates increase on current valuation) will be what WDC charges. It seems silly and a lot of admin to do this now. Why can it not just wait for new valuations and WDC accepts rates based on that, without yearly increases.

2. The reasoning is for district growth. District growth means increased housing / population which means WDC is already receiving more rates. I entirely disagree with not taking into account new properties this year which are directly contributing to rates received.

Continued below in #14 due to character limits - suggestion, when asking for feedback it is wise to ensure textbox sizes are adequate.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

While I agree that another suitable service provider may be better suited to provide pensioner housing, the reduction of WDC debt should also directly benefit rate payers and be taken into consideration. Can't be all take and no give.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Not providing the option with not get rid of illegal dumping - those kinds of people will do that all year round without second thought. So that is not a good enough reason to discontinue the service. Really not a big enough impact on rates (compared to your proposed increases) for me to think it is worthwhile cancelling.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Please plan early, the district is growing a lot and those of us that have to travel to Auckland daily for work are sick of dealing with poorly thought out roads and poorly maintained roads.

Also please increase your textbox character limits if you are asking for our opinions. 1200 characters is clearly not enough.

Rates discussion continued:

3. Most of us who live rurally do not directly benefit from services you provide/intend on providing. Although some services need to be available, there needs to be a reality check in how many families you are impacting by increasing their costs vs who you are actually helping by providing the services. Some of the listed services we pay extra to receive from WDC (Eg I pay a yearly fee to register my dog, and consents for land/building require fees to be paid etc etc) so being listed again as being covered by rates is rather misleading.

4. Covid19 has left many families struggling to get by, if anything they have taken pay cuts to ensure businesses can keep operating. Yet WDC thinks it is appropriate timing to increase their fees? I think the high cost of our properties in the area and therefore our high mortgages are clearly taking up any 'excess' there may be in the money pot.

5. Forever increasing rates in very very annoying. Not once does a council say: we met our goals, congrats your rates have decreased for next yearIt's one thing to say your rates will increase this year then reduce back next year due to unforeseen expenses/circumstances (COVID) ... But there is no intention from WDC to reduce rates in the future.

6. The actual amount of increase per year isn't particularly 'break the bank' worthy. However WDC already charges high rates so adding more to the TOTAL rates WDC already receives per property is what we are all against.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1276

Full Name: Liz

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

We have never used this service and I would prefer to not pay for it.

You will need to put something in place to stop people dumping this rubbish though.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

My comment really covers all areas. Due to living in the South of the district, we get minimal benefit from being part of the Waikato District. It is a hassle to get to Ngaruawahia (or any WDC office). Our water is supplied from Hamilton and we do all of our working and shopping in the City. It would be more beneficial for the South to be incorporated into Hamilton.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1274

Full Name: Paul Sumner

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

A steep increase in Year 1 may affect some peoples ability to fund the increase in rates. An incremental increase allows people to plan ahead and budget easier.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

It is not local Governments role to provide pensioner housing for occupants at cost or subsidized rental. Rates paid by rate payers are itemized out as to what they provide. Central Government and independent housing providers have the specialist skills required to manage these assets and should not be reliant on local council staff to ensure the housing stock is compliant. Rates paid for by rate payers should not be used for maintenance and upgrades to non public buildings.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

The only ones benefiting this system are the people taking the scrap metal before the WDC collections take place.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1273

Full Name: David Duffin

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Both options are ridiculous but at least it lessens the sudden financial hit.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

The private sectors only focus is on profit making. This means a worse service for a higher cost often.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Given the massive increase in rates it seems disingenuous to say the cost is too high. It is also a service that benefits the environment which is obviously important.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

I contacted council via email about having the light turned on at the Raglan tennis court. What is upsetting is that no one ever replied. Again making me wonder what all this money we pay is actually for.

Also, just because Raglan houses are worth more doesn't mean the people there are getting paid dramatically more, therefore it's unfair to have them paying so much more in rates.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1269

Full Name: Kevin Lepper

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

how are we supposed to pay these extra rates? We are not receiving value for money paid. etc
Totara park Glenkirk crescent still no lights still not working barbecues etc. Main street of Pokeno is
an eye sore, shops are run down, road in shocking condition

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

if you dont collect where do we dump it

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

You think the council has our interests at heart no its money driven

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

such a poor ste the min street and buildings in Pokeno

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1264

Full Name: Trish McLean

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Neither!

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1263

Full Name: Susan hays

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

My preferred option is NO INCREASE

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

If it makes my rates cheaper then fine.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1262

Full Name: Amanda

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Option 3: No increase. Please do not increase our rates again. We have the highest rates in the country, this is getting ridiculous. People will need to start taking up second jobs just to pay these exorbitant rates.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Because, there's enough social housing given to people who just trash it and don't appreciate it. Then they move on and it has to be redecorated and repaired due to the damage caused. Whereas pensioners will live there for a long time and respect the property, often treating it as their own. Where will they go if this option is taken away?

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Because we pay for this option.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Where are you repurposing it to?

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

We need bigger recycling bins such as wheelie bins. It's ridiculous having 2 tiny green bins.

Attachment: No

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Submitter ID: 1261

Full Name: Krystal Lee

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Cheaper overall

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Reduce debt. As long as won't impact pensioners.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

Must have the rates decrease.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Need more infrastructure ie larger supermarkets, food options and more schooling options. Unfortunately I would rather drive into Hamilton for my children to attend school.

Attachment: No

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Submitter ID: 1259

Full Name: Natalie James

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Neither option!!! Our rates are already far too high and we as a family cannot afford for them to be higher. We would actually have to look at moving out of the area! They are the highest in the country and to increase them again is unfair

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1258****Full Name: Ruth Ansell****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:****Comment:**

Hi, I have not selected any option as this rates increase is daylight robbery. Our property values will already be adjusted upwards and therefore our rates will already automatically increase. Now you are going to adjust the percentage upwards as well. My weekly rates are currently higher than my weekly food budget. No one's salary has gone up by this percentage and this percentage also is well above the inflation rate. Clearly, the council is becoming more inefficient and spending money on useless feasibility studies with no understanding around the cost of living for the average family household. This rates increase will be taking food off the table of a poor single working mother and you should be ashamed of yourselves.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:****Comment:**

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1257

Full Name: Hiramai Rogers

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

WDC has not provided enough, adequate, information or data to support a General Rate increase. WDC has not apologised for its planning failures either, which is unacceptable and simply reflects the attitude of WDC taking ratepayers for granted, yet again.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Option 2 is short-sighted. Eventually, the Responsible Service Provider will use reducing profit margins to justify their failure to maintain pensioner housing and therefore increase rates - instead of delivering efficiencies into their operating costs.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

I will only support Option 2 if WDC, and the community, do more to identify, follow-up and fine/charge people who dump rubbish in rural areas (fly-tipping, etc.). The failure to enforce breaches is not putting people off doing it.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

WDC forward-looking planning and use of development levies appears to have been ineffective, and insufficient funds have been put aside or used to fund infrastructure for growth. Please stop ignoring

reality. The Waikato District population (need for house and critical infrastructure) is growing. It is not a question of "if", but "when", so we need to see WDC (and other city councils) do more to prepare, plan and use development funds to fund the infrastructure they are intended to provide - instead of constantly coming back to ratepayers to ask for more. Stop using ratepayers as an endless source of funds.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1256

Full Name: Karlien Palu

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Option 3 - no increase

We pay a crazy amount of rates in pokeno and we hardly see it being spend here!

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

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Submitter ID: 1255

Full Name: Paul Braithwaite

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Ether/or, You are still charging Homeowners the highest rate in the country, and now want to increase them again. Waikato District Council is making it almost impossible to be a Homeowner close to Auckland.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Comment:

I Dont Care

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Comment:

Option 1 - You have cut all other services for rates, i might as well get something for my money.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

Our communities need this funding to help improve the town, the Council taking it away is hurting everyone, especially as the council will not take on or do what Community Boards, community groups do and achive.

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1254

Full Name: Samuel van Pomeran

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Still very unhappy at the level of increase. Your draft plan glosses over any real study into what is affordable by the rate payer.

This council needs to work within its means and CAP / LIMIT rates increases to income changes in the area.

and / or

When looking at affordability the council should consider how many hours the average worker need to work to pay for rates. This should be set at a value such as 2.5 hours.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

This is not a core responsibility of the council.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

Again not a core responsibility of the council.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

Unless this is a cost saving. COUNCIL NEEDS TO REDUCE ALL COSTS AND FOCUS ON CORE ACTIVITIES.

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

THESE RATES ARE VERY UNAFFORDABLE! THIS COUNCIL NEEDS TO WORK WITHIN ITS MEANS OF THE PEOPLE.

Alan - you will not be getting my vote next time. you are clearly out of touch with the people of Pokeno.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1253****Full Name: Kayla jensen****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:****Comment:**

I'm not selecting either option. Pokeno has some of the highest rates in the country with nothing to show for it. As it stands we pay more than auckland with less.

This increase is absolutely disgusting and does not seem in any way justifiable.

Our roads are damaged, we have very few parks or rubbish bins

Everything requires upgrading which should have been used with the already high rates weve been paying.

My property runs on our own tanks and biolitix system and yet we are paying astronomically for waste water as well as maintenance that has not happened in kowhai downs (rubbish bins, road maintenance, etc)

I'm dumbfounded as to how you think this is even feasible.

ESPECIALLY WITH COVID and incomes being so low... just because our property value has gone up, doesn't mean we have additional income coming in.

You are essentially forcing people to sell because the rates are no longer affordable.

I'm at a loss with this. Simply the grossest show of council support to a community i have ever seen in my life.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:****Comment:**

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

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Submitter ID: 1252

Full Name: Andrei Richardson

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

No preferred option, I believe these increase in rates are unaffordable on top of the already high rates we already have

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

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Submitter ID: 1251

Full Name: Erin O'Connell

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

I do not choose either of those options!

It is not fair that Pokeno yet again has their rates put up. They are one of the highest in the country and we are such a small town with so many young families being first home buyers. We are getting stung with these extra costs just after the money struggle from Covid. It is not fair. What other options are there for the government to get their money without the Pokeno community digging into our pockets once again? I would like to know the other options?

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

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Submitter ID: 1250

Full Name: Shaney Anderson

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

My preference would be not to have a huge increase like this! No one will be able to afford living here

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Simple look after the old

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Because we pay so much anyway we might aswell get our rubbish removed

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Pokeno roads need fixing

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1249

Full Name: Cara Watson

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Neither. The rates here are already far too high!!!

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

If this is the case then we should be able to do a once a year trip to the tip instead.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

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Submitter ID: 1248

Full Name: Sarah

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

This is ludicrous, our rates are some of the highest in the country we should not be increasing rates at all. Families are struggling with phenomenal costs of rates in this area then the cost of water, rubbish and regional on top of that. I do NOT support a rates increase.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Remove cost from council

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

Discontinue if this will help reduce rates cost

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

A review of spending by the council so that we can reduce rates cost. This is unacceptable to be adding another increase to our already high cost

Attachment: No

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Submitter ID: 1247

Full Name: Sally Fraser

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Easier for me to pay spread put. I don't have more salary year one.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

It a huge waste of resources. People put out stuff that could be reveled like ewaste, nor reused or re gifted, bc the service is convenient. They prob put out loads of harmful things that get spilled as well. If it's too easy to keep chucking stuff "away", there's no disincentive to buying stuff.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Definitely support boat ramp charges. Many hamiltoniams use these the most for free. Should pay. Ratepayers and non ratepayers different charge. As wdc ratepayers have been paying for them 4 ages so shld b cheaper, put of towners more.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1246

Full Name: Courtney Pomare

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

I believe 2.5% every year is justified.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1245****Full Name: Susan Sallis****Wish to speak to submission: Unavailable to attend at this time**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:****Comment:**

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:****Comment:**

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

I have lived on this road since 2013. It has become increasingly treacherous to drive or walk along the unsealed part of Old mountain road. The gravel is very badly corrugated, unstable and dusty. Driving along there is difficult, cars are juddered and loose traction. The dust is unbearable, floating up and over to houses, along that road. I have come close to being killed/injured by other motorists speeding towards me and they have lost control. Walking on this road is difficult, the camber on some parts is so steep its really hard to walk at the side of the road, (imagine walking along a steep mountain sideways) The gravel renewed time and again making this even steeper and unsafe underfoot. Cars throw up so much dust, that I have had to cover my face after they pass to protect my lungs from inhaling the dust. Waitetuna is a thriving community, we have to use these roads all the time. There are hundreds of people living here. Our children have to walk to school along them. We need safe sealed, flat roads with a safer, slower speed limit. Please don't wait for someone to be injured or killed before you act. Don't be the ambulance at the bottom of the cliff, be the council that cares.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1244****Full Name: Anna Read****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

This is not so much preferred as the lesser of the two evils.

Have a heart, the rates are crippling as it is. Someone on a pension's paying more than 10% of their income and not getting much for it.

Why on earth do they need to go up almost 20% in three years ? This is well above the rate of inflation. Do you want people to suffer hardship because of the excessive rates ? How can you be so ruthless ?

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

For people like me on small fixed incomes, the rates are a massive amount of our outgoings. I may be selfish, but don't see why people on tiny incomes should be subbing others' housing.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

This is a valuable service. Without it there could well be more illegal dumping.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Waste of time. The WDC will take no notice.

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

The seats in Huntly Main St are not only uncomfortable, some are painful to sit on like the one by the taxi stand. Anyone who isn't tall has to either sit right on the edge or have their feet not touching the ground. Sitting like this for even a few minutes is horrible.

Fix the lift in the Library as you are legally obliged to do. By law, the building is supposed to be accessible for disabled people and it hasn't been so for YEARS. This is totally unacceptable and how the council has got away with it and not been prosecuted is a mystery.

I tried for months to get something done about a huge van illegally parked on the pavement next to me. Not only was it damaging the pavement, it was a hazard just round a blind corner. Nothing was ever done. I sent its number and other things through, waste of time. WDC wasn't interested. Nor was it interested when one of its own large vehicles was often parked illegally less than 1m from the edge of our drive, making it dangerous for people trying to get in and out. How no one ever had a crash is beyond me. The driver lived in the house next door and used the pavement as a carpark in preference to his own drive. No response from WDC; no surprises there.

Nor am I surprised that the trees in 'Garden Place' that were going to be replaced never were. More fools those of us who believed the council's assurances.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1243****Full Name: Anselea Brougham****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

I would rather not pick either. We already pay a lot in just rates and now our rates will be over \$4000 and what is there to show for it? Pokeno is full of pot holes everywhere and the community is growing at such a fast pace. There is nothing that I have seen since moving here that our rates have contributed too. There's old run down buildings here and the Pokeno Community hall has a [redacted] car park too. Don't ask for more money when you can't properly look after the small communities.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:It just doesn't make sense not too retain them.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

What needs to be done is tidying up the process the way Auckland Council has in the South Auckland area. Only putting out your inorganic rubbish on the day it is being collected. Removing this service means that you'll have more illegal dumpings across the Waikato. Think better on how you provide this service RATHER THAN removing it.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Roading of the Pokeno roads are horrific and something needs to happen with these roads. My car is slowly getting wrecked with all these pot holes. You make us pay ridiculous rates but can't even fix our roads properly. Stop using chip seal on the roads and pay for asphalt roads - they last longer even if they are expensive! We're paying top dollar so we should at least receive top dollar roads not [redacted] chip sealed roads that get worn out easy with heavy traffic and then end up with a million pot holes!

Attachment: No

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Submitter ID: 1242

Full Name: Henri Jean de Villiers

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

None. This is not affordable. We are already one of the highest rate paying communities.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Privatizing this is not a good, ort affordable option for pensioners

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1241****Full Name: Vicki Foden****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:Might be too much of a financial stretch in the first year

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:Convenient. You made us begin paying for rubbish bags last time, how about giving us something for our buck.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

The Tauwhare Rd/Woodcock Rd intersection in Tamahere is terrible. There was a recent accident there resulting in a fatality and I am pretty sure there will be more accidents to come; something needs to be done.

Better pedestrian access to Tamahere School and to the recreational area from Woodcock Road is needed. Residents on this side of Tamahere are cut off. It is not currently safe for children to bike to school along this route. A wider footpath and better crossing options are needed.

Attachment: No

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Submitter ID: 1240

Full Name: R

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1239

Full Name: Bob

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Both of these options suck!! Covid 19 effected us all but our wages aren't increasing due to it so how do you want us to pay you. Council only wants this to give their own staff more money. Nothing ever comes from our wages! Council is just greedy and wastes all the money on staff lunches etc. nothing for the community at all

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

At least the council should look after it. How can we trust a third party not to turn these houses to [redacted]

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

But if you are going to discontinue you better discount the original number.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:**Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions****Comment:**

The roads are horrible and need fixing. If you expect us to pay this much more you better fix the road. Regina St is too narrow for 2 cars and has no footpath for the kids to walk on. They have to walk on the

already narrow road and are going to get hit. Especially now you have made all the buses come down this road.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1238

Full Name: Kirsten

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

This is 16% total while the other is 17% so in long term will cost more.

This is a huge increase though on already high rates!!!!!!

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

We don't use it as never know when it is or the rules anyway. We pay to bring rubbish to the tip so inorganic is an extra cost for us we don't use.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1237****Full Name: Nicole Stone****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Pokeno has some of the highest rates in the country, they are already too high, a 9% increase could cripple some families already struggling with expenses due to covid. It would be better to do a 5% increase each year for 3 or 4 years.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

If you discontinue the service I think that illegal dumping will increase a lot.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

The open recycling bins in pokeno are creating a lot of litter that is blown into our waterways every Thursday. If you go walking along the stream there is so much litter that has blown down the street, it would be good if we could be offered recycling wheelie bins that residents could purchase and you could slowly phase out the open crates.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1236****Full Name: Rachael Lovemore****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

This is not feasible either way. Completely unfair that we have two wets of rates in the first place. We are double AKL rates & get counted in the AKL boundary line.

Such increases are unfair, specifically since Pokeno has increased insize yet that hasn't lowered the fee at all.

Our roads are wrecked and we haven't seen a single thing you've done for our town that adds value or improves our living.

Considering COVID and incomes not increasing this is completely unfair and unjustified.

There needs to be an option for a lower increase/no increase.

If you are going to increase it at least give Pokeno back to AKL considering we are practically Aucklanders.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:****Comment:**

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:****Comment:**

We shouldn't have to pay regardless, our rates as is, is high enough

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Attachment: No

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Submitter ID: 1235

Full Name: Nina Brosius

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Both options are not great, there need to be other options! We do not receive enough services for the amount of rates we pay in Pokeno! With living costs rising, salaries not keeping up, who is supposed to be able to afford those massive rates increases?!

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:**Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection****Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

This needs to continue to be offered as a service. Again, rates are high enough already and this service should be covered and provided annually!

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:****Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions****Comment:**

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1234

Full Name: Byron van Niekerk

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

None of these options are viable. The increase of 17% is ridiculous for our region.

I am strongly opposed to a 17% increase.

Not enough work is being done to improve our roads etc with the already high level of rates we already pay.

How is an increase of any sort justified?

Our region has had a huge population growth in recent years. Surely the increased population growth would be enough to cover costs.

The increase in rates revenue generated by this population growth exceeds the expenditure.

Completely opposed to a 17% increase

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Electric BBQs were installed at our local playground on our street over a year ago but no rubbish bins were placed in the area.

There is no public toilet facility for this BBQ area either

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1233****Full Name: Anna Noy****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

None of the above - we already pay twice what we paid in Karaka under Auckland council. Where is the money going? Where are the footpaths and rubbish bins - had both of these in Karaka. I can't walk from my house to the shops because there are incomplete footpaths. Why should I have to drive? It is too dangerous to walk along the edge of the road with a baby in a pram - especially with how the trucks speed along Pokeno Road. How is your lack of spending supporting the environment? There is no sign of footpaths near the new shops being built? Pedestrian crossing? What about the footpath to nowhere at the new Munro park? Can't walk anywhere. Waikato council is a joke! Kids can't walk to school safely without footpaths. Hamilton does not care about us.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Because it is the only thing you do pay for - spend less on consultants and may actually have money to spend on these core services.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

When is this being fixed? It is a joke. Hamilton does not care about Pokeno, they just care about the money they collect.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1232

Full Name: Hayley Wall

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1231

Full Name: Amyliz Lonsdale

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

It just is...

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

I still think the council should have some governance over the contract though.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

I look forward to it

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Allow larger properties to add second dwelling tons in Tamahere

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1229

Full Name: Kelly van Niekerk

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

17% is phenomenal. The Northern Waikato has had a huge population growth, and consequently generated a huge amount of rates revenue... far exceeding expenditure.

Strongly opposed to a 17% increase in any format

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

How else are people expected to get rid of inorganic rubbish, especially if their car lacks a tow bar (very common!)

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

We have a park/playground/bbq area on our street.

The BBQ were installed over 12months ago, and have still not been connected to any gas... sitting useless.

There is no rubbish bin in the park, so it is always full of litter.

There is also no public toilet in the park, so families cant come and enjoy the facilities without having to drive 3km into Pokeno town to access the nearest public toilet

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1228****Full Name: Rick Fraser****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

It seems this region already has one of the highest value to rates ratios. With all the new housing I don't really understand need to increase rates by 9% and followed by a further 3.5% the next two years. If it's because of " infrastructure improvements" maybe this should be considered before signing off on large development projects. This equals about an extra \$350 a year for our house alone and what will we see for that. And that's before you slide a house value increase in through after you sign off on the % increase. For young family and older generations it's just becoming far too unaffordable. But I guess you only think of the bottom line.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

With the amount of rates you pay in this region and the \$350 a year you want to increase them. The 6.68 to retain this service doesn't really seem that much to be able to clear all the [redacted] out that you have gathered through the year.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1227

Full Name: Courtney Senn

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

I would rather we don't but I cannot afford a rate increase. We already pay so much with little to show for it in tuakau.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Continue! This is a good way of using rate payers money.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

If it is not used then yes repurpose it

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1226

Full Name: Susan Ferguson

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Stop the hold-fees, it's impossible for many people to travel to another site to pick up a book. If you know what you want to read (instead of prefer browsing at the local library) you'll end up paying \$2 for almost every book you take out.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1225

Full Name: Gina

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

I dont think rates should be increased at all. They are currently quadruple what auckland is and we dont even get the same things. It is ridiculous and i think youd find lots of people would sell up if they keep having rates increases.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Even if we discontinued it we would only see a saving of \$13. Disgusting

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:****Comment:**

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1224****Full Name: Sandra Rawlings****Wish to speak to submission: No****Topic 1 – General Rates Increase****Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

So people can plan ahead budget wise.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

There is not enough pensioner housing as it is.

Selling to a "responsible service provider" is just a cover for "selling because property prices are high at the moment".

It has already been proven that "responsible service providers" are apt to increase rents.

One the sale is signed on the property is out of councils control - so is the "responsible provider".

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Rates supposedly = service for our rates.

This is a service that is needed within the community.

This service has incurred increased costs - us rate payers are paying increased rates.

In saying this, when there is the option to have the items recycled or sold , I would support this. Funds from selling goods could then be used to help cover costs.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

Because the system needs clarifying and streamlining.

Community boards and groups become very self serving and operate "within themselves" and often forget that there are people in the community who don't necessarily agree with their opinions, so more acc

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Please can we have an update of what is happening at the Whatawhata Junction - not just with roading but also regarding the congestion of traffic, pedestrians, parking, increased business in such a small area etc etc.

Someone is going to get killed soon! It is extremely dangerous there - whether you are driving or just trying to get across the road.

Is the footpath from the cafe corner going to be continued down along the trees by the pedestrian crossing (like it should have been in the first place)?

Is the pedestrian crossing going to be fixed?

What is planned for that area in the future as the amount of traffic and people increase?

How far away are the planned public toilets etc

The Whatawhata Community is missing out. The Whatawhata Community Association have not put any updates on their FB page. Many residents are not even on FB so don't know what the heck is happening. The last "drop-in" information meeting was cancelled as far as I know.

Please don't say "read the Waikato District Blueprint" or send me a link to it instead of answering my specific questions - thank you.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1223****Full Name: David Jaques****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

I don't agree with either increase. This sort of increase isn't justified given the present times - council should instead be more efficient with its resources like every other business in NZ.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

In my opinion Council (Ratepayer) has no business providing or owning social housing.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

Inorganic is not provided at my address, along with a host of other services. Yet I pay excessive rates for minimal services. This is one of the many services that should be culled and rates reduced accordingly. It would make sense if households pay for what they use - this would include paying to dispose of your own rubbish.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

I don't understand the proposal enough at this point. If it simplify processes will be good - otherwise it sounds like change for change sake.

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1222****Full Name: Kayla Hill-Liddle****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

It shouldn't even be an option at all. Why is there such a massive hike in Year 1? The Three Water Reform should be partially subsidised by the Government. A 9% increase on top of the general rate, plus households having to pay for their rubbish stickers and water - this will have such a massive impact on households already struggling.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

I dispute this assumption that landfill fees will increase significantly in the next three years (three years before the next LTP is drafted). To deter people from illegally dumping, this should still be a service that is provided.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1221****Full Name: Dominic Toon****Wish to speak to submission: No****Topic 1 – General Rates Increase****Option selected:****Comment:**

Neither of these is my preferred option.

My single option is 0% increase. ie NO RATE INCREASE!

The 2020 inflation rate in New Zealand was 1.71%. Where do you expect people to find 9%?

Worse, here in Pokeno we already pay double the amount for rates than we paid in Manukau.

This double amount delivers the worst roads and the worst rubbish collection.

The council's main jobs are roads and rubbish.

Roads: The main street of Pokeno is a potholed disaster. The same with Pokeno Road. Promises to fix it never eventuate.

Rubbish: We have a bin for this, a bin for that, cardboard somewhere else, bags of rubbish that need stickers – all of which need sorting. What a mess! In Manukau there were 2 bins – the rubbish bin was collected each week and the recycle bin which contained all recyclable material, once a fortnight. Simple. All part of the general rates.

What the hell do you people do with my money? Certainly nothing that I can see.

I've heard excuses about Manukau being so much bigger and able to support more infrastructure. What rot. Pokeno is now a large and ever-increasing community. Where does all our rates money go? Certainly not back here. Does it wind up in the back blocks?

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

This is the government's responsibility. Not the local ratepayer's.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Rubbish is the reason the council exists.

Since this Kerbside Rubbish Collection service is popular why would anyone in their right mind stop it?

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

I have read and re-read pages 14 and 15.

I do not understand what on earth "community and Blueprint initiatives" are. Neither does anyone else, I imagine.

Just sounds like some council waffle to remove money from where it is really needed.

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

The council's main jobs are roads and rubbish.

The main street of Pokeno is a potholed disaster.

The same with Pokeno Road.

Promises to fix it never eventuate.

The expressway onramp is a mess.

The rail level crossing is a mess.

The list goes on and on.

I know that expressway onramp and rail level crossing are the responsibility of others, but why doesn't council pursue them for a fix.

-That's your job.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1220

Full Name: Daniel van Rensburg

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Outsourcing will cost more as profit will be set above wellbeing of the aged

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1219

Full Name: Megan

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Please reduce the speed to 80kms an hour along the whole way of Horotiu Road between Horotiu and Te Kowhai. There is so many people on bikes and trying to walk dogs. People abuse the 100km sign and we often see people absolutely flying past our place. Going 140++

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1218

Full Name: Valerie Bianchi

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Slightly lower level of debt over 10 years

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Wrap around services for pensioners

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

Kerbside inorganic collection does not incentivize waste reduction and is out of alignment with WDC's WMMP vision and goals. The funding for kerbside inorganics could be going into actions that are more in alignment with WDC's vision for a zero waste community.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

It isn't clear from the consultation document what the pros and cons of this are.

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

I think the Raglan food waste collection service should continue as this is a community run asset which operates in alignment with the vision and goals set out in the WMMP.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1217****Full Name: Ella van Gool****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

There is no conclusive evidence that this collection is correlated with illegal dumping. There are many ways for households to get rid of large inorganic items, including posting them for free on one of the many websites used for these purposes. This is not a service that contributes to minimizing waste, reusing resources, etc.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1216

Full Name: Matthew Hurley

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Seems fair over the three year period

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

I think a Responsible Service Provider will manage this service well and reduce the burden on the council.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

Expensive to ratepayers and the people that should be using this service choose not to.

The private sector can complete this task and the user-pay model will work fine.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

Seems fair and logical.

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Railway station at Te Kauwhata.

I know the council has already contributed to the Te Huia service so why don't locals get to use it?

This should be in the long term plan and district plan if rate payers are contributing towards this in their rates.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1215

Full Name: Te Iwa Fisher

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

1% less of a rates hike overall.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

reduce debt

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

rates vs cost of taking to transfer station

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

Support this if the reallocated funds go to the right places.

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Review of existing properties in rural zones less than 2,500 sq.m (before zoning rules). Consider new rule(s) for these properties so resource consent conditions can be eased. Zones were painted with a

broad brush and now these properties are held at a disadvantage. New properties less than 2,500sq.m should obviously need resource consent as they are aware of the rules from the start.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1214

Full Name: Muni Goundar

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

A big jump early would be a big financial hit on all of us, with the hope salaries increase, increase in wages would help deal with the smaller increases over the years.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

This is preferred but I think the community should be consulted on who gets these contracts.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

There isn't another suitable/cheap solution to get rid of bigger items.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

N/A

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Dr John Lightbody reserve is used by plenty of people for football and other things. There are so many pot holes etc. I believe the council should help maintain the fields a bit more especially since the Tuakau football community is quite big.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1213

Full Name: Liz

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

You need to bring back road crossing even with the changes and removing crossing its even more dangours for walker people with walkers and mobility scooters to get across there has been so many near misses

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1211

Full Name: Raghu Hegde

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

NO RATE INCREASE! Wages are not increasing at the rate of your rate increase. The services you provide are not evolving for the better. Reduce your expenses and keep your discretionary spending in check.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Sell them and put the money to prevent rate change.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

This is one of the main responsibilities of the council. If you are unable to deliver these key responsibilities what are we paying rates for? Besides you want to propose rate increase.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions**Comment:**

Way too many unsealed roads - for example, one of the key log transport routes: Klondyke road, is only half way sealed. The road from Tuakau bridge towards Onewhero is in bad state right at the turning towards Onewhero. I think the council is not doing enough for the rate they demand.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1210

Full Name: Mike Keir

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Having the revenue earlier should enable better establishment of services that can then be maintained

However this will only work if the money is spent wisely, is WDC competent to administer this?

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

As long as the service provider is good in terms of looking after tenants and the houses.

There are not enough houses to warrant WDC's continued involvement

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Recycling and waste management are huge issues for society. To go backwards is retrogressive thinking. We must start to pay the true cost of waste management.

This kerbside recycling allows Raglans waste management system to function effectively, without it the whole process would struggle and potentially fail setting the community back years. WDC should be a leader in positive waste management practices.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

Community boards are local and much closer to local needs, they need access to some funding for items that the community sees as important

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

The parks and amenities in the Raglan area are excellent thank you

Also re solid waste - if WDC wants to save money it could start thinking about innovative wastewater management systems, like removing the water for a start and treating the waste as a solid. you have the perfect vehicle to start trialing this with the Raglan Waste Management system that has been set up by local people interested in reducing our waste footprint.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1209

Full Name: Ali Clark

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

I'd have to say that neither of the options are preferred. Rates in the Waikato are already high and for what reason? You pay 3 separate rates you pay for rubbish stickers (put bags out stray dogs rip them open bins would be great) on top of the collection rate you can only recycle certain items so the rest just ends up in landfill new builds get free bins yet new owners of old houses have to pay for new bins if previous owners took bins with them.

Roading is getting better so I guess that's one good thing our rates are going to.

So many people myself included are trying to get ahead in these tough times every cent counts we are lucky to now own our house rather than rent but everything else seems to inflate yet wages stay the same and that's where the problems start.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

As long as the Responsible Service Provider can offer reasonable housing affordability then I guess selling up would be ok.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Inorganic collection keeps our towns clean and tidy if people have the option to have rubbish collected no matter what it is then they'll do so take that away and the illegal dumping will increase costing the rate payer/tax payer even more.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Yes, I support this approach

Comment:

It will all depend where the money is going.

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

I've brought it to councils attention that there was rubbish dumped in the reserve behind our property (7 Emere Place) we had someone come to look but that was as far as it went.

Who owns this land? What are the plans for it? I'd like to get a digger in to clear the fencing to protect my investment but don't wish to break any rules/law's. I don't feel like we should foot the bill for previous owners indiscretions.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1208

Full Name: Toni Lee

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

A slow increase will hopefully be more manageable for low income families and give their wages an opportunity to 'catch up' over the three years to offset the increases.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Keeping pensioner housing 'in-house' will ensure our elderly community remain a focus for the council and let's them know their voices are heard

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

This is such a great service that is really helpful considering we don't have a local refuse centre.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1207

Full Name: John Cullen

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Comment:

No increase as increase already took place last year. Nothing has been seen completed for what we have already paid for i.e parks look a disgrace, rubbish overflowing, graffiti not removed in a timely manner. Those are just a few items that I can list.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Should be a bylaw in regards to heavy vehicles not to be allowed to use our local roads this is due to rate payers having to pay to repair damage constantly. Only council who does not have this bylaw. Also the roads that are being taken over from NZTA need to be in a standard where we do not need to repair them.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1206

Full Name: Paula Rolfe

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

A more balanced approach for all

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

A responsible service provider will be looking after the housing as its core business

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Provides a great service to the community whereby many residents and occupiers can't remove what is put out for collection. This is their only option.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1205****Full Name: Elaine****Wish to speak to submission: No****Topic 1 – General Rates Increase****Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

We have had substantial rates increases nearly every year since we moved here 6 years ago. To date we have seen very little 'improvement' to our little town even though the growth in the Pokeno area has gone crazy! We can't even get rubbish bins for our walkways even after the communities repeated efforts partitioning the council so I find it hard to believe that only three years of increases will be the final word. I am more than happy to pay my share but feel that Pokeno has been rather left out in the last few years even though our rates/rates increase have made up a good share of the pie. Te Kawhata and Huntly have been delivered of some great projects and even Meremere has received a brand new community centre in the last couple of years but all I want to see is the same investments made in my area as in others! We deserve the same representation and good standard of local amenities as other towns but sadly we have been left out in the cold for another term of office....

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

I would only choose this option if the private company taken on is held accountable for the elderly of the community. Have heard too many stories of elders not looked after and not cared for as they deserve after years of paying their taxes. I would only support this option if there were audits in place and that a high standard of policy was involved so no one fell through the cracks.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

I would be happy to continue this service as I believe it would help

Some way to elevating the dumping issues plaguing our area but happy to pay a fee and book a collection in as they do in Auckland. Not a yearly fee on the rates but a separate fee to the council over and above to facilitate this option continuing on a case by case basis.

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1204

Full Name: Samuel Dysart

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

I'd rather get ahead of excess debit and have one big hit that larger gradual increases

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Private responsible providers will be able to provide better property management and services than council in the long run.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

This is a great service and allows others in the community to also get involved and help themselves. Allows excess rubbish to be cleared that owners/tenants may not be able to afford to dispose of, reduces random dumping of rubbish in community

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1202

Full Name: Brett Morris

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

Let of a big hit immediately after Covid!

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

If you sell to RSPs as "Social Housing" are you going to be assured they will be used for Pensioners?

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

Only discontinue if there is a rates saving associated.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1201****Full Name: Jairus Labastida****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

No other option.

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Sell Pensioner Housing to a Responsible Service Provider (Councils preferred option)

Comment:

Unsustainable. Pensioners Housing is not a rate payer's responsibility. Everyone should plan and prepare for their retirement. Aging population is growing and will continue to grow.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

To keep our houses clean, clutter and hazard free. Cost effective rather than having to pay individually

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

It is taking away relevant fundings away from the Local Community into the disposal of the Council/Mayor which they think fit for their own liking.

Franklin Community Boards have fundings specific to the needs of the old Franklin District and it's constit

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

We need cycle lanes connecting towns in the northern Waikato regions to Pukekohe, Tuakau and Pokeno and to the river. This encourages interconnectivity with less carbon footprint. Great form of exercise too.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission

Submitter ID: 1200

Full Name: Samantha

Wish to speak to submission: No

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase

Option selected:

Option 1 - Set the General Rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3

Comment:

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing

Option selected:

Option 1- Retain Pensioner Housing

Comment:

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection

Option selected:

Option 1 - Continue collection

Comment:

Continue otherwise people are going to keep dumping rubbish elsewhere as they are too lazy or broke to take it to the dump

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives

Option selected:

Comment:

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

Attachment: No

Attachment 4

**Late submissions to the Long Term Plan 2021-31 for
Council acceptance**

Waikato District Council – Draft Long Term Plan 2021-31 Submission**Submitter ID: 1845****Full Name: Raglan Community Board****Wish to speak to submission: Yes**

Topic 1 – General Rates Increase**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Set the General Rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3

Comment:

The Board supports OPTION 2 for a lower rate increase in year one, our reasoning for this is that our community is still recovering from the downturn associated with COVID and that 2% reduction in year 1 could be a meaningful saving to some ratepayers

Topic 2 – Future of Pensioner Housing**Option selected:****Comment:**

As Raglan does not have any Council owned pensioner housing we will not make a comment on this feedback topic other than to say that the Council needs to continue to develop policies that help increase the supply of affordable housing especially in Raglan where median house prices have jumped 85% over 5 years to \$785,000.

Topic 3 – Future of Inorganic Kerbside Rubbish Collection**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Discontinue collection (Council's preferred option)

Comment:

This feedback topic is not associated with Raglan but as a community that takes pride in an over 70% diversion from landfill and the economic benefit and local job creation through the operation of the Xtreme Zero Resource Recovery Centre we feel that the Council needs to go with OPTION 2. It will be critical for the Council to set the other communities up to succeed like Raglan with the removal of their inorganic collection as it will insulate their ratepayers from the ever-increasing landfill fees and the coming circular economy.

Item – Approach to repurpose funding to support Blueprint and community initiatives**Option selected:**

No, I do not support this approach

Comment:

The Board does not support the centralisation of discretionary funding as this would potentially mean community organisations would miss out to more skilful regional applicants. The cost for managing the discretionary funding process could be eliminated by delegating the application process

completely to the Community Boards, as it appears the current Council staff based process does not add any value to the actual Board decision to fund or not.

Item – Other Feedback or Suggestions

Comment:

See attached

Attachment: Yes

Raglan Community Board

Submission on the LTP 2021 – 2031

The Raglan Community Board thanks the Waikato District Council for the opportunity to provide feedback on the draft Long Term Plan (LTP) covering the period 2021-2030. Raglan has weathered the effects of COVID-19 as best as can be expected for a community with many businesses and employees dependent on the influx of tourists both international and domestic. The community came together to support those that need assistance during the Alert level 4 period with food deliveries and conversation through to Raglan Area School ensuring our children are still learning.

It will be critical in the coming years to ensure that the council can do all that is possible to help assist Raglan to continue to be a thriving community as even with the return of international tourists there is no certainty of a return to the levels pre COVID.

Below is our comments and thoughts on the LTP 2021-2030

1. General Rates Increase

- The Board supports **OPTION 2** for a lower rate increase in year one, our reasoning for this is that our community is still recovering from the downturn associated with COVID and that 2% reduction in year 1 could be a meaningful saving to some ratepayers.

2. Inorganic kerbside collection

- This feedback topic is not associated with Raglan but as a community that takes pride in an over 70% diversion from landfill and the economic benefit and local job creation through the operation of the Xtreme Zero Resource Recovery Centre we feel that the Council needs to go with **OPTION 2**. It will be critical for the Council to set the other communities up to succeed like Raglan with the removal of their inorganic collection as it will insulate their ratepayers from the ever-increasing landfill fees and the coming circular economy.

3. Pensioner Housing

- As Raglan does not have any Council owned pensioner housing we will not make a comment on this feedback topic other than to say that the Council needs to continue to develop policies that help increase the supply of affordable housing especially in Raglan where median house prices have jumped 85% over 5 years to \$785,000.

4. Other feedback from the LTP consultation document

- It was not clear from the LTP document what support for Raglan tourism has been included, we would like the Council to consider how it can support the Raglan ihub given the need to support local businesses and community in response to covid and recovery on going.
- The capital cost in the LTP set aside for the Raglan Waste water consent needs to be aligned with the lowest cost land based solution which is acceptable to the community and hapu.
- It is concerning to see the doubling of water supply costs to \$9.6M (we expect this is the Watercare contract) is not matched by the saving on internal costs, the

improved access to knowledgeable staff for the Waste Water and Storm Water committees is appreciated but it is critical that good governance on that extra \$4.5M spend has been put in place.

- We would like more clear understanding of what the capital funds budgeted \$0.5M for a Raglan community centre and \$0.34M for Raglan community facility, both these values would be for feasibility studies as no capital earmarked for a building has been set. Is this a targeted rate cost and therefore do we need to spend?
- The Board does not support the centralisation of discretionary funding as this would potentially mean community organisations would miss out to more skilful regional applicants. The cost for managing the discretionary funding process could be eliminated by delegating the application process completely to the Community Boards, as it appears the current Council staff based process does not add any value to the actual Board decision to fund or not.
- The continued support of the Raglan kerbside foodwaste collection is also critical to that landfill diversion and could actually be a revenue stream for the wider district if expanded and sold to an industrial biomethane producer like FirstGas or EcoGas.

5. Fees and Charges feedback

- The Raglan town hall committee has standardised the hall fees to match the other halls in the district and this was tabled in the March Board meeting [RCB2103/04], it needs to be added to the hall fees table going forward.
- The Board supports the addition of a boat ramp fee in Raglan but the bylaw and introduction of fees will need consultation before being finalised with the Raglan users and Raglan Fishing Club many of whom helped build and maintain these ramps in the past.
- The commercial high impact event fee needs further consideration as the \$1,000 per day which results in Soundsplash concert only paying \$10,000 being one of the lowest Council fee 10,000 person event in New Zealand. In the February 2020 and August 2020 Board meeting we requested that the Council set the commercial high impact event fee at a similar level to other councils [RCB2009/06]
- Raglan Wharf commercial moorage fees of \$1,332/yr need to be compared to other similar wharf facilities in regional coastal communities to ensure it is appropriate.
- The aerodrome landing fee must cover the annual maintenance cost as well as the amortised cost of the new safety fencing being installed.

Attachment 5

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Waikato District Council – Draft User Fees and Charges 2021-2024 Submission

Submitter ID: 1641

Name: Arran Tawhara

Organisation:

Wish to speak to submission: No

Do you support the proposed fees and charges?

No

Please tell us why

Covid

What changes would you like to see to the proposed fees and charges?

Stay then same in year one

Any additional comments?

No

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft User Fees and Charges 2021-2024 Submission**Submitter ID: 1287****Name: Trevor Armstrong****Organisation: Pokeno Community Patrol and Pokeno & District Lions Club****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Do you support the proposed fees and charges?

No

Please tell us why

I think, under the present economic climate where families are struggling to make ends meet, you should not impose more burdens on them that they are already suffering now. The elderly/pensioners are in the same boat and need your consideration. It doesn't matter if they live in a \$1,000,000.00 home, they won't have a million dollars in the bank. I am also a pensioner and I have to watch what I spend very month. So please give consideration to the Pensioners, Low Income Families and Families struggling due to the Covid downturn.

What changes would you like to see to the proposed fees and charges?

Leave them alone for the next 18months at least.

Any additional comments?

You are doing a great job, but listen to your constituency and act for them and not against them. Maybe you can put some projects on hold until the community gets back on its feet.

Your feedback will be made publicly available online and through Council reports.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft User Fees and Charges 2021-2024 Submission

Submitter ID: 1284

Name: Robyn Pegden

Organisation:

Wish to speak to submission: No

Do you support the proposed fees and charges?

Yes

Please tell us why

I specifically SUPPORT the change to libraries fees that overdue fines should be removed.

What changes would you like to see to the proposed fees and charges?

I have a background as a professional librarian and know that evidence supports that this strategy will indeed encourage peoples' ongoing use of library services. A great change!

Any additional comments?

Although I appreciate that fees income is important for any local council I strongly support any reduction in library user charges. Libraries must be available to all regardless of their ability to pay.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft User Fees and Charges 2021-2024 Submission

Submitter ID: 1272

Name: Withheld Withheld

Organisation:

Wish to speak to submission: No

Do you support the proposed fees and charges?

Yes

Please tell us why

Removal of fees will encourage more use in the library

What changes would you like to see to the proposed fees and charges?

I would love to see the library also offer renewal online if you still haven't quite finished that book

Any additional comments?

See above, please withhold my name thankyou

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft User Fees and Charges 2021-2024 Submission

Submitter ID: 1271

Name: Kasey Banfield

Organisation:

Wish to speak to submission: No

Do you support the proposed fees and charges?

In part

Please tell us why

I understand the appeal of no charges, but I see other ways to help people out

What changes would you like to see to the proposed fees and charges?

I think that late fees should stay the same but the charges for reserving books and getting newly released books should be removed.

Any additional comments?

No

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft User Fees and Charges 2021-2024 Submission

Submitter ID: 1270

Name: Marvin Casimiro

Organisation:

Wish to speak to submission: No

Do you support the proposed fees and charges?

In part

Please tell us why

There are a lot of taxes being paid and additional increase to fees and services is another blow to the meager earnings we have

What changes would you like to see to the proposed fees and charges?

I hope that the overdue charge for use of library books be abolished or removed

Any additional comments?

None

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft User Fees and Charges 2021-2024 Submission

Submitter ID: 1268

Name: Kylee Jhaveri

Organisation:

Wish to speak to submission: No

Do you support the proposed fees and charges?

Yes

Please tell us why

I think this is a great idea, as an active library user sometimes life gets busy and then get charged for overdue items, when I have many items out this becomes costly and means I have to rethink using the library as the fines become too high. It would be great to have this avail without the burden

What changes would you like to see to the proposed fees and charges?

Love the zero fees

Any additional comments?

No

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft User Fees and Charges 2021-2024 Submission

Submitter ID: 1267

Name: Jenna Harper

Organisation:

Wish to speak to submission: No

Do you support the proposed fees and charges?

Yes

Please tell us why

Less stress for those of us who struggle to get to the library in the first place.

What changes would you like to see to the proposed fees and charges?

No late fees from overdue library books.

Any additional comments?

Thank you for considering this!

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft User Fees and Charges 2021-2024 Submission

Submitter ID: 1266

Name: tracey ryan

Organisation:

Wish to speak to submission: No

Do you support the proposed fees and charges?

Yes

Please tell us why

would be great to remove overdue fees charge....let's remove barriers for reading !

What changes would you like to see to the proposed fees and charges?

Remove overdue fees

Any additional comments?

no

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft User Fees and Charges 2021-2024 Submission

Submitter ID: 1265

Name: Cheryl Maskell

Organisation:

Wish to speak to submission: No

Do you support the proposed fees and charges?

Yes

Please tell us why

I believe there should be no overdue fees in libraries and then everyone can have access to information with no financial burden.

What changes would you like to see to the proposed fees and charges?

N/A

Any additional comments?

N/A

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft User Fees and Charges 2021-2024 Submission

Submitter ID: 1260

Name: Emily Newman

Organisation:

Wish to speak to submission: No

Do you support the proposed fees and charges?

In part

Please tell us why

I think that removing overdue fines for library items is a wonderful idea and key to making reading and library services accessible to the community, particularly children.

What changes would you like to see to the proposed fees and charges?

I think that the reserve/hold fee for children's library items should be removed. Often my children will want to read all the books in a series, and having to pay \$2.00 per book that isn't at our local branch is prohibitive. With the library branches spre

Any additional comments?

No.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft User Fees and Charges 2021-2024 Submission**Submitter ID: 1230****Name: michael ward****Organisation:****Wish to speak to submission: No**

Do you support the proposed fees and charges?

No

Please tell us why

We have just been through massive job losses, weeks of lost work, .8% interest payments on savings, little chance of increased wages or salaries in the foreseeable future, and the council is proposing a 10% rates rise, where does the council think ratepayers will find this money from?. As for the increased levy on our local halls, i have lived in this district for 30 years and have never seen or heard of any event being held in these halls, maybe its time to sell off these burdens to the ratepayers. lastly organic rubbish collection i see the council is thinking of discontinuing this service, i have to pay for rubbish collection, my nearest library run by the council is in Taukau, about 40 ks drive, there is no public transport near my house, i don't understand why i have to pay rates at all, let alone a hike of 10%.

What changes would you like to see to the proposed fees and charges?

Zero rate increase.

Any additional comments?

zero rate increase

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft User Fees and Charges 2021-2024 Submission

Submitter ID: 1212

Name: Raghu Hegde

Organisation:

Wish to speak to submission: No

Do you support the proposed fees and charges?

No

Please tell us why

Excessive increase in fees - more bureaucracy and red tape. These changes will only make standard of living bad.

What changes would you like to see to the proposed fees and charges?

NO fee increases or new fees! Have legislation to regulate but only charge fee if there is a need for enforcement.

Any additional comments?

NA

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft User Fees and Charges 2021-2024 Submission

Submitter ID: 1203

Name: Elaine Rodrigues

Organisation: Pokeno residents and ratepayers

Wish to speak to submission: No

Do you support the proposed fees and charges?

No

Please tell us why

To high and above inflation

What changes would you like to see to the proposed fees and charges?

Rates lowered

Any additional comments?

Fix up walk ways and streets in pokeno

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft User Fees and Charges 2021-2024 Submission

Submitter ID: 1838

Name: Te Whakakitenga o Waikato Incorporated (Waikato-Tainui)

Organisation:

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Do you support the proposed fees and charges?

Please tell us why

What changes would you like to see to the proposed fees and charges?

Any additional comments?

Attachment: Yes



**RESPONSE TO THE
WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCIL
LONG TERM PLAN
2021-2031**

7 MAY 2021

This response is filed for Waikato-Tainui by:

Te Whakakitenga o Waikato Incorporated
PO Box 648
Hamilton 3240

INTRODUCTION

1. This response is made on behalf of Te Whakakitenga o Waikato Incorporated (formerly known as Waikato-Tainui Te Kauhanganui Incorporated).
2. Te Whakakitenga o Waikato Incorporated (Waikato-Tainui) is the governing body for the 33 hapuu and 68 marae of Waikato and manages the tribal assets for the benefit of over 78,000 registered tribal members.
3. Waikato-Tainui provides this response to the Waikato District Council Long Term Plan (WDC-LTP) on behalf of our hapuu and iwi members.
4. Our response is structured as follows:
 - (a) Background to Waikato-Tainui.
 - (b) Overview of Waikato-Tainui's position regarding the WDC LTP.
 - (c) Scope and Purpose of Response.
 - (d) Specific comments on the WDC LTP.
 - (e) Concluding comments.

BACKGROUND TO WAIKATO-TAINUI

5. Waikato-Tainui marae are kaitiaki of their environment and regard the holistic integrated management of all elements of the environment (such as flora, fauna, land, air and water) with utmost importance.
6. Waikato-Tainui are tangata whenua and exercise mana whakahaere within our rohe (tribal region). Our tribal rohe is bounded by Auckland in the north and Te Rohe Potae (King Country) in the south and extends from the west coast to the mountain ranges of Hapuakohe and Kaimai in the east. Significant land marks within the rohe of Waikato include the Waikato and Waipaa Rivers, the sacred mountains of Taupiri, Karioi, Pirongia and Maungatautari, and the west coast harbours of Whaingaroa (Raglan), Manukau, Aotea and Kawhia moana, the eastern areas of Tikapa Moana (Firth of Thames), and principally, New Zealand's longest river, TeAwa o Waikato.
7. We acknowledge and affirm the intrinsic relationship of Waikato-Tainui with our natural environment.
8. Waikato-Tainui entered into a Deed of Settlement regarding our Waikato River claim under Te Tiriti o Waitangi in 2008 ("2008 Settlement"). This was followed by the signing of a revised Deed in 2009 and ultimately, enactment of the Waikato- Tainui Raupatu (Waikato River) Settlement Act 2010 ("Settlement Act"). The settlement marked the genesis of the Crown's statutory recognition of Te Mana o te Awa and the establishment of a "co-management" approach between Waikato-Tainui and the Crown regarding matters relating to the Waikato River.
9. Waikato-Tainui recognizes the co-management committee that exists with Waikato District Council and wants to ensure that:

- (a) The WDC LTP does not adversely affect the rights, interests, responsibilities and opportunities of Waikato-Tainui;
- (b) The co-management principles that underpin our 2008 Settlement and the Settlement Act are recognised and upheld.

OVERVIEW OF THE WAIKATO-TAINUI POSITION REGARDING WAIKATO DISTRICT COUNCIL LONG TERM PLAN 2021-2031

10. Waikato-Tainui has a range of rights and interests including, but not limited to, those that arise from the following:
 - (a) The 1995 Waikato Raupatu Lands Settlement (and the Waikato Raupatu Settlement Act 1995), the 2008 Settlement and Settlement Act;
 - (b) Tikanga and customary law;
 - (c) Common law (including the common law relating to aboriginal title and customary law); and
 - (d) The Treaty of Waitangi and its principles.
11. Waikato-Tainui seeks to ensure that these rights and interests are recognised and protected with any policy development.
12. As part of the River Settlement signing in 2008, we also signed the Kiingitanga Accord. A cornerstone of the settlement is that both Waikato-Tainui and the Crown have committed to enter a new era of co-management.
13. The intention of the settlement was that the Crown would respect and work with Waikato-Tainui in good faith, as a Treaty partner. As set out in the Kiingitanga Accord, this requires the Crown to engage with Waikato-Tainui at an early stage when developing any legislation or policies, or making any decisions, affecting the Waikato River, its waters or management over its waters.
14. As such, and in line with these principles, Waikato District Council must strive to engage early with Waikato-Tainui when developing any legislation, policies or plans which affect or impact on the Waikato River and te takiwaa o Waikato (the Waikato district) in general.

SCOPE AND PURPOSE OF RESPONSE

15. The purpose of this response is to convey the views of Waikato-Tainui in relation to the Waikato District Councils Long Term Plan 2021-2031.

COMMENTS ON THE LONG-TERM PLAN 2021-2031

16. Waikato-Tainui supports the Council's vision to "... work together as a district to build liveable, thriving and connected communities as our district grows." This aligns with the iwi's own mission "Kia Tupu, Kia Hua, Kia Puawai" – To Grow, Prosper and Sustain.

General Rates Options:

17. **Option One – Set the general rate increase at 9% in year 1, 3.5% in year 2 and 3.5% in year 3. Option Two – Set the general rate increase at 7% in year 1, 6% in year 2 and 4% in year 3.**

Neither Option One nor Option Two is palatable to Waikato Tainui however, Option Two is only marginally less impactful to the iwi.

18. The concept of a “Go Hard and Early” approach in which rates are increased 9% during COVID recovery does not reflect, in our opinion, a caring council that has fully considered the impact on the wellbeing of its most vulnerable communities.
19. Waikato Tainui acknowledge the process WDC undertakes every six years to review policies for rates remissions and postponement. While we acknowledge the need for this review, as an Iwi we want to ensure that our tribal members and those most vulnerable communities are not impacted by these proposed changes, and therefore want to seek assurance from WDC that all measures are considered to minimize financial impacts on our communities.
20. The social-economic impact of Raupatu (land confiscation) is ongoing for the people of Waikato-Tainui. We have among our tribal membership some of the lowest paid constituents within the Waikato District. Many have suffered significantly with job losses due to COVID-19. In this time of COVID-19 recovery it seems inconceivable that a rates increase of this magnitude is being considered. There appears to be little consideration as to the reality of impacts through rates increases to a sector of Waikato District Council's constituents already struggling with serious impoverishment.
21. Within this context it is imperative that Waikato District Council provide options to enable payment and reduce penalties, this should include effective rebates and postponement policies. In addition, where penalties may occur due to non-compliance to the new rate remission changes, Waikato District Council should provide fair and reasonable processes to ensure more significant penalties are managed and inequalities do not continue to grow for these communities.
22. Waikato Tainui seeks a commitment from Waikato District Council to meaningful engagement and discussion with a view to identifying equitable means to alleviate the impact of this level of increase, including consideration of rates remissions for tribal members.
23. The financial and resourcing impact on Iwi in relation to fresh water standards which will require significant upgrades to infrastructure is not yet fully understood. However, the cost is likely to be in the order of 10's of millions of dollars.
24. Waikato Tainui seeks a commitment from Waikato District Council to meaningful engagement and discussion to understand and to identify how council will assist Iwi, manawhenua and whānau to provide for financial resourcing toward upgrades to marae infrastructure.

Council divesting pensioner housing to a social service provider

25. Waikato Tainui acknowledge the serious housing shortage currently facing this district and the country and support opportunities to work collaboratively with councils, NGO's, social service and community groups to address the housing needs of our tribal members.
26. While we are not fully cognisant of the number of tribal members currently tenanted the council's pensioner housing, our major concern with this proposal is that the tenants are not adversely affected by this proposal.
27. As such, Waikato-Tainui is not generally opposed to the divesting of Council's pensioner housing stock but seeks reassurance from Council that all tenants (and particularly any that are tribal members) are able to retain their housing arrangements should the transfer occur.

INORGANIC CURBSIDE RUBBISH COLLECTION

OPTION 1: continue to deliver the service with an increase to the solid waste targeted rate for everyone who currently receives a refuse collection to cover the true cost of the service. The solid waste targeted rate would increase to \$229.30, an increase of \$6.68 or 3% from \$222.71 in 2020.

OPTION 2: stop the service from year 1 of the 2021-31 Long Term Plan. The solid waste targeted rate would decrease to \$209.46 in year 1. This is a saving of \$13.25 from what you currently pay. Choosing this option would not cancel the collection planned for 2020/21.

28. While the inorganic curbside rubbish collection is much valued by the community, Waikato-Tainui acknowledge that the service is costly.
29. Waikato-Tainui are concerned that stopping the service might result in increased incidences of dumping of inorganic matter and the resulting negative impact on our environment, particularly our waterways.
30. It is noted that should the service be ceased, the solid waste targeted rate would decrease and a reduction in charges is always welcomed.
31. We note that stopping the service is the Council's preferred option and we have no issues with this as long as Council can assure us that those who dump rubbish are dealt with quickly and harshly and that Council will increase its efforts to prevent this happening.

Other Matters – Taiao (Environment)

32. Waikato Tainui seeks a commitment from Waikato District Council to support us to achieve the objectives of the Waikato Tainui Tai Tumu, Tai Pari, Tai Ao – Environmental Plan.
33. Waikato Tainui seeks a commitment from Waikato District Council toward restoration and protection of all flora and fauna taonga species within their natural environment. It goes without saying that in order to protect biodiversity Council should regard the broader issues of water take, and discharge to water, land and air as critical to achieving protection of biodiversity.
34. Waikato Tainui seeks a commitment from Council to ongoing engagement in relation to RMA reforms, specifically the proposed Natural and Built Environments Act (the Act) since the Act is likely to affect our ability to exercise Manawhakahaere over Te Awa o Waikato and her environs and our ability to restore and protect taonga species.
35. Waikato Tainui seeks a commitment from Council to engagement in relation to climate change since its' detrimental effects impact not only on iwi, hapuu and marae and whaanau but also on our ability to contribute fully in restoration and protection of the natural environment in which flora and fauna taonga species live.
36. Waikato Tainui seeks a commitment from Council to provide for Waikato, Waipa restoration iwi priorities which includes provision of resources and specific technical support to identify manawhenua and marae priorities.
37. Waikato Tainui seeks a commitment from Waikato District Council to ensure that those of our mana whenua who provide input and share their maatauranga with council in the development of policies and plans are properly resourced and recompensed for their time and expertise.

PROPOSED CHANGES TO USER FEES AND CHARGES

38. We note that a number of changes to user fees and charges are being proposed, the most significant being:
- (a) Removal of overdue library fees
 - (b) Adding a new boat ramp usage pass for single of annual use
 - (c) Three newly proposed category fees for commercial events that are based on the number of people attending events on our reserves
 - (d) Increase to stock impound fees
 - (e) Building consents – a number of new fees proposed to cover the actual cost of processing using a new electronic system for customers, for reviewing historic building consents, for building consent exemptions and for applications for works over or adjacent to water pipes
 - (f) An increase in monitoring fees to recover actual costs
 - (g) A new fee to cover the actual costs for large scale development which require coordination of a project team to assess activities across multiple areas within Council
39. In general, Waikato-Tainui do not support increases to fees or new fees however, recognises that in some cases these increases cannot be avoided. However, where fees increase or new fees are added the expectation is that the quality and level of service provided by council also increases and that rate-payers receive improved and high quality services delivered in a timely manner.

CONCLUSION

40. In conclusion, Waikato-Tainui recognises and understands the process that the Waikato District Council must undertake around their Long-Term Plan 2021-2031
41. Waikato-Tainui has a number of rights and interests as a result of legislation and other processes and seeks to ensure that these rights and interests are recognised and protected and that
- (a) The WDC LTP does not adversely affect the rights, interests, responsibilities and opportunities of Waikato-Tainui;
 - (b) The co-management principles that underpin our 2008 Settlement and the Settlement Act are recognised and upheld.
42. Waikato-Tainui remind Waikato District Council that the negative socio-economic impacts of Raupatu continue to be felt by our tribal members to this day and many have also been affected by the impacts of Covid 19. Within this context, Waikato District Council must ensure that there are a range of manageable payment options available to our iwi members as well as rates rebates and remission options.
43. Waikato-Tainui supports the Council's vision to "... work together as a district to build liveable, thriving and connected communities as our district grows." This aligns with the iwi's own mission "Kia Tupu, Kia Hua, Kia Puawai" – To Grow, Prosper and Sustain.
44. Council should at all times seek to engage early with Waikato-Tainui in the development of policy and plans and in their implementation.

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Do you support the proposed fees and charges?

Please tell us why

What changes would you like to see to the proposed fees and charges?

Any additional comments?

Attachment: Yes

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INTRODUCTION

1. The Waikato Province of Federated Farmers and Franklin and North Waikato Branches (hereafter collectively referred to as Federated Farmers) welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Waikato District Council Long Term Plan 2021 - 24 (LTP). We acknowledge any submissions made by individual members of Federated Farmers. This submission provides overall comment from the perspective of our farming members on the proposals in the consultation document and respective funding policies.
2. Federated Farmers is focused on the transparency of rate setting, rates equity and both the overall and relative cost of local government to agriculture. We support councils that are making progress towards achieving fairness and equity in their rating policies.
3. Federated Farmers would like to be heard in support of the submission.

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

4. Federated Farmers does not consider the projected rate increases of 8.4% for rural properties is justified and therefore recommends that Council makes greater use of the funding tools available under the Local Government Act to offset the disparity created by New Zealand's property value based rating system.
5. That Council continues to work hard to make efficiency gains and exercise spending restraint, to ensure rates increases are within the rate of inflation.
6. Federated Farmers seeks maximum use of the UAGC funding mechanism. If council determines that this would result in unfeasible rates increases this year, then incremental increases to achieve the 30% cap should be made over the next three years.
7. Federated Farmers expects services that provide an equal or indistinguishable amount of benefit across ratepayer groups, to receive increased levels of UAGC contribution. Activities such as Council Leadership, and Organisational Support are two examples.
8. That Waikato District Council steadily reduce general rate contributions to fund three waters infrastructure and activity.
9. That Council better manage the maintenance programmes of unsealed roads and associated infrastructure assets such as culverts and better manage water tables to reduce failures and unnecessary out of schedule repairs.
10. Federated Farmers supports Option 1, with respect to making any necessary general rate increases earlier rather than later, not the proposed extent of the increase.
11. That Council reassess the Revenue and Finance policy with increased use of fully funded fixed targeted rates for those services with easily identifiable beneficiaries.
12. Federated Farmers supports Option 2: Sell pensioner housing to a responsible service provider.

13. Federated Farmers support Option 1: Continue to offer the inorganic kerbside collection service.
14. Federated Farmers considers more information should be provided in the fees and charges document to enable users to be more informed as to potential costs associated with an activity.
15. Confirm that the Memorandum of Encumbrance for stock underpass is a 'one off' fee, clarify how and when the permanent stock crossing checks are charged for.
16. That all fees and charges relating to the same or similar activity are located in the same section of the fees and charges document

GENERAL COMMENTS

17. Rates are among the top ten operational expenses of a farming business. They are a source of financial pressure for farmers. Federated Farmers makes submissions on Annual and Long Term Plans to ensure Council's exercise fiscal prudence, and consider affordability, fairness and equity issues when recovering rates (to the extent this is possible in land and capital value rating systems).
18. Federated Farmers appreciates that for Regional and District Councils alike the 2021 LTP is heavily directed by external factors. Increasing costs to implement Central Government regulatory changes, coupled with the ongoing impact of COVID19 are untimely challenges for Councils. There is pressure to invest in new and upgraded infrastructure, especially for the 'three waters' and for roading and transport, let alone adequately maintain their existing infrastructure. Councils can defer this work for only so long.
19. Federated Farmers extends an offer to foster a better working relationship with Council, we are keen to build on this through regular meetings between our nominated representatives and staff and create opportunities for discussion over resource management issues and the future direction of our district.

FINANCIAL STRATEGY

Rates Increases

20. Over the past few years ratepayers have experienced rates increases well above the rate of inflation, whether it is expressed as the consumer price index (which is of primary importance to ratepayers) or the local government cost index. This places considerable burden on ratepayers.
21. Rates are a charge for services, and they are **supposed** to reflect the access to, and benefit derived by ratepayers from council services. This is a key principle, reinforced in 2019 by the Productivity Commission and a key provision in s.101 of the LGA that sets out funding principles for local authorities. In practice though, Federated Farmers considers that the 'benefit principle' is often eroded by factoring in other considerations like 'affordability' or 'ability to pay', even though councils have no idea of the financial situations of their individual ratepayers.

22. Simply put, rates based on capital or land value result in farms paying much more than other types of property for the general services of local government. Perversely, farmers are miles away from a lot of what their council provides, and rural areas are sparsely populated – without demand for (let alone supply of) footpaths, litter bins, streetlights, and parks.
23. The average increase across the district of 7.8% is significant, and for our members, rural ratepayers, the increase is projected to be even greater at around 8.4%. When ratepayers that are not connected to services are amongst the highest and hardest hit by the rate increases it is a clear indicator of an over reliance on the property value portion of the general rate being used to fund council activities.
24. We note Council is advising the work programmes in the draft LTP will result in an average rate increase for ratepayers that will not exceed 10% in year one, and 8% in every other year of the plan. We remind Council that the incomes of ratepayers will in no way increase to the same extent as the proposed increases in rates, with the implication that the costs Council is imposing on its ratepayers, will squeeze out other areas of expenditure.
25. **Recommendation:** *Federated Farmers does not consider the projected rate increases of 8.4% for rural properties is justified and therefore recommends that Council makes greater use of the funding tools available under the Local Government Act to offset the disparity created by New Zealand's property value-based rating system. For example, we strongly support the use of modifiers such as differentials, to reduce the high general rates on farms. We support full use of the Uniform Annual General Charge (UAGC) up to the legislated 30% cap and Targeted Rates as they are generally fairer for farms than property value.*
26. **Recommendation:** *That Council continues to work hard to make efficiency gains and exercise spending restraint, to ensure rates increases are within the rate of inflation.*

Uniform Annual General Charge (UAGC)

27. Federated Farmers supports use of the UAGC as close to the legislative maximum of 30% of total rates revenue as possible.
28. It is unclear what the current usage is because this information has not been provided in the either the consultation (CD) or support documents. Federated Farmers considers it important to have the percentage of UAGC use clearly reported in the LTP. This allows readers to see how close to the legislative maximum the UAGC use is, and therefore how committed a council is to reducing their reliance on the property value based general rate and how fair their rating system is consequently.
29. Federated Farmers consistently supports full use of the UAGC to ensure a more equitable contribution from ratepayers across the district and has previously urged Waikato District Council to increase the use this funding mechanism to offset the disparity created by property value rates. Whilst the CD states that the UAGC portion will increase by the same portion as the general rates portion that doesn't mean it will be used as extensively as it should be.
30. UAGC's are a fair way for Councils to rate for services that provide an equal or indistinguishable amount of benefit across ratepayer groups. Especially when compared to a general rate calculated by capital value which results in groups such as farmers paying more for an activity which they are unlikely to use more than any other group in a community.

31. Where Council is concerned that the effects of increasing the use of the UAGC rate would be regressive and impact upon lower capital value properties, Federated Farmers submits that the rates remissions scheme, alongside the broader central government welfare system and rates rebates scheme, remain the most robust and efficient methods of progressive redistribution, with the ability to target each concern on a case by case basis, in a way that is not possible using the blunt property value basis afforded by rates.
32. Council is not in a position to assess who is most able to afford its rates. Councils do not know the income or net wealth of their ratepayers, which are the best indicators of ability to pay. All councils know is their ratepayers' assessed property values and have access, like anyone else, to social demographic statistics. This is insufficient information on which to base "ability to pay" principles.
33. Council should keep in mind the specific purpose of local government rates is to fund Council activities in a manner that is efficient and equitable; the tax treatment of rates as a business expense, is not a matter that is either reasonable or relevant to consider when deciding what is a fair allocation of rates. Federated Farmers uses this opportunity to remind Council that rates attract GST because they are considered a payment for goods and services. Rates are not 'just another tax' and we ask council to resist using this relatively dismissive response when asked to justify why the rates land so disproportionately on higher value properties.
34. It is worth remembering that uniform charges were introduced into rating legislation as a tempering tool to offset the bluntness of the property value mechanism. It was designed to shift inequitable rating burdens from those with high value properties.
35. Federated Farmers supports maximum use of general and targeted uniform charges. When these mechanisms are utilised, every ratepayer pays the same amount for the public good services of council that everyone benefits from equally. Better use of the UAGC will also reduce reliance on the general rate as a funding mechanism and flattens the distribution of rates bills between high to low value properties.
36. **Recommendation:** *Federated Farmers seeks maximum use of the UAGC funding mechanism. If council determines that this would result in unfeasible rates increases this year, then incremental increases to achieve the 30% cap should be made over the next three years.*
37. **Recommendation:** *Federated Farmers expects services that provide an equal or indistinguishable amount of benefit across ratepayer groups, to receive increased levels of UAGC contribution. Activities such as Council Leadership, and Organisational Support are two examples.*

THREE WATERS – DRINKING, WASTE AND STORMWATER

38. Federated Farmers appreciates that infrastructure deficits for waste and storm water along with Government direction for drinking water will increase rating pressure for all Councils. For Waikato District Council, we note that three waters infrastructure all rely on contributions from the general rate.

39. A significant proportion of Federated Farmers members, and the wider rural community in general, do not rely on the Council's waste and water system infrastructure. Instead, our members are responsible for their own supplies, i.e private water schemes with independent septic tanks.
40. Federated Farmers is concerned that the cost of remedying local government's failings in this regard is steadily working its way into farm rates. Federated Farmers therefore considers that any increase to rates to fund infrastructure to support the needs of urban ratepayers should be passed back to these ratepayers specifically. Funding for water and wastewater network costs should not be met via contributions from the general rate.
41. **Recommendation:** *That Waikato District Council steadily reduce general rate contributions to fund three waters infrastructure and activity.*

ROADING

42. Roading is always a key issue for farmers, and we take the opportunity to advise council that poor maintenance of the unsealed network and associated water tables and culverts are undermining the assets.
43. These should be the priority for Council on the unsealed network along with a more frequent grading regime. We note Council is making more use of a roller working in conjunction with the grader and we commend this approach.
44. **Recommendation:** *That Council better manage the maintenance programmes of unsealed roads and associated infrastructure assets such as culverts and better manage water tables to reduce failures and unnecessary out of schedule repairs.*

SPECIFIC CONSULTATION TOPICS

Two General Rate options

45. Federated Farmers takes the opportunity to not only discuss the proposed rate increase and when it should kick in but use of the general rate and other options more broadly.
46. In considering the funding uses for the General rate, a rural property should not contribute a disproportionate amount, unless that rural property receives greater relative benefit from the particular activity. Federated Farmers is committed to ensuring Council achieves a reasonable allocation of costs to the community, through intelligent use of rating tools.
47. The reality that overreliance on the general rate disadvantages higher value properties undermines the equity outcomes Council should be trying to achieve and underpins the need for Council's rating policies to reflect some consideration of the relative 'benefit received' by ratepayers from Council activities, when considering who should bear the costs of these activities.
48. Federated Farmers understands that WDC uses a range of targeted rates as part of the funding source for activities such as community and leisure facilities, community boards,

economic development, stormwater, refuse management, wastewater, and water reticulation, treatment and supply. However Federated Farmers is concerned to note that those activities are not fully funded by targeted rates. We can see that some effort is being made with regards to water and wastewater services but in the main WDC seems comfortable using the general rate as a 'top up' subsidizing option rather than committing fully to the beneficiary pays principle. This defeats the purpose somewhat.

49. The impact of the general rate back stop is compounded for rural properties who not only contribute more per property type to the general rate funding pool but are key contributors to the fixed targeted rate funding pool as well.
50. It is clear that targeted rates are not being applied appropriately or bringing in enough revenue to support the services. Those who are directly connected or have access are arguably not paying enough or there are inefficiencies somewhere. Targeted rates empower ratepayer sectors to pay for projects of value to them without affecting other ratepayers. In addition, the direct correlation between benefits and costs to a particular sector is more likely to accurately determine the appropriate level of spending on that service.
51. If WDC considers that some services include a public good component and warrant wider contribution, then the ratio must be determined. However, our strong opinion is that the ratio must be closer to 90-10, private to public. Over reliance on the general rate reduces important transparency and accountability.
52. Federated Farmers considers the projected increases in the general rate over the next few years to be excessive and seeks the below recommendations to reduce reliance on the general rate. That said we support Council's preferred option which is to make any necessary increases earlier rather than later.
53. **Recommendation:** *That Council reassess the Revenue and Finance policy with increased use of fully funded fixed targeted rates for those services with easily identifiable beneficiaries.*
54. **Recommendation:** *That Council reassess the Revenue and Finance policy with increased use of the UAGC to fund services that benefit all ratepayers equally.*
55. **Recommendation:** *Federated Farmers supports Option 1, with respect to making any necessary general rate increases earlier rather than later, not the proposed extent of the increase.*

Should pensioner housing be a council service?

56. Federated Farmers has read the CD material on this matter and given the issues identified has drawn the same conclusion as council that selling pensioner housing to a responsible provider seems to provide the best outcomes for both ratepayers and tenants.
57. **Recommendation:** Support Option 2: Sell pensioner housing to a responsible service provider

Should we continue to offer an inorganic kerbside rubbish collection service?

58. Federated Farmers understands the issues identified with this service. However, we are concerned that pulling it will create more illegal dumping in rural areas. Rural areas are attractive to illegally dump because the isolation, less population density, less cars on the road and no street lighting reduces surveillance opportunities and significantly lowers the chances of getting caught. Because of these factors, increasing litter offence fines or other methods designed to discourage or change poor behaviour are unlikely to act as much of a deterrent.
59. Council states that providing the service is likely to increase substantially over the next three years and yet the proposed rate implications don't reflect that. Pulling the service will only save those who pay the solid waste targeted rate around \$20 a year, which, when considered against the benefit of receiving the service seems immaterial.
60. Inorganic collections are very specific in terms of what is accepted at the kerbside, this is one method used to reduce health and safety risks and keep costs contained and is supported. The CD states that the service doesn't align with the Waste Management Minimisation Plan (WMMP) but doesn't provide any explanation as to why. Without knowing why the service contradicts the WMMP it is difficult to determine the merits of the point being made.
61. **Recommendation:** Support Option 1: Continue to offer the inorganic kerbside collection service

User fees and charges

62. Federated Farmers understands the proposed fees and charges 2021-2024 are being consulted on at this time. We find information relating to fees and charges for stock crossing and stock bypasses to be unclear, confusing, and potentially excessive and seek clarification during this process.
63. With reference to the below extract, is the charge a per inspection fee, charged only when an inspection is undertaken or is it an annual fee that is charged regardless of whether there are one or two checks per year?

Description	Charge 2021/2022 (\$)	Charge 2022/2023 (\$)	Charge 2023/2024 (\$)
Permanent livestock crossing biannual/annual checks	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00

64. With reference to the below extract, it is unclear for what purpose or how often the memorandum charge will be applied. Normally an "encumbrance" is associated with a land title, and records something that is associated with that land like a registered mortgage or covenant.

65. So, an 'encumbrance fee' would appear to be some sort of a charge to cover the costs of there being an encumbrance on the land, as recorded in the associated "memorandum of encumbrance". While the fee might be justified for the initial drawing up and recording of the agreement, it would seem very hard to justify on an on-going basis. We are keen to know whether our assumptions are correct as to what the fee is actually for and want to know how often is it charged? In our opinion it should only be a 'one off' charge but consider that needs to be clearly stated.

Memorandum of encumbrance for stock underpass	790.00	790.00	790.00
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66. We also note that charges relating to stock underpasses are found under both the Building Control and Roothing sections of the document. In our view it makes more sense to have all fees and charges relating to the same or similar activity included in the same section.
67. **Recommendation:** *In our view more information should be provided in the fees and charges document to enable users to be more informed as to potential costs associated with an activity.*
68. **Recommendation:** *Confirm that the memorandum of encumbrance for stock underpass is a 'one off' fee, clarify how the permanent stock crossing checks are charged for.*
69. **Recommendation:** *That all fees and charges relating to the same or similar activity are included in the same section of the fees and charges document.*

CONCLUSION

Federated Farmers urges Waikato District Council to seriously consider the recommendations in this submission as in our view they identify how the financing policies can be improved for the benefit of rural ratepayers by enhancing principles of fairness and equity.

Federated Farmers thanks the Waikato District Council for considering our submission to the draft Long Term Plan 2021-31. We respectfully request a summary of submissions, and the officer's analysis of those submissions.

Federated Farmers is a not-for-profit primary sector policy and advocacy organisation that represents the majority of farming businesses in New Zealand. Federated Farmers has a long and proud history of representing the interests of New Zealand's farmers.

The Federation aims to add value to its members' farming businesses. Our key strategic outcomes include the need for New Zealand to provide an economic and social environment within which:

- **Our members may operate their business in a fair and flexible commercial environment;**

- **Our members' families and their staff have access to services essential to the needs of the rural community; and**
 - **Our members adopt responsible management and environmental practices.**
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Waikato District Council – Draft User Fees and Charges 2021-2024 Submission

Submitter ID: 1832

Name: Alice Tiffany for Go Eco

Organisation:

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

Do you support the proposed fees and charges?

Please tell us why

What changes would you like to see to the proposed fees and charges?

Any additional comments?

Attachment: Yes



**Submission by Go Eco Waikato Environment Centre
on the
Waikato District Council
Long Term Plan 2021**

Go Eco wishes to make an oral submission

Contact:
Jo Wrigley
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Our mission is to be a voice for the environment, a centre for learning and a catalyst for change.

We provide community education, collaborate with and support environmental groups and projects, provide inspiration for living lighter and advocate on behalf of the environment.

We support a regional ecosystem of communities, groups, ideas and projects that bear the fruit of healthy environments and thriving communities.

Go Eco submits the following:

Should we go hard and early or take a cautious approach?

We support a rating system that achieves more equitable outcomes across the community. This is especially important to get right because lower income communities are more at risk to climate-based costs etc.

We support going hard for climate adaptation and the preservation of our indigenous biodiversity and food systems, and we submit further amendments to our current rating system.

We propose that rates also include a contribution to biodiversity/predator control. This would ensure that the imperative work of biodiversity and predator control is funded within standard operational practice and costs, rather than being funded for short-term or one-off projects, which is far less effective - both financially and environmentally.

Biodiversity and greener cities are overwhelmingly good for people, economics and the environment. These benefits apply primarily to landowners, thus it is reasonable to expect biodiversity outcomes are a central part of rate payer contributions.

Should Pensioner Housing be a Council service?

We support option 1: retain pensioner housing.

Waikato District Council is a partner to the Waikato Plan Regional Housing Initiative and Environmental Plan. In our view, Council has a responsibility to lead in the provision of efficient and sustainable homes for WDC communities. We recommend home performance assessments and reporting in order to maintain this council asset.

Should we continue to offer an inorganic kerbside rubbish collection service?

We support the Council's aim to move away from focusing on inorganic kerbside collection, as this will help facilitate a mode shift to zero waste alternatives. With no highly convenient option to dispose of waste, we believe individuals will be more conscious of the waste they produce, and therefore more motivated to produce less waste, re-use more, and make purchases that contribute to a circular economy of use.

However, if changes were to occur, we are conscious of the need to provide wrap-around support and education about this change to ensure communities are able to make informed decisions around waste reduction.

We support community based composting initiatives.

User fees and charges

We support user-pays based pricing systems for waste and rubbish fees, to encourage waste reduction by all. We request that Council be more ambitious in their rubbish and recycling plans, which would better reflect the importance of this issue.

Policy

We support policies and actions that:

- Places taiao at the heart of policy;
- Upholds and affirms Te Tiriti o Waitangi by integrating its Articles and principles throughout all priorities recommended by Council;
- Prioritises equitable outcomes and acknowledges the disproportionate effect of climate change on structurally oppressed communities such as disabled peoples, people of colour, indigenous peoples, lower socio-economic communities and marginalised genders including trans and intersex people;
- Gives governance, decision-making powers, and autonomy to Māori to practise Kaitiakitanga and exercise Tino Rangatiratanga over all their taonga;
- Focus on a just transition - through mitigation, adaptation and elimination - to the
- climate crisis, by working to repair the historic oppression of frontline and vulnerable communities through the acknowledgement of past and contemporary oppression.

Whaingaroa (Raglan) food waste collection service

The strongest possible food waste service is one that actively encourages a zero waste philosophy. Actively and intentionally supporting zero waste living in communities is the kind of leadership communities expect to see from our councils.

We support direct engagement and collaboration with Xtreme Zero Waste and Parakore as exemplary models of community based employment and education. Whaingaroa is often held up as an example of community enterprise and initiative that has a much wider impact on healthy environments and thriving communities.

Community Outcomes and Goals

We support a regional ecosystem of communities, groups, ideas and projects that bear the fruit of healthy environments and thriving communities.

Climate change: We recognise that human-induced climate change is a critical issue which is impacting Aotearoa New Zealand, and that these impacts fall disproportionately on those already facing inequality. We recognise the role of Mana Whenua and support Māori to realise kaitiakitanga in their rohe. We support work towards adaptation methods which increase community resilience to climate change and decrease carbon emissions.

Waikato Wellbeing Project: We encourage connection and innovation for the Waikato Wellbeing Project outcomes.

Conservation corridors: We recommend Council endeavour to establish linking native habitat corridors connecting all remnant forest and mountain conservation area. This would ensure native animals can freely migrate between all established native sanctuaries, further supporting their protection and development.

Rates: We propose that rates also include a contribution to biodiversity/predator control. This would ensure that the imperative work of biodiversity and predator control is funded within standard operational practice and costs, rather than being funded for short-term or one-off projects, which is far less effective - both financially and environmentally.

Biodiversity and greener towns are overwhelmingly good for people, economics and the environment. These benefits apply primarily to landowners, thus it is reasonable to expect biodiversity outcomes are a central part of rate payer contributions.

Blueprints and Community Projects

We support investment into safe and climate friendly modes of transport. We oppose any slowing of investment of these sorts as this would delay mode shift and therefore delay the emissions reductions the district could achieve.

Lower income neighbourhoods should be prioritised as these communities are most likely to be experiencing transport poverty due to car dependence and a lack of safe and accessible alternative modes of transport. These neighbourhoods will benefit the most from investment into transport modes other than private cars.

We tautoko Waikato-Tainui's Tai Tumu Tai Pari Tai Ao in regards to transportation infrastructure being developed and managed in a manner that provides for social, cultural, spiritual, economic, and environmental needs.

We refer to 26.2.7 of Tai Tumu, Tai Pari Taiao and remind this council that all transport infrastructure decisions must consider the history of systemic confiscation in the name of Public Works and the impact of infrastructure, such as roading, on water and the environment. Our position is: due to serious issues surrounding climate change, low carbon transport options should be a top priority in district planning processes, moving away from individual car ownership to an efficient, modern and resilient transport system available for all members of the community.

We support district planning that incorporates: safe and accessible walking and cycling options; multi-modal transport; affordable and reliable public transport; and sustainable urban development. This reduces distances needed to travel to work, educational or recreation facilities.

Financial Strategy

We strongly submit that Council divest from fossil fuels to achieve a more environmentally sustainable, prosperous and inclusive Waikato District. A vital part of this is to align your commitments with the Waikato Regional Council Investment Fund and immediately adopt a responsible investment policy that divests our public funds from climate-wrecking coal, oil, and gas companies.

We ask that you:

- Freeze all new investments in companies involved in the extraction, production and manufacturing of coal, oil and gas;
- Divest all holdings from the fossil fuel industry by 31 December 2022; and
- Update the Council's Statement of Investment Policy and Objectives to include a responsible investment policy that excludes harmful industries including fossil fuels, tobacco, gambling and firearms.

We are currently living in the fossil fuel era, but the science is clear that our dependency on carbon needs to end, and our public institutions like Councils have a critical role to play in this transition. We need to cut off the investments that enable the fossil fuel industry to keep digging. We're already seeing the impacts of climate change in Aotearoa, with more severe droughts, wildfires and floods, and we need to act now to limit further damages in the future.

Council has a fiduciary responsibility to manage our district's funds well and must commit to developing investment practices that are consistent with evolving thinking regarding the significance of environment, social and governance factors within the decision-making process. However, we believe the Council currently has no responsible investment policy to exclude investments in harmful industries such as fossil fuels, tobacco, gambling and firearms.

We urge Council to use its investment funds in constructive ways, investing in projects, organisations and businesses that work to positively contribute to the environment, with the intention to generate measurable, beneficial social and environmental impacts.

It's time for the Council to adopt a responsible investment policy and invest in sustainable industries that will build a healthier future for all of us.

Te Tiriti o Waitangi

Climate justice is Te Tiriti justice.

The second article of Te Tiriti affirms tangata whenua, tino rangatiratanga status over their taonga. Tangata whenua are kaitiaki of the whenua and know how to manage their taonga with the interests of Papatūānuku at heart. This plan doesn't show that commitment to relationships with tangata whenua, with Waikato-Tainui hapū. This Plan should provide an opportunity to reaffirm and strengthen tangata whenua tino rangatiratanga status.

Waikato District Council – Draft User Fees and Charges 2021-2024 Submission

Submitter ID: 1819

Name: Auckland/Waikato Fish and Game

Organisation:

Wish to speak to submission:

Do you support the proposed fees and charges?

Please tell us why

What changes would you like to see to the proposed fees and charges?

Any additional comments?

The specific parts of the application that my submission relates to are;

- Adding a new boat ramp usage pass for single or annual use (see attached for further information)

Attachment: Yes



To: Waikato District Council (WDC).

Submitter: Auckland/Waikato Fish and Game (AWFG).

Feedback on: The Waikato District 2021-2031 Long Term Plan (LTP).

The specific parts of the application that my submission relates to are;

- Adding a new boat ramp usage pass for single or annual use

I oppose the applications.

Reasons:

1. Auckland Waikato Fish and Game (“AWFG”) is an entity established under the Conservation Act (1987): to manage, maintain and enhance the sports fish and game bird habitat resource in the recreational interests of anglers and hunters (s26Q (1)); to assess and monitor the conditions and trend of ecosystems as habitats for sports fish and game (s26Q(1)(a)(iii)); to represent the interests and aspirations of anglers and hunters in the statutory planning process (s26Q(1)(e)(i)); and to advocate the interests of the Council, including its interests in habitats (s26Q(1)(e)(vii)).
2. Fish and Game New Zealand actively promotes responsible and ethical hunting and fishing practices. As game bird hunters, we all have the following responsibilities, as detailed in the Game Bird Hunting Code of Practice:
 - Hunt and humanely.
 - Protect game bird resources and our fishing/hunting traditions.
 - Care for the environment.
 - Respect the rights of others.
 - Stop the spread of aquatic pests .
3. Fish and Game licences are a permit to sports fishing and hunting in line with the regulations governing the Fish & Game New Zealand region you're fishing and hunting in to include whole season licenses and day licenses.

Statutory managers of freshwater sports fish, gamebirds and their habitats.

Auckland/Waikato Region

156 Brymer Rd, RD 9, Hamilton 3289, New Zealand. Telephone (07) 849 1666
 Email: aucklandwaikato@fishandgame.org.nz www.fishandgame.org.nz

4. AWFG licence holders pay rates within the Waikato Region and many of the Fish and Games licence holders use boat ramps to access sports fishing and game bird hunting areas. Many of which are informal, in remote access locations, and in poor condition.
5. Though there is reference in the Waikato District LTP 2021-2031 document for intended upgraded boat ramps, there is no guarantee that the use fees will be used specifically for these upgrades and no guarantee that all boat ramps will be included if upgrades were made.

Issue:

6. Without guarantee that use fees will be used to upgrade all boat ramps, many which are informal, in remote access locations and in poor condition, AWFG licence holders will have an extra cost additional to their rates and licence fees.
7. The main concern for AWFG is the boat ramp use fees will put an extra burden on AWFG licence holders who either pay for a whole season licence or one day licences. These fees are of a substantial value and any additional cost to licence holders, especially those who have whole season licences and use boat ramps frequently throughout the season will be subsequently pressured by the additional fee which is not guaranteed to provide boat ramp upgrades.

Relief sought:

8. AWFG oppose the new boat ramp usage pass for single or annual use.

May 5th, 2021.



Clare Robertson
Environmental Officer
Auckland/Waikato Fish and Game

Waikato District Council – Draft User Fees and Charges 2021-2024 Submission

Submitter ID: 1743

Name: Withheld

Organisation:

Wish to speak to submission:

Do you support the proposed fees and charges?

Please tell us why

What changes would you like to see to the proposed fees and charges?

Any additional comments?

Do not introduce boat ramp fees, these facilities have already been paid for as it will engender good public support and enforcement costs would likely exceed fees recovered.

Attachment: No

Attachment 6

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Waikato District Council – Draft Development Contributions Policy 2021 Submission

Submitter ID: 1841

Name / Organisation: Pokeno Village Holdings Limited

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

My submission relates to:

Revised catchment maps

Revised capital works schedule

Revised development contributions levies

Revised development contributions policy

Do you support the proposed Development Contributions Policy?

No, I do not support it (Option 1 - Status Quo)

Comments:

Attachment: Yes



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ECM project # PR-1506-02

ECM no. #

Submission #

Customer #

Property #

Development Contributions Policy & Appendices 2021

Submission form (please provide feedback by 7 May 2021)

Name/Organisation Pokeno Village Holdings Limited
 Postal address Postcode
 Email colinb@dinesgroup.co.nz

A hearing will be held on the week of 24 May 2021. Would you like to present your submission to Council at the hearing? Yes No

My submission relates to:

Revised catchment maps Revised capital works schedule Revised development contributions levies Revised development contributions policy

Do you support the proposed Development Contributions Policy & Appendices 2021?

No, I do not support it (Option 1) ~~Yes, I support it (Option 2)~~

Comments:

~~F. B. A.~~ The Pokeno spatial area known as the Graham Block/Plan Change 21 locality to be defined as ;
 "Land under a Development Contributions Agreement with Waikato District Council"

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Waikato District Council – Draft Development Contributions Policy 2021 Submission

Submitter ID: 1798

Name / Organisation: Tamahere Community Committee

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

My submission relates to:

Revised development contributions policy

Do you support the proposed Development Contributions Policy?

No, I do not support it (Option 1 - Status Quo)

Comments:

As per attached.

Attachment: Yes



Submission on Development Contributions Policy 2021-2022

*made pursuant to the
Resource Management Act 1991*

To: **Waikato District Council**
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Submitter: **Tamahere Community Committee**

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The Tamahere Community Committee [TCC] was established by the Waikato District Council [WDC] in conjunction with the Tamahere Ward Councillor. Its members are elected at a Triennial Public meeting convened by the CEO of the WDC and is governed by the Council protocols for Community Boards and Committees. This submission is made by the TCC representing the wider interests of the Tamahere Community and its population of over 6,000 living in a rural/country living environment.

Submitted on: Waikato District Council 2021-2022 Development Contributions Policy

TCC is making this submission as a Community organisation.

TCC **Supports** the need for a clear policy on Council charges for Development Contributions ("DC's")

TCC **does wish to be heard** in support of this submission.

TCC submits:

1. The majority of properties in Tamahere are either zoned rural or country living

2. The Country Living Zone (CLZ) is not intended to be thought of as Residential development as might apply in towns like Huntly, Raglan, Tuakau, Pokeno, etc
3. We support the general concept that “Only developments that place extra demands on infrastructure and which cause the Council to incur capital costs will be liable” for DC’s – Para **11.1**
4. Historically DC’s have been imposed and paid by the developer when a property is subdivided and additional titles issued. The proposed DC’s policy creates undisclosed liability (not discoverable) to a new owner of vacant land if the Council is of the view that the original developer has not contributed sufficient to cover “extra demands on infrastructure and which cause the Council to incur capital costs ... ”
5. For example: Policy 11.3.2 records

“Dwellings constructed on allotments with registered titles may attract development contributions under this policy. The extent of any contributions payable will depend on whether any payments were made at earlier stages in the development process, as well as the specific services that the development is connected to.”
6. TCC is of the view that the Council **MUST** flag the LIM report for such a property with a clear statement that this liability exists for this particular property (not a generalisation statement on every LIM Report).
7. Extensive prescriptive rules do not necessarily provide clarity and have ‘unintended consequences’ ...
8. For example Policy 11.3.1 includes the following:

“Any resource consent application that **creates the potential** to build additional independent dwelling will also attract development contributions at a rate of one HEU per *additional* allotment, service connection or dwelling.”
9. This statement introduces a subjective element to the Policy, allowing Council staff to apply their own prejudicial bias and assumptions to the application in a manner that is entirely wrong, so as to extract additional DC’s from a property in circumstances which are likely to be inappropriate. This is a form of extortion and should not be a basis which the Council empowers staff to ‘make up’ potential scenarios under the guise of this policy.
10. Units of demand in policy 14 change Councils policy for:

- a. a tiny home 0.00sqm to 30.00sqm which used to be charged at .25 of the HEU rate is now proposed to be charged as a full HEU, and
 - b. a Minor dwelling (old terminology) 30.01sqm to 70.0sqm used to be charged at .50 of the HEU rate is now to be charged as a full HEU.
11. TCC considers this inequitable as, by definition a small (minor) dwelling cannot house the number of occupants a larger dwelling can and these small dwellings have to share a service connection. Their use of district or area infrastructure cannot be equivalent to that of a larger dwelling.
 12. The intention of streamlining this policy's application will create inequity, and an opportunity for Council to gather more funds. The current graduated charges for "minor" dwellings allows for the size and likely number of occupants.
 13. Only developments that place extra demands on infrastructure – and which cause the council to incur capital costs – can be liable for additional DC's.
 14. Liability for DC's should stem from the creation of extra pressure on infrastructure and usage, which is not of a minor nature. The graduated method of charging should therefore be retained as it is the most appropriate and equitable basis for charging. The proposed full Development Contribution cost for an HEU is out of all proportion to the cost of creating these ancillary units and is unreasonable. The creation of these small units will take people out of larger dwellings leaving the larger homes to assist with the current housing shortage dilemma.
 15. Generally, a small unit/ancillary dwelling is a "low cost" dwelling and adding full DC's will make the cost substantially more, defeating the objective of 'low cost housing'.
 16. TCC submits that only developments which place actual extra demands on Council infrastructure – resulting in the Council having to incur capital costs – should be liable. Liability to development contributions should stem from the creation of extra pressure on infrastructure and usage. It seems entirely reasonable that the graduated method of charging be retained.

TCC seeks the following decision/s from the WDC (*precise details, including any parts that should be amended and the nature of any conditions sought*):

1. A fair and proper policy which does not spring surprises on unsuspecting property owners.

2. A policy which is clear and does not give Council staff the ability to 'make up' a story to support the imposition of additional DC's after a title for the property has been issued.
 3. Liability for DC's should stem from actual extra pressure on infrastructure and usage. The graduated method of charging DC's for should be retained for minor/ancillary dwellings
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This submission is filed electronically with the WDC.

Waikato District Council – Draft Development Contributions Policy 2021 Submission

Submitter ID: 1782

Name / Organisation: Lakeside Developments 2017 Limited

Wish to speak to submission: No

My submission relates to:

Revised development contributions levies

Revised development contributions policy

Do you support the proposed Development Contributions Policy?

No, I do not support it (Option 1 - Status Quo)

Comments:

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Development Contributions Policy 2021 Submission

Submitter ID: 1777

Name / Organisation: Andrew Wood, Next Construction

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

My submission relates to:

Revised catchment maps

Revised capital works schedule

Revised development contributions levies

Revised development contributions policy

Do you support the proposed Development Contributions Policy?

No, I do not support it (Option 1 - Status Quo)

Comments:

Please refer to the attached submission.

Attachment: Yes

Introduction

My name is Andrew Wood. I work for Next Construction Limited as a Development Manager. We have current development interests in the following land in Ngaruawahia:

- 15, 29 & 33 Galbraith St – 4.2 ha of Living Zone land (proposed Medium Density under the PDP);
- 61 Old Taupiri Road – 1.18 ha of Living Zone land;
- 26 Jackson St – 7,000m² of Living Zone land;
- 99 Ngaruawahia Road – 2.2ha of Living Zone land;
- 99A Ngaruawahia Road and 18 Rangimarie Road – 3ha of proposed Residential Zone (PDP)

We have 11.2ha of housing we aim to deliver in Ngaruawahia in the next three years. Even at a conservative density of 16 dwellings per hectare (ignoring any comprehensive proposals or medium density) that equates to 180 houses we want to build in three years. Using current conservative estimates this is more than \$150m of housing in Ngaruawahia. We are also actively seeking further development opportunities in Ngaruawahia. We are heavily invested in the future of the town and fully support capital growth funding that assists with our vision.

We deliver all scales of housing from single dwellings, duplex dwellings, to terraced housing and apartments. One thing we do differently to many developers is that we buy the land, subdivide the land, build the houses and distribute to the market. We generally do not sell bulk land in super lots or to build partners and prefer to sell to end users. One of our development focuses is on livability of the houses we build.

We have reviewed the draft DC Policy. We wish to make it clear that we support the intention and understand the need for DC's to facilitate growth. A key point of our submission is that growth benefits the whole town and District, not just the immediate catchment it is located within.

Our submission points are as follows:

1. We object in part to Policy 7.1 – there needs to be certainty around the timing of the levy to ensure cost certainty for developers.
2. Ngaruawahia Sub Catchment A Development Contribution - we object to the draft DC Policy values in Appendix 1 for Ngaruawahia sub catchment A stormwater and transport. \$104,298 per additional unit will simply result in no development due to the cost;
3. We support the District Wide reserves, District Wide Community Facilities, District Wide Roading, water and wastewater levies proposed for Ngaruawahia;

Justification for our submission points are outlined below.

Submission Point 1 – Policy 7.1

We understand the intention of point 7.1 in the DC Policy however seek further amendments to ensure 100% certainty as to timing for when levies will be implemented. As a developer, we require certainty of DC's to be payable at the timing of land acquisition. DC's form an important part of the financial model for development. Point 7.1 (and in particularly the note following in text) seems to imply that the first opportunity to levy a DC will be used as the timing for when a DC is implemented, however it does not go as far as stating this, leaving potential ambiguity regarding implementation. Hamilton City Council have recently been in the High Court after being challenged on this exact matter. We need certainty that the first opportunity to assess and levy a DC charge will be in accordance with the DC Policy at the time.

For example, if we submit a resource consent application (obviously prior to any building consent, certificate of acceptance or service connection) all our financial modelling will be based on the DC Policy at the time (plus PPI). We need to be assured that the DC's to be charged on completion have not changed. A perfect example follows in Submission Point 2, where we have 83 residential units currently being considered for resource consent by Waikato DC. If the DC Policy has an ability for Council to levy DC's under the Proposed DC Policy, the DC increases from \$14,000 to \$104,000 per unit. We would simply lose money and not develop, nor build any houses. Based on the number of units we have resource consent applications for, the current DC's equate to \$1.17m. Based on the proposed levy this could increase to \$8.66m. The total DC capex in Appendix 3 of the draft DC Policy is only \$9.88m.

The note following point 7.1 in the draft DC Policy implies that the timing of levy to be applied will be resource consent (as the likely first opportunity), which we agree with, but it does not go as far as actually stating that fact. This ambiguity therefore must be removed.

Our relief sought is that the policy wording be amended with more clarity on timing of the levy to be applied and that the DC rate to be levied is locked in at the time of Resource Consent application (if applicable, or the corresponding first opportunity to levy).

Submission Point 2 – Ngaruawahia Sub Catchment A Development Contribution

We object to the proposed Ngaruawahia Sub Catchment A Development Contribution for stormwater (\$64,287) and transport (\$21,038) for the following reasons. We support the increases to District Wide reserves, District Wide Community Facilities, District Wide Rooding, water and wastewater levies for this sub catchment:

- The total DC is simply too high (\$104,298 per residential unit) and development will cease in this sub-catchment if this value is adopted. It is more than double the next highest DC in the District;
- There is no explanation in the capital works project as to what the actual capital work proposed entails. This applies to both stormwater and transport. The works are also not in the existing or proposed LTP;
- The catchment boundary is not logical, not fair and not equitable which is contrary to the purpose of DC's under the LGA;
 - The land on the western side of Old Taupiri Road is excluded from the sub catchment altogether. There is land on the eastern side of Old Taupiri Road excluded from the stormwater catchment. These areas will benefit from transport capex and stormwater capex and be enabled for further development with no additional DC's
 - Hopuhopu is located outside the sub catchment yet will benefit from transport improvements. This is not fair and equitable.
- We understand the transport proposal includes urbanizing Festival Way and closing Galbraith St. We have expert advice that states this is not actually required (as part of our current resource consent application at 15 Galbraith St) from a transport safety or efficiency perspective, hence oppose the capex for Council work not required for our development proposals or to mitigate effects;
- The Policy Overview in Section 6.1 states that DC's are *"to be fair, equitable and proportional to the cost of capital expenditure"*. It goes on to state that *"It is the Council's position that costs of growth-related capital expenditure should largely be borne from participants in the property development process, rather than from rate payers at large ..."*. 100% of the stormwater DC levy and 49% of the transport levy is from this sub catchment. This does not

equitably factor in the benefits to the wider catchment and Ngaruawahia as a whole. We propose to deliver new housing and investment in Ngaruawahia which benefits the whole town and District. We do not consider the DC's to be fair, equitable, or proportional at this value for this sub catchment. We have provided information above and further below that the works are being unfairly lumped on a small catchment. There will simply be no development with DC's at the proposed level which negatively impacts all parties;

- There is no justification of the HUE's used to calculate the DC's as follows:
 - There are 169 transport HUE's over 10 years and 66 stormwater HUE's over 4 years. This does not make sense.
 - The HUE's ignore the PDP recommendations to rezone portions of the catchment from Living (New Residential) to Residential (thus enabling increased density) and portions from Living (New Residential) and Living to Medium Density Residential. The HUE forecasts are therefore unrealistic. The result is that the DC levy now is unfairly lumped on anyone developing now and effectively subsidizes anyone who develops in future. The impact therefore has the effect of delaying development which is anti-growth
 - We are building a stormwater outfall to the river and are responsible for dealing with 100% of stormwater treatment and attenuation. No Council infrastructure is required. This is the case for all development.

The resolution sought is:

- Delay review of the DC levy until zoning resolutions from the PDP process have been made (expected this year)
- Review the sub catchment boundaries corresponding with the capex proposed to be fair and equitable for wider land areas including Hopuhopu and Ngaruawahia
- Review the HUE projections based on current development potential, not known proposed development.

We wish to be heard in support of our submission.

Andrew Wood

Next Construction

Waikato District Council – Draft Development Contributions Policy 2021 Submission**Submitter ID: 1718****Name / Organisation: Terra Firma Resources Ltd****Wish to speak to submission: No**

My submission relates to:Revised catchment maps

Do you support the proposed Development Contributions Policy?Yes, I support it (Option 2 - Amended policy and appendices)

Comments:

The Draft Development Contributions Policy 2021-2021 includes catchment maps that indicate which properties will be subject to development agreements.

The catchment maps provided in Appendix 4 (roads and transport) and Appendix 6 (Huntly stormwater, wastewater and water catchments) indicate that land owned by Terra Firma Resources Ltd (TFR) at Puketirini will be subject to development agreements. TFR supports this approach as an appropriate mechanism to provide certainty to both Council and TFR until the scope, timing and servicing requirements of future development can be established, capital expenditure budgets set, and specific development contributions determined.

The bulk of TFR's land in this location is described as Pt Lot 2 DPS 61669. TFR also owns a small parcel of land to the northwest described as Pt Sec 1 SO 58281. It appears that the maps include this parcel but this is not entirely clear. TFR seeks confirmation that this parcel is included in the area indicated on the catchment maps.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Development Contributions Policy 2021 Submission

Submitter ID: 1521

Name / Organisation: Sue Robertson - Parklea Investments Limited

Wish to speak to submission:

My submission relates to:

Do you support the proposed Development Contributions Policy?

Comments:

Attachment: Yes



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Development Contributions Policy & Appendices 2021

Submission form (please provide feedback by 7 May 2021)

Name/Organisation Sue Robertson

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Email sue@paukeia.co.nz

A hearing will be held on the week of 24 May 2021. Would you like to present your submission to Council at the hearing? Yes No

My submission relates to:

- Revised catchment maps
- Revised capital works schedule
- Revised development contributions levies
- Revised development contributions policy

Do you support the proposed Development Contributions Policy & Appendices 2021?

- No, I do not support it (Option 1)
- Yes, I support it (Option 2)

Comments:

See attached

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SUBMISSION TO WDC DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS POLICY AND APPENDICES 2021**SUBMITTER:** Sue Robertson**Submission Relates To:****Revised Development Contributions Policy****Comments:**

I support the Requirement for the Policy and broadly the terms in the policy but have concerns as to one aspect of its application.

My concern has arisen due to previous actual imposition of Development Contribution Levies on a project where no additional HEU was intended or 'potentially' likely. I would like Council to consider the interpretation of this policy so that DC's are only imposed when Resource Consent or Building Consent applications actually show that an additional HEU is intended or provided for.

The main area of concern relates to the Council's application of the Policy in respect of Residential Activities, particularly in paragraph 11.3.1 and 11.3.2.

In 11.3.1 the statement '*...Any resource consent application that creates the **potential** to build additional Independent dwelling will also attract development contributions at the rate of one HEU per additional allotment, service connection or dwelling.*' Of course, this makes perfect sense when applied to a new build or creation of new lots by subdivision.

The previous policy had staff looking at building permits to assess where a single house could potentially be split into more than one HEU. There seemed to be no consideration for the fact that some people want to build a large house, that may have several bathrooms, or that they may want to have a bar unit away from the kitchen in their home. Some of the larger, more expensive homes built, are intended for only one family, and despite their size, assumptions should not be made that they 'potentially' could be made into more HEU's by stealth.

Where homes are deliberately designed to be a duplex, or with a separate smaller home adjacent the extra DC's charged for the additional HEU is understood. But where staff are creating 'potential' HEU's merely because 'it could be done' this is unfair and unreasonable. Potentially any home could be altered to be more than one HEU, but that would be an unreasonable assumption.

I support a change being made in the policy to clarify the meaning of 'potential' so it does not allow the word to make it possible to impose more than one Development Contribution to homes which are clearly built as a single dwelling. Council has to understand that a bar unit with no cooking facilities or food prep area, in a rumpus room can not by itself be a kitchen. Without a kitchen you cannot have a second HEU.

Sue Roberson

01 May 2021

Waikato District Council – Draft Development Contributions Policy 2021 Submission**Submitter ID: 1480****Name / Organisation: Sue Robertson****Wish to speak to submission: Yes**

My submission relates to:

Revised development contributions policy

Do you support the proposed Development Contributions Policy?

Comments:

This is an additional submission. My original submission was lodged on 1 May 2021.

I do not support the change in the policy indicating that a tiny home 0.00sqm to 30.00sqm used to be charged at .25 of the HEU rate is now proposed to be charged as a full HEU, and a Minor dwelling (old terminology) 30.01sqm to 70.0sqm used to be charged at .50 of the HEU rate is now to be charged as a full HEU. This seems inequitable as by definition a small (minor) dwelling cannot house the number of occupants a larger dwelling can and these small dwellings have to share a service connection so it is questionable whether their use of district or area infrastructure would be equivalent to that of a larger dwelling. The intention of streamlining this policy's application seems to be likely to create inequity, and be seen as an opportunity to gather more funds.. Previously with the graduated charges for "minor" dwellings this allowed for the size and likely number of occupants difference.

Only developments that place extra demands on infrastructure – and which cause the council to incur capital costs – can be liable. Liability to development contributions should stem from the creation of extra pressure on infrastructure and usage. It seems entirely reasonable that the graduated method of charging be retained as it is the most appropriate and equitable basis for charging. The full Development Contribution cost for an HEU is out of all proportion to the cost of creating these ancillary units and is unreasonable, particularly when the creation of these most likely gets people out of larger dwellings into smaller ones leaving the larger ones to assist with NZ's great dilemma the housing shortage.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Draft Development Contributions Policy 2021 Submission

Submitter ID: 1796

Name / Organisation: Wendy Harrod

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

My submission relates to:

Do you support the proposed Development Contributions Policy?

Comments:

I would like to see Developers pay a set rate upfront and over the next, however many years pay a certain % on top of the flat-rate fee. I would like to discuss this at the submission. Going forward this will elevate the pressure on putting up the rates of the homeowners in the area. This is what you are proposing to us the ratepayers. Why not implement this for the developers.

Attachment: Yes

Waikato District Council – Draft Development Contributions Policy 2021 Submission

Submitter ID: 1767

Name / Organisation: Rangitahi Limited

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

My submission relates to:

Do you support the proposed Development Contributions Policy?

Comments:

Attachment: Yes

**Submission on Waikato District Council
Proposed 2021 – 2031 Long-Term Plan;
2021 Development Contributions Policy; and
2021 – 2051 Infrastructure Strategy.**

Rangitahi Limited is a company associated with the Peacocke family.

Rangitahi is the largest developer of titled sections in Raglan, having delivered 152 sections to the market since June 2020, with a further 79 currently under construction and approximately 400 more planned.

Following the Rangitahi Private Plan Change, the development of the Rangitahi Peninsula has seen Rangitahi Limited invest heavily in lead infrastructure required to service growth, including the construction of:

- The Rangitahi Road bridge;
- Upgrade of Oporuru Road; and
- A new bulk watermain to serve the wider Raglan community (the cost of which was shared with WDC).

Rangitahi is therefore very aware of the need for Council and Developers to invest in lead infrastructure that allows the supply of sections (and houses) to be delivered into the market to meet demand.

Development Contributions in Raglan are currently currently \$26,724 incl GST per Household Equivalent Unit (HEU). Council's Proposed Development Contributions Policy suggests that these are going to reduce to \$25,833 incl GST per HEU. While on the face of it this would seem like good news and may well be a reflection of lower interest rates, further analysis suggests it is in fact the result of a reduction in proposed expenditure on infrastructure required to service growth, particularly roading.

As you can see from the table below, the proposed policy sees a significant reduction in Development Contributions for local Roads in Raglan of \$8,296 per HEU.

Waikato District Council Development Contributions - Raglan								
Charges per HEU (incl GST).								
	District Wide Reserves	District Wide Community Facilities	District Wide Roading	Roads & Transport	Stormwater	Wastewater	Water	TOTAL CHARGE
From 1 July 2020:	\$3,099	\$1,379	\$987	\$10,692	\$602	\$5,335	\$4,630	\$26,724
Proposed 2021 Policy:	\$2,528	\$2,525	\$1,238	\$2,396	\$472	\$6,165	\$10,509	\$25,833
Variance:	(\$571)	\$1,146	\$251	(\$8,296)	(\$130)	\$830	\$5,879	(\$891)

Advice from Council staff is that while a number of important roading projects have been identified in the Infrastructure Strategy for Raglan to support Level of Service and Growth, these are not included in the Long Term Plan and Development Contributions Charges. Specifically these are:

- \$10M in 2030 for a Wainui # 360 Bridge (7BR70004C) – which we understand is for the upgrade of the current one lane bridge.
- \$8M in 2031 for a Rangitahi Peninsula Bridge (7BR70583C) - which despite the name, is in fact for a second connection for Raglan to State Highway 23 via Rangitahi.
- \$13M in 2031 for Rangitahi South New Roads.

Conversely, it appears Watercare have recognised the need to upgrade and extend much of Raglans water infrastructure to both improve Levels of Service and accommodate growth and this is reflected in the inclusion of projects in the Long Term Plan and a significant increase of \$5,879 per HEU for Development Contributions for Water projects.

To service growth, not only are 3-water services required, but also roads. If the timing of delivery of all infrastructure is not closely aligned, then Council will increase the risk of having invested in stranded assets.

Rangitahi is also concerned to note that Council's Development Contributions charging model appears to apply indexation to the costs of infrastructure. The use of indexation results in Development Contributions for lead developers such as Rangitahi being higher than for future developers.

Rangitahi is aware that Hamilton City Council has previously looked at introducing indexation for its Development Contribution charges. Through the consultation process Hamilton City Council was however presented with legal advice that indexation was unlawful and they therefore chose not to proceed with its implementation. Rangitahi would therefore recommend that Waikato District Council also avoid any indexing of charges in its Development Contributions policy.

In summary, Rangitahi is concerned that the Councils proposed investment in infrastructure and in particular the timing of this do not appear to align with either the current growth being experienced in Raglan nor the forecast growth as set out in Waikato 2070.

Rangitahi would therefore strongly urge Council to include the Raglan roading projects in its 2021 – 2031 Long Term Plan and also start collecting Development Contributions for these where necessitated by growth.

Rangitahi would also like to see the 3-water projects planned by Council/Watercare brought forward, as already there are Level of Service risks that need to be addressed immediately with regard to both Water and Wastewater.

Rangitahi would like to thank the Council for the opportunity to make this submission and wishes to be heard in support of this submission.

Tony McLauchlan
Rangitahi Limited

Waikato District Council – Draft Development Contributions Policy 2021 Submission

Submitter ID: 1735

Name / Organisation: Genny Wilson and Bob MacLeod

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

My submission relates to:

Do you support the proposed Development Contributions Policy?

Comments:

Development contributions should include contribution to community hubs/social wellbeing infrastructure. As well as parks and reserves there needs to be facilities that can act as community hubs. The growth will continue and as we are becoming more and more a dormitory for Auckland we need to ensure we do have thriving communities. Developers make the money and ratepayers have to pay for infrastructure. More onus should be put on the developers to minimise the impact on current and future ratepayers and remove the lag for funding of community amenities.

Attachment: No

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Waikato District Council – Community Halls Catchment Review Submission

Submitter ID: 1635

Full Name: Kay Vincent

Organisation: Kariaotahi Hall Committee

What catchment area do you live in? Kariaotahi

Wish to speak to submission: Yes

What option for the Kariotahi, Aka Aka and Otaua Halls do you support?

Option selected:

Option 2 - Increase of targeted rate and catchment size

Why is this your preferred option?

See attached document.

Kariaotahi Hall lost the majority of its targeted rate payers to Auckland City at amalgamation. Option 2 should redress this inequity. Having the same rate across the entire northwest Waikato will also be fairer as everyone will be paying the same amount, regardless of which hall it goes to.

Comment:

What option for Te Akau and Naike Halls do you support?

Option selected:

Don't know

Why is this your preferred option?

Comment:

Please note any further comments on the proposed change to hall catchments and targeted rates

Attachment: Yes

The **Kariaotahi Hall Committee**, on behalf of the Kariaotahi Hall Society, supports the proposed targeted rate increase and extension of catchment boundaries. This will redress the loss of income since amalgamation. It will be more equitable for the northwest Waikato area, where the continued use of Franklin District Council boundaries means some ratepayers no longer pay rates for a hall (now in Auckland), but also pay nothing towards any of the facilities in the Waikato District.

Since amalgamation, when it lost most of its previous rate payers to Auckland City Council, Kariaotahi Hall (the former Kariaotahi School) has had significantly reduced income from rates. The hall committee advised WDC of this deficit and requested support, eventually receiving several annual top-ups to help offset this loss. The rates have not increased since before amalgamation and this, too, has had an impact on the hall's income.

The committee has lobbied for a fairer system for almost ten years. During this time, through fund-raising projects and hall hire, it has continued to maintain the buildings, facilities and grounds. The committee hosts at least two annual community events which are well supported. The hall has had increasing use over the past six or so years where it has been hired three to four days a week.

The building and grounds are under consideration for heritage status, and the committee is committed to maintaining the 1930s authenticity of the property. This means some maintenance and restoration require extra attention, so costs are expected to reflect this. Fundraising, grants, and donations will continue to contribute accordingly. The committee is also involved in returning some of the grounds to native tree plantations and replanting gardens to encourage native wildlife - in association with other local predator-free groups and regeneration activities.

There is support for the hall both locally and from further afield, including past pupils and community members who have since left the district. This is evident in the Kariaotahi Hall Society membership which has a subscription to help offset the loss of targeted rates. The committee administer a local community Facebook page and include regular posts about hall activities and events, as well as posts about the history of the old school and district. It has members from around New Zealand and overseas who are keen to maintain their Karioitahi links, and it is an effective means of communication and connectedness, placing the hall as the focal point of the community.

The committee is a motivated and pro-active group with a wide range of skills relevant to successful management and care of the hall. It includes a mix of long-standing members and new people to the district, and other community members are involved in ad hoc projects throughout the year. The committee actively promotes the hall as a venue for appropriate functions and use; however, there are improvements, repairs and upgrades which need to be addressed so that the hall is a presentable, desirable, safe, and functioning venue to meet the expectations and requirements of hall hirers and the community.

The Kariaotahi Hall committee believes that the return of a fair catchment area and an increase in the targeted rate will help return the old Kariaotahi School to a well-maintained, well-presented, and well-used centre of the community and a destination of historic interest suitable for a wide range of purposes well into the future.

4 May 2021

Waikato District Council – Community Halls Catchment Review Submission

Submitter ID: 1581

Full Name: Kathleen (Kay) Roberts

Organisation:

What catchment area do you live in? Otaua

Wish to speak to submission: No

What option for the Kariotahi, Aka Aka and Otaua Halls do you support?

Option selected:

Option 2 - Increase of targeted rate and catchment size

Why is this your preferred option?

This will be a fairer option for all

Comment:

This move will bring increased resources for each hall and enable the to be maintained and more attractive. They will be more likely to attract groups who are interested in using them. They will more be financially viable.

What option for Te Akau and Naike Halls do you support?

Option selected:

Don't know

Why is this your preferred option?

Comment:

Please note any further comments on the proposed change to hall catchments and targeted rates

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Community Halls Catchment Review Submission

Submitter ID: 1580

Full Name: John Hiscock

Organisation: Aka Aka hall

What catchment area do you live in? Aka Aka

Wish to speak to submission: No

What option for the Kariotahi, Aka Aka and Otaua Halls do you support?

Option selected:

Option 2 - Increase of targeted rate and catchment size

Why is this your preferred option?

More equitable. Lot of people do not pay levies.

Comment:

What option for Te Akau and Naike Halls do you support?

Option selected:

Don't know

Why is this your preferred option?

Comment:

Please note any further comments on the proposed change to hall catchments and targeted rates

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Community Halls Catchment Review Submission

Submitter ID: 1579

Full Name: Ron and Sylvia Bird

Organisation:

What catchment area do you live in? Kariotahi

Wish to speak to submission: No

What option for the Kariotahi, Aka Aka and Otaua Halls do you support?

Option selected:

Option 2 - Increase of targeted rate and catchment size

Why is this your preferred option?

Because it is fairer

Comment:

Kariotahi is a vibrant community developing around the hall as a social centre thanks to the work of the hall committee

What option for Te Akau and Naike Halls do you support?

Option selected:

Don't know

Why is this your preferred option?

Comment:

Please note any further comments on the proposed change to hall catchments and targeted rates

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Community Halls Catchment Review Submission

Submitter ID: 1576

Full Name: Colin Thorton

Organisation:

What catchment area do you live in? Otaua

Wish to speak to submission: No

What option for the Kariotahi, Aka Aka and Otaua Halls do you support?

Option selected:

Option 2 - Increase of targeted rate and catchment size

Why is this your preferred option?

Comment:

What option for Te Akau and Naike Halls do you support?

Option selected:

Don't know

Why is this your preferred option?

Comment:

Please note any further comments on the proposed change to hall catchments and targeted rates

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Community Halls Catchment Review Submission

Submitter ID: 1575

Full Name: Sid Thorton

Organisation:

What catchment area do you live in? Otaua

Wish to speak to submission: No

What option for the Kariotahi, Aka Aka and Otaua Halls do you support?

Option selected:

Option 2 - Increase of targeted rate and catchment size

Why is this your preferred option?

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Comment:

What option for Te Akau and Naike Halls do you support?

Option selected:

Don't know

Why is this your preferred option?

Comment:

Please note any further comments on the proposed change to hall catchments and targeted rates

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Community Halls Catchment Review Submission

Submitter ID: 1574

Full Name: Phil Walter

Organisation:

What catchment area do you live in? Otaua

Wish to speak to submission: No

What option for the Kariotahi, Aka Aka and Otaua Halls do you support?

Option selected:

Option 2 - Increase of targeted rate and catchment size

Why is this your preferred option?

Maintains hall facilities including bowling ground.

Comment:

Issue of state of roads in Aka Aka areas. Particularly Wile Road. Please fix.

What option for Te Akau and Naike Halls do you support?

Option selected:

Don't know

Why is this your preferred option?

Comment:

Please note any further comments on the proposed change to hall catchments and targeted rates

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Community Halls Catchment Review Submission

Submitter ID: 1572

Full Name: Robert Slack

Organisation:

What catchment area do you live in? Aka Aka Hall

Wish to speak to submission: No

What option for the Kariotahi, Aka Aka and Otaua Halls do you support?

Option selected:

Option 2 - Increase of targeted rate and catchment size

Why is this your preferred option?

To maintain all halls in the area for locals to use

Comment:

Not happy rate increases- either would prefer a drop in service for affordability.

What option for Te Akau and Naike Halls do you support?

Option selected:

Don't know

Why is this your preferred option?

Comment:

Please note any further comments on the proposed change to hall catchments and targeted rates

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Community Halls Catchment Review Submission

Submitter ID: 1571

Full Name: Jackson T Fowler

Organisation:

What catchment area do you live in? -

Wish to speak to submission: No

What option for the Kariotahi, Aka Aka and Otaua Halls do you support?

Option selected:

Option 2 - Increase of targeted rate and catchment size

Why is this your preferred option?

Common sense

Comment:

What option for Te Akau and Naike Halls do you support?

Option selected:

Don't know

Why is this your preferred option?

Comment:

Please note any further comments on the proposed change to hall catchments and targeted rates

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Community Halls Catchment Review Submission

Submitter ID: 1570

Full Name: Shirley Shi

Organisation:

What catchment area do you live in? Aka Aka Hall

Wish to speak to submission: No

What option for the Kariotahi, Aka Aka and Otaua Halls do you support?

Option selected:

Option 2 - Increase of targeted rate and catchment size

Why is this your preferred option?

Increase revenue, more responsible

Comment:

1- In order to increase revenue, better allow subdivision to 4h lot immediately around school e.g. our property at 941 Aka Aka Road= more hall payers

2- At Auckland boundary- help housing situation

What option for Te Akau and Naike Halls do you support?

Option selected:

Don't know

Why is this your preferred option?

Comment:

Please note any further comments on the proposed change to hall catchments and targeted rates

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Community Halls Catchment Review Submission

Submitter ID: 1390

Full Name: Graham Wilson

Organisation:

What catchment area do you live in? Karioitaho Community

Wish to speak to submission: No

What option for the Kariotahi, Aka Aka and Otaua Halls do you support?

Option selected:

Option 2 - Increase of targeted rate and catchment size

Why is this your preferred option?

The Karioitahi Hall is a very important part of the local community and the hall committee do a lot of great work and to continue that work they need more funding to make sure the hall is still around for the next generation.

Comment:

What option for Te Akau and Naike Halls do you support?

Option selected:

Don't know

Why is this your preferred option?

Comment:

Please note any further comments on the proposed change to hall catchments and targeted rates

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Community Halls Catchment Review Submission

Submitter ID: 1388

Full Name: STEVEN & ROBYN KNIGHT

Organisation:

What catchment area do you live in? KARIOTAHU

Wish to speak to submission: No

What option for the Kariotahi, Aka Aka and Otaua Halls do you support?

Option selected:

Option 1 - Status quo

Why is this your preferred option?

IF WE DID WANT USE A HALL THERE ARE PLENTY TOO CHOOSE FROM. WE ARE ONLY 500MTR DOWN THE ROAD FROM PUKEOWARE HALL. A FEW IN WAIUKU PLUS OTAUA AND AKA AKA HALL. WHY HAVE A HALL OUT AT KARIOTAHU. WHY HAVE SO MANY HALLS IN ONE AREA? COMMUNITY HALLS ARE BECOMING A THING OF THE PAST. WITH RATES ON THE INCREASE THIS TARGATED RATE WOULD BE SOMETHING THAT WE WOULD PAY FOR AND NOT GET ANY USE OUT OF. RATES ARE BECOMING A STRUGGLLE TO PAY NOW.

Comment:

What option for Te Akau and Naike Halls do you support?

Option selected:

Option 1 - Maintain current catchment

Why is this your preferred option?

Comment:

Please note any further comments on the proposed change to hall catchments and targeted rates

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Community Halls Catchment Review Submission

Submitter ID: 1364

Full Name: Withheld

Organisation:

What catchment area do you live in? Karioitahi

Wish to speak to submission: No

What option for the Karioitahi, Aka Aka and Otaua Halls do you support?

Option selected:

Option 2 - Increase of targeted rate and catchment size

Why is this your preferred option?

I vote in favour of option 2 for the Kariaotahi/Otaua/AkaAka halls rates and hall catchment proposal because it makes it fair for all rate payers. Some have been paying no hall rates.

Funds are needed for maintenance and upkeep

Comment:

Please keep my name confidential

What option for Te Akau and Naike Halls do you support?

Option selected:

Don't know

Why is this your preferred option?

Comment:

Please note any further comments on the proposed change to hall catchments and targeted rates

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Community Halls Catchment Review Submission**Submitter ID: 1349****Full Name: Denise Gunn****Organisation:****What catchment area do you live in? Auckland****Wish to speak to submission: No**

What option for the Kariotahi, Aka Aka and Otatau Halls do you support?**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Increase of targeted rate and catchment size

Why is this your preferred option?

The old school used to have a larger targeted rate area but on amalgamation of the new Auckland Council, the hall lost a huge portion of this area. Consequently the rateable area was reduced to a laughably small zone. Also, there are many neighbouring areas with a greater population now due to farm downsizing into lifestyle blocks, that relate to this hall - which happens to be located on the edge of the North Waikato area. Expanding the rateable area will provide equity with other rural halls in the North Waikato, and enable better funding for maintenance.

Comment:

Maintenance: I believe that the regional council should amend the management of the rural halls and provide basic maintenance for them eg painting and parking areas. The committees, who are all volunteers, should not have to take the responsibility for th

What option for Te Akau and Naike Halls do you support?**Option selected:**

Don't know

Why is this your preferred option?

I do not know the area

Comment:

Please note any further comments on the proposed change to hall catchments and targeted ratesMy commentary on maintenance of halls and equity of catchment areas would apply.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Community Halls Catchment Review Submission

Submitter ID: 1348

Full Name: Withheld

Organisation:

What catchment area do you live in? Karioitahi

Wish to speak to submission: No

What option for the Karioitahi, Aka Aka and Otaua Halls do you support?

Option selected:

Option 2 - Increase of targeted rate and catchment size

Why is this your preferred option?

The targeted rate has been the same since this area was amalgamated into Waikato. Some residents have never paid hall rates. It is necessary for the upkeep of the hall, enabling it to continue to be a community resource.

Comment:

Please keep my name confidential

What option for Te Akau and Naike Halls do you support?

Option selected:

Don't know

Why is this your preferred option?

Comment:

Please note any further comments on the proposed change to hall catchments and targeted rates

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Community Halls Catchment Review Submission

Submitter ID: 1334

Full Name: Shane Pengelly

Organisation:

What catchment area do you live in? None of them

Wish to speak to submission: No

What option for the Kariotahi, Aka Aka and Otaua Halls do you support?

Option selected:

Neither

Why is this your preferred option?

We do not use any of these as we are closer to Waiuku.

The one hall we have used is the Pukeoware Hall which we paid to hire.

Comment:

Not really too happy to be asked to pay additional Rates on something we will never use.

What option for Te Akau and Naike Halls do you support?

Option selected:

Neither

Why is this your preferred option?

We do not use any of these as we are closer to Waiuku.

The one hall we have used is the Pukeoware Hall which we paid to hire.

Comment:

Please note any further comments on the proposed change to hall catchments and targeted rates

Not really too happy to be asked to pay additional Rates on something we will never use.

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Community Halls Catchment Review Submission**Submitter ID: 1331****Full Name: Withheld****Organisation:****What catchment area do you live in? Otatau****Wish to speak to submission: No**

What option for the Kariotahi, Aka Aka and Otatau Halls do you support?**Option selected:**

Option 2 - Increase of targeted rate and catchment size

Why is this your preferred option?

By using the former Franklin boundaries for targeted hall rates, WDC has maintained an inequitable situation for the past 11 years. A significant amount of ratepayers have paid nothing towards any hall since amalgamation, as they were previously targeted for halls which ended up on the Auckland side of the boundary. The proposed plan means everyone in the northwest Waikato area contributes the same amount to the halls/local facilities. Some Pukeoware and Puni WDC ratepayers may feel a greater allegiance to the halls within the Auckland boundary; however, they have not contributed any rates towards those either since amalgamation. All three halls have unique benefits and features suited to different purposes, and although they maybe recognised as local halls, in reality, people tend to hire any hall within the wider Waiuku area which best suits their purpose or function. For this reason, the halls could be seen as northwest Waikato public facilities. The targeted rate has to be sufficient so that halls and grounds can be maintained and upgraded to meet the needs and expectations of hirers as well as health and safety standards.

Comment:

Please keep my name confidential.

What option for Te Akau and Naike Halls do you support?**Option selected:**

Don't know

Why is this your preferred option?**Comment:**

Please note any further comments on the proposed change to hall catchments and targeted rates

Attachment: No

Waikato District Council – Community Halls Catchment Review Submission

Submitter ID: 1275

Full Name: Jasmine Hayward

Organisation:

What catchment area do you live in? Aka Aka - currently

Wish to speak to submission: No

What option for the Kariotahi, Aka Aka and Otaua Halls do you support?

Option selected:

Neither

Why is this your preferred option?

I prefer an option of increase the catchment area but not increasing the targeted rate. You will automatically gain much more revenue for maintenance and day to day costs by increasing the amount of households that are required to pay the targeted rate.

Increase catchment : Yes

Increase targeted rate: No

Comment:

Increase catchment : Yes

Increase targeted rate: No.

What option for Te Akau and Naike Halls do you support?

Option selected:

Option 2 - Minor change to move three properties from Naike catchment into Te Akau

Why is this your preferred option?

Comment:

Please note any further comments on the proposed change to hall catchments and targeted rates

Attachment: No