



TE KAUNIHERA O TE AWA KAIRANGI | HUTT CITY COUNCIL

KOMITI ITI MAHERE Ā-NGAHURUTANGA / MAHERE Ā-TAU
LONG TERM PLAN/ANNUAL PLAN SUBCOMMITTEE

Hearings to be held in the Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, 30 Laings Road, Lower Hutt on
Wednesday 15 May 2024 commencing at 9.30am
and reconvening on
Thursday 16 May 2024 commencing at 9.30am.

SUPPLEMENTARY ORDER PAPER

PUBLIC BUSINESS

5. HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS ON THE DRAFT LONG TERM PLAN 2024-2034

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EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

“That the public be excluded from the Fraser Park Sportsville submission to the Long Term Plan 2024-34 for the following reasons:

The withholding of the information is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons.
(s7(2)(a)).

The withholding of the information is necessary to enable the local authority to carry on, without prejudice or disadvantage, negotiations (including commercial and industrial negotiations)
(s7(2)(i)).

This resolution is made in reliance on section 48(1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by section 6 or 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as specified above.”

Kate Glanville
SENIOR DEMOCRACY ADVISOR

Hearings Schedule Wednesday 15/05/2024

#	Time	Name	Organisation	In Person or ZOOM	Theme
15/05/2024	9:30 am		Opening of Meeting		
	9:35 am	Richard Hardie (Head of Strategy and Policy)	Verbal update on LTP engagement results		
1	9:50 am	Greg Moore	Individual	In person	General
2	9:55 am	Julie Kay Vry	Individual	In Person	General
3	10:00 am	Liam Sullivan	Individual	In Person	General
4	10:05 am	Douglas Stuart Sheppard	Individual	In Person	General
5	10:10 am	Robert Gell	Individual	ZOOM	General
6	10:15 am	Shane William Ford	Scribblersincnz Ltd	ZOOM	General
7	10:20 am	Sally Jane Norman	NZ Symphony Orchestra	ZOOM	Arts Funding
8	10:25 am	Phil Pegler	Individual	In Person	General
9	10:30 am	Alan Eldridge Smith	Individual	In Person	General
10	10:35 am	John Welch	Individual	In Person	General
11	10:40 am	Jan Wijninckx (pronounced Yan Vaynings)	Individual	ZOOM	General
12	10:45 am	Robyn Morete	Wellington Rugby League	In Person	Asset Review
13	10:50 am	Gary Quirke	Individual	In Person	General
14	10:55 am	Bernard Gresham	Individual	In Person	General
15	11:00 am	Allen Bennett	Bin Inn Wholefoods Petone	In Person	Paid Parking
16	11:05 am	Graeme Lyon	Individual	In Person	General
17	11:10 am	Lynne Philp	Citizens Advice Bureau Lower Hutt	In Person	Fees and Charges
	11:15 am	LUNCH BREAK (45 minutes)			
18	12:00 pm	Katherine Elizabeth Clark	Individual	In Person	Petone Assets
19	12:05 pm	Mary Elizabeth Lochore	Individual	In Person	Petone Assets
20	12:10 pm	Sandra Bednarek	Netball Hutt Valley	ZOOM	Asset Review

21	12:15 pm	Elle Abel	Youth Council submission	In Person	Youth Council
22	12:20 pm	Elle Abel	Disability Submission	In Person	Disability support
23	12:25 pm	Gordon Parr	Individual	In Person	General
24	12:30 pm	John Terris	HUTT MULTICULTURAL COUNCIL	In Person	General
25	12:35 pm	Chris MacKay	Individual	ZOOM	General
26	12:40 pm	Simon Faisandier	Faisandier Group	In Person	Dev Contributions
27	12:45 pm	Sarah Murray	Recreation Aotearoa	In Person	Asset Review
28	12:50 pm	Mark Macfarlane	Lucas Land Surveys Ltd	In Person	General
29	12:55 pm	Dr David Tripp	Individual (Presentation)	ZOOM	Climate change
30	1:00 pm	Anna Boyack	Viva Mexico	In Person	Paid Parking
31	1:05 pm	Shani Leach	Britannia Street Body Corporate	ZOOM	Paid Parking
32	1:10 pm	Patrick McKibbin	Hutt Valley Chamber of Commerce	In Person	Hutt Businesses
33	1:15 pm	Derek Wilshere	Individual	In Person	Asset Review
34	1:20 pm	Colin McElwain	Cuttriss Consultants Limited	In Person	Dev Contributions
35	1:25 pm	Oliver Boyd	Summerset Group Holdings Limited	ZOOM	Dev Contributions
36	1:30 pm	Beryl Anderson	Hutt Valley NCWNZ	In Person	General
37	1:35 pm	Dave Gillespie	President Taita Cricket	In Person	Asset Management
38	1:40 pm	James Beban	Urban Edge planning ltd	PERSON	Dev Contributions
39	1:45 pm	Gene Clendon	Individual	In Person	General
40	1:50 pm	Quentin Duthie	Individual	In Person	General
41	1:55 pm	Paul Duffin	Hutt Sister City Foundation	In Person	Sister Cities
	2:20 pm	AFTERNOON TEA BREAK (20 minutes)			
42	2:40 pm	Graeme Hall	Individual	In Person	General
43	2:45 pm	Graeme Hall	Great Harbour Way/Te Aranui o Poneke Trust	In Person	Great Harbour Way
44	2:50 pm	Dominic Barrington Prowse	Wellington Free Ambulance	In Person	WFA funding
45	2:55 pm	Ruth Mansell	Individual	In Person	Petone Wharf

46	3:00 pm	Malcolm	Individual	In Person	General
47	3:05 pm	Annette Margaret Turner	Individual	ZOOM	Petone Assets
48	3:10 pm	Silva Noakes	Eastbourne Community Fitness Ltd	ZOOM	Asset Review
49	3:15 pm	Rachel Tallon	Friends of Waiwhetu Stream	In Person	Reserves Investment
50	3:20 pm	Lillian Pak	Individual	In Person	Living Wage
51	3:25 pm	Lillian Pak	TEAM Naenae Trust	In Person	Living Wage
52	3:30 pm	DR Marion Leighton	Doctors for Active, Safe Transport	ZOOM	Micromobility
53	3:35 pm	Dean Raymond	Heritage New Zealand	In Person	Petone Wharf
54	3:40 pm	Francis O'Riley	GK Shaw Ltd	In Person	Petone Assets
55	3:45 pm	Pete Matcham	Individual	In Person	General
56	3:50 pm	Pete Matcham	Hutt City Grey Power	In Person	General
57	3:55 pm	Rod Badcock	Individual	ZOOM	Micromobility
58	4:00 pm	Jack Nair	GBH boxing	In Person	Asset Review
59	4:05 pm	Jo Clendon	Individual	In Person	General
60	4:10 pm	Jo Clendon	Hutt Cycle Network	In Person	Micromobility
61	4:15 pm	Ginny Andersen	Individual	In Person	Petone Wharf
	4:20 pm	BREAK (10 minutes)			
62	4:30 pm	Hamish Findlay	Aspeq	In Person	General
63	4:35 pm	Prue Lamason	Save Petone Wharf	In Person	Petone Wharf
64	4:40 pm	Neelu Jennings	Individual	ZOOM	Disability Support
65	4:45 pm	Matt Roberts	Individual	ZOOM	General
66	4:50 pm	Ami Coughlan	Wellington Fish & Game Council	ZOOM	Environmental issues
67	4:55 pm	Etuate Cocker	Individual	ZOOM	General
	5.00 PM		End of hearings		

Hearings Schedule Thursday 16/05/2024

#	Time	Name	Organisation	In Person or ZOOM	Theme
16/05/2024	9:30 am		Opening of Meeting		
68	9:35 am	Finn Cordwell	Living Wage Organiser Greater Wellington	In Person	Living Wage
69	9:40 am	George MacKay	Individual	In Person	Petone Wharf
70	9:45 am	Stephen Greside	Lowry Bay Residents Association	ZOOM	Tupua Horo Nuku
71	9:50 am	Allan Brown	Individual	In Person	Petone Wharf
72	9:55 am	Andrew Leslie	Nuku Ora submission	ZOOM	Asset Review
73	10:00 am	Casey Diver	Stokes Valley Football Club	In Person	Asset Review
74	10:05 am	Daniel Chrisp	Individual	In Person	General
75	10:10 am	Christopher Jonkers	Waiu Park Charitable Trust	In person	General
76	10:15 am	Mike Fisher	Chairperson Petone Community Board	In Person	Petone Assets
77	10:25 am	Sally-ann Moffat	Individual	In Person	Assets Review
78	10:30 am	Sally-ann Moffat	Petone Community House Inc	In Person	Petone Assets
79	10:35 am	Robbie Schneider	Jackson Street Program - Board Member	In Person	Paid Parking
80	10:40 am	John Donnelly	Jackson Street Programme	In Person	General
81	10:45 am	Nik Zangouropoulos	Individual	In Person	Paid Parking
82	10:50 am	Shane Legarth	Bea DnD Games	In Person	Paid Parking
83	10:55 am	Hellen Swales	Jackson Street Programme Inc.	In Person	Paid Parking
84	11:00 am	Raewyn Hailes	CCS Disability Action	In Person	General
85	11:05 am	Merran Bakker	Individual	In Person	General
86	11:10 am	Ian Pike	E Tu Awa Kairangi Hutt Valley Public Art Trust	In Person	Arts Funding
87	11:15 am	Kathryn Martin	Individual	In Person	General
88	11:20 am	Denis Hulston	Individual	In Person	General
89	11:25 am	Karen Clansey	Individual	In Person	Petone wharf

	11:30 am	LUNCH BREAK (45 minutes)			
90	12:15 pm	John Roper	Individual	In Person	Petone wharf
91	12:20 pm	Bruce Anderson	Individual	In Person	General
92	12:25 pm	Bruce Chase	Avalon Rugby Club	In Person	Assets Review
93	12:30 pm	Nicholas Jacques O'Kane	Individual	In Person	General
94	12:35 pm	Marian Whitney Melhuish	Lower Hutt Transition Towns	In Person	Reserves investment strategy
95	12:40 pm	Michael Yates	Hutt City Association Football and Sports Club	In Person	Assets Review
96	12:45 pm	Sally Ann Smith	Individual	In Person	General
97	12:50 pm	Karen Arraj-Fisher	Individual	In Person	Petone assets
98	12:55 pm	Mike Fisher	Individual	In Person	Petone assets
99	1:00 pm	Yuri Lima	Individual	ZOOM	General
100	1:05 pm	Penny Martell	Sacred Heart Petone	In Person	Science funding
101	1:15 pm	Ailsa Webb	Wilford School	In Person	Petone wharf
102	1:25 pm	Pam Hanna	Save Petone Wharf group	In Person	Petone assets
103	1:35 pm	Brian John Hill	Individual	In Person	Petone wharf
104	1:40 pm	Jasmina Kovacev	Individual	In Person	Rates increase
105	1:45 pm	Megan Drayton	Individual	In Person	Petone wharf
106	1:50 pm	Barbara Scott	Individual	In Person	Petone wharf
107	1:55 pm	Joe Serci	Individual	In Person	Petone wharf
108	2:00 pm	Brent John Sellwood (Joe Serci)	Individual	In Person	Petone Wharf
109	2:05 pm	Roger Thackery (Joe Serci)	Individual	In Person	Petone Wharf
110	2:10 pm	Nik Zangouropoulos	Petone Historical Society	In Person	Petone assets
111	2:15 pm	Tom Hudig (Justin Cullen)	Individual	In Person	Paid Parking
112	2:20 pm	Public excluded Hearing	Fraser Park Sportsville	In Person	

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1. Greg Moore

97 HCC-96157054 - GREG MOORE

97 HCC-96157054 - Greg Moore

Ethnicity

New Zealand European, Māori, Irish Australian

Are you submitting as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

Individual

Would you like to present your feedback direct to councillors at a 10 Year Plan consultation hearing? In person or through Zoom?

Yes

Would you like to be kept informed about the outcome of Hutt City Council's public consultation process on the 10 Year Plan via email?

Yes

Do you live in Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai Lower Hutt?

Yes

Do you own or rent the home you live in?

Own

Which suburb do you live in?

Hutt Central

What age group do you belong to?

35-44 years

What is your preferred option for how we invest in water services for the next 10 years?

Option 1

Please share any comments you would like to add about the water services.

New developers should be paying for infrastructure - areas that need new infrastructure should pay a special rate rather than an overall rate increase.

What is your preferred option for how we divert food and green organics waste from landfill?

Option 2

97 HCC-96157054 - GREG MOORE

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding waste and landfill.

Green and organic is not council responsibility ! We need to utilize the Lower Hutt dream and increase the health of the people - with chickens - see this <https://adventure.com/reducing-food-waste-belgium-urban-chickens/#:~:text=But%20the%20truth%20is%2C%20towns,for%20at%20least%20two%20years.> And this <https://japan-forward.com/kanagawa-tests-new-system-to-use-food-waste-as-animal-feed/#:~:text=Companies%20in%20Kanagawa%20Prefecture%20are,as%20feed%20at%20pig%20farms.&text=Feeding%20pigs>

What is your preferred option for implementing a rates remission policy to help low-income homeowners?

Option 2

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding rates remission.

People need financial training not relief - thats not helping them. Teach a man to fish feed him for a life time.

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding the three Petone assets.

Keep the wharf - leave it and let people use it at their own risk. rebuild a library at the grandstand site - how beautiful to look out over the field while reading a book - a café can serve both Sell existing library to facilitate this

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's proposed future approach to managing assets.

Disagree

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's proposed updates to our fees and charges? e.g. increases to parking fees and to fees for the Silverstream landfill

Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments on our proposed updates to our fees and charges?

Do the fees cover the costs and deliver a profit?

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's revised development contributions policy.

Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments on our Development Contributions Policy?

New developments need to cover their costs! 4 bedroom dwellings mean family's and family's stay in an area - penalizing family's means people will move away - we will be all oldies and young ones

2. Julie Kay Vry

381 HCC-101164536 - Julie Kay Vry

Ethnicity

New Zealand European

Are you submitting as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

Individual

Would you like to present your feedback direct to councillors at a 10 Year Plan consultation hearing? In person or through Zoom?

Yes

Would you like to be kept informed about the outcome of Hutt City Council's public consultation process on the 10 Year Plan via email?

Yes

Do you live in Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai Lower Hutt?

Yes

Do you own or rent the home you live in?

Own

Which suburb do you live in?

Petone

What age group do you belong to?

65-74 years

Please share any comments you would like to add about the water services.

I prefer option 1 BUT WITHOUT water meters. Water meters should only be imposed upon our community when there is a PROPER functional water and sewerage infrastructure, not a leaking catastrophe. If the council is throwing 44% of the water away, they need to stop doing that before installing meters and charging us all for meters and monitoring and use of what is left.

What is your preferred option for how we divert food and green organics waste from landfill?

Option 2

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding waste and landfill.

NO. I am already paying for a huge waste bin, a huge recycling bin that could be emptied once every month or two, rather than fortnightly, a glass crate, and a green waste bin that is of useful size. Enough already!

381 HCC-101164536 - JULIE KAY VRY

What is your preferred option for implementing a rates remission policy to help low-income homeowners?

Option 2

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding rates remission.

Rates remission for low-income homeowners is laudable and humane, but given the current high cost of housing, this policy doesn't benefit the wider low-income community, only a few pensioners. Ordinarily I would gladly vote for rates remission based on financial hardship, but I can't vote for it when I know in my heart that explosive rates blow-outs to pay for fashion-statement plans will be brutal for all.

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding the three Petone assets.

NEITHER "option" is acceptable. LISTEN to the community, AND ACT accordingly. Do not "consult widely" and then do whatever you please! SAVE the wharf. Don't destroy a beloved asset when the entire thing can be made safe (maybe not beautiful, but usable again for all) for a comparable cost to demolishing the asset. Repair the library, but don't spend large to create a beautiful center that no one can afford. If any businesses are forced out of Petone by the high costs of council decisions to go for nice-to-have stuff (with the associated cost blow-outs), then imposing other schemes like paid parking surely won't rescue the council's magic money supply. Re-visit the costings for the grandstand. When you bundle key community assets this way, you make it too hard to see whether the lower operating costs on new assets might help offset the initial capital costs of a replacement or repair.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's proposed future approach to managing assets.

Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any comments on our Assets review?

Maintaining infrastructure is essential. What is NOT essential is the perpetual creation of yet more new assets by spending magic money, while letting what we already have go to rot and ruin.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's proposed updates to our fees and charges? e.g. increases to parking fees and to fees for the Silverstream landfill

Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments on our proposed updates to our fees and charges?

Installing paid parking on Jackson Street will not encourage the people who drive big sport SUV's to use: a) public transport (those people will never ride a bus and they won't walk the distance from the train station), or b) bicycles (unworkable in the tight confines of the shopping district) or c) scooters (dangerous to pedestrians). Those drivers can be expected to divert onto the already-beleaguered side streets (where parking is already completely clogged by residents, local workers, and the perpetual roadworks related to water infrastructure repairs) in a vain hope of finding a park 2 steps from Jackson Street. When no such parking place appears before them, they may drive around for a while, but the likelihood is that they will just go somewhere else to shop. Every lost visitor is another loss for local business. Installing paid parking along Jackson Street will almost inevitably lead to paid residents parking, which will only make it harder for local businesses to attract and retain customers. Paid parking on Jackson Street is a terrible idea.

381 HCC-101164536 - JULIE KAY VHY

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's revised development contributions policy.

Disagree

Do you have any comments on our Development Contributions Policy?

We can't afford more "if we have this, people will come" schemes. The history of failure and cost blow-outs (while the pipes and infrastructure rot), has gone on long enough.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's Infrastructure Strategy.

Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any comments on our Infrastructure Strategy?

Attend to the basics before spending on nice-to-have urban renewal projects that won't bring people and will incur outrageous cost blow-outs. We need pipes, water, sewerage, and regular, reliable, well-maintained, and affordable (compared to personal car use) trains and buses. Bike and shared-use trails (except where they add resilience to waterfront infrastructure) are lovely to have but with the Wellington weather, bikes and scooters can't compete with cars for most commuters. Six story buildings in central Petone and near railway stations are absurd, given the real hazards of earthquakes, sea-level rise, and a gravity fed pipe system on flat topography. Stop speculative spending and fix the basics.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's Reserves Investment Strategy.

Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any comments on our Reserves Investment Strategy?

If work is already taking place, don't stop, but please define the operational vs capital expenditure costs for new projects. Don't destroy something that can be rendered functional, just because functional may not be new and pretty.

Please rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the general direction that we are taking for this draft 10 Year Plan.

Disagree

Please explain the reason for your response.

Put things right (repair, maintain) before demolishing assets to make something fancy to be left to rot along with all the rest.

3. Liam Sullivan

319 HCC-99163198 - Liam Sullivan

Ethnicity

New Zealand European

Are you submitting as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

Individual

**Would you like to present your feedback direct to councillors at a 10 Year Plan consultation hearing?
In person or through Zoom?**

Yes

**Would you like to be kept informed about the outcome of Hutt City Council's public consultation
process on the 10 Year Plan via email?**

Yes

Do you live in Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai Lower Hutt?

Yes

Do you own or rent the home you live in?

Rent

Which suburb do you live in?

Petone

What age group do you belong to?

18-24 years

What is your preferred option for how we invest in water services for the next 10 years?

Option 2

Please share any comments you would like to add about the water services.

We can't keep delaying the issue it may cost us a lot but we need to start now and start big

What is your preferred option for how we divert food and green organics waste from landfill?

Option 1

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding waste and landfill.

We need to do everything we can to reduce usage of the landfill as we only have one available

319 HCC-99163198 - LIAM SULLIVAN

What is your preferred option for implementing a rates remission policy to help low-income homeowners?

Option 1

What is your preferred option for undertaking work on the three Petone assets – the library building, the grandstand and the wharf?

Option 1

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding the three Petone assets.

We need to cut our losses on the wharf and just demolish it and definitely invest in a new library facility

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's proposed future approach to managing assets.

Neither agree nor disagree

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's proposed updates to our fees and charges? e.g. increases to parking fees and to fees for the Silverstream landfill

Strongly Agree

Do you have any comments on our proposed updates to our fees and charges?

To make the upgrades necessary we need to increase the price of some services

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's revised development contributions policy.

Neither agree nor disagree

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's Infrastructure Strategy.

Neither agree nor disagree

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's Reserves Investment Strategy.

Neither agree nor disagree

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the approach outlined in Council's Financial Strategy to enable the delivery of our priorities and progress investment in basic infrastructure.

Strongly Agree

Given the increased cost pressures on our work as well as the current economic climate, do you agree that a total rates revenue increase in 2024-2025 of 16.9% after growth is reasonable?

Agree

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319 HCC-99163198 - LIAM SULLIVAN

Please rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the general direction that we are taking for this draft 10 Year Plan.

Strongly Agree

4. Douglas Stuart Sheppard

524 HCC-111166915 - DOUGLAS STUART SHEPPARD

524 HCC-111166915 - Douglas Stuart Sheppard

Ethnicity

New Zealand European

Are you submitting as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

Individual

**Would you like to present your feedback direct to councillors at a 10 Year Plan consultation hearing?
In person or through Zoom?**

Yes

**Would you like to be kept informed about the outcome of Hutt City Council's public consultation
process on the 10 Year Plan via email?**

Yes

Do you live in Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai Lower Hutt?

Yes

Do you own or rent the home you live in?

Own

Which suburb do you live in?

Belmont

What age group do you belong to?

65-74 years

What is your preferred option for how we invest in water services for the next 10 years?

I have no preference.

Please share any comments you would like to add about the water services.

Nowhere in the document have I seen any discussion of charging for excessive water use. If this is not done there is little incentive for property-owners to fix leaks or minimise water use. Likewise, there is no discussion of the effects on rates and costs of such a measure. Kapiti is a good example of what can be achieved through such measures and this hugely reduces the need for investment in additional water supply sources and infrastructure upgrades. Why has this not been developed as an option? Likewise, the determination to grow our city imposes huge extra costs on three waters infrastructure. Why this insistence on growth for the sake of growth? It is plain stupidity.

What is your preferred option for how we divert food and green organics waste from landfill?

I have no preference.

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524 HCC-111166915 - DOUGLAS STUART SHEPPARD

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding waste and landfill.

Given that our household produces essentially no green waste of any sort, and given that because we produce comparatively little waste of any sort that is not recyclable, we have been penalised by the introduction of the current system. These proposals will penalise us even more as we mulch and use our garden waste and compost all food and garden scraps. Where is the justice in that? Come on HCC, do a bit better to encourage minimisation of waste from households, with the consequent reduction in costs.

What is your preferred option for implementing a rates remission policy to help low-income homeowners?

Option 1

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding rates remission.

But as long as we have an economic system in the country which encourages the ever increasing proportion of needy people in our communities, this will be a growing cost area.

What is your preferred option for undertaking work on the three Petone assets – the library building, the grandstand and the wharf?

Option 2

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding the three Petone assets.

LHCC need to accept that the shopping hub of the City is Petone and develop plans accordingly. The current CBD is a cot-case despite investments by HCC, and continued emphasis on making is a commercial (i.e. offices) and residential district should be expanded. And remove all continuing subsidies and other encouragement for the bloody mall. It is a disaster for traffic management as well as being a supremely unpleasant place to go to.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's proposed future approach to managing assets.

Neither agree nor disagree

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's proposed updates to our fees and charges? e.g. Increases to parking fees and to fees for the Silverstream landfill

Disagree

Do you have any comments on our proposed updates to our fees and charges?

All parking and traffic management costs should be paid by the users of these services. We desperately need to discourage motor vehicle use in the city; it is killing us financially and in terms of our health and welfare. The Melling interchange needs to be reconsidered. It seems to be an effort to make traffic flow into the CBD easier. Then what? Where will they all go? This area of the city is already congested beyond reason at times. Why are we spending so much to make it worse?

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's revised development contributions policy.

Disagree

524 HCC-111166915 - DOUGLAS STUART SHEPPARD

Do you have any comments on our Development Contributions Policy?

Developers of greenfields projects should pay all costs of new sub-divisions, for roads and three waters and street lighting and parks etc. We need to discourage such developments, because we do not need to grow the city in that way. It is witless - more people further away from facilities and workplaces so more call on the use of private transport and more costs for provision of roads etc etc. Infill development similarly should be limited to prevent the development of tomorrows slums, with concentrations of high-density and poor quality dwellings. This is not the "garden city" that most citizens want.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's Infrastructure Strategy.

Disagree

Do you have any comments on our Infrastructure Strategy?

Reduce spending on the Melling Interchange, away from cars and promoting public transport. Similarly, limit spending on increasing population and population density of the city.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's Reserves Investment Strategy.

Neither agree nor disagree

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the approach outlined in Council's Financial Strategy to enable the delivery of our priorities and progress investment in basic infrastructure.

Disagree

Do you have any comments on our Financial Strategy?

Unaffordable for too many ratepayers in the next few years. Get central Government to share the costs through such things as a revisited Three Waters Strategy. Push for the establishment of a Central Government owned and operated insurance system for Councils, to reduce increasing insurance costs which are becoming just silly. Lobby the Government incessantly to pay rates on its properties in the HCC area. Deny them services if they don't.

Given the increased cost pressures on our work as well as the current economic climate, do you agree that a total rates revenue increase in 2024-2025 of 16.9% after growth is reasonable?

Disagree

If you do not agree that the proposed rates revenue increase is reasonable, which areas of Council function and service delivery do you believe could be reduced in order to enable a lower rates increase, and why?

Much of the increases in costs are down to the governance model imposed on Councils by central Government. Ignore them and set up a works department to get away from excessively expensive contracting companies which are increasingly being able to name their price. A works department of employees is much more flexible and so much lower costs could be realised - not having to do preliminary assessments and costings, getting bids, separate organisations for traffic control, doing the jobs, inspecting and managing all the bloody contracts is not the cheapest way of doing anything. Simplify, simplify, simplify.

524 HCC-111166915 - DOUGLAS STUART SHEPPARD

Please share any further comments you would like to add.

Lobby Lobby Lobby. With Chris Bishop at #3 in Cabinet he needs to be subjected incessantly to his own trade of lobbying. Just do it. Hang him out to dry if he won't play along.

Please rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the general direction that we are taking for this draft 10 Year Plan.

Agree

Please explain the reason for your response.

The needs and directions are mostly good(ish so much is not being done because of the urgent priorities) but the costs and mechanisms are way off beam. Get rid of the CEO and management infrastructure model and simplify the council structure to a Town Clerk (there's half the current salary saved) and a City Engineer to actually run things using internal workforces. Stop contracting out, it costs too much. Quick, before it is too late.

5. Robert Gell

287 HCC-97162115 - ROBERT GELL

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Ethnicity

Māori

Are you submitting as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

Individual

**Would you like to present your feedback direct to councillors at a 10 Year Plan consultation hearing?
In person or through Zoom?**

Yes

**Would you like to be kept informed about the outcome of Hutt City Council's public consultation
process on the 10 Year Plan via email?**

Yes

Do you live in Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai Lower Hutt?

Yes

Do you own or rent the home you live in?

Own

Which suburb do you live in?

Tirohanga

What age group do you belong to?

65-74 years

Which iwi do you belong to?

Ngati Raakaipaaka

Which Hapū do you belong to?

toroaiwhiti

What is your preferred option for how we invest in water services for the next 10 years?

I have no preference.

287 HCC-97162115 - ROBERT GELL

Please share any comments you would like to add about the water services.

before an increase in rates is considered, Council must first look at how it delivers its water services. In the past Council had its own in house technical expertise & ground staff whom were able to service the rate payers. Nowadays Council has placed this service in the hands of Wellington Water & its international national consultants. These people don't come cheap. Better that Council revert to back what was efficient & cheap & hire in house staff.

What is your preferred option for how we divert food and green organics waste from landfill?

Option 1

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding waste and landfill.

Option 1 is preferable. Organic green waste, if managed properly, can reap a by product that has a commercial value.

What is your preferred option for implementing a rates remission policy to help low-income homeowners?

I have no preference.

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding rates remission.

a remission offer of \$250 (\$5 per week) is laughable, particularly to those homes which are owned by pensioners.

What is your preferred option for undertaking work on the three Petone assets – the library building, the grandstand and the wharf?

I have no preference.

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding the three Petone assets.

Demolish current asset & build a multi purpose sporting complex at Petone Rec that caters for all sports winter & summer. Give the land to an investor to build. Sweeten the offer with no rates for 10 years. Relocate the library to this complex. Make improvements to the Esplanade by Council putting options to buy on existing properties. When these properties come up for sale, Council would buy them & offer them to a property developer who would build high rise buildings for hotels, apartments, restaurants & cafes.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's proposed future approach to managing assets.

Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any comments on our Assets review?

Recreation spaces are two fold. Those that have hard infrastructure (buildings, pools) & two, open spaces (parks & reserves). These two facilities ensure that citizens have access to mental well being & physical restorative activities. This is of National significance & should therefore be funded in most, by central government (in the same way that DOC is funded).

287 HCC-97162115 - ROBERT GELL

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's proposed updates to our fees and charges? e.g. increases to parking fees and to fees for the Silverstream landfill

Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments on our proposed updates to our fees and charges?

Landfill charges at the moment are extravagant. They are preventing citizens & businesses from delivering refuse to the tip. Fly tipping is common & some commercial businesses are running their own illegal dumps. Better that WasteCare & Tonkin & Taylor be relieved of their contracts & Council take it back in house. Parking fees are essential to move traffic on so that businesses can have patron turnover. However, if Council want the CBD to be a 'go to shopping' place, then, they must look at free parking alternatives.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's revised development contributions policy.

Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any comments on our Development Contributions Policy?

Council's grab for development money is understandable, more citizens means more recreation space. It also means there will be more rate payers. When new buildings or subdivisions are created, the infrastructure is maintenance free for at least 20 years. This is enough time for that money to be 'banked' for the next round of infrastructural renewals (roads, underground services). In fill housing has already created demand for these services.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's Infrastructure Strategy.

Agree

Do you have any comments on our Infrastructure Strategy?

install of water meters to residences must only be installed when the leaks are repaired. Agree with install on intermediate & major bulk pipelines. Human waste has to be treated with more efficient techniques, rather than just dumping it untreated into our pantry. The building of new reservoirs is symptomatic of a water supply system that is badly leaking. Fix the leaks & won't need a reservoir. The cross valley link has been around for decades. I'll see it to believe it.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's Reserves Investment Strategy.

Agree

Do you have any comments on our Reserves Investment Strategy?

Public open spaces & reserves are to be guarded. An over zealous Council, which might like to remove it's designation for other developments, has to be tempered. Clean water & trees are needed. There will come a time when the Hutt Valley cannot provide more land for housing. The time has come for them to think about a green belt.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the approach outlined in Council's Financial Strategy to enable the delivery of our priorities and progress investment in basic infrastructure.

Agree

287 HCC-97162115 - ROBERT GELL**Do you have any comments on our Financial Strategy?**

Rates increases are a given. Inflation dictates this. However, rates affordability cannot be ignored. Investment by central government is crucial. I thought we had the answer with the 3 waters strategy proposed by the last government, now we have nothing. We can always go down the line of PPPs to help us out.

Given the increased cost pressures on our work as well as the current economic climate, do you agree that a total rates revenue increase in 2024-2025 of 16.9% after growth is reasonable?

Strongly disagree

If you do not agree that the proposed rates revenue increase is reasonable, which areas of Council function and service delivery do you believe could be reduced in order to enable a lower rates increase, and why?

No level of service from Council should be reduced. Savings could be made by Council taking back in out sourced services. Get rid of Wellington Water & it's share holding driven consultants for a starter. Encourage central government to pay rates on their properties.

Please share any further comments you would like to add.

Council need to look at ways of not burdening their citizens with large rates increases. If they had of 'banked' a share of rates for infrastructure renewals, then the impact would have been less. Rate payers are being held to ransom by expensive consultants who see Council as a gravy train.

Please rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the general direction that we are taking for this draft 10 Year Plan.

Strongly disagree

Please explain the reason for your response.

Council have published a grim picture of their plan without seriously considering it's wider effect. It maybe that through stealth, that they have signaled to central government, that Councils through out Aotearoa, have no money to keep their citizens safe & healthy. Lets all hope that this madness of drunken political power will sober up & they bow to the wishes of the people.

6. Shane William Ford

136 HCC-96157915 - shane william ford

Ethnicity

New Zealand European

Are you submitting as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

Individual

**Would you like to present your feedback direct to councillors at a 10 Year Plan consultation hearing?
In person or through Zoom?**

Yes

**Would you like to be kept informed about the outcome of Hutt City Council's public consultation
process on the 10 Year Plan via email?**

Yes

Do you live in Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai Lower Hutt?

Yes

Do you own or rent the home you live in?

Rent

Which suburb do you live in?

Waterloo

What age group do you belong to?

55-64 years

What is your preferred option for how we invest in water services for the next 10 years?

Option 2

Please share any comments you would like to add about the water services.

why wont you inform people of whats on the planning agenda before these surveys are issued to the public.
sad

What is your preferred option for how we divert food and green organics waste from landfill?

Option 1

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding waste and landfill.

in a meeting i suggested that farmers feed there livestock or pigs with food waste so that option is a good
idea

136 HCC-96157915 - SHANE WILLIAM FORD

What is your preferred option for implementing a rates remission policy to help low-income homeowners?

Option 1

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding rates remission.

ALL ive had is rent increases and no proof ive had Winz rises :: in owning my own home you took my rates and gave me no say what-so-ever

What is your preferred option for undertaking work on the three Petone assets – the library building, the grandstand and the wharf?

I have no preference.

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding the three Petone assets.

i live in waterloo not petone i dont care to use services in that area

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's proposed future approach to managing assets.

Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments on our Assets review?

your ALL corrupt following policies of the wef and they do not represent humanity or life.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's proposed updates to our fees and charges? e.g. increases to parking fees and to fees for the Silverstream landfill

Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments on our proposed updates to our fees and charges?

when covid was going on you blocked people like myself from attending any of your facilities because i was not jabbed or as you put "vaccinated" with the poison to be allowed into your facilities. your a captured corrupt org that doesnt follow or listen to people as myself. you follow the WEF policies that are detriment to human life with your future 15 minute cities.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's revised development contributions policy.

Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments on our Development Contributions Policy?

youve not listened to myself since ive lived in lowerhutt and ive lived here for 10 years, when im able ill be leaving as i dont feel that my council has my best interests at heart.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's Infrastructure Strategy.

Strongly disagree

136 HCC-96157915 - SHANE WILLIAM FORD

Do you have any comments on our Infrastructure Strategy?

youve never consulted myself on this or any other subject youve had so why are you starting now:: your ALL corrupt and have an agenda your following that im not aware of.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's Reserves Investment Strategy.

Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments on our Reserves Investment Strategy?

your similar to moari;s full of mis-management and theft.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the approach outlined in Council's Financial Strategy to enable the delivery of our priorities and progress investment in basic infrastructure.

Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments on our Financial Strategy?

if i owned my own home id not pay rates as you billing home owners is faulty false fake and theft. i would never sanction most of what you build or plan for when you banned me from your facilities because i never took an experimental jab killing people, with one side effect being death.

Given the increased cost pressures on our work as well as the current economic climate, do you agree that a total rates revenue increase in 2024-2025 of 16.9% after growth is reasonable?

Strongly disagree

If you do not agree that the proposed rates revenue increase is reasonable, which areas of Council function and service delivery do you believe could be reduced in order to enable a lower rates increase, and why?

im glad i dont own a home id not give you a cent. NO to increasing rates to the poor people that own theyre own homes havent they been taxed enough.

Please share any further comments you would like to add.

stop being a bunch of bureaucratic bad people and be more transparent to the residents of the hutt-valley

Please rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the general direction that we are taking for this draft 10 Year Plan.

Strongly disagree

Please explain the reason for your response.

if i was financially able id sue you for negligence of and dereliction of duty and care of lowerhutt residence people living in the hutt-valley

7. Sally Jane Norman

Submission to Hutt City Council

Summary

Te Herenga Waka—Victoria University of Wellington and the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra (NZSO) are requesting that Hutt City Council include \$103,495.86 for the national music centre in Wellington's Te Ngākau Civic Square in its Ten Year Plan 2024-2034.

The national music centre will bring together in a shared location the extraordinary talent of the New Zealand School of Music—Te Kōkī with the professional mastery of the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra (NZSO). Housing a nationally significant music school alongside a national professional orchestra in the capital city of Aotearoa will produce a leading national and Australasian hub for musical innovation and collaboration, transforming the New Zealand and wider regional art scene and inspiring future generations.

The centre will include cutting-edge facilities aimed at bolstering New Zealand's post-production film industry and the expansion of live digital broadcast opportunities. It will offer the public far greater access to music and the arts than ever before, with lunchtime concerts, public lectures, workshops, seminars, festivals, and art displays.

The national music centre will contribute to the growth, vibrancy, and cultural richness of the region, while also providing economic, educational, and social benefits both locally and nationally.

A fundraising campaign, led by former Wellington Mayor Dame Kerry Prendergast, has already raised \$23 million, with another \$10 million in the pipeline. We are seeking support from all the Wellington region's councils based on population, to ensure the sustainability and growth of the centre. The history of the project and the significant impact it will have on the cultural landscape of our region are outlined below.

A transformational opportunity for the Wellington region and the country

The closure of Wellington Town Hall for earthquake strengthening in 2013 presented a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to bring vibrancy to the city through a revitalised Te Ngākau Civic Square precinct.

A vision emerged for a national music centre in the heart of the city, supporting greater access to music and the arts for everyone through spaces for musical innovation and collaboration, with world-class acoustics and sound recording facilities. It will include New Zealand's first symphonic-sized specialist recording studios; recognised by major international film companies as the one component missing from New Zealand's film post-production industry.

As the first music centre of its kind in the southern hemisphere, it will mirror similar precincts in the major creative cities of the world and establish the Wellington area as a centre of creative excellence and innovation in the Asia-Pacific region.

The project is a collaboration between Wellington City Council, Victoria University of Wellington and the NZSO and will provide a new home for the University's New Zealand School of Music—Te Kōkī (NZSM) and the NZSO. Subject to ongoing negotiations with the Council, the NZSM will relocate to levels three and four of Te Matapihi/Central Library in Te Ngākau Civic Square, once strengthening and modernising work on the library is completed.

The NZSM provides the country's most comprehensive tertiary music offering, encompassing jazz and classical performance, popular music, composition, musicology, vocal and sonic arts, as well as the country's only Master's degree in music therapy that trains registered practitioners for the wider social sector. Alongside its more traditional instrumental assets for classical and jazz performance, and its vigorously developing digital technology and audio production programmes, the NZSM is closely engaged with its uniquely diverse collection of non-Western instruments, including superb taonga puoro, Pasifika, and Asian resources.

New Zealand Symphony Orchestra

The NZSO is one of the world's oldest national symphony orchestras, recognised as an outstanding orchestra of international stature. Their reputation attracts many of the world's leading musicians, conductors, and soloists, and each year their touring programme reaches more than 30 different



communities across New Zealand in more than 100 concerts to audiences in excess of 100,000 people.

Securing the Orchestra's new home in the capital will enhance the region's cultural identity and provide all residents with access to high-quality performances, fostering a sense of pride and community engagement. The NZSO engages in educational and outreach programmes aimed at schools and communities. By supporting a new home, the Hutt Valley and surrounding areas can benefit from these programmes, providing opportunities for local students to access music education and fostering a greater appreciation for the arts among residents of all ages.

Support for Arts, Culture and Heritage

We know that Council appreciates the important role of arts and culture in enriching the lives of residents and visitors to the city and improving quality of life. This project supports the Council's focus on social and cultural wellbeing, recognising that enhanced social connectedness is a key driver of wellbeing and resilience.

The national music centre will be a focus for innovative musical events that connect and strengthen communities, instil a sense of pride and identity, and improve individual and community health and wellbeing. It will develop and champion musical arts in the same way that the Council has done for visual arts and museums and enhance the opportunities for the community to participate in cultural activities that they enjoy and find meaningful.

Cultural enrichment

The national music centre will serve as a hub for musical creativity, education, and appreciation. It will provide an opportunity for residents of the Hutt Valley and surrounding areas to engage with diverse musical genres, performances, and exhibitions, promoting cultural enrichment and artistic expression, including Māori cultural aspirations and promotion of Te Reo Māori.

Talent development and education

Talented aspiring musicians and students from the Hutt Valley will be able to access the centre's world-class educational and performance facilities and make direct connections with the NZSO and other creative industries such as the sound recording and film industry.

This will foster the development of local talent and nurture a vibrant music community that could lead to an increase in music-related employment opportunities. This supports the Council's goal for retaining and supporting local creative talent and attracting others to make the city their home.

There are many examples of successful musicians from the Hutt Valley who are now contributing to the music scene locally, nationally, and internationally.

- Hayden Afele-Nickel from Naenae is a Samoan violinist who completed a music degree at Te Kōkī alongside a BA in Education and Psychology. He is now giving back to the local community as the artistic director and senior tutor at Lower Hutt-based music education charity Arohanui Strings. Hayden's goal is to teach and inspire the next generation of Māori and Pasifika musicians. Since Arohanui Strings was founded in 2010, at least 4000 children in some of the region's most economically challenged communities have received musical instruction through its programmes.
- Former Hutt Valley High School student William Berry is studying classical piano at NZSM where he won the 2023 Concerto competition.
- Jonathan Crayford began studying piano at the age of three at Sacred Heart convent in Lower Hutt and is now an award-winning jazz pianist, multi-instrumentalist and critically-acclaimed film composer.

Collaboration and innovation

The national music centre will not be exclusively for classical musicians. It will act as a hub for music enthusiasts and industry professionals, fostering collaboration and networking opportunities. Students, artists, and musicians will be able to connect with their peers, exchange ideas, and create new projects which will contribute to the growth and visibility of the local music scene.



This meets the aim of the Council's Arts and Culture Policy 2016-2021 to develop new strategies to retain and grow talent and facilitate greater collaboration between arts organisations to reduce the costs to individual organisations and build overall capacity.

Stronger connections between music and other art forms, such as design, sound engineering, film, and theatre, will expose people to transformative technology and enhance musical innovation in the region.

Cross cultural collaboration

Every year the NZSM participates in around 200 musical events, giving students the chance to perform in a range of genres. We have a history of cross-cultural collaboration through music from the Asia-Pacific region and a growing collection of Māori, Pacific, and Asian instruments.

The centre will provide spaces in which diverse national and international communities can deepen their connections and enable a wide range of music to thrive, from tāonga puoro composition to gamelan percussion, Ethiopian jazz, and the rich musical traditions of Aotearoa's Pasifika communities. Learners, students, players, and staff will enliven Te Ngākau Civic Square and attract new audiences for musical activities.

Community engagement and pride

The national music centre will create new possibilities for exciting events, concerts, festivals and community outreach activities that Hutt residents could participate in and take pride in. People of all ages and backgrounds will be able to connect with music, promoting a sense of belonging and community cohesion.

Enhanced regional reputation

The national music centre will showcase the region's commitment to the arts and culture. It will join existing cultural events like the Aotearoa New Zealand International Festival of the Arts and WOW to elevate the region's reputation as a vibrant and creative destination, attracting attention and recognition both nationally and internationally. This enhanced reputation could have long-term benefits for the wider region, attracting investment, businesses, and further cultural initiatives.

Economic benefits

As outlined in the Council's Arts and Culture Policy 2016-2021, research shows that arts and culture are an essential part of any vibrant city that wants to develop and grow economically. A strong arts and culture sector attracts talented people who in turn develop entrepreneurial and innovative projects that contribute to economic growth.

The national music centre will attract visitors from across the country and internationally, who may then visit the Dowse Art Gallery and Settlers museum as well as enjoying parks, cafés, restaurants, and shopping experiences. This influx of visitors will generate revenue for local businesses.

Financial support through the Council's Ten Year plan

We are seeking the support of the region's councils for funding so that we can ensure the sustainability and growth of the national music centre. Given its vital role in promoting music education, fostering talent, and enriching our cultural heritage, the centre needs all councils to collaborate to secure the necessary resources for its continued success.

We are approaching all the region's councils with funding requests based on resident population (see table in Appendix). Therefore we respectfully request that funding to the extent of \$103,495.86 is allocated in the Hutt City Council's Ten Year plan. We are open to discussing various options for funding allocation, including spreading it over multiple years.

We appreciate your consideration of this submission, and we would be happy to speak at one of your upcoming hearings.



Appendix

Population statistics for regional council funding for the national music centre

Council / Territorial Authority	Resident Population 2022	Population Percentage	Funding request
Masterton District Council	29,000	5.34%	\$26,678.93
Hutt City Council	112,500	20.70%	\$103,495.86
Porirua City Council	76,800	14.13%	\$70,653.17
Upper Hutt City Council	47,700	8.78%	\$43,882.24
Wellington City Council	197,900	36.41%	\$182,060.72
Carterton District Council	10,250	1.89%	\$9,429.62
Kapiti Coast District Council	57,600	10.60%	\$52,989.88
South Wairarapa District Council	11,750	2.16%	\$10,809.57
Total population	543,500	100%	\$500,000.00

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8. Phil Pegler

540 HCC-112167098 - Phil Pegler

Ethnicity

New Zealand European

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Yes

**Would you like to be kept informed about the outcome of Hutt City Council's public consultation
process on the 10 Year Plan via email?**

Yes

Do you live in Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai Lower Hutt?

Yes

Do you own or rent the home you live in?

Own

Which suburb do you live in?

Normandale

What age group do you belong to?

55-64 years

What is your preferred option for how we invest in water services for the next 10 years?

Option 1

What is your preferred option for how we divert food and green organics waste from landfill?

Option 2

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding waste and landfill.

I compost all waste and actually need it to continue organic supply to several gardens. Furthermore, I do not wish to be charged for a "service" I do not need or want.

What is your preferred option for implementing a rates remission policy to help low-income homeowners?

Option 1

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding the three Petone assets.

There is a shortage of parking in Petone. A car park building could be another option. What do councillors think? I would also have no objection to metered parking.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's proposed future approach to managing assets.

Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any comments on our Assets review?

The attached explanation of how council is managing assets is too vague. The devil is in the detail and not enough information appears here. Further development of Jubilee Park should be considered. Recommendations are # a bus stop and or car park off the main Normandale road within the existing green space. This is the area (above) and to the west of Hutt Minoh Friendship House. This is a major pinch point for traffic congestion. A new car park would open up track access and encourage use - particularly in light of future developments in proposed Te Awa Kairangi stop bank and roading developments. # take silt and mud out of the pond area below Minoh house. The ducks do not come here anymore as there is no water to sit in - just smelly mud! # The associated fern area and walkways also need serious attention and could become much more attractive with some investment. # Better use of Minoh House as our sister city project – it is unclear who is responsible for this within the council structure ? Please advise.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's proposed updates to our fees and charges? e.g. increases to parking fees and to fees for the Silverstream landfill

Agree

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's revised development contributions policy.

Agree

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's Infrastructure Strategy.

Strongly Agree

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's Reserves Investment Strategy.

Disagree

Do you have any comments on our Reserves Investment Strategy?

Development of the tracks, walkways, infrastructure on the Western Hills is a clear and disturbing omission. Parks & reserves are deteriorating rapidly and require on-going maintenance for future-proofing and present use. Further development of Jubilee Park should be considered. Recommendations are # a bus stop and or car park off the main Normandale road within the existing green space. This is the area (above) and to the west of Hutt Minoh Friendship House. This is a major pinch point for traffic congestion. A new car park would open up track access and encourage use - particularly in light of future developments in proposed Te Awa Kairangi stop bank and roading developments. # take silt and mud out of the pond area below Minoh house. The ducks do not come here anymore as there is no water to sit in - just smelly mud! # The associated fern area and walkways also need serious attention and could become much more attractive with some investment. # Better actual use of Minoh House and surrounds as our sister city project – it is unclear who is responsible for this within council ? Please advise.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the approach outlined in Council's Financial Strategy to enable the delivery of our priorities and progress investment in basic infrastructure.

Agree

Given the increased cost pressures on our work as well as the current economic climate, do you agree that a total rates revenue increase in 2024-2025 of 16.9% after growth is reasonable?

Agree

Please rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the general direction that we are taking for this draft 10 Year Plan.

Agree

Please explain the reason for your response.

As a Council you continue to lead the way Nationally in making critical decision for the future. Keep up the great work. Keep listening.

9. Alan Eldridge Smith

218 HCC-96160351 - Alan eldridge Smith

Ethnicity

New Zealand European

Are you submitting as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

Individual

**Would you like to present your feedback direct to councillors at a 10 Year Plan consultation hearing?
In person or through Zoom?**

Yes

**Would you like to be kept informed about the outcome of Hutt City Council's public consultation
process on the 10 Year Plan via email?**

Yes

Do you live in Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai Lower Hutt?

Yes

Do you own or rent the home you live in?

Own

Which suburb do you live in?

Woburn

What age group do you belong to?

75 years or older

What is your preferred option for how we invest in water services for the next 10 years?

Option 1

Please share any comments you would like to add about the water services.

Water meters essential (for the same reasons as for electricity meters, another core infrastructure service)

What is your preferred option for how we divert food and green organics waste from landfill?

Option 2

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding waste and landfill.

preferred option is a disincentive to home-based composting, and would not discourage wasteful spending on food at the individual and household level

What is your preferred option for implementing a rates remission policy to help low-income home-owners?

Option 2

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding rates remission.

Put more effort into getting full ordinary business rates to be paid on Crown-owned properties (schools, courthouse etc); or, increase the existing water supply / sewerage costs paid by the Crown for these properties to the equivalent level of ordinary business rates

What is your preferred option for undertaking work on the three Petone assets – the library building, the grandstand and the wharf?

I have no preference.

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding the three Petone assets.

Petone wharf can be saved as a walk-on only structure; strengthening proposals seen so far are over-engineered, as is the "memorial display". Library and grandstand can function well enough with relatively minor improvements which can best be described as "deferred maintenance"

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's proposed future approach to managing assets.

Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any comments on our Assets review?

Waffle. All assets need maintenance and continuous renewal; recognise that cost up front and don't "save" by spasmodic "lowering rates" campaigns

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's proposed updates to our fees and charges? e.g. increases to parking fees and to fees for the Silverstream landfill

Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any comments on our proposed updates to our fees and charges?

Policy rationale for making charges not clearly expressed.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's revised development contributions policy.

Agree

Do you have any comments on our Development Contributions Policy?

no

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's Infrastructure Strategy.

Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any comments on our Infrastructure Strategy?

Much higher level co-ordination with Regional Council and with NZTA; these seem from your strategy to be "silos" to be "engaged with" from time to time. e.g. Cuba St over bridge strengthening - surely will be part of the Cross-Valley RoNS.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's Reserves Investment Strategy.

Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any comments on our Reserves Investment Strategy?

Much more overt co-ordination with GWRC who own/manage core Lower Hutt reserves land along the beach and river, in surrounding hills etc.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the approach outlined in Council's Financial Strategy to enable the delivery of our priorities and progress investment in basic infrastructure.

Strongly Agree

Do you have any comments on our Financial Strategy?

Seems ok so long as it is done in full co-ordination with GWRC and Crown who all also provide public-access amenities within the HCC area

Given the increased cost pressures on our work as well as the current economic climate, do you agree that a total rates revenue increase in 2024-2025 of 16.9% after growth is reasonable?

Agree

Please rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the general direction that we are taking for this draft 10 Year Plan.

Agree

Please explain the reason for your response.

It all reads well but I sense that it is rather inward-looking and "tick-box": in nature. A sense is needed that HCC really understands how all these things interact to create a "liveable city", and that it really understands the importance of closer working with GWRC and Crown - HCC is not a stand-alone island

10. John Welch

768 HCC-119172183 - John Welch

Ethnicity

New Zealand European

Are you submitting as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

Individual

**Would you like to present your feedback direct to councillors at a 10 Year Plan consultation hearing?
In person or through Zoom?**

Yes

**Would you like to be kept informed about the outcome of Hutt City Council's public consultation
process on the 10 Year Plan via email?**

Yes

Do you live in Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai Lower Hutt?

Yes

Do you own or rent the home you live in?

Own

Which suburb do you live in?

Eastern Bays (Days Bay, Lowry Bay, Point Howard, Sorrento Bay, York Bay)

What age group do you belong to?

75 years or older

What is your preferred option for how we invest in water services for the next 10 years?

Option 1

What is your preferred option for how we divert food and green organics waste from landfill?

Option 2

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding waste and landfill.

I suggest Council investigate and seek feedback on reducing general waste collection to a fortnightly service.

What is your preferred option for implementing a rates remission policy to help low-income home-owners?

I have no preference.

What is your preferred option for undertaking work on the three Petone assets – the library building, the grandstand and the wharf?

Option 1

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's proposed future approach to managing assets.

Agree

Do you have any comments on our Assets review?

I suggest Council adapt an irrevocable policy whereby cash generated from depreciation of assets is ring-fenced and only used for the replacement of that particular class of asset. If this policy had been in place over previous decades, we would not be facing the same massive rates increases to fund asset replacement. Sadly, cash generated from previous depreciation has been used to fund expenditure outside of the asset class from where it was derived.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's proposed updates to our fees and charges? e.g. increases to parking fees and to fees for the Silverstream landfill

Disagree

Do you have any comments on our proposed updates to our fees and charges?

I disagree on the basis that concession pass price increases for swimming pools show no consistency. The increases range from 4.87% to 45% for a child's 30-swim pass. Casual rates are to increase in the main by less than 10%. The discounts for concession passes versus casual rates have reduced dramatically and will surely result in less being sold and thus reduced revenue.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's revised development contributions policy.

Disagree

Do you have any comments on our Development Contributions Policy?

I have a concern that the high DC's proposed for the Valley Floor and Wainuiomata will stifle development. These charges are not simply a cost to a developer - they are passed on to the end purchaser of the dwelling.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's Infrastructure Strategy.

Agree

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's Reserves Investment Strategy.

Neither agree nor disagree

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the approach outlined in Council's Financial Strategy to enable the delivery of our priorities and progress investment in basic infrastructure.

Agree

Do you have any comments on our Financial Strategy?

I agree subject to the comments made earlier on in my submission.

Given the increased cost pressures on our work as well as the current economic climate, do you agree that a total rates revenue increase in 2024-2025 of 16.9% after growth is reasonable?

Agree

Please rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the general direction that we are taking for this draft 10 Year Plan.

Agree

11. Jan Wijninckx (pronounced Yan Vaynings)

852 HCC-122173284 - Jan Wijninckx

Are you submitting as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

Individual

Would you like to present your feedback direct to councillors at a 10 Year Plan consultation hearing?
In person or through Zoom?

Yes

Would you like to be kept informed about the outcome of Hutt City Council's public consultation process on the 10 Year Plan via email?

Yes

Do you live in Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai Lower Hutt?

Yes

Do you own or rent the home you live in?

Own

Which suburb do you live in?

Eastern Bays (Days Bay, Lowry Bay, Point Howard, Sorrento Bay, York Bay)

What age group do you belong to?

55-64 years

Please share any comments you would like to add about the water services.

Option 3 - you stay within your budget constraints. The documentation makes no compelling case for more money. You obfuscate by not publishing your full financial report and budget for 2023/2024. I do NOT want water meters, I want Wellington Water to apply rigorous management to solve the leaks. And from observation they are clearly not. I have 20 years in service management and 40 years in engineering under the belt and I observe it is not managed. Please see my submission under the topic "Developments Contributions Policy" which is a misnomer as that is all about water infrastructure.

What is your preferred option for how we divert food and green organics waste from landfill?

Option 2

What is your preferred option for implementing a rates remission policy to help low-income homeowners?

Option 2

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding rates remission.

No rates relief for anyone. This is just buying of votes. You need to learn to live within your budget, so that people do not need relief. You need to reduce the cost of council, we cannot afford this nonsense of 15% rises every year. It has to stop! And this year is as good as any to stop this.

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding the three Petone assets.

Library, fix it, wharf fix it, recreation ground, sell it as land to build on, or turn it into a park

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's proposed future approach to managing assets.

Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments on our Assets review?

The documentation provides no numbers. How big is the asset base, what is the break down, why do we need what is in the breakdown, what is your priority within that breakdown. What is planned as new in that asset plan? Empty words mascaared as a plan. And how much do we pay for these people collating this - quotes - "plan"?! It is gross mismanagement what is exhibited here.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's proposed updates to our fees and charges? e.g. increases to parking fees and to fees for the Silverstream landfill

Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments on our proposed updates to our fees and charges?

How do you even get to all these fees and charges? It is an absolute dogs breakfast. There is no justification presented for any of this. It is 56 pages of blabber of so called fees. How much does it cost to compile and maintain this, and if we fired the two or more people working on this do we then still have to pay fees? As for parking fees, please stop charging for parking. That is what killed off Wellington. It is more expensive to park in Wellington than it is to park in Amsterdam. It is ridiculous. I avoid Wellington like the plague. And if you continue with parking charges for Lower Hutt, I will boycott that too. As for landfill charges - what are you trying to achieve? Do you want people to dump it along the road, or do you want people to safely dispose in the landfill. Start putting a levy on stuff on packaging etc, at source, and in the meantime keep the cost of sensibly discarding at a minimum. Make sure there are facilities to dump batteries (I have been here 30 years it is still a drama to dispose of them) to dump old paint, etc etc. Again there is no justification for all these fees. What does it cost to account for them to collect for them? 20 cents on a photo copy, you're better off providing it electronically and not bother about charging as the cost of collecting will far outweigh the cost of printing. Sigh. Who comes up with this. If you were a business owner, if this was your business, would you not just fire these people working out these "services" and pay for all these minutia that way? And why do you have so many "services" in the first place? Who asked for them? Where is your prioritization? Where is your mandate?

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's revised development contributions policy.

Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments on our Development Contributions Policy?

Why do you not clearly state that this is the budget for maintaining and upgrading the water infrastructure? This has little to do with development contributions. It is Orwellian obfuscation of terminology. Where in this report is the cost for your water meters of what was it, 350m? Why is this not a searchable PDF? I do not agree with putting all the cost of expansion with more people onto the new comers. This is one council, for all its people. What have you done to make the cost of consenting much lower, to drive down the cost of your bloated departments? What have you done to prioritize what needs to happen? What have you done to procure more cost efficiently, to cut down on cost over runs etc etc? Revised development contributions? Why? What needs revision? Instead in scanning this document I spot that you want to consent by bedroom. This is madness. This whole report is a dogs breakfast.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's Infrastructure Strategy.

Disagree

Do you have any comments on our Infrastructure Strategy?

Again this picture is incomplete. What else do you spend the money on? Where is the cost of the council? It is not just projects. There is no information to put it all in context. This is tantamount to deliberate obfuscation. We do not want water meters. No one I know of in my environment wants water meters. Put the 78m towards fixing, but not to meters. You only need a few strategically place d meters in the network to know where the worst leakage is. It shows Wellington water is incapable of managing. I urge you to replace the WW CEO with an Civil Engineer with a management capability rather than a flimsy lawyer. 639m for doing something to the water network. What are you planning to do? What have you done to validate that you are not grotesquely overpaying. The other day I had 6 people attending to a minor leak in my street. 5 Were watching. 3 were cone operators, incapable of doing anything. No wonder you need 639m. For goodness sake start managing and you can do this job for possibly 200m? or 100m? There is no information no benchmarking no nothing. All you do is ask for more money. I say no more, stay within your budget Another example. There is a major break in the mains, some guy arrives, fixes it, and then drives off to another place an hour away, instead of first fixing all the leaks in the street and then do the next job. This is how you waste money left right and centre. It is because your Wellington water is incapable of service management. I read in the paper that it costs \$5k per leak. I am not surprised, if you first have one person arriving to assess, instead of fix what is immediately fixable and then get a crew of 6 todo 1 persons job. So no, unless you can articulate why you need 638m + 78m and can't do that for 1/3rd of the cost I do not agree to more. And neither do my neighbors, or anyone else in this city. We are all fed up with these increases. Learn to live within your means.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's Reserves Investment Strategy.

Disagree

Do you have any comments on our Reserves Investment Strategy?

Beautiful report, 60 pages that will have cost at least 120k to develop. But it is totally unclear what the plan is. What was the budget in the past What is that per person? Do we need so much per person? Where is your mandate to do more? If the population grows from x to y, your budget over time is y/x times the current budget; Assuming management actually does its job and creates productivity and procurement savings of 3% per annum to justify their existence, you get more money over time Why do you need more money? How about a rate cut? This is the logics I would want to see.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the approach outlined in Council's Financial Strategy to enable the delivery of our priorities and progress investment in basic infrastructure.

Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments on our Financial Strategy?

It is not a strategy. It is only some pretty picture showing costs are going up. But why are they going up? What are you doing to manage to make them go down? What is the plan of things that must happen over the next 10 years where all our citizens would say : "yes that is needed" most of these things are nice to haves or things that you want, but not necessarily what the people want or have even considered.

Given the increased cost pressures on our work as well as the current economic climate, do you agree that a total rates revenue increase in 2024-2025 of 16.9% after growth is reasonable?

Strongly disagree

If you do not agree that the proposed rates revenue increase is reasonable, which areas of Council function and service delivery do you believe could be reduced in order to enable a lower rates increase, and why?

You have not articulated why there are increased cost pressures. All you say oh there are increased cost pressures. Why? What have you done to prioritize? What have you done to better procure? What have you done to manage to the cost down? What are you doing to more accurately forecast in the future? Take the silly cycleway along the bays where I live. It was going to cost 15m, not it is listed at 79.9m. But I bet you, if you did an earned value management graph on it, it'll end up at 100m or beyond. Do you even have such a graph. If not how can you say it is 79.9m? Another hole in next years budget. If we in the bay had known it would cost 100m would we have done it? I certainly would have voted against that idea. So no you have not articulate why there are cost increases other than to say there are. And if there are you put oil on the fire by putting more and more projects in the mix whereby the contractors can just name a price because the volume of work far outstrips capacity. And thus the costs are more. But it is totally in your control to make it less.

Please share any further comments you would like to add.

I am sick of this. I want you to stay within budget. I want no more rate rises. You say the population will increase, I am ready to move. I am livid about these rate rises, and I want to eyeball you. I look forward to a robust discussion.

Please rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the general direction that we are taking for this draft 10 Year Plan.

Strongly disagree

Please explain the reason for your response.

This plan is far too verbose and not to the point. It does not show how you are going to address what is on everyone's mind: keep the cost down, and fix the water. Where do you show the total budget of the council, staff cost, assets, ongoing spend, new spend, spend on core business, spend on niceties? Where are the priorities. What if the people had 10% less money, what would you scrap? where do I read that?

12. Robyn Morete

730 HCC-118171595 - Robyn Morete

Are you submitting as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

Organisation/Business/Iwi

What is the name of the organisation that you represent?

Wellington Rugby League

**Would you like to present your feedback direct to councillors at a 10 Year Plan consultation hearing?
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Yes

**Would you like to be kept informed about the outcome of Hutt City Council's public consultation
process on the 10 Year Plan via email?**

Yes

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's Reserves Investment Strategy.

Disagree

Do you have any comments on our Reserves Investment Strategy?

Tēnā koutou Hutt City Council, I am writing to you on behalf of Wellington Rugby League to express our concern at how sportsgrounds might be managed as outlined in the Hutt City Council's Long-term Plan 2024-2034 and the draft Hutt City Reserves Investment Strategy. As a Regional Sport Organisation deeply invested in the growth of Rugby League in Lower Hutt and the wider region, we believe that the Long-term Plan (LTP) presents a crucial opportunity to shape the future of our sport and our communities. Our member clubs in Lower Hutt include the Randwick Kingfishers based at Naenae Park, Te Aroha Eels based at Te Whiti Park, Petone Panthers based at McEwan Park and the Wainuiomata Lions based at Frederick Wise Park. Lower Hutt is where games are at our strongest, but we are playing on the worst sports grounds in the city. Rugby League has suffered inequitably with the historic underinvestment of sports grounds. Our players, including children, can't access essential facilities. Wellington Rugby League and our member clubs have been committed to growing participation at all levels of the game. One of our proudest achievements has been the growth of juniors and womens within our sport, reflecting a growing demand for opportunities for young people and women to engage in Rugby League at both grassroots and high-performance levels. However, as participation numbers continue to rise, so too does the need for fit-for-purpose facilities to accommodate this growth. In the 2023 Nuku Ora Regional Sports Field/Artificial Turf report, Rugby League was highlighted as having significant sporting field accessibility challenges. This might include sand carpeted fields with full drainage systems and floodlit lighting. Adequate and accessible facilities are essential in providing safe and enjoyable playing experiences for our communities. Without suitable facilities, we risk hindering the development of Rugby League in Lower Hutt and depriving our communities of the benefits that Rugby League brings. As we look towards the future, Wellington Rugby League is committed to working collaboratively with Hutt City Council to identify and prioritize the needs of our sport and our communities. We believe that by investing in fit-for-purpose facilities and supporting initiatives that promote participation, we can create a healthier, more active, and more connected Hutt City Council. In closing, I would like to extend our gratitude to Hutt City Council for its ongoing support of rugby league. Together, we can continue to make a positive impact to our communities and contribute to the thriving sporting landscape of our city. Thank you for your attention to this matter, and we look forward to the opportunity to further discuss how we can work together to achieve our shared goals.

13. Gary Quirke

755 HCC-119171898 - Gary Quirke

Ethnicity

New Zealand European

Are you submitting as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

Individual

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In person or through Zoom?**

Yes

**Would you like to be kept informed about the outcome of Hutt City Council's public consultation
process on the 10 Year Plan via email?**

Yes

Do you live in Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai Lower Hutt?

Yes

Do you own or rent the home you live in?

Own

Which suburb do you live in?

Avalon

What age group do you belong to?

75 years or older

What is your preferred option for how we invest in water services for the next 10 years?

Option 1

Please share any comments you would like to add about the water services.

I question as to whether Wellington Water would be able to meet its obligations for all the Councils that now have the delivery of Water Services as a priority over 10 years.

What is your preferred option for how we divert food and green organics waste from landfill?

Option 2

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding waste and landfill.

A number of households already have their own method of disposal of food waste ie compost bins, sink incinerators etc. They will receive additional rate charges that will be compulsory-why?

What is your preferred option for implementing a rates remission policy to help low-income homeowners?

Option 2

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding rates remission.

There is no indication when and how this facility would be addressed when economic conditions improve.

What is your preferred option for undertaking work on the three Petone assets – the library building, the grandstand and the wharf?

I have no preference.

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding the three Petone assets.

If Petone citizens are so keen on this wharf then perhaps the HCC would consider a levy for them-there is already a precedent with the Petone Jackson St levy.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's proposed future approach to managing assets.

Disagree

Do you have any comments on our Assets review?

The devil is in the detail

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's proposed updates to our fees and charges? e.g. increases to parking fees and to fees for the Silverstream landfill

Disagree

Do you have any comments on our proposed updates to our fees and charges?

Disagree with parking fees as this will impact on CBD businesses. Silverstream tip-agree with proposal.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's revised development contributions policy.

Neither agree nor disagree

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's Infrastructure Strategy.

Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments on our Infrastructure Strategy?

I think the Transport programme is excessive as more underutilized cycleways can be deferred until economic conditions improve. The current Oxford Terrace cycleway is underutilised and there is no SAFE linkage from Waterloo to CBD-nor has the cycleway to Seaview been established. HCC should take heed of its proposed policy to increase the rates deferral policy yet proposes a number of cycleways which could be deferred to later years than planned.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's Reserves Investment Strategy.

Disagree

Do you have any comments on our Reserves Investment Strategy?

Not aggressive enough as the amount of Reserves held by the HCC allows more recreational reserves to be established.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the approach outlined in Council's Financial Strategy to enable the delivery of our priorities and progress investment in basic infrastructure.

Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments on our Financial Strategy?

A 50% increase in rates over last year and next few years will result in ratepayers moving elsewhere.

Given the increased cost pressures on our work as well as the current economic climate, do you agree that a total rates revenue increase in 2024-2025 of 16.9% after growth is reasonable?

Strongly disagree

If you do not agree that the proposed rates revenue increase is reasonable, which areas of Council function and service delivery do you believe could be reduced in order to enable a lower rates increase, and why?

Have a good look at inflation levels-wages are not going to keep up with proposed rate increases. The 10 year plan including the 2024/25 draft budget looks like a political document designed to put more pressure on Central Government to fund some of the proposals in the plan.

Please share any further comments you would like to add.

While the HCC is faced with a difficult current economic situation so are Ratepayers. The HCC has the advantage that it can impose these excessive levels of rate increases over the next few years. Ratepayers are then forced to look at alternatives to meet these demands.

14. Bernard Gresham

835 HCC-121173065 - Bernard Gresham

Ethnicity

kiwi

Are you submitting as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

Individual

**Would you like to present your feedback direct to councillors at a 10 Year Plan consultation hearing?
In person or through Zoom?**

Yes

**Would you like to be kept informed about the outcome of Hutt City Council's public consultation
process on the 10 Year Plan via email?**

Yes

Do you live in Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai Lower Hutt?

Yes

Do you own or rent the home you live in?

Own

Which suburb do you live in?

Hutt Central

What age group do you belong to?

75 years or older

What is your preferred option for how we invest in water services for the next 10 years?

I have no preference.

Please share any comments you would like to add about the water services.

More info required.Hard to justify water meters.

What is your preferred option for how we divert food and green organics waste from landfill?

I have no preference.

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding waste and landfill.

Food waste collection not required. General waste weekly collection.

15. Allen Bennett

759 HCC-119172009 - Allen Bennett

Are you submitting as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

Organisation/Business/Iwi

What is the name of the organisation that you represent?

Bin Inn Whole Foods

**Would you like to present your feedback direct to councillors at a 10 Year Plan consultation hearing?
In person or through Zoom?**

Yes

**Would you like to be kept informed about the outcome of Hutt City Council's public consultation
process on the 10 Year Plan via email?**

Yes

**Please rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the general direction that we are taking for
this draft 10 Year Plan.**

Strongly disagree

Please explain the reason for your response.

As a Business on Jackson street I strongly disagree with the direction that Hutt city council are going with regards to implementing paid on Jackson street. We have just come through COVID we are weathering the implications of the weather events flooding in the far north and cyclone Gabriel in the Hawkes bay which disrupted food supplies and cost. WE also have had central government compliance and legislation over wages public holidays just to sigh a few issue that business have to address I wont mention insurances as this effects all of us as this effects all of us. Implementing paid parking on Jackson street would be the last draw for many of us.

16. Graeme Lyon

840 HCC-121173152 - Graeme Lyon

Ethnicity

New Zealand European

Are you submitting as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

Individual

Would you like to present your feedback direct to councillors at a 10 Year Plan consultation hearing? In person or through Zoom?

Yes

Would you like to be kept informed about the outcome of Hutt City Council's public consultation process on the 10 Year Plan via email?

Yes

Do you live in Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai Lower Hutt?

Yes

Do you own or rent the home you live in?

Own

Which suburb do you live in?

Petone

What age group do you belong to?

75 years or older

What is your preferred option for how we invest in water services for the next 10 years?

Option 2

Please share any comments you would like to add about the water services.

Water meters every 20 houses should be enough to identify areas with leaks rather than every house. Estimates per house and time measurements overnight should show where to look for leaks as a first placement before individual house meters.

What is your preferred option for how we divert food and green organics waste from landfill?

Option 1

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding waste and landfill.

Not sure that it will be useful. We compost and rarely have other green waste. needs opportunity for several houses to perhaps combine?

What is your preferred option for implementing a rates remission policy to help low-income homeowners?

Option 1

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding the three Petone assets.

OPTIONS ARE TOO LIMITING. See separate submission (s)

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's proposed future approach to managing assets.

Strongly Agree

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's proposed updates to our fees and charges? e.g. increases to parking fees and to fees for the Silverstream landfill

Agree

Do you have any comments on our proposed updates to our fees and charges?

Big jumps for Petone and Eastbourne board rooms, and Dowse rooms may unduly affect some community groups. Flexibility needed, eg hirer cleans rooms.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's revised development contributions policy.

Neither agree nor disagree

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's Infrastructure Strategy.

Strongly Agree

Do you have any comments on our Infrastructure Strategy?

Some aspects need revisiting. Riverlink should only be for flooding and transport, delete the 'facing the river stuff'. Do continue the cycle and micromobility network. Do Tupua Horo Nuku. Do crossvalley link - should strengthening Cuba St be replaced by what's needed for crossvalley. Small residential district water meters should be able to look for leaks without the expense of individual residence meters.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's Reserves Investment Strategy.

Strongly Agree

Do you have any comments on our Reserves Investment Strategy?

Residents and local users and care groups need to be consulted for eg Esplanade masterplan.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the approach outlined in Council's Financial Strategy to enable the delivery of our priorities and progress investment in basic infrastructure.

Agree

Given the increased cost pressures on our work as well as the current economic climate, do you agree that a total rates revenue increase in 2024-2025 of 16.9% after growth is reasonable?

Agree

Please share any further comments you would like to add.

Needs more central government contributions.

Please rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the general direction that we are taking for this draft 10 Year Plan.

Strongly Agree

Please explain the reason for your response.

Generally ok. we need resilience

17. Lynne Philp



Hutt City Council 2024-2034 10 Year Plan

Submission by Citizens Advice Bureau Lower Hutt

Citizens Advice Bureau Lower Hutt welcomes the opportunity to make a submission on the draft 2024-2034 10 Year Plan. We have been a proud part of the Lower Hutt community now for 50 years. This year we are holding our 50th AGM. We couldn't have survived this long without the support of the Hutt City Council, both with the provision of free accommodation in the past and financial grants to help us with our running costs. We have always appreciated this support.

Our central city location means that we are easily accessible to people from all parts of the Hutt Valley, especially those using public transport. We run an Outreach clinic in Stokes Valley on Tuesday mornings and currently provide JP services to residents 4 days a week. In addition, with the support of local lawyers, we run a free legal clinic each week. We also do on the ground management of the meeting rooms and manage the bookings board, on behalf of Council, for the building we occupy.

We field hundreds of inquiries each month from relationship issues to motor vehicle problems, legal issues, employment, consumer and tenancy matters, through to concerns regarding disruptive neighbours. People are often referred to us by Council for issues concerning trees amongst other things. Our volunteers maintain great relationships with a wide range of local organisations, and we all work together to empower the residents of Lower Hutt.

We recognise and support the importance of well-maintained and functioning infrastructure to the overall wellbeing of citizens and visitors. We also recognise that there is a need for immediate attention to the condition of much of the City's infrastructure. Our concern is that the draft 2024-2034 10 Year Plan seeks in part to finance this from increases to fees and charges for the use of community facilities. Any impact on the ability of community groups, including ourselves, to offer services, cultural, environmental and recreational programmes to the Lower Hutt Community is a very backward step, especially in the current financial climate where funding is incredibly tight. The potential gain to Council's finances in relation to the overall cost of infrastructure asset management is minimal but the impact on the community is huge.

He aha te mea nui o te ao
What is the most important thing in the world?
He tangata, he tangata, he tangata
It is the people, it is the people, it is the people

We are very concerned to see that in the draft 2024-2034 10 Year Plan and associated financial plan (pg 51) that the proposal is to increase rents for rooms in Russell Keown House significantly. Whilst our core premises are on a fixed rental, we do rent meeting rooms on a regular basis. We are fearful that these meeting room rental increases might be indicative of a future increase for our core premises that would make it incredibly hard, if not impossible, to sustain our service to the community.

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Like many organisations, we are now finding our costs are increasing faster than our income. We rely solely on grants. The impact of rising rent and the progressive reduction of our grant from Council is leaving us in a dire situation. In respect of other grants, it is an extremely challenging environment in which to retain existing and gain any new grants. Cumulatively these factors have left us with a significant deficit for this and future financial years. Our Council grant for the current year was \$36,000, 60% of the total grants money we received. Our current bank balance will be approximately \$65,000 at the end of this financial year and we are forecast to make a loss this year of approximately \$10,000. Insolvency is a real possibility in just a short period of time, as little as two to three years, without the continued support of Council. Unfortunately it is likely we will need an increase in our grant to cover increasing costs and recognising the difficulty in securing other grants. But again we stress, the amount of money we are talking about in the context of Council's overall spending is tiny.

We ask that Council:

- reverse the proposal to increase fees and charges for the use and provision of community facilities by community groups.
- not increase the rent for the Citizens Advice Bureau Lower Hutt premises in Russell Keown House
- fund Citizens Advice Bureau Lower Hutt at a level that ensures our immediate and long-term financial viability so that we can continue the much needed and valued support we provide to the community.

We wish to present our submissions to the Hutt City Council in person and can be contacted for a presentation time through our Manager, Lynne Philp on 570-2609

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18. Katherine Elizabeth Clark

Submission on Hutt City Council's 10 Year Plan

Name: Katherine Elizabeth Clark

Type: Individual submission

Presenting: I would like to present to the councillors

Update: I would like to be kept informed about the outcome of plan

Resident: I do live in Lower Hutt

Age group: 55-64

Ethnic group: NZ European

Submission:

Point 1 – Fees and Charges – Jackson Street and Peel Street carpark, Petone

I disagree with adding parking fees to Jackson Street and Peel Street carpark, Petone.

- There are significant costs in installing the parking machines and adding the additional staff to monitor the parking. Will this be a wise expenditure at this time of economic crisis?
- Petone has a unique character which the council/regional council should be funding and enhancing.
- Petone is a lifestyle destination for people throughout the region. Paid parking will cause these patrons to go elsewhere.
- Recent economic hardships, not of the retailers making, have caused many to shut up shop and others are struggling.
- Paid parking in Petone looks like this destination is being targeted by the Council/Regional Council with an attempt to close them down in an already challenging environment.
- Petone is easy to get around in and has a wide variety of shopping and eating options. Paid parking, for the disabled who are cash strapped, is shutting down their options and disabling them further. It speaks to ableism.
- You can't get any funding if nobody uses the parking meters as is proven by the ongoing lack of use of the Maidstone Mall after the owners installed parking charges there.
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- Public libraries play a pivotal role in fostering a culture of community engagement and inclusivity. By limiting the people who can use a library by charging parking fees, you are

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diminishing their life experience and compromising their well-being. You are also preventing their ability to better themselves in so many ways.

- Petone library hosts two knitting groups. These groups not only knit individual projects but they knit for charities and for those who are disadvantaged. The members, like myself, depend on the free parking and the fellowship of the group.

Point 2– Fees and Charges – All parking fees charged 7 days a week

I disagree with parking fees being charged 7 days a week.

- There is significant cost in increasing the staffing levels for an extra two days. Is this the best use of money at this time of economic crisis?
- All parking 7 days a week means those on low incomes and those with disabilities will not be able to access Petone and Lower Hutt CPD shops at the weekend meaning they will have to fight for parking at Queensgate or go to Porirua. This, especially for the disabled, is shutting their options and disabling them further. It speaks to ableism.
- I often go to Lower Hutt CPD on a Sunday morning. As I am disabled and have trouble moving about, it gives me the ability to park close to the café of my choice and enjoy a coffee. Adding parking means that I won't be able to afford that luxury anymore.
- There are not many shops open in the Lower Hutt CPD on a Sunday. What would one be paying parking for?
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- For most of the patrons mentioned in the last three points, the cost of parking will restrict attendance at these events.

Point 3 – Petone Assets

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Point 3a – Demolition of wharf

I believe the wharf should be demolished as it is unsafe.

- It isn't truly iconic but it is a fine example of a 20th century timber wharf.
- Has some historic value but not continuous use by anyone.
- The wharf was mainly used as a staging post for product to go to and from the Wellington wharves where the trading was done.
- The landing site of the colonists is now believed to be nearer where the Petone Settlers Museum is located.
- Is in very poor condition and repairs will take it to a recreational only condition but some of the faults will continue to cause it to deteriorate and many more repairs will need to be done.
- For example, some of the piles have sunk and will continue to do so. This is shown by the double timbers on top of them levelling the deck. This subsidence will continue causing further repairs to be undertaken at significant cost.
- Some of the piles at the far end (seaward end) go down 50 feet. Others go down far less than that. In a major earthquake or weather event, the wharf will pivot around the deeper piles causing major damage and requiring further repairs to be undertaken at significant cost or major hazards.
- Maintenance of this wharf will be ongoing and expensive.
- While I've heard that some members of the council do not want to be the council that pulled the wharf down, but do they want to be the council that continued to waste ratepayer's money by not being able to make a prudent and practical decision on something that has no intrinsic value and remains a hazard to the citizens.
- Hutt City already has a heritage wharf restored and it is far more accessible with services and retail nearby making it a delightful excursion.
- New Brighton Pier in Christchurch has ongoing and significant issues with those fishing and those walking unable to use the pier in harmony. The Christchurch council spend significant time and money sorting out arrangements to try and appease everyone. Given the current cost of living crisis, this could well end up being the situation here.

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- Petone Esplanade is a significant traffic route. If the wharf is as important to as many people as currently promoted, what will be the cost of traffic management and pedestrian access to cope with the cars, people, dogs, etc.
- Many people do not have favourable memories of the wharf. For example, the blood in the water from the Gear Meat plant, the sound of its hooter, the odour, and the WWII internees on Somes Island.
- Will the future generations have any connection to the wharf that validates this expenditure.
- What will the saving of the wharf add to the economy of Petone?
- The Post reports on April 30th 2024 that "fixing the piles would buy time ... to stage future repairs over the next few years". This still leaves the citizens and the aquifer vulnerable to any earthquake or other event of nature. And an unknown pile of money to be spent?
- What if the damage still turns out to be unfixable?
- The Post also reports "a lot more work was required before a final figure of how much it would cost to repair the wharf was known". Isn't it time a decision is finally made before too much more money is wasted? And before a crisis point is reached?
- There is also the question of social license to commit future generations to pay for something that they had no part in deciding.

Point 3b – Petone Rec grandstand

I agree with this plan.

Point 3c – Petone Library building

I disagree with both options in the 10 Year plan and put forward the budget figure of \$24.6 million as shown in Point 3 above.

The library should be a:

new multi-cultural library/community hub

built to IL4 standards

This is an opportunity to start a new heritage.

Public libraries are the new village green. They are public spaces where everyone is welcome and can participate. They make a vital contribution towards the social capital, educational and recreational development of local communities and are an important foundation of democracy.

Public library services are provided on the basis of equality of access for all, regardless of age, race, sex, religion, nationality, language or social status. Specific services and materials are provided for those users who cannot, for whatever reason, use the regular

services and materials, including the aged, people with disabilities or people in hospital or prison.

Collections and services are developed to meet the current, emerging and future needs of the local community and include print and electronic resources. The Public Library Manifesto opines that public libraries should be free and that collections and services should not be subject to any form of ideological, political or religious censorship, nor commercial pressures.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES ...

- Create and nurture an environment that recognises the importance and joy of reading;
- Support formal and informal learning and literacy development for all ages;
- Promote awareness and recording of cultural heritage, including support of the oral tradition;
- Contribute to an inclusive and diverse community;
- Facilitate the development of digital information and literacy skills;
- Deliver opportunities for learning, personal development and creativity through a rich program of events and activities;
- Enable good citizenship. They ensure equality of access to information for all;
- Foster innovation, economic development and prosperity.

Adapted from the IFLA/UNESCO Public Library Manifesto (1994)

- Petone Library should be demolished and rebuilt as a multipurpose, multicultural hub with meeting rooms that can be re-sized using sliding folding doors, a full kitchen, many computer workstations, a "Hive" like Johnsonville Library, a café similar in size to Johnsonville Library, engaging children's facilities, and plenty of community interaction with a particular focus on accessibility.

Spaces for co-creation

Libraries offer new opportunities for people to create and consume, mingle, exchange ideas, and enable co-creation, eg Exeter Library's Fab Lab creative making space. In addition, some library services provide access to music studios which enables new business development such as Studio12 in Leeds Central Library.

- The library can be built over three budget years – starting with demolition at the end of one year, most of the construction in the next year, and the completion in the third year.
- A suggestion for the pop-up is the vacated ANZ on Jackson Street.

Public libraries bring everyone together. They provide free access to information and ideas and are an important foundation of democracy. Planners and developers recognise the unifying role and have put a public library at the centre of new buildings and regeneration projects.

Place shaping

Libraries can be the focus point for a community, supporting cultural regeneration by driving footfall, reinvigorating local spirit and helping to change people's perceptions about places.

- Build as an emergency centre – strength and height of ground – dual purpose, protects assets, gives community a place of safety.
- Re-position building on site – better use, better value for money, allow for a courtyard/village square, multi-purpose inside and outside.
- Library as town centre – facing onto Britannia Street, draw people in from Jackson Street, heritage collection upstairs, use building for storytelling – a cultural and heritage centre is important.
- To gain extra money – sell Community House, disestablish Petone and Wainuiomata Community boards.
- Combine community rooms into library – possibility of getting grants for this.
- Possibility of getting philanthropic funding for new town centre, multicultural hub
- Possibility for getting public private partnership with IT type companies.
- Current library is unsuitable for repair – black mould is surface indication of major problems with a leaky building damaging structure.
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- The single public toilet probably is not up to building code, especially when the meeting room is in use.
- The single public toilet certainly does not meet disability standards – and a wheelchair cannot get through the door, let alone into the cubicle.
- Anecdotal evidence highlights a poor quality of staff facilities.
- Building apartments on top would extend the build time by at least three years. This would have impacts on pop-up library and storage costs and the moral of the users and staff.
- The legal and operational working contracts of co-locations of apartments and libraries are difficult to work out and abide by. There are different time frame expectations for maintenance for example and the additional of apartments means things like foundations and lower floor structural elements need to be stronger adding extra cost.
- How will this be split? Therefore, it becomes necessary for a developer to develop the building and rent it to the two different tenants. Thus, the Council has lost control of its land and also lost control of any chance of developing the site for further public good.
- The library could be developed in stages. Most of it being built in the first round and then a later, smaller stage added as more funds are available.

- Petone Library is becoming the central library for the city. Users are not just from Petone. It has great access for many people from Lower Hutt and this needs to be recognised in the planning.
- Petone Library is becoming the "third space" for many people and the current one isn't meeting their requirements – students from tertiary institutes in Petone and Wellington, residents of small apartments or crowded apartments, those who work from home, those who want another place to go apart from home and work where they aren't hassled by the noise of a café...

Libraries create a sense of place and provide an inclusive venue for all, which is particularly important in deprived areas. In England, [over a third of the population visit their local library, and in the poorest areas, that figure rises to nearly half.](#)

- Petone is a multicultural town and the library needs to support this. Many refugees and immigrants for all countries need that support especially in the early days of their residency.
- Continually asking a community what they want in a library does not fulfil a council's responsibilities to that community.
- Every library produces economic benefit to the community. Some in the form of education received. This is at least \$3.50 per dollar of investment by a council. Some in the form of money spent by patrons when they also use the various services and retailers locally. This is calculated at around USD5-9 per visit average. All these values are many years out of date.

Suggestions for activities include:

- We have contacted various cultural groups and found all of them willing and eager to be part of a new library at Petone including Te Puawai Trust (already in Stokes Valley Library), and the Multicultural Council (Upper Hutt library recently won an award for their work with multicultural diversity).
- Reading the room – Listener article, 23/12/2023.
- Johnsonville Library – The Hive, Steps for performances, kids.
- Colouring in, knitting, arts and crafts, language classes, lectures, free wi-fi
- Meeting rooms and spaces for use by ethnic communities
- Space for dance and music performances
- Moving community law and budget advice into the new building

All libraries offer a free social space for the public to engage in a wide range of arts related events; author talks, book clubs and writers workshops. In addition, many services work with a range of artists to host dance, theatre and musical events that offer the public an opportunity to experience the arts in all its forms. Many of the arts related projects are developed in consultation with the community and link through to the health and wellbeing agendas.

- Serious consideration needs to be given to this project. Details that should have been in this 10-year plan include the size of the proposed library, a concept plan and some more funding detail together with some parameters of what the council wish to achieve with the rebuild and geotechnical testing.

Quotes have been taken from:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/libraries-shaping-the-future-good-practice-toolkit/libraries-shaping-the-future-good-practice-toolkit>

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Both articles are well worth reading.

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19. Mary Elizabeth Lochore

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Name: Mary Elizabeth Lochore

Type: Individual submission

Presenting: I would like to present to the councillors

Update: I would like to be kept informed about the outcome of plan

Resident: I do live in Lower Hutt

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Suggestions for activities include:

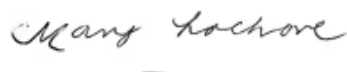
- We have contacted various cultural groups and found all of them willing and eager to be part of a new library at Petone including Te Puawai Trust (already in Stokes Valley Library), and the Multicultural Council (Upper Hutt library recently won an award for their work with multicultural diversity).
- Reading the room – Listener article, 23/12/2023.
- Johnsonville Library – The Hive, Steps for performances, kids.
- Colouring in, knitting, arts and crafts, language classes, lectures, free wi-fi
- Meeting rooms and spaces for use by ethnic communities
- Space for dance and music performances
- Moving community law and budget advice into the new building

- Serious consideration needs to be given to this project. Details that should have been in this 10-year plan include the size of the proposed library, a concept plan and some more funding detail together with some parameters of what the council wish to achieve with the rebuild and geotechnical testing.

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20. Sandra Bednarek

842 HCC-121173158 - Sandra Bednarek

Are you submitting as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

Organisation/Business/Iwi

What is the name of the organisation that you represent?

Netball Hutt Valley

**Would you like to present your feedback direct to councillors at a 10 Year Plan consultation hearing?
In person or through Zoom?**

Yes

Would you like to be kept informed about the outcome of Hutt City Council's public consultation process on the 10 Year Plan via email?

Yes

What is your preferred option for how we invest in water services for the next 10 years?

I have no preference.

What is your preferred option for how we divert food and green organics waste from landfill?

Option 1

What is your preferred option for implementing a rates remission policy to help low-income homeowners?

I have no preference.

What is your preferred option for undertaking work on the three Petone assets – the library building, the grandstand and the wharf?

I have no preference.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's proposed future approach to managing assets.

Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any comments on our Assets review?

This submission is made on behalf of Netball Hutt Valley (NHV), we agree that individual discussions with each lease holder are required and the statement that "past under-investment, in many of our facilities means significant work is required". We are particularly concerned with the current situation of Council Taitā courts asset e.g. deteriorating court surfaces, failing flood lights and the lack of availability of indoor spaces at Walter Nash Stadium. We are one of the largest sporting organisations in the Hutt Valley, one built by many Wāhine Toa and we know that netball holds an unique space in the community. NHV plays a big part in the recreational and social scene of the Hutt Valley, historically just "getting on with it", being organised by females for females. We are pleased to have an expanding male netball presence, and we know that there is an overall shortfall in netball courts in the Hutt, especially indoors. We consider that further investment in the

842 HCC-121173158 - SANDRA BEDNAREK

Taitā courts facility, especially covering court spaces can aid the council's aim to create flexible spaces, this could relieve pressure on the adjacent Walter Nash stadium which is constantly overbooked at peak times. Our no.1 concern is however the work required to a council asset to ensure we can continue to provide for our extensive and varied netball community. Without maintenance in the near future Health and Safety concerns could arise, especially with deteriorating court surfaces.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's proposed updates to our fees and charges? e.g. increases to parking fees and to fees for the Silverstream landfill

Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any comments on our proposed updates to our fees and charges?

Recycling should be provided at Silverstream landfill.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's revised development contributions policy.

Neither agree nor disagree

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's Infrastructure Strategy.

Neither agree nor disagree

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's Reserves Investment Strategy.

Agree

Do you have any comments on our Reserves Investment Strategy?

We agree with Reserves Investment Strategy statements that indicators of success are spaces which support community and spaces for recreation for all ages, stages, backgrounds and abilities. These spaces are needed. We agree that there is significant reputational threat to the Council if existing recreational spaces are not maintained.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the approach outlined in Council's Financial Strategy to enable the delivery of our priorities and progress investment in basic infrastructure.

Neither agree nor disagree

Given the increased cost pressures on our work as well as the current economic climate, do you agree that a total rates revenue increase in 2024-2025 of 16.9% after growth is reasonable?

Neither agree nor disagree

Please rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the general direction that we are taking for this draft 10 Year Plan.

Agree

21. Elle Abel

This is a serious submission that you as a council need to take notice of first of all this not just written by me Elle Abel but by her Daughter Shakira Abel-McEwen who is 12 and in year 8.

Re Youth Council

We have noticed no Youth Council in fact its been missing for since last term of council. We also know that that some people at council dont want it back but that does not stop us from submitting or for fighting for something that we believe give us the best representation for Youth and to be honest you trying to get leaders in from schools to talk to them yes thats helpful but to be honest that is not always talking to the youth that want to be heard and even know what the council does. Shakira feels that council at this stage does not care about her voice and we got told to fill out surveys to sorry thats not the same as having a group of likeminded Youth working together for the common good of youth and feeding their voice on a regular basis to council so they are hearing what is going on for them and what they need from you as a council. You can help them by starting this up as soon as possible. Now I was told to that youth councils dont work well we have done research and we have found out that they do work and around New Zealand there is alot of them working and feeding their voice into council on a regular basis They range from 12 years to 25 years these years are important for them they are future voters and voters and also they are future mayors and councillors and leaders of our city New Zealand and the world. They all have different needs from different cultures, beliefs, genders and also some of them have disabilities to they all want us to do better as a city and their voice is vital in this. Shakira said she wants to use the old taita library building its been not been used for a youth hangout and meeting area depending on what it costs to fix it up but that was just one idea. She also values team work and talking to others in her school and other networks about what the youth of Lower Hutt from the council. We hope that this does not fall on deaf ears and not actioned but also you should know that she has a younger sister who is 10 now and she

wants to join to and she wants to be the mayor one day ask Campbell Barry about that one she wants to be able to join the youth council when she turns 12 herself so time is ticking. I would say to that when I was their age I would have loved a youth council to be part of to be able to have a voice and say on things .

Please read and take us seriously

Kind Regards

Elle Abel and Shakira Abel-McEwen (12 years)

22. Elle Abel

Hi You need to take this submission seriously.

This a submission to do.with disability and the lack of care and attention given to this community and also.the lack of understanding from.you as a council.and the council staff. First things first we feel isolated and not valued. You dont think of us and you dont consult with us and.some people think invisible disability is not there or have no idea how to deal.with it. We need staff trained up in your services how to.support and accept.disabled and not throw us out of places.because we are not doing what you think is correct. We dont feel.welcome.or.want to.come.and places like libraries should available to all. As for your parks policy a.plant will.keep.people.safe no way you need to fence parks you need keep.our community safe. We need parks that anyone can use most are not suitable for disabled. I have example of a park outside of Wellington that is working. We need toilets to change bigger children/adults in some dont ever get out of nappies and at times I change my child on carpet as the toilet floor is cold. I have an example of a toilet like this but hoping to get photos of it to show you. We need more disabled parks to please. We need a disabled advisory group to that you can feed into and ask for advice. We need a dedicated disabled officier who is disabled who can look.at things and work for our community. We need a dedicated councillor that works on disability as well.

Excuse any spelling or grammer I have a learning disability part of me.

Yes I want to do an oral submission on this please.

Regards

Elle Abel

23. Gordon Parr

1027 HCC-123176761 - Gordon Parr

Ethnicity

New Zealand European

Are you submitting as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

Individual

**Would you like to present your feedback direct to councillors at a 10 Year Plan consultation hearing?
In person or through Zoom?**

Yes

**Would you like to be kept informed about the outcome of Hutt City Council's public consultation
process on the 10 Year Plan via email?**

Yes

Do you live in Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai Lower Hutt?

Yes

Do you own or rent the home you live in?

Own

Which suburb do you live in?

Eastbourne

What age group do you belong to?

75 years or older

What is your preferred option for how we invest in water services for the next 10 years?

Option 1

What is your preferred option for how we divert food and green organics waste from landfill?

Option 1

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding rates remission.

Would like talk direct at feedback meeting. Eligibility criteria important

**What is your preferred option for undertaking work on the three Petone assets – the library building,
the grandstand and the wharf?**

Option 1

1027 HCC-123176761 - GORDON PARR

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding the three Petone assets.

Who, what. kind of partnership?

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's proposed future approach to managing assets.

Agree

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's proposed updates to our fees and charges? e.g. increases to parking fees and to fees for the Silverstream landfill

Agree

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's revised development contributions policy.

Neither agree nor disagree

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's Infrastructure Strategy.

Agree

Do you have any comments on our Infrastructure Strategy?

Government funding should be involved

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's Reserves Investment Strategy.

Agree

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the approach outlined in Council's Financial Strategy to enable the delivery of our priorities and progress investment in basic infrastructure.

Agree

Given the increased cost pressures on our work as well as the current economic climate, do you agree that a total rates revenue increase in 2024-2025 of 16.9% after growth is reasonable?

Agree

Please rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the general direction that we are taking for this draft 10 Year Plan.

Agree

24. John Terris

1044 HCC-123177040 - JOHN TERRIS

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Are you submitting as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

Organisation/Business/Iwi

What is the name of the organisation that you represent?

HUTT MULTICULTURAL COUNCIL

**Would you like to present your feedback direct to councillors at a 10 Year Plan consultation hearing?
In person or through Zoom?**

Yes

Would you like to be kept informed about the outcome of Hutt City Council's public consultation process on the 10 Year Plan via email?

Yes

What is your preferred option for how we invest in water services for the next 10 years?

Option 2

What is your preferred option for how we divert food and green organics waste from landfill?

Option 1

What is your preferred option for implementing a rates remission policy to help low-income homeowners?

Option 1

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding the three Petone assets.

Prefer to keep Petone Rec stand and refurbish Wharf piles based on their heritage value

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's proposed future approach to managing assets.

Neither agree nor disagree

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's proposed updates to our fees and charges? e.g. increases to parking fees and to fees for the Silverstream landfill

Strongly Agree

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's revised development contributions policy.

Neither agree nor disagree

1044 HCC-123177040 - JOHN TERRIS

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's Infrastructure Strategy.

Agree

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's Reserves Investment Strategy.

Agree

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the approach outlined in Council's Financial Strategy to enable the delivery of our priorities and progress investment in basic infrastructure.

Agree

Given the increased cost pressures on our work as well as the current economic climate, do you agree that a total rates revenue increase in 2024-2025 of 16.9% after growth is reasonable?

Agree

Please rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the general direction that we are taking for this draft 10 Year Plan.

Agree

Please explain the reason for your response.

Wish to verbally submit to support continued Council funding for Hutt Multicultural Council Multifest event

25. Chris MacKay

1099 HCC-123177796 - CHRIS MACKAY

1099 HCC-123177796 - Chris MacKay

Ethnicity

New Zealand European

Are you submitting as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

Individual

**Would you like to present your feedback direct to councillors at a 10 Year Plan consultation hearing?
In person or through Zoom?**

Yes

**Would you like to be kept informed about the outcome of Hutt City Council's public consultation
process on the 10 Year Plan via email?**

Yes

Do you live in Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai Lower Hutt?

Yes

Do you own or rent the home you live in?

Own

Which suburb do you live in?

Woburn

What age group do you belong to?

65-74 years

Please share any comments you would like to add about the water services.

You need to give us some costings of how much water meters will cost the city. I would support water metering if you firstly positioned meters to identify where the public land leaks are coming from. It seems to me that most leaks are on public land and not on private property, where most people would fix them themselves immediately. Meters won't fix the public property leaks. Only you can facilitate that. Council should get a second opinion on the state of the pipes too. My sources indicate that they are not as bad as you tell us. But happy for an additional investment of \$2.8 million to fast track fixing the leaks. Use private plumbing firms too. Investigate why the cost to fix leaks has gone up so much over the past few years.

What is your preferred option for how we divert food and green organics waste from landfill?

I have no preference.

1099 HCC-123177796 - CHRIS MACKAY

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding rates remission.

Prefer neither. Why should you give \$250 away? Why not allow eligible rate payers the facility to have a debt registered against the property instead? A bit like an equity release mortgage. You could even charge interest (like equity release loans) but enable it to be compounded and only repaid when the property is sold. In this way it becomes a secured asset of council. You can then lift the amount from \$250 to whatever and allow asset rich but cash poor ratepayers to stay in their own homes. This involves thinking outside of the square.

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding the three Petone assets.

Save the wharf. Investigate fixing it at a lower cost as advocated by the save the wharf lobby. Retain the Petone grandstand. If you can't do it just yet, do the minimum and fix it when we have some money. Refurbish existing library. Does it need it though?

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's proposed future approach to managing assets.

Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any comments on our proposed updates to our fees and charges?

Don't make it so expensive that Petone and Hutt retailers outside of Queensgate don't get any shoppers parking outside their shops. Investigate new parks on Strand Park and across the river on the west side with shuttles taking people to the CBD.

Do you have any comments on our Development Contributions Policy?

It feels like it's going to be hard for new house builds to be affordable.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's Infrastructure Strategy.

Strongly disagree

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's Reserves Investment Strategy.

Agree

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the approach outlined in Council's Financial Strategy to enable the delivery of our priorities and progress investment in basic infrastructure.

Strongly disagree

Given the increased cost pressures on our work as well as the current economic climate, do you agree that a total rates revenue increase in 2024-2025 of 16.9% after growth is reasonable?

Strongly disagree

If you do not agree that the proposed rates revenue increase is reasonable, which areas of Council function and service delivery do you believe could be reduced in order to enable a lower rates increase, and why?

I would like to see what the budget and spend is for administration services (aggregate wages of officers) and how this compares with the past 10 years. I'd like another expert opinion on the state of our pipes. Anecdotally

1099 HCC-123177796 - CHRIS MACKAY

I have heard that that the pipes themselves are generally ok, but that a lot of fittings are substandard - which accounts for the number of leaks around tobies.

Please rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the general direction that we are taking for this draft 10 Year Plan.

Strongly disagree

26. Simon Faisandier

9 April 2024

Hutt City Council
C/- Elected Representatives; Chief Executive; Corporate Leadership Team
30 Laings Road
Lower Hutt

Re: Proposed 2024 Development Contributions policy

Elected representatives,

The authors of this letter comprise the largest residential property developers within Lower Hutt City. Collectively, we have delivered over 1,000 new homes in the past 2 years and as such, we take a keen interest in the policy settings which underpin land development.

As part of HCC's Long-Term Plan (LTP) consultation, Council is looking to dramatically increase the Development Contributions payable on residential development within Lower Hutt. An excerpt from the LTP subcommittee agenda, dated 20 March 2024, is provided in Table 1 which outlines the extent of these increases:

Table 1: An overview of the projected DC increases from 1 July 2024

Catchment		Eastbourne	Stokers Valley	Valley Floor	Waiwhetia	Western Hutt	Rural	Districtwide
DC per EHU a development will pay in each catchment	Current policy	\$7,802	\$6,954	\$14,779	\$26,000	\$8,287	\$2,407	\$6,272
	Revised proposed charges	\$19,730	\$18,608	\$53,003	\$11,956	\$19,213	\$3,275	\$16,883
	Increase compared to current policy	\$11,928	\$11,654	\$38,224	-\$15,956	\$10,926	\$2,778	\$10,611
	20 February charges approved by Council	\$13,031	\$14,083	\$46,670	\$34,981	\$14,707	\$5,570	\$10,878
	Change compared to 20 Feb charges	-\$3,800	-\$4,323	-\$6,333	-\$7,205	-\$1,526	-\$2,993	-\$5,803

Implementing the DC policy as currently drafted will be a roadblock to new residential development occurring within Lower Hutt. If the new DCs are introduced as currently proposed, we expect the following will occur:

1. Firstly, HCC will be forced to contend with an influx of projects by the 30 June 2024 cutoff date. This will cause significant issues for your regulatory teams and associated processing timeframes, which will flow into project delays and additional costs for local developers.
2. Following 1 July 2024, the pipeline of new residential projects in the city will effectively halt. This will be particularly pronounced on the Valley Floor - in direct conflict with HCC's commitment to building 3,500 homes within the Infrastructure Acceleration Fund (IAF) catchment.

Property Development is an exceptionally challenging industry to be in at the moment. Sales prices are significantly down from where they were in 2021, the industry is continuing to face cost pressures and low consumer confidence means pre-sales are difficult to come by. The cumulative effect of this is that development feasibilities are very difficult to make stack up for all projects, which is why there has been such a sharp reduction in new consents over the past 2 years¹.

All of this means there is simply no room in our current development feasibilities to accommodate an increase of up to \$38,224 per dwelling. Instead, if the DC Policy is introduced, we will almost certainly be forced to cease looking at new development sites in Lower Hutt until there is a substantial increase in sales prices to offset the additional costs associated with the DCs. In practice, this means very few new builds will come to market in the years following 1 July 2024 and the housing deficit within Lower Hutt will continue to grow².

This is not just an issue from a housing supply perspective. HCC's financial modelling shows that the increase in DCs has been modelled to result in revenue of approximately \$146m NZD between 2024 and 2034 – based on an assumption that an additional 3,900 homes will be built. Between 2024 and 2029 alone, you have modelled an additional 1,877 homes across the district, with 943 of these located in the Valley Floor³. This means that over one third of your projected revenue (\$49.98m) is expected to come from development within the Valley Floor between now and 2029. We have strong reservations about the likelihood of these revenues being realised. The substantial drop in new housing consents will result in a corresponding drop in DC revenue, which we expect will place further financial strain on HCC finances.

Our suggested approach

We acknowledge that the DC policy comes from an underlying philosophy that growth should pay for growth-related infrastructure. In principle, we agree with this philosophy however the current implementation is poorly considered and belies a lack of understanding as to our core business model.

The major issue we have is largely a matter of timing. Introducing such a significant increase in the DCs overnight will always present challenges, but doing so whilst the residential property market is at the bottom of a cycle and development feasibilities are already showing extremely thin margins is foolhardy. If there is not sufficient financial headroom, we will simply stop bringing new houses to market and look to deploy our capital elsewhere.

Instead, we suggest the following approach:

1. The introduction of the higher DCs figure is deferred for 18 months with the current DCs retained during this period. All projections are that we are now at (or near) the bottom of the property cycle and that sale prices are expected to rise gradually over the next 12-18 months. Once we are through this part of the property cycle and sales pricing starts to improve slightly, we expect that our development feasibilities will be able to accommodate an increase to the DCs without necessitating the cancellation of projects.
2. Rather than introducing a single increase in the DCs, we recommend phasing the increase in over several years. Our view is that deferring the introduction of the policy by 18-months,

¹ Consents issued for new dwellings are down almost 50% on a year ago.

² Refer HCC's own research on this topic [here](#)

³ Refer Paragraph 129 of the Draft Development and Financial contributions policy 2024

followed by annual increases of 25% of the proposed increase over 4-years would make the increase much easier to assimilate into the project feasibilities without necessitating the cancellation of projects, as well as alleviating the pressure on HCC's regulatory teams. In practice this would look as follows:

- 20 December 2025: 25% of the projected increase comes into force.
 - 20 December 2026: 25% of the projected increase comes into force (i.e. 50% of the total cost).
 - 20 December 2027: 25% of the projected increase comes into force (i.e. 75% of the total cost).
 - 20 December 2028: 25% of the projected increase comes into force (i.e. 100% of the total cost).
3. HCC should consider transitional provisions which acknowledge that our ability to rely on the infrastructure being funded by these DCs will be limited until the completion of the capital works. In practice, this means we will have projects for which we are forced to pay higher DCs, whilst also needing to pay for private infrastructure due to the existing network capacity constraints (i.e. private wastewater tanks and/or stormwater detention). This is not an equitable payment regime, and instead we believe we should be able to obtain partial remissions of DCs where we can demonstrate that we have provided private infrastructure which alleviates capacity constraints on the public network.
 4. Lastly, given HCC's aspirations to increase the number of homes within the IAF project footprint it should consider how the DCs are split across the catchments within the city. The substantial increase in DCs on the Valley Floor is likely to act as a strong disincentive to development and is at odds with HCC's goal of facilitating 3,500 new homes in this location.

We implore you to listen to the messaging above. We're willing to pay our share, but the policy as notified will stifle the growth of Hutt City for the foreseeable future.

Kind regards,



Name: Patrick Faisandier

Organisation: Faisandier Group



Name: Michael Friday

Organisation: Friday Homes



Name: Kevin White
Organisation: Jackson Holdings Limited



Name: Mark Cook

Organisation: Palmer & Cook



Name: Blair Chappell

Organisation: Williams Corporation

27.Sarah Murray



Hutt City Council Long Term Plan submission April 2024

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**Submission:****Introduction**

1. Recreation Aotearoa is a registered charity and the organisation responsible for providing leadership, advocacy, and professional development opportunities for those involved in the broader recreation sector. We work at an agency, industry and professional level to build capability, develop partnerships, and equip individuals and organisations with the skills they need to deliver high quality recreation experiences that engage participants.
2. Recreation Aotearoa's membership includes recreation policy makers, territorial local authorities, voluntary organisations, regional sports trusts, consultants, outdoor recreation organisations, and others involved in the delivery of recreation throughout New Zealand.
3. Our mission is enhancing wellbeing through recreation.
4. We welcome the opportunity to provide input into the Hutt City Council Long Term Plan.

The value proposition of investment in Active Recreation

5. Recreation Aotearoa believes recreation is vital to New Zealand society. Recreation is not just about enjoyment. It is about being healthy, engaged, stimulated, and interacting with others. This occurs via outdoor recreation, community recreation, and within parks, aquatics, and facility-based recreation centres.
6. Recreation generates significant value for society across several of the wellbeing domains and outcomes expressed within NZ Treasury's Living Standards Framework: Health; Subjective Wellbeing; Income Consumption and Wealth; Work, Care, and Volunteering; Family and Friends; Safety.
7. The most significant benefit of recreational physical activity, surpassing others by a significant margin, is derived from health benefits, even when factoring in the costs associated with related accident and injury claims. Overall health benefits to New Zealand amount to \$9.0 billion, or \$8.4 billion after deducting the injury claims. This constitutes nearly half of the net social value generated by physical recreational activities in Aotearoa New Zealand.



8. Our population instinctively understands this. In a large survey 90 per cent of New Zealanders agreed that "by being active they are in turn maintaining a good level of health and fitness, and this helps to relieve stress."
9. Physical inactivity is associated with loss of productivity, health costs, as well as associated costs with pain and suffering. Healthier, happier individuals are more likely to do well in other areas of their lives, whether it is in social or professional situations. This has a positive flow-on effect for communities.
10. The availability of public green spaces, including those designated for recreation, has been linked to increased mental well-being.
11. In a study conducted in New Zealand; individuals who met the global physical activity recommendations were found to have a 51% higher likelihood of experiencing healthy mental well-being.
12. Engaging in active recreations is known to reduce the prevalence of mental health conditions like depression and anxiety, as well as non-communicable diseases such as cancer, heart disease, and type 2 diabetes, ultimately enhancing life expectancy.
13. Studies indicate that involving peers and parents in developmentally suitable play provides children with the chance to cultivate social-emotional skills. These skills encompass problem-solving, collaboration, negotiation, language acquisition, and self-regulation. This contributes to the development of executive functions and facilitating effective social interaction with others. Engaging in outdoor recreation during childhood has also shown a positive association with the development of pro-environmental attitudes and behaviours in adulthood.
14. Moreover, research has demonstrated that recreation enhances social cohesion, fosters community connectedness, and strengthens community identity. A recent literature review presented compelling evidence of positive outcomes for older adults, including increased social support, the formation of friendships, and a heightened sense of integration within the community. Similarly, for young people, participating in such activities contributes to the development of friendships, a clearer sense of self among peers, a feeling of belonging, and an enhanced sense of community. 74% of New Zealanders agree



that "sport and physical activity help build vibrant and stimulating communities."

15. Research indicates that offering fair and secure opportunities for sport and active recreation, that are inclusive of the entire community, can create connections among individuals and groups, bridging societal divides based on factors like race, class, gender, ability, or religion. 84% of New Zealanders believe "sport and physical activity bring people together and create a sense of belonging."
16. Play serves a therapeutic and rehabilitative function in aiding tamariki to recover in the aftermath of crises, such as the impact of Covid-19 or recent events like Cyclone Gabrielle. This involves assisting children in regulating the body's stress response, providing an avenue to comprehend the events affecting them and their community, and facilitating the development or reconstruction of social connections through shared experiences. In a time where Tamariki will be subject to the increased frequency and intensity of severe weather events, play will be critical.
17. Research indicates that establishing connections with supportive individuals or groups within organised recreation settings fosters the development of various 'protective factors,' potentially mitigating antisocial behaviour. Enhancing community recreation facilities, such as local parks, has the potential to elevate participation rates and community mana, simultaneously diminishing perceived instances of antisocial behaviour within the community.
18. A thriving recreation industry can also help our nation prosper socially and economically. At last count, Play, Active Recreation and Sport contributes \$4.9 billion or 2.3% to our annual GDP, and the sector employs more than 53,000 New Zealanders.
19. Newly released findings from a Social Return on Investment study reveal that each dollar allocated to play, active recreation, and sport yields a social return of \$2.12 in New Zealand. In essence, every dollar invested in these activities results in more than a twofold social return. It's important to note that this is a conservative estimate, and the actual return, particularly for those currently excluded from opportunities for physical activity, is likely to be even higher. This submission will expand on this point with reference to the disability community and tangata whenua, separately.



20. The nation's recreation values and opportunities are fundamental to the tourism industry, and support regional development by encouraging skilled professionals and migrants to consider options in and beyond the main centres. Approximately 50% of international visitors to New Zealand participate in one form of outdoor recreation, or another.
21. Creating well-designed green spaces for physical activity in urban areas can enhance their resilience to severe weather events, such as Cyclone Gabrielle. Additionally, these green spaces contribute to cooling urban environments and promoting the health and well-being of residents. This submission will expand on this point, separately.
22. Greater understanding of these benefits and their downstream impacts, along with awareness of how Local Government can influence recreation delivery, are key to ensuring that New Zealand's recreation opportunities remain among the world's best.

Recreation through a Te Ao Māori lens – Te Whai Oranga

23. The English term "recreation" lacks a direct translation in te reo Māori. Te Kāhui Kura Māori, the Māori navigational group of Recreation Aotearoa, offered an insightful alternative, defining recreation in their strategy as "Te Whai Oranga" – the pursuit of wellbeing. Te Whai Oranga has subsequently been adopted as the title and fundamental underpinning of our organisational strategy.
24. This definition prompts a shift in approach, encouraging individuals to consider recreation not just as a pursuit of physical activity but as a holistic endeavour focused on providing wellbeing. This perspective diverges from the conventional approach of prioritising the physical aspects of recreation, emphasising that the tangible outcomes are byproducts of the overarching pursuit of Te Whai Oranga.
25. In a society struggling with disconnection and environmental challenges, the wisdom of Te Whai Oranga, a Māori approach to recreation, offers a powerful and much-needed antidote. It's not simply a collection of activities, but a holistic philosophy that weaves together well-being, environmental connection, and community spirit, creating a tapestry of resilience in the face of modern challenges.
26. Te Whai Oranga reconnects people to the Natural World. Māori recreation prioritises time spent outdoors, fostering a deep respect for



the environment. This is more than just enjoying nature; it's about understanding our place within it, becoming stewards rather than possessors. Māori knowledge systems and practices offer solutions to environmental challenges that are often missing in mainstream approaches.

27. Te Whai Oranga strengthens relationships and communities. Māori recreation is rarely a solitary endeavour. It's about shared experiences, storytelling, and strengthening bonds within whanaungatanga (extended family) and the wider community. This focus on collectivism and support networks can combat social isolation and build the resilience needed to tackle challenging issues like poverty and incarceration.
28. Te Whai Oranga promotes holistic well-being and recognises the interconnectedness of physical, mental, and spiritual health. Activities like dance, music, and storytelling are not just fun; they can be forms of emotional release, stress reduction, and spiritual connection. This aligns with the Māori Health Strategy's emphasis on "Te Oranga Whanui," the holistic well-being of the community.
29. Te Whai Oranga raises environmental awareness. Engaging with the environment through traditional practices like hunting, fishing, and gathering fosters a deep understanding of its resources and limitations. This awareness can translate into sustainable resource management and responsible environmental stewardship.
30. In our hyper-connected world, Te Whai Oranga offers a counterpoint to the constant noise and distractions. Activities like weaving or carving require focus and mindfulness, promoting inner calm and reducing stress. This resonates with the growing understanding of the detrimental effects of information-overload and the importance of mindful practices.
31. Ultimately, Te Whai Oranga is about recognising that our well-being is intrinsically linked to the well-being of our communities and the environment. It's about prioritising connection, respect, and holistic health. In a world struggling with disconnection and environmental neglect, Te Whai Oranga offers a powerful path towards healing ourselves and our planet.



32. Encompassing the kaupapa above, Recreation Aotearoa lays down a wero (challenge) to Council's to consider and invest in providing opportunities that reflect Te Ao Māori views of recreation and to encourage and support more Māori to recreate in culturally-centred ways.

Disability - Accessibility & Inclusion in Recreation

33. Recreation Aotearoa believes that the significance of enhanced access to active recreation for people with disabilities is currently underappreciated by local government. The Sport New Zealand Spotlight on Disability Report (2018) tells us that in any given week, people with disabilities participate less, and in fewer sports and recreation activities than people without disabilities across Aotearoa.
34. We also know that people with disabilities who participate in fewer sports and activities score less favourably on health and wellbeing indicators, and according to the NZ Wellbeing Statistics (2021), people with disabilities are currently faring worse (comparative to people without disabilities) across a range of wellbeing outcomes.
35. Recreation Aotearoa submits, however, that there is a strong appetite by people with disabilities to participate more, comparative to people without disability, particularly with disabled adults aged 25 and over.
36. Sport NZ's Active New Zealand data also demonstrates that the majority of the top 20 activities disabled adults want to try in the next 12 months are recreational in nature (rather than traditional sport), with a similar trend demonstrated for children and young people.
37. It's clear that individuals with disabilities often experiences even greater benefits from recreational activities than their non-disabled counterparts.
38. However, people with disabilities also have more barriers to increasing their participation than people without disability. For rangatahi for instance, a lack of nearby accessible facilities and spaces is a much stronger barrier than people without disabilities of the same age.



39. Recreation Aotearoa note that 52% of respondents with a disability/access need in the 2020 Access Survey reported there is a range of public activities and events that they would like to participate in but are currently unable to because of inaccessibility.
40. Recreation Aotearoa notes that funding is a common barrier reported by Councils to enhancing the accessibility of recreation places, spaces, and opportunities. Strategically prioritising and allocating funds to enhance accessibility within existing budget investments for public recreation spaces is vital to ensure that the development and improvement of these areas actively and effectively addresses the diverse needs of people with disabilities.
41. Based on your population of 113,000 people, and the latest NZ Disability Data (2013), there are an estimated 27,120 people with disabilities living in Hutt City.
42. Considering the wider whānau impact of disability and inactivity, and the increasing rate of impairment comparative to the aging population, statistically there is a significant proportion of your community currently missing out on the irrefutable benefits of being physically active.

The importance of Local Government to the Play, Active Recreation and Sport (PARS) Sector

43. Councils in New Zealand play a critical role in providing opportunities for New Zealanders to be physically active. Reciprocally, the realisation of various local government objectives and outcomes relies on investment in facilities, infrastructure, resources, and opportunities that promote engagement in play and active recreation.
44. It has been recently established that total funding to the play, active recreation, and sport (PARS) sector was \$4.0b, in 2022. Over 25% of this total (\$1.06b) is from local government. Local government funding of the PARS sector far exceeds that of central government and class 4 gaming grants, combined.
45. Recreation Aotearoa recognises that local government is contending with a multitude of financial challenges, including those related to water infrastructure, climate change mitigation, inflation, and the imperative to restrict rates increases. Additionally, there has been a notable decrease in the Lotto Significant Projects Fund, which



traditionally supports sport and recreation infrastructure. Currently, there is no specific central government funding allocated for community sport and recreation infrastructure, and the prevailing financial conditions indicate that this issue may not be addressed in the near future.

46. However, Recreation Aotearoa submits that central and local government are jointly responsible for the well-being of New Zealanders. The establishment of a national direction and a shared framework for wellbeing lies with central government. However, developing local wellbeing plans and allocating resources, largely sits with local government, which can foster innovation, collaboration, and localisation.
47. We have observed that regional funding forums, currently in place in many areas, play a valuable role in ensuring alignment at a regional level. Additionally, partnerships between organisations can help reduce costs, achieve economies of scale, and explore innovative approaches to provide opportunities for physical activity.
48. Local government plays a crucial role in addressing the escalating challenges posed by climate change, urbanisation, economic uncertainty, and threats to social cohesion. Prioritising physical activity can serve as a means to tackle these overarching issues. For example, effective placemaking that promotes recreation can enhance the appeal of cycling or walking, creating more attractive, safer, and inclusive spaces for social interactions. This, in turn, encourages spending time in and around local businesses and retailers. Active local communities contribute to the overall health, of individuals and families, leading to reduced strain on the healthcare system and improved well-being outcomes.
49. Recreation Aotearoa submits that transforming local government into a champion of well-being, with backing from central government, has the potential to yield tangible and positive results for both local communities and the entire country. We propose placing a distinct emphasis on recreation as an integral component of this wellbeing focus. Furthermore, we believe that recreation could serve as a proving ground for a novel partnership approach involving central and local government, as well as Māori.
50. The above-mentioned challenges and opportunities demand the efficient utilisation of funding at national, regional, and local levels. Ensuring that the available funding is employed in ways that yield the best return on investment is of paramount importance. Improved



understanding and collaboration among organisations, coupled with a heightened awareness of the priorities of each organisation, can facilitate alignment and mutual support across various funding sources. Ultimately, it is local government supported by Regional Sports Trusts (RSTs) that will lead this Kaupapa.

The vital importance of urban green spaces - The PCE weighs in

51. As an independent Officer of Parliament, the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment (PCE) has broad powers to investigate environmental concerns and is independent of the government of the day. The Commissioner's work is directed towards the single output of independent reports and advice on environmental issues, and a mission to maintain or improve the quality of Aotearoa New Zealand's environment.
52. In March 2023, the PCE published a report titled "*Are we building harder, hotter cities? The vital importance of urban green spaces*". It has been very favourably received by professionals in a variety of sectors including town-planning, ecology, Civil Defence Management, Infrastructure, and Recreation. It makes many salient points, that Recreation Aotearoa affirms and submits to HCC for consideration.
53. In recent decades, factors such as population growth, urban sprawl, traffic congestion and loss of productive land have brought about profound transformations in New Zealand cities. In response, various changes in the realm of infrastructure, densification, re-zoning, transportation, and water services have been carried out. However, amid these changes, the significance of green space is at risk of being overlooked, or even neglected.
54. Instead of the traditional model of stand-alone homes in new peri-urban suburbs, a significant portion of the current housing construction takes the form of attached or semi-attached dwellings, such as apartments townhouses or terraced houses, within city limits. 60-80% of new residential titles in New Zealand cities since 2016 are within the pre-existing urban footprint.
55. This urban intensification reduces both the quality and quantity of urban green space. Infill housing removes gardens, lawns, trees, and soil. Increased population density impacts on the usability of existing Parks and green Spaces. In some cases, parks and green spaces are repurposed for other uses, all together. Grass berms, shrubbery, and trees adjacent to streets are reduced or removed.



56. The report goes into some detail and proves abundant examples and evidence of the important role green spaces provide. Including, temperature regulation, stormwater management, air filtration, carbon sequestration and habitat provision.
57. The PCE outlines three risks associated with this loss of green Space. The first concerns what the loss of green space might mean for the health and wellbeing of cities population and is largely covered previously in this submission. Similarly, the amenity or 'placemaking' benefits that urban green space provides is covered elsewhere in this submission and the risk of its loss is obvious.
58. Perhaps the most pertinent point the PCE made, in light of Cyclone Gabriell and the likelihood of further severe weather events, relates to stormwater management.
59. Recent flooding events highlight the risks of creating large, hardened surfaces that cannot cope the increased precipitation resulting from climate change. While one response might be to further fortify infrastructure, climate change brings additional challenges like temperature stress. As New Zealand anticipates potential heat wave crises, an urban landscape dominated by concrete and asphalt could exacerbate discomfort and, in some cases, pose risks to lives.
60. For these reasons and many more, Recreation Aotearoa submits that the Long-Term Plan pay much more regard to the provision and expansion of urban green space within Hutt City. We urge that a considered, regionally appropriate, and well-funded programme of tree planting be implemented in public spaces. This should specifically focus on areas adjacent to streets and footpaths, which are the most popular places in which physical activity takes place. We face a future in which, without adequate tree cover, it may simply be too hot to be physically active outdoors in summer.

Recreation in Hutt City

61. We acknowledge and thank Hutt City Council as the major provider of our city's sport and recreation facilities. By investing in recreation, Hutt City Council is helping to instil a lasting culture where active living matters. The work of Hutt City Council makes a real difference.



62. The Hutt City Council has a critical part to play in ensuring people continue to enjoy quality recreation opportunities. These need to be available to everyone, regardless of age, fitness level, ability, or socio-economic background.
63. Council planning needs to adopt a long-term approach that considers factors such as urbanisation, population growth, and an ageing population, to ensure recreation can continue to thrive amid change.
64. Research has found that in areas of activity decline, government and community-led interventions helped reverse the trend. When the infrastructure is in place, such as parks, playgrounds or aquatic facilities, people are more likely to be active.
65. Population growth and increased demographic diversity has and will continue to place pressure on recreational infrastructure in Hutt City.
66. We support the prioritisation of investment in walking and cycling routes in Hutt City. Investment in Active Transport infrastructure achieves the dual symbiotic benefit of easing traffic congestion and making it easier for residents to integrate healthy recreational activities into their day-to-day lives. We note that 49% of tamariki/rangitahi in the Wellington region use active transport to and from school, this is one of the highest percentages in all of New Zealand.
67. The data provided by the Sport NZ Active New Zealand survey reveals that 44% of tamariki/rangitahi in the Wellington region do not do enough physical activity to meet Ministry of Health physical activity recommendations. This is a significant decline from previous years.
68. The same survey revealed that there are significant levels of unmet demand in the Wellington region – 59% of young people and 82% of adults have a desire to do more physical activity. 10% of young people cite that 'there are no places nearby to do what I want to do' it as a barrier to increased physical activity. 23% cite the weather as a barrier, which is significantly higher than the national average.
69. In the Wellington region, physical activity is largely informal and recreational, in nature. 79% of young people prefer physical activities that allow them to follow their own schedule rather than someone else's. This percentage has increased significantly in recent years. Similarly, 63% of young people in the region prefer to do physical activity that is more flexible and less structured. This has increased significantly in recent years, also.



70. This is further evidenced by a decline in participation in school and club teams. In 2018, 87% of young people in the Wellington region were part of a school or club sports team. This has steadily declined to 80%.
71. Participation is largely non-competitive. We note that 67% of adults and 67% of young people participate in non-competitive activities, exclusively. For adults, this is a large increase, relative to previous years.
72. Recreation Aotearoa would also like to acknowledge the Hutt City Council for their support and contribution towards the Wellington Region Spaces & Places plan, in partnership with Nuku Ora and adjacent Local Territorial Authorities. Committing to and adhering to such a plan avoids duplication, enhances recreational opportunities, and ensures efficiency of expenditure at a regional level. We also commend Hutt City Councils representation on the Regional Spaces and Places Steering Group.
73. We also acknowledge the significant effort and commitment that has been made by Hutt City Council in the formulation of the Leisure and Wellbeing Strategy and the various Parks and Reserves Management Plans.

Specific Comments:

74. Recreation Aotearoa support the development of Council disability policies and strategies which include provisions and initiatives to enhance the accessibility of recreation places, spaces, and opportunities. We express our support for the Hutt City Accessibility and Inclusiveness Plan 2017-27, and commend the work undertaken in this realm.
75. We further encourage HCC to increase investment for the provision of more accessible play equipment across your network of playgrounds, and for the provision of more beach mats at additional locations within Hutt City, as part of this LTP.
76. Recreation Aotearoa submit on the importance of genuinely consulting and collaborating with people with disabilities and their whānau, and encourage Hutt City to continue such comprehensive accessible, and inclusive consultation processes within the design, development, and upgrades of the recreation spaces specified within the LTP.



77. We further submit our support for maintaining collaboration with people with disabilities throughout the duration of such projects and warn of the risk of only consulting with end-users at the beginning of a project, or after it is too late. Maintaining ongoing input from the disability community and advisory groups at regular intervals, is an essential principle to imbed within the project developments.
78. Alongside robust processes for maintaining collaboration with people with disabilities, Recreation Aotearoa also submits its support for ensuring there are processes stipulated in policy whereby people with disabilities can notify council of any barriers to accessing recreation places, spaces, and programmes. This includes aligned procedures of how such barrier will be addressed and remediated by council.
79. Recreation Aotearoa submits its support for the Reserves Investment Strategy and the commitment to developing community and regional parks. We also commend and support the underpinning of this investment by the Wellington Region Spaces & Places plan and the Parks and Reserves Management plans. The proposed planning and investment will improve the availability of opportunities for active recreation.
80. However, we can't help but notice and express our concern that there exist significant differences between what is documented in the Wellington Region Spaces & Places Plan and what is proposed in the LTP. Recreation Aotearoa submits that further consideration be given to incorporating much more, if not all, of the Spaces and Places Plan into the LTP. Similarly, there is not an obvious commitment that all aspects of the Reserves Investment Strategy are funded.
81. Recreation Aotearoa submits its support for the investment in Play by Hutt City Council. It is essential that investment in Play infrastructure is applied to the growing population in new urban developments and under-active demographics in high deprivation communities. Recreation Aotearoa notes that co-design kaupapa for Play infrastructure often results in a desirable bias towards less structured and informal modes of play.
82. Recreation Aotearoa cautions against deferred maintenance and upgrades of playgrounds, specifically. It is essential that planned investments in public toilets, walkways and connecting green spaces are implemented as planned. This especially the case for areas that will



see large increases in demand for recreation infrastructure, within the term of the LTP.

83. Recreation Aotearoa submits its support for the new build and \$68m investment in the Naenae Aquatic and Fitness facility.
84. Recreation Aotearoa submits its support for Option 1, with regard to the investment in Petone assets.
85. Recreation Aotearoa submits its support for the \$180m investment in Te Wai Takamori o Te Awa Kairangi (RiverLink), but cautions that there have been concerns raised that accessibility and inclusion are not at the forefront of this project.
86. Recreation Aotearoa submits its support for the \$79.9m investment in Tupua Horo Nuku, specifically in regard to the improvement it will make to active transport opportunities and the ability of residents to incorporate physical activity into their daily lives.
87. Similarly, to the extent that the Cross Valley connections projects stimulates walking and cycling, Recreation Aotearoa is supportive of this investment.
88. Recreation Aotearoa supports the Council's commitment to the \$31m investment into the Cycleway and micro-mobility programme, in particular.
89. Recreation Aotearoa has long supported Active Transport initiatives across the motu. Recreation Aotearoa notes that these projects support increased participation in walking, cycling, scooting, and skating – forms of physical activity that the Active NZ survey identified as leading preferences for residents of the Wellington region.
90. Investment in Active Transport infrastructure achieves the dual symbiotic benefit of easing traffic congestion and making it easier for residents to integrate healthy recreational activities into their day-to-day lives.
91. Recreation also submits its concern that cost escalation in undertaking these investments may be inadequately accounted for. Recent observations from around the motu, in both the PARS sector and others, have demonstrated that inflation in materials, labour and debt-



servicing has placed considerable budgetary pressure on long term projects.

92. Recreation Aotearoa cautions Hutt City Council of a predictable lag-effect of participant uptake in the utilisation of new recreational facilities. Many forms of recreation have suffered a loss of participant numbers and organisational capability after recent challenges. Recreation Aotearoa urges Hutt City Council to be patient with regard to how quickly and fully new facilities are utilised by different recreational groups.
93. Additionally, we submit that rapid changes in demographics, participation trends and technology mean that a 'build it and they will come' approach doesn't always work. Simply building infrastructure is not enough. Recreational assets need to be activated and programmed to make them more appealing and to break down barriers for the hard-to-reach areas of the community.
94. Recreation Aotearoa recognises and supports the efforts being made to build resilience to and reduce climate change effects. Specifically, we commend the plan to plant more trees via the Urban Forest initiative.. However, we note with concern that the Climate change mitigation and adaption in the Hutt City draft LTP, is not given the same credence as it has in other LTPs.

28. Mark Macfarlane

877 HCC-122173704 - MARK MACFARLANE

877 HCC-122173704 - Mark Macfarlane

Are you submitting as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

Organisation/Business/Iwi

What is the name of the organisation that you represent?

Lucas Land Surveys Ltd

**Would you like to present your feedback direct to councillors at a 10 Year Plan consultation hearing?
In person or through Zoom?**

Yes

Would you like to be kept informed about the outcome of Hutt City Council's public consultation process on the 10 Year Plan via email?

Yes

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's revised development contributions policy.

Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments on our Development Contributions Policy?

I don't believe this is financially robust. I feel Council thinks our clients (developers) are all Ferrari driving multi millionaires. We have only a few of these, most in fact drive work utes, start early, finish late and are struggling to get ahead by selling off their back yards whilst fixing up the old house they live in. We believe development in Lower Hutt will all but stop on July 1st as it will not be economically viable to develop. The property values in Lower Hutt are not going to go up \$40,000 overnight which would have to happen to keep the margins reasonable. Should property values stagnate in the high mortgage environment many properties would incur losses if they went ahead. The margins are tight now and will not be worth the risk. Has Council actually examined the cost of development? If no development is undertaken no fees will come to Council, no new rated properties get added to Councils income and the entire idea of increasing fees is negated, in fact, worsened. Several of our developers have indicated stopping, retiring or developing in other regions.

Please rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the general direction that we are taking for this draft 10 Year Plan.

Strongly disagree

Please explain the reason for your response.

I think little industry input has been sought or considered for this proposal to even be mooted.

29. Dr David Tripp

Oral Comments on Long Term Plan 2024

David Tripp

May 2025

{Opening slide} Thank you for the opportunity to speak to you.

I want to acknowledge how incredibly challenging this plan must have been to put together – you face many issues well beyond your control and are having to make hard decisions.

In particular, I support you wanting to fix our pipes. This is a can that has been kicked down the road for far too long.

My concern is that we are kicking a much bigger can even further down the road.

{CLICK} This is a map of Petone in 2100, under increasingly conservative assumptions.

While I am most concerned about my house, please also note that the grandstand, Library and access to the wharf will all be under water – places in which your plan commits to significant investment.

{CLICK} The bottom line is that, in 65 years' time, my daughter will be showing her grandchildren where she grew up by boat.

We get one chance to do anything about this – and that chance is now.

{CLICK} To not act decisively now, is to commit our children and grandchildren to catastrophic costs. This would be contrary to the first of your financial guiding principles – which is to equitably spread costs over generations.

{CLICK} To mitigate climate change, we need to reduce our emissions in line with your climate goals. I applaud the work Hutt City is doing in the areas of corporate emissions and waste management. Sadly, these pale into insignificance unless we talk about the elephant in the room – which is transport.

To achieve your climate goals, you need 30% mode shift away from cars in the near future.

In the words of your Integrated Transport Strategy, we need to “break our habit of car use”.

{CLICK} However, transport investment in the Draft 10 Year Plan is focused around a very few ‘signature projects’ that cement car use as the predominant form of transport – in particular Riverlink and the Cross Valley Link.

This will exacerbate congestion, and damage our health and our climate.

{CLICK} In contrast, your KPI for both shared and cycle paths over the next 10 years is to “hold or increase length”. According to your plan, achieving no change at all would be an acceptable outcome for council.

{CLICK} For the sake of my future grandchildren, will you please consider the following:

- Producing a plan that says what you would need to do to achieve your climate goals – so we have can have transparency and informed discussion
- Produce an implementation plan for your integrated transport strategy – so we know what would be involved in achieving this plan
- Spend the money you’ve put aside for cycling, whether or not you get Waka Kotahi’s subsidy.

30. Anna Boyack

676 HCC-116170623 - Anna Boyack

Are you submitting as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

Organisation/Business/Iwi

What is the name of the organisation that you represent?

Viva Mexico

**Would you like to present your feedback direct to councillors at a 10 Year Plan consultation hearing?
In person or through Zoom?**

Yes

**Would you like to be kept informed about the outcome of Hutt City Council's public consultation
process on the 10 Year Plan via email?**

Yes

What is your preferred option for how we invest in water services for the next 10 years?

Option 1

What is your preferred option for how we divert food and green organics waste from landfill?

Option 1

**What is your preferred option for implementing a rates remission policy to help low-income home-
owners?**

Option 2

**What is your preferred option for undertaking work on the three Petone assets – the library building,
the grandstand and the wharf?**

Option 2

**Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's proposed future approach to managing
assets.**

Don't know

**Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's proposed updates to our fees and
charges? e.g. increases to parking fees and to fees for the Silverstream landfill**

Strongly disagree

**Please rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the general direction that we are taking for
this draft 10 Year Plan.**

Strongly disagree

6/6 HCC-1161/0623 - ANNA BOYACK

Please explain the reason for your response.

Being a business owner and a resident of Jackson Street in Petone, we are concerned at the direction of increases to our operational costs. In 2022 the insurance cost for our business building lease was \$6000, in 2023, this increased to \$11,000. An 80% increase. As I appreciate this is the same for our council, we are operating in a unforgiving environment. Covid, coupled with the cost of living, inflation and unstable food prices have had a drastic impact on our business. In a climate where people are struggling with less and less disposable income, it impacts ALL businesses. Therefore, our ability to pay, often gives us hard choices between paying suppliers and paying staff. The first thing that we have to consider with these creeping increases is our ability to hire staff and, then if we can remain open. So, decisions like bringing in parking meters, increasing rates and government compliance all affect our day to day running costs. Please give us the opportunity to present, in person, to further highlight the consequences of these decisions and the impact it will have on our business.

31. Shani Leach

1000 HCC-123176146 - Shani Leach

Ethnicity

New Zealand European

Are you submitting as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

Individual

Would you like to present your feedback direct to councillors at a 10 Year Plan consultation hearing? In person or through Zoom?

Yes

Would you like to be kept informed about the outcome of Hutt City Council's public consultation process on the 10 Year Plan via email?

Yes

Do you live in Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai Lower Hutt?

Yes

Do you own or rent the home you live in?

Own

Which suburb do you live in?

Petone

What age group do you belong to?

25-34 years

What is your preferred option for how we invest in water services for the next 10 years?

Option 1

Please share any comments you would like to add about the water services.

Council should partner with other Wellington Councils to audit the performance of Wellington Water

What is your preferred option for how we divert food and green organics waste from landfill?

Option 2

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding waste and landfill.

We live in a unit complex with 30 units which have a low participation rate in looking after rubbish and recycling. Food and green waste bins would not be looked after here and may cause food waste to start rotting in bins. Who cleans them?

What is your preferred option for implementing a rates remission policy to help low-income home-owners?

Option 2

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding rates remission.

Rates remission have a bias towards helping pensioners as it is not possible to be a young family and be under the income threshold for financial hardship. Targeting the wrong people, as it only helps home owners.

What is your preferred option for undertaking work on the three Petone assets – the library building, the grandstand and the wharf?

Option 1

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding the three Petone assets.

Do not demolish the wharf. Keep it as is - just put up a nicer sign to block public access.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's proposed updates to our fees and charges? e.g. increases to parking fees and to fees for the Silverstream landfill

Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments on our proposed updates to our fees and charges?

Do not start charging for parking in Petone. It will kill local businesses on Jackson Street as they are all small cafes and boutique shops, or local services like pharmacies or blood collection. Will impact residential parking on streets like Britannia Street as Jackson Street shoppers will look for free parking. We already have medium density housing with limited residential parking on streets, as well as schools and churches, all competing for parking. Current system is working well. The revenue from parking doesn't even cover demolishing the wharf, so just don't do that! Do not increase the price of riverbank parking. I work in Hutt CBD and already stopped working as much in the office due to increase from \$4 to \$7 per day. These increases stop me from coming to the Hutt CBD to work and I have stopped buying lunches at local businesses. Increasing landfill fees will cause more dumping of rubbish. Majorly impacts my units which have a skip bin for private use which gets filled up by public who can't afford to take big rubbish loads to landfill.

Given the increased cost pressures on our work as well as the current economic climate, do you agree that a total rates revenue increase in 2024-2025 of 16.9% after growth is reasonable?

Disagree

32. Patrick McKibbin



2 May 2024

Hutt City Council
39 Laings Road
Lower Hutt

Kia ora,

Feedback from the Hutt Valley Chamber of Commerce and the Lower Hutt business community to the 2024 – 2034 10 Year Plan Consultation Document

The Hutt Valley Chamber of Commerce is writing to provide some feedback for consideration in finalising the 2024 – 2034 10 Year Plan. We thank you for the opportunity to do this and would note that this feedback is provided on behalf of the business community here in Lower Hutt. The feedback we are providing has been collected from various sources including surveys and face-to-face conversations with the business community.

We understand the challenges.

The Hutt Valley Chamber of Commerce recognises the challenges that are being faced by all organisations in the current economic environment. We recognise that this economic environment, including increased costs, higher interest rates, and high inflation is affecting all entities including the Hutt City Council. We also recognise the challenges faced by the Hutt City Council in needing to invest in significant infrastructure including water and other infrastructure that is needed over the next 10 plus years.

We would also note that these same factors exist for businesses across the region. Many businesses are facing lower sales, lower margins, and significant uncertainty of their pipeline of work in the current environment. The businesses are mostly operating in this tough economic environment, working very hard to keep going and keep the many jobs they support in place. These businesses, and the jobs they create and support, are a key pillar on which the Hutt Valley community operates. Without the wages and salaries that these businesses create the people and families would not be able to contribute to our local economy in the significant way they do today.

We are excited about our business community's future.

The Hutt Valley Chamber of Commerce continues to be excited for the future of Hutt Valley and our business community. We are eagerly awaiting the commencement of the Te Wai Takamori o Te Awa Kairangi RiverLink project and the many jobs and long-term economic benefits this will create. We are excited about the many manufacturing businesses that we have in our region that continue to surprise us with their work, their innovation, their exporting to many countries around the world, and their contribution to our region, our regional GDP, and New Zealand's economy. And we continue to see many many businesses that are striving to operate every day despite these difficult economic times.

We would note however that businesses do continue to be asked to contribute at levels much higher than other ratepayers. This continues to be of concern to us. As you have identified 'The year ahead is going to be challenging'. Any additional increases for the business community make their role in our community more difficult.

As you note in the second paragraph of the Message from the Mayor and Chief Executive in your document, 'We are home to thousands of businesses and innovators who drive our economy'. We wholeheartedly agree with this statement. The business community does drive our economy. However, they are facing tough times, and we implore you to consider this when making your decisions about the rates increases and the significant increases you are asking of the business community. Whilst we understand your challenges, we also understand that without business, and the jobs they create and support, our community would not be where it is today.

We would note the following when you are making your decisions:

1. Businesses are doing it tough.

Our March 2024 Business Confidence Survey identified a very different and much more challenging business environment than we have seen for many years. The Pandemic created a set of challenges that was tough for business, but with good support and their hard work many businesses survived intact.

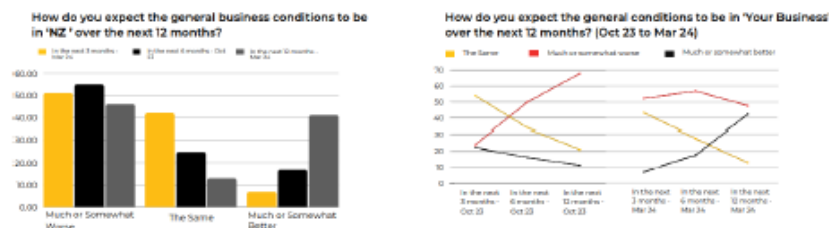
Our March 2024 Business Confidence Survey identified the following worrying challenges:

- Hutt Valley businesses are doing it tough, and it is much tougher than 6 months ago:



- Of most note is the number of businesses that expect their own business to be 'somewhat or much worse' in the next 3 months has risen to 34%, from 13% in six months.
- Of significant note is the numbers of businesses that feel things in their business will be 'much or somewhat better' is down to 34%, from 55% in six months.
- A good indicator is the business comment, 'We are experiencing a downturn in business.' The data reflected that this is not isolated.

- The Hutt Valley business outlook for New Zealand is poor:

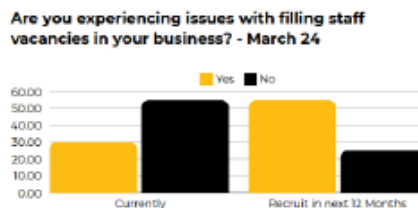


- If the outlook for Hutt Valley business has changed significantly, then their view for New Zealand business is certainly of great concern.
- Of most note is the number of businesses that expect NZ business to be 'somewhat or much worse' in the next 3 months has risen to 51%, from 22% in six months.
- This mood is reflected even more in the 6 month and 12-month outlook where there has been a 39% and 35% negative swing respectively.
- Somewhat like their own business are the numbers of businesses that feel things in their business will be 'much or somewhat better' is down to 18%, from 50% in six months.
- Cost of doing business is not getting any better for Hutt Valley businesses:



- The cost of doing business is not getting any easier for Hutt Valley businesses with 75% of businesses saying that they expect the cost of doing business to be 'much more' or 'somewhat more' expensive over the next 6 months. This compares to only 42.86% in October 2023. The number of businesses who expect things to say the same has halved to 23.33% compared to October 2023.
- Businesses are saying things like "supplier costs are increasing and clients are looking for increasing value for money" and "margins are being squeezed".

A barometer for the Hutt Valley business community over the past few years has been their need for employment. The data from the March 2024 Business Confidence Survey indicates we have turned a corner in business ability and willingness to create jobs.



- Organisations recruiting currently has dropped to 30%, from 47% in October 2023.
- Organisations expecting to recruit in 12 months is now 55%, compared to 67% in October 2023.
- Competition for labour from overseas markets continues to be a factor with a business commenting that "the impact of Australia on our labour markets - being more attractive pay packets. We are having to look for innovative ways to hold onto staff".

It is tough for businesses NOW! We ask you to consider their current position in your decisions about the contribution business makes.

2. There are many other factors affecting the cost of doing business - They include:
 - **Inflation** – inflation remains stubborn in New Zealand and is continuing to impact Hutt Valley business in their cost to do business and serve their

customers. New Zealand's consumers price index increased 4.0 percent in the 12 months to the March 2024 quarter (figures released by Stats NZ).

- **Minimum Wage Increase** – taking effect from 1 April 2024 adult minimum wage will go up from \$22.70 to \$23.15 per hour, an increase of 2% This has added to the cost of doing business. Whilst this may not impact each business as many pay over the minimum wage, most will feel the affect from their suppliers passing on increased costs or wage demands from their own staff.
- **Raw material costs and supply** – rising raw material prices are a major challenge for business. Whether it's oil, electricity or other raw materials, many essential raw materials have seen their prices rise significantly in recent years. Rising raw material prices, such as oil, have a direct impact on the production costs of companies in various sectors. Whether in the automotive, aviation, agricultural or other industries, each sector is affected in its own specific way. When oil prices rise, so do fuel and transport costs in general, which can put a strain on companies' profit margins. This can lead to significant additional expenditure for business.
- **General wage pressures** – New Zealand earnings increased 6.9 percent in the year to the December 2023 quarter (according to data released by Stats NZ). Whilst wage pressure is slowing it is still a significant impact on a business and a further impact on their already slim margins.

3. The contribution of business continues to be significantly more than other ratepayers.

We continue to advocate for business when it comes to the share of the rates they contribute, and the additional amount they are asked to pay for comparable valuations.

Property Value	2022/23			2023/24			2024/25			2025/26			2026/27			2027/28			2028/29			2029/30			2030/31			2031/32		
	Residential	Commercial	Central	Residential	Commercial	Central	Residential	Commercial	Central	Residential	Commercial	Central	Residential	Commercial	Central	Residential	Commercial	Central	Residential	Commercial	Central	Residential	Commercial	Central	Residential	Commercial	Central	Residential	Commercial	Central
\$ 600,000	\$ 2,678	\$ 5,289	\$ 6,127	\$ 2,678	\$ 5,289	\$ 6,127	\$ 2,678	\$ 5,289	\$ 6,127	\$ 2,678	\$ 5,289	\$ 6,127	\$ 2,678	\$ 5,289	\$ 6,127	\$ 2,678	\$ 5,289	\$ 6,127	\$ 2,678	\$ 5,289	\$ 6,127	\$ 2,678	\$ 5,289	\$ 6,127	\$ 2,678	\$ 5,289	\$ 6,127	\$ 2,678	\$ 5,289	\$ 6,127
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We would note that whilst the multiplier has only had minimal change the additional \$ that businesses are expected to pay will be significant to many of them.

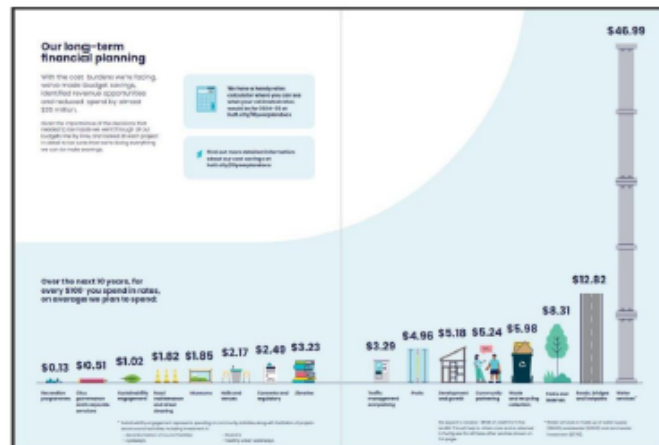
For example, a residential property with a value of \$1.2m will experience an increase of \$701 per year. This same valued commercial central business property will expect to pay an increase of \$1,825.

We would ask Hutt City Council to consider this significant additional contribution from business, both in terms of the actual dollar value but also the additional percentage being asked for.

4. Businesses use less services but are expected to pay more!

We welcome the transparency provided by Hutt City Council on how every \$100 will be spent. However, this transparency further highlights the contribution business is

expected to make versus other rate payers for services they either do not use or do not get, i.e. rubbish and recycling.



We would note that businesses consider that they do not benefit from the following items that believe to be included in their rates:

- Recreation programme - \$0.13
- Museums - \$1.85
- Halls and venues - \$2.17
- Libraries - \$3.13
- Pools - \$4.96
- Community Partnering - \$5.24
- Waste and Recycling Collection - \$5.98
- Parks and Reserves - \$8.31

Whilst we accept that as individuals (and most likely residential ratepayers through their rates or rent) they are likely to receive benefit, we would note that as a business they are unlikely to access or receive benefit from these services, totaling \$31.77 out of every \$100.

We would note that some services are not available to businesses, i.e. rubbish and recycling. Businesses are therefore faced with additional cost for these services yet are still being asked to contribute through their rates.

We ask that Hutt City Council consider this in setting rates for businesses in our region.

5. Development contribution increases may further stifle growth and new development.

We note that Hutt City Council have also proposed significant increases to the development contributions. Whilst we understand the principle of development contributions, we would also be concerned that such contributions, applied

unilaterally, will stifle growth and new development.

Our region relies heavily on our business community to sustain the jobs they create and will hopefully create in the future. We should be encouraging new businesses to come here, not put barriers in their way.

We would ask that the Hutt City Council review this proposal considering the following:

- The jobs that any development will create or support – developments can have a positive impact on new business and jobs creation.
- The type of business that the premises will enable – we would consider that industries with higher paying jobs can be incentivised through the way in which this development contribution is applied.

6. Parking fees increases are likely to penalise business and accessibility to business.

We would note that Hutt City Council is proposing to increase costs of parking by 50%. In addition, we note that you are proposing to introduce parking fees in Petone. We are not in agreement with either of these proposals which we consider will:

- Adversely affect the business and their employees based in these areas where paid parking is in effect. Parking availability is essential for the employees of the businesses in the city and for their customers. Many people have limited alternatives with relatively poor public transport available in the Hutt Valley between residential areas and their place of work. These additional fees will add to already struggling households.
- Adversely affect Petone as a destination for the many businesses that operate in this area. Businesses, particularly in the retail and hospitality sectors, rely on customers being able to park for short periods of time. Whilst we have heard the argument that people do park for longer, we consider that the current time-limited parking method and monitoring is adequate.

Accessibility of the Hutt City region was the single most important factor in the Council's own retail analysis work in the last 12 months. We would consider that parking fees will not support this accessibility and people coming to our region to shop and spend their money. We recommend the current parking fees and areas are maintained. We also recommend that the Council undertake a piece of work for Petone to ask people coming to that area if they will still come with parking costs in place.

7. The 10-year outlook is unsustainable

We note with interest the 10-year outlook for rates in Hutt City. The cumulative effective of the plan you are consulting on is that rate payers will be paying 162.2% of the current rates by year 10. This will be significantly more than the current or expected rate of inflation. We feel this will be too much for many businesses to bear

and we seek your ongoing review of this amount, as well as a way to more fairly attribute the costs.

	2024/5	2025/6	2026/7	2027/8	2028/9	2029/30	2030/31	2031/32	2032/33	2033/34	Total
Increase	25.90%	12%	12.40%	9.50%	11%	11%	7.20%	7.20%	7.20%	7.20%	101.60%
\$	100.00	\$ 126.90	\$ 130.93	\$ 147.16	\$ 161.14	\$ 176.87	\$ 196.54	\$ 212.84	\$ 228.16	\$ 244.59	\$ 262.20

8. Business being recognised for their contribution

Undoubtedly business plays a significant role in our community. They:

- Contribute to our local, regional and national GDP.
- They contribute just under 40% of the rates here in Hutt City
- The support jobs and salaries which all help our region through the spend of these employees.
- Many of the business owners and their employees live in the Hutt Valley and own or rent houses. This in turn contributes to the rates of Hutt City.
- Business owners and their staff play a large role in our community in many different ways.

As the council has to 'balance the budget' business has to stick to their budgets every month, and every year. It is a tough economic environment and business cannot just go to their customers with a demand like this. Business is facing all of the costs that Council is facing but is not able to put their prices up by 17% due to the current economic environment.

Business is not easy, particularly at the current time. We ask that the Hutt City Council recognise this in your decision making. Businesses should not be penalised through higher rates just because they are a business. They already contribute through the many areas of economic support noted above.

We need business to thrive for our community to thrive and our city to thrive.

We would though encourage Hutt City Council to think about ways to support our business community and provide different ways to do this. For example, rate relief could be applied to some of the following ideas:

- **Transport modes** – reward businesses for purchasing vehicles or transport modes which are good for the environment, i.e. electric bikes. The Government has started this type of reward through the Clean Car Discount. This could be something that the Hutt City Council looks at to incentivise behaviour change.
- **Clean Energy** – reward businesses that include clean energy options in their buildings, i.e. solar energy.
- **Recycling** – many businesses are already taking steps to reduce their waste at their own cost. Supporting this work would be a useful addition from Hutt City Council.
- **Jobs creation** – reward business for the job creation that they make every year. Jobs add to our economy, our GDP and our city thriving.

- **Food Organics** – some businesses are already taking steps to manage their food waste. They are doing this at their own cost, and at the same time supporting the environment. We note there is no mention of supporting businesses in your proposal on Food Organics and believe this would be a useful support for businesses already taking action.
- **Building new premises** – reward business for upgrading their premises and building new premises. Enable this rather than penalise it through additional costs.
- **Procurement and using local firms** – like the Hutt City Council business wants to support local. In their words, 'We would prefer to walk down the road and get work done than go elsewhere'. We would like to see more rewards for business to use local suppliers.

These types of ideas are useful not only in supporting businesses, but they also underpin a behaviour change that reinforces the overall plans the Hutt City Council have. We know that there are businesses across Hutt City successfully promoting such ideas. However, there is nothing in place to assist them or others through the current proposed package. We also consider this to be an opportunity for the Hutt City Council to be more widely supporting their own work to their Climate Action Plan goals.

9. Business is interested in being involved in decision making.

Business has to make tough decisions every day to balance their budgets. They know how challenging this can be. They are keen to support the council with expenditure decision making. The Hutt Valley Chamber of Commerce would welcome the opportunity for a small business group to participate in decisions on council procurement and expenditure, bring their expertise to the table.

Our overwhelming desire is that we do have a strong and thriving community with businesses employing people and being successful. We believe a thriving business community is at the heart of making Hutt City a great place to live, work and play, and ask you to consider a more equitable level of business rates and charges as you finalise your Long Term Plan.

We would welcome the opportunity to come and talk to this submission with the Council if this is appropriate.

Thank you for your consideration of this feedback.

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Patrick McKibbin

33. Derek Wilshire

I would like to present on my response and the subject matter on this email.

Managing community assets

1. Reading the HCC 10 yr plan document and being involved in a recent issue regarding Eastbourne Pool opening hours I have some thoughts. Firstly I suggest that there is a category of Community facilities that should not be subject to the risks of private operation and should be outside the ambit of these processes. These include libraries, pools and playgrounds.
2. I suggest that these things should have great deal more Community involvement. The advisors on these matters should be more closely part of a collegial consultancy programme agreed and managed at least annually by the elected Community Boards - hopefully city wide . Where necessary the implementation of the agreed programme should be the responsibility of Council itself. Obviously it would be a council decision for the management and funding of the agreed programme.

Adult Outdoor Fitness Facilities

1. I have noted this matter in my main submission on Recreation.
I suggest that one of these facilities should be installed in several of our playgrounds over the next 10 years.

They are prevalent and very popular in many Australian cities.

See attached photos.

I think they fit well with our children's playgrounds and would be used by older youths and Parents.

Suggested locations in Lower Hutt and Eastbourne would be Avalon Park, Whiorau Reserve and Bishops Park adjacent to the playground and pool and on the Petone Foreshore.

Best

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Submission on 2024-2034 Long Term Plan: Development Contributions

Introduction

Cuttriss Consultants Ltd is a long-standing land development consultancy established in the Hutt Valley in 1947 and currently employs over 50 planners, land surveyors, and civil engineers.

Cuttriss facilitates a large number of residential subdivisions and multi-unit developments in Hutt City on behalf of our clients from our office in central Lower Hutt where over 25 of our staff are based.

The Hutt City Council is proposing to significantly increase Development Contributions from 1 July 2024 in accordance with Table 2 below sourced from the 2024-2034 Long Term Plan (LTP) consultation document.

The increase is particularly pronounced on the Valley Floor where the increase is proposed at \$38,224 per EHU or additional standard dwelling.

Table 2 – Comparison of proposed charges (applicable 1 July 2024) to previous policy

		Catchment						
		Eastbourne	Stokes Valley	Valley Floor	Wainuiomata	Western Hills	Rural*	Districtwide
Activity		Development contribution per EHU (GST inclusive)						
Transport	Current	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,497
	Proposed	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$5,275
Water Supply	Current	\$0	\$0	\$7,680	\$12,383	\$1,231	\$0	\$942
	Proposed	\$0	\$0	\$18,037	\$12,805	\$605	\$0	\$1784
Wastewater	Current	\$667	\$667	\$667	\$5,525	\$667	\$0	\$3,658
	Proposed	\$0	\$1,357	\$18,605	\$7,336	\$1,751	\$0	\$8,706
Stormwater	Current	\$864	\$15	\$160	\$1,821	\$88	\$0	\$244
	Proposed	\$3,053	\$68	\$10,680	\$5,082	\$105	\$0	\$918
Total	Current	\$1,530	\$682	\$8,507	\$19,729	\$1,686	\$0	\$6,272
	Proposed	\$3,053	\$1,025	\$36,320	\$25,273	\$2,550	\$0	\$16,683
DC per EHU (\$) a development will pay in each catchment	Current	\$7,602	\$6,954	\$14,779	\$28,000	\$8,257	\$2,497	\$5,272
	Proposed	\$10,736	\$18,008	\$53,003	\$41,955	\$10,233	\$5,275	\$16,683
	Change	\$31,934	\$11,054	\$38,224	\$15,955	\$10,976	\$2,778	\$10,411

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From our review of the proposed Development Contributions for comparable suburbs in Upper Hutt City, Porirua City, and Wellington City, the proposed Development Contributions for the Valley Floor will generally be the most expensive by a considerable margin. The consequence of this will likely be that developers will choose to build in locations other than the Valley Floor where costs are lower, resulting in less houses being built on the Valley Floor, and potentially less Development Contributions and rates revenue for Hutt City Council.

Our Position

We absolutely agree that three-waters infrastructure in Hutt City requires significant investment for renewals and upgrades, however we do not agree with the apportionment of the Development Contribution increases as proposed in the LTP.

It has lately been reported on numerous occasions (and not disputed) that three-waters infrastructure has suffered from a lack of investment over the last 20-30 years, and this, in our considered opinion, has contributed to a significant degree to the situation today where a spending catch-up is urgently required. Some of that catch-up is indeed due to growth in residential and other development, however a large proportion is due to neglect over many decades.

The LTP does not acknowledge the lack of investment in three-waters infrastructure over a sustained period, rather it states that the increases in Development Contributions are based on the principle of "Growth pays for Growth" and hence new developments are proposed to be saddled with substantial increases in costs.

It remains our view that future growth should not be contributing to the cost of historical under-investment in infrastructure generated by deferred maintenance and renewals, and growth that has already occurred, but which has not paid its share. That being the case, any deficit in infrastructure as at 30 June 2024 should be met through rates, with the cost of future growth post 30 June 2024 only being fairly apportioned to new development.

Several of our large-scale land developer clients have submitted on the Development Contributions aspect of the LTP in a letter to Council dated 9 April 2024. We fully agree with the concerns raised in this submission, and while we agree that staging the implementation over a period of years as proposed in that submission will help reduce the impact of the cost increases, as noted we do not agree with the apportionment of those increases.

Furthermore, we contend that the principle of 'Growth pays for Growth' is not in all cases the best and fairest means of apportioning the costs of infrastructure, and may have unintended consequences as follows:

- It is the City as a whole that benefits from growth through increased rates, creation of employment opportunities, provision of larger markets for local businesses, and better use of recreational facilities, and therefore the City as a whole should more equitably contribute to the costs of infrastructure generated by growth.
- The very high costs of the proposed Development Contributions on the Valley Floor especially will encourage developers to purchase land where the contributions are lower, for example in outer suburbs with restricted access to public transport or in other cities where it is less desirable (for Hutt City at least) to concentrate large-scale growth. This could mean that growth occurs in Hutt City at a much slower rate than forecast, leading to a continued shortage of affordable housing, a Council infrastructure-budget shortfall, and the lost opportunity of receiving an increased rates take.

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- In terms of the potential loss of rates, we have analysed two recent multi-unit developments on the Valley Floor, and they have led on average to 6x the rates take per m² compared to the rates take per m² on the adjoining properties which each contain a single dwelling. For example, a 700m² property on the Valley Floor might currently pay \$4,200 in rates on a single dwelling, however post development that same property might pay in the order of \$25,200 in rates. While there will be some additional Council costs generated by the additional number of properties (eg waste collection and disposal) we would suggest that the increased rates revenue will assist in addressing the infrastructure deficit over time (ie, growth will help pay for growth).
- Stormwater and wastewater 'mitigation' is required for new developments, and this is most often addressed by installing a stormwater detention tank and providing a wastewater storage tank and pump for each dwelling. These systems are designed to delay the discharge of stormwater and wastewater to the Council network, thereby avoiding overloading that infrastructure. The typical cost of the mitigation measures is \$25,000 per dwelling and is met by the developer. Where the existing stormwater and wastewater networks are at capacity due to historic underinvestment in upgrades, a lack of maintenance, or infiltration by groundwater (in relation to wastewater) then growth is not strictly paying for growth, and some credit should be applied for providing mitigation, possibly through a discount on Development Contributions.

Our Solution

We believe that a more balanced and equitable approach should be taken to the necessary increase in Development Contributions, by averaging out the proposed increase and applying it equally to the five suburban catchments (ie. excluding Rural).

The average increase would be in the order of \$17,749 per catchment compared to the current range of increases of between \$10,976 and \$38,224 per catchment. This still represents a significant increase in costs to developers and end users, and we therefore suggest that not unlike the Developers' submission of 9 April 2024, the policy be implemented in stages, but with a 50% increase on 1 July 2024, and a further 50% increase on July 2025. The outcome would be as per the table below.

CATCHMENT						
	Eastbourne	Stokes Valley	Valley Floor	Wainuiomata	Western Hills	Rural
Current	\$7,802	\$6,954	\$14,779	\$26,000	\$8,257	\$2,497
Proposed increase by Cuttriss	\$17,749	\$17,749	\$17,749	\$17,749	\$17,749	\$2,778*
Resulting Levy by 1 July 2025	\$25,551	\$24,703	\$32,528	\$43,749	\$26,006	\$5,275
Difference to proposed HCC levy	+\$5,815	+\$6,095	-\$20,475	+\$1,793	+\$6,773	Nil



**\$2,778 is the proposed HCC increase as per the LTP*

While it could be argued that the lesser Development Contribution per EHU levied on the Valley Floor as per our proposal would mean a shortfall between revenue received and the investment made by Council in three-waters infrastructure in that area, we contend that the current policy will lead to a greater shortfall in practice due to a marked slow-down in development on the Valley Floor, as further outlined in the Developers' submission of 9 April 2024.

We further propose that in line with our discussion above, where stormwater and wastewater networks are proven to be at capacity due to historic underinvestment in upgrades, a lack of maintenance, or infiltration by groundwater (in relation to wastewater) then growth is not strictly paying for growth, and some credit should be applied for providing mitigation, possibly through a discount on Development Contributions.

On a general note, the application of an average increase across the City as we propose, will be more in line with the draft Development Contributions policies currently being consulted on by both Upper Hutt City Council and Wellington City Council, where proposed increases are more evenly applied across their established suburbs rather than being concentrated in one area.

Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission, and we would like to take the opportunity to be heard on this matter.

Yours faithfully

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INTRODUCTION

1. Summerset Group Holdings Limited (*Summerset*) is pleased to have the opportunity to submit on the draft 2024 Development and Financial Contributions Policy (*Policy*) proposed by Hutt City Council (*Council*).

BACKGROUND

2. Summerset is New Zealand's second largest developer and operator of retirement villages, which makes it one of New Zealand's largest home-builders. Summerset has 38 villages completed or in development across New Zealand and provides a range of living options for more than 8,000 residents.
3. New Zealand is facing a housing crisis, including a retirement living and aged care crisis. It is therefore vital that the regulatory environment recognises and provides for the development

that is required to meet this growing demand, and funding for associated infrastructure, but does so on a fair and proportionate basis.

LOWER OCCUPANCY AND DEMAND PROFILE

4. Summerset acknowledges the Policy's recognition of retirement villages' lower demands on the city's infrastructure in general. However, Summerset considers that the Policy fails to fully take into account the characteristics of comprehensive care retirement villages and their occupants, and the substantial extent to which they reduce the impacts of development on requirements for infrastructure and community facilities.
5. "Retirement village" is an umbrella term given to all types of retirement living, encompassing both "comprehensive care" and "lifestyle" retirement villages.
 - 5.1. Comprehensive care retirement villages provide a full range of living and care options from independent living through to assisted living, rest home, hospital and memory care (dementia).
 - 5.2. Lifestyle retirement villages focus mostly on independent living units with occasionally a small amount of serviced care on a largely temporary basis. When a resident becomes frail over time, usually they would be forced to move from a lifestyle village. This is because care provision is minimal and not suitable as a long-term solution.
6. Each village attracts a very different resident demographic. The average age of a resident entering Summerset's comprehensive care villages is 81 years. For completed and fully occupied villages, the average age across all residents is closer to mid-80s. Residents are typically people that chose to live in their own homes for as long as possible and have moved to a retirement village primarily due to a specific need (such as deteriorating health or mobility challenges, or for companionship). By contrast, lifestyle villages cater for a younger, more active early retiree, with a higher proportion of couples. The average age of a resident moving into a lifestyle village is more mid-to-late 60s.
7. Summerset's villages typically provide an extensive range of on-site amenities that are suited to the older residents' specialist physical and social needs. These on-site amenities greatly reduce,

and in some cases eliminate, usage of Council's community amenities and facilities by Summerset's residents.
8. Summerset's average occupancy for its independent units is 1.3 residents per unit regardless of the number of bedrooms in the unit. Summerset's average occupancy for its care units is 1 resident per unit. The reduced occupancy per unit, together with the reduced demand per occupant, results in a reduced demand on both local infrastructure and community facilities when compared against the demand assumptions for a typical household unit.

POLICY NOT FAIR AND PROPORTIONATE

9. Summerset notes and supports the decreased development contribution charges for retirement villages generally. Section 41 of the Policy provides that aged care units (per bed) and retirement units (per unit) will be assessed as 0.5 EHUs for water, wastewater and stormwater and 0.3 EHUs for transport (the Policy does not include charges for community infrastructure). Financial contributions are used to fund growth-related reserves infrastructure. Generally these are set at \$10,000 per residential unit, with a discretion for Council to consider “whether the development generates lower levels of demand or need for reserves and open space per residential unit than the average (e.g. retirement villages).”
10. Summerset considers that the Policy does not go far enough to account for:
 - 10.1. the lower occupancy rate of retirement units and aged care rooms as compared to standard residential dwellings;
 - 10.2. the demographic characteristics of retirement unit and aged care room residents;
 - 10.3. the extensive on-site amenities and facilities provided by comprehensive care retirement village operators;
 - 10.4. the differing occupancy rates and resident demographic characteristics as between retirement unit residents and aged care room residents; or
 - 10.5. the already known lower demand placed on reserves infrastructure by retirement village and aged care residents.

RELIEF SOUGHT

11. Summerset notes that the reduced occupancy, and demand per occupant, for comprehensive care retirement villages (both for aged care rooms and for independent living units) has been thoroughly tested, most recently via Tauranga City Council’s 2023 independent review into infrastructure demand by retirement village residents, a copy of which is set out in Appendix 1. This approach appropriately recognises the reduced demand placed on local infrastructure and community amenities.
12. Taking into account both population per unit/room, and demand factors, Summerset suggests:
 - 12.1. setting financial contributions relating to reserves at \$1,000 per retirement village unit and \$500 per aged care room (0.1 and 0.05 of the standard \$10,000 per residential unit respectively), given the lower level of demand is known now and can be reflected in the Policy to provide certainty to developers; and
 - 12.2. using the rates in the table below for development contribution charges for transport and three-waters.
13. These proportions/rates are based on the equivalent rates in the most recent Tauranga City Council Development Contributions Policy, which were established following the independent review into infrastructure demand by retirement village residents. The review found that on average residents have a demonstrably lower demand for transport, reserves and community facilities, due to villages providing many on-site facilities/amenities and, for aged care residents, a higher need for 24/7 medical care and reduced mobility. We encourage the Council to review the contents of the report set out in Appendix 1 and seek an independent review of its own, which we would be happy to contribute information to.

Development type	Activity	Units of demand
Retirement unit	Transport	0.2 EHU per unit
	Water	0.5 EHU per unit
	Wastewater	0.5 EHU per unit
	Stormwater	0.5 EHU per unit
Aged care room	Transport	0.1 EHU per room
	Water	0.4 EHU per room
	Wastewater	0.4 EHU per room
	Stormwater	0.4 EHU per room

TIMING

14. Summerset submits that the Policy should be explicit about the assessment and timing of payment for large, staged projects that require both land use resource consent(s) and building consent(s). Summerset submits that where both a land use resource consent and a building consent are required, the activity should be assessed for development contributions based on the relevant Policy applicable at the time that the resource consent application is lodged, with payment of the total assessed development contributions staged such that a proportionate amount is payable prior to uplift of the code of compliance certificates for each staged building consent. That manner of assessment and payment is fair and reasonable and gives developers certainty of the development contributions payable on large, staged projects such as comprehensive care retirement villages.
15. The Policy describes the trigger for requiring development contributions as the earliest possible point in consenting of the development. This is at the point of first grant of any resource consent, building consent, or service connection authorisation, “unless Council agree to different payment timing for large scale multi-stage developments”. Summerset requests that different timing for large scale multi-stage developments is provided for in the Policy itself (rather than left for consideration on a case-by-case basis), as follows.
 - 15.1. Where a building consent is required to be issued for the development proposed, then the development contributions should be payable on the issue of associated code compliance certificate(s). That is the point at which the land use could lawfully be given effect to without breaching the Building Act 2004. Given occupancy is permitted at that point, it is also the time at which any additional demand on Council infrastructure would arise. In a larger staged development, this may mean a series of payments over time as the building work under each staged building consent is completed and signed off.
 - 15.2. In terms of the timing of the assessment and the version of the policy that applies, the development contributions would be calculated and assessed against the relevant Policy at the time that the land use consent application was lodged but payable at the time of code compliance certificate(s).

FINAL COMMENTS

16. Somerset is grateful for the opportunity to submit on the Policy and looks forward to engaging with the Council during the consultation process. Somerset would be happy to meet with the Council or attend at a hearing to discuss this submission further if that would assist.

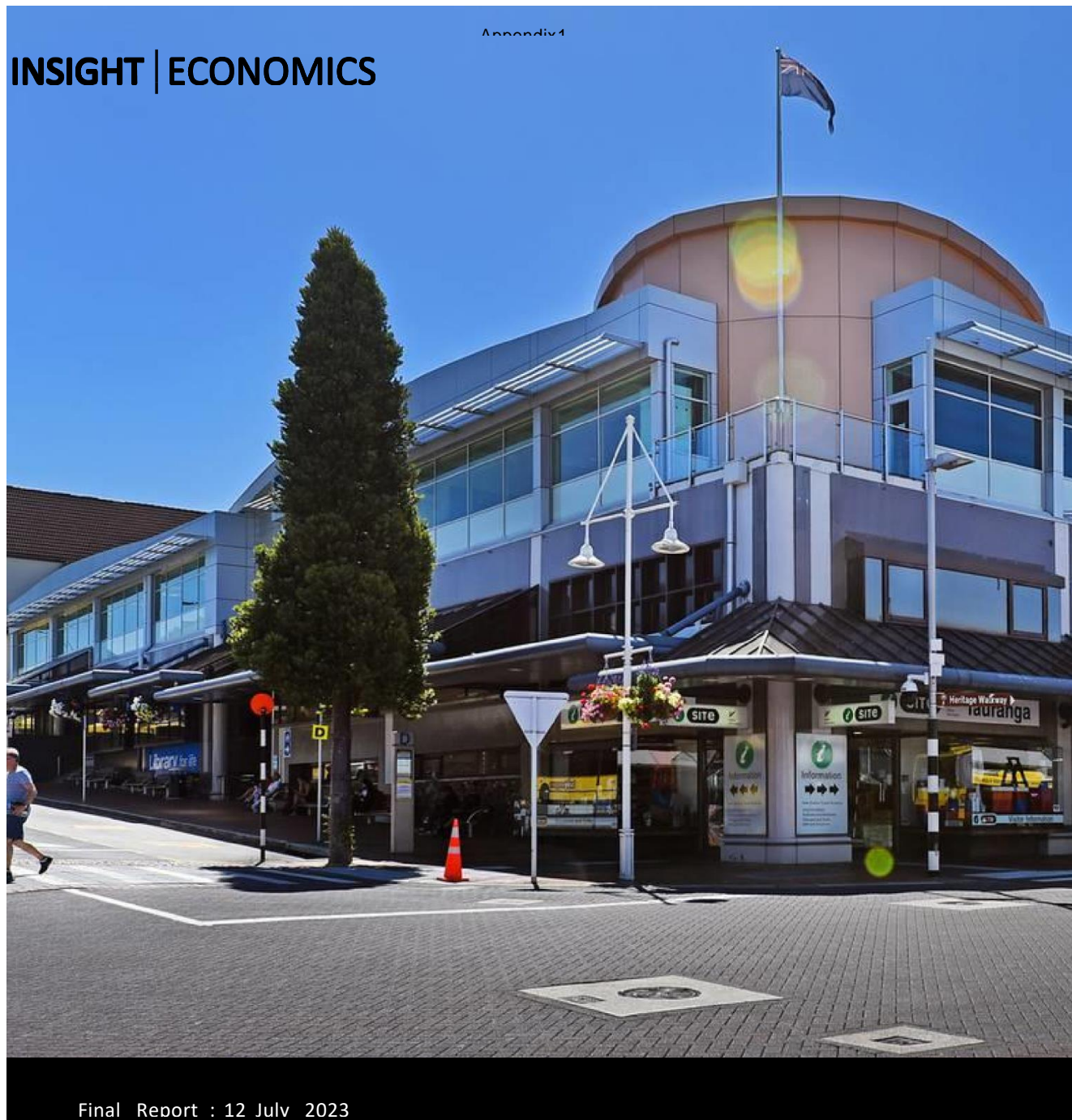
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Assessment of Tauranga City Council's Approach to DCs for Retirement Villages

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Executive Summary

Tauranga City Council (TCC), like all high-growth Councils, uses development contributions (DCs) to help recover the cost of growth-related infrastructure directly from property developers. During recent consultation on its 2022/23 DC policy, TCC received submissions from stakeholders in the retirement village (RV) sector, who felt that the policy did not go far enough to reflect the allegedly lower-than-average needs of RV residents. Accordingly, TCC commissioned us to review their current approach to charging DCs for RVs and to recommend any potential refinements arising. This document presents our review.

Our review begins by summarising the way and extent to which other Councils in high growth areas accommodate RV developments within their DC policies. In short, while many Councils separately classify RV units and set corresponding conversion ratios for them, there is very little publicly available information supporting them. Further, while very few Councils separately classify aged care units in their DC policies, those that do typically set very low conversion ratios to reflect the highly immobile nature of occupants.

Next, we assessed publicly available information about RV infrastructure demands from resource consent documentation submitted for new or expanded villages. This exercise strongly indicated that RV and aged care units both have similar three water demands to small household units, as currently contemplated by TCC's DC policy, but that their demand for transport, reserves, and community facilities infrastructure are significantly lower than the policy currently provides for. This is due not just to the older age of RV residents and their relatively limited activity/mobility, but also the often-extensive provision of onsite social and recreational facilities to meet residents needs without having to travel offsite.

Finally, we reviewed a range of other information sources to complete the picture, including recent sports and recreation participation surveys, the NZTA household travel survey, and trip generation data collated by the Institute of Traffic Engineers (ITE). These data confirm that older people do indeed travel

far less often than younger people, and that they participate much less frequently in sport and recreation.

Accordingly, we recommend that the conversion ratios for citywide DCs be revised to match the table below, with further work required to determine whether such changes are needed or merited for local DCs (given the unique/differing way in which they are applied).

Table 1: Proposed Conversion Ratios for Citywide DCs

Asset Types	RV units	Aged Care units
Water	0.50	0.40
Wastewater	0.50	0.40
Stormwater	0.50	0.40
Transport	0.20	0.10
Reserves	0.10	0.05
Community facilities	0.10	0.05

Introduction

Context and Purpose of Report

Tauranga City Council (TCC), like all high-growth Councils, uses development contributions (DCs) to help recover the cost of growth-related water, wastewater, stormwater, parks, reserves, transport, and community facilities infrastructure directly from property developers. This ensures that the costs of meeting growth are met by those who cause the need for, and benefit from, the underlying capital works.

During recent consultation on TCC's 2022/23 DC policy, the Council received three submissions from stakeholders in the retirement village (RV) sector. They argued that the DC policy does not go far enough to reflect the lower-than-average needs of retirement village residents. Specifically, they note that RV units not only have lower average household sizes, as already reflected in the policy, but that the infrastructure demands of RV residents are also lower per capita due to their older average age, relative inactivity/immobility, and the provision of onsite facilities and activities in lieu of Council-provided ones.

Accordingly, to ensure that the DC policy adequately accounts for the differing infrastructure demands of RVs, TCC commissioned us to review their current approach and recommend any potential refinements. This document presents our review.

Key Policy Considerations

Altering DC policies is a lengthy and time-consuming process, which must be done either during triennial LTP reviews, or via a special consultative procedure under the Local Government Act 2002 (LGA). Consequently, TCC have requested that evidence supporting any proposed policy refinements be sufficiently compelling and also put in context of the following key considerations:

- DCs are effectively a zero-sum game, so any DC reductions for RVs will need to be offset by higher DCs for other developments (otherwise DC costs will not be fully recovered).
- The policy already enables RV units to be charged 0.5 HEUs for citywide DCs.
- Local infrastructure in greenfield areas must be planned and delivered well ahead of development occurring, so there is limited – if any – scope to adjust the type or quantum of infrastructure capacity provided to reflect the allegedly lower requirements of RVs.
- Local DCs in new greenfield areas are charged on a per hectare basis, with those in existing urban areas effectively fixed at a capped rate per hectare. This may affect the merits of, or need for, changes to local DCs.
- RV infrastructure demands include not only residents but also staff and visitors. To that end, TCC currently does not charge DCs for the non-residential elements of villages.

Retirement Villages vs Lifestyle Villages

This review considers only the infrastructure demands of comprehensive care retirement villages (RVs), which are defined in para 21 of Summerset's submission as:

“providing a full range of living and care options from independent living through to assisted living, rest home, hospital and memory care (dementia). The residential care component makes up a relatively high percentage of the overall unit mix.”

This contrasts with the other type of village – lifestyle villages – that also fall under the same umbrella but have different characteristics and hence infrastructure demands to RVs.

For example, according to the Summerset submission, “the average age of a resident on entry to its villages is 81 years, with most living at home for as long as possible, and only moving there usually due to a specific need (such as deteriorating health or mobility challenges, or for companionship – many of Summerset's residents are widows). By contrast, lifestyle villages cater for a younger, more active early retiree, with a higher proportion of couples. The average age of a resident moving into a lifestyle village is more mid-to-late 60s.”

We acknowledge these important differences between comprehensive care retirement villages and lifestyle villages. Further, because lifestyle villages attract a demographic whose ages and activity levels – and therefore infrastructure demands – are not overtly atypical, we do not consider them any further here and instead consider the case for potentially refining the DC policy to reflect the unique circumstances of only RVs.

Scope and Focus of Our Review

While our review covers all DC infrastructure types, we focus on the potential case for change in relation to DC-funded parks, reserves, transport, and community facilities infrastructure. These are the activities where the current approach, of charging 0.5 HEUs per retirement village unit, may not adequately

reflect the unique nature of retirement villages, including their differing demographics, and the – often significant – provision of onsite facilities and amenities that may reduce the demand for DC-funded ones.

Steps in the Analysis & Report Structure

Following are the key steps in our analysis and the sections in which they are presented:

- Reviews the approach taken by other Councils to charging DCs for RVs (section 3).
- Examines the estimated infrastructure demands of recent RV developments according to publicly available resource consent documentation (section 4)
- Explores a range of other information sources to better understand the likely infrastructure demands of RVs (section 5)

- Considers possible implications for TCC's DC policy (section 6).
- Provides an overall summary and recommendations (section 7)

Review of Other DC Policies

Purpose

This section considers the approach taken by other Councils in their DC policies to charging DCs for RVs to gain a better understanding of current practice.

Approach

We reviewed the DC policies of the various Councils classified as being Tier 1 or Tier 2 under the NPSUD to identify whether, or how, they treat RVs differently from other developments. Reviewing these specific Councils' policies reflects the fact that they are high growth areas, whose DC policies will have also been subject to constant scrutiny – and thus refinement – by an engaged and well-resourced development community. Accordingly, these policies are likely to contain the most robust and reliable information for the matter at hand.

Findings

Several DC policies separately classify retirement village and/or aged care units from other types of residential development, but few provide any useful detail explaining how village-specific conversion ratios are derived. Nonetheless, to begin, Table 2 shows the conversion ratios currently set by Tier 1 and Tier 2 Councils for RV units, while Table 3 covers aged care units.

Table 2: Conversion Ratios for **Retirement Village Units** in Tier 1 and 2 DC Policies

Councils	Community Infrastructure	Reserves	Stormwater	Transport	Wastewater	Water supply
Auckland ¹	0.10	0.10	0.10	0.30	n/a	n/a
Christchurch	0.10	0.10	-	0.50	0.50	0.50
Hutt	-	-	0.50	0.30	0.50	0.50

Kāpiti Coast	0.60	0.60	0.60	0.60	0.60	0.60
Palmerston North	0.44	0.44	0.44	0.44	0.44	0.44
Porirua	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50
Queenstown Lakes	0.54	0.34	-	0.24	0.48	0.50
Rotorua	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50
Selwyn	-	-	-	-	0.50	-
Tasman	-	-	-	0.30	-	-
Waipa	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50
Western Bay of Plenty	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50	0.50
Median	0.47	0.39	0.47	0.47	0.50	0.50
Average	0.32	0.30	0.30	0.39	0.46	0.41

¹ Auckland Council does not set DCs for water or wastewater because Watercare – an Auckland Council CCO – sets infrastructure growth charges to recover growth-related water and wastewater infrastructure costs instead.

Table 3: Conversion Ratios for **Aged Care Units** in Tier 1 and 2 DC Policies

Councils	Community Infrastructure	Reserves	Stormwater	Transport	Wastewater	Water supply
Auckland ¹	0.10	-	-	0.20	n/a	n/a
Christchurch	-	-	-	0.10	0.40	0.40

¹ Auckland Council does not set DCs for water or wastewater because Watercare – an Auckland Council CCO – sets infrastructure growth charges to recover growth-related water and wastewater infrastructure costs instead.

Hutt	-	-	0.50	0.30	0.50	0.50
Porirua	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.40
Median	0.05	-	0.20	0.25	0.40	0.40
Average	0.13	0.10	0.23	0.25	0.43	0.43

According to Table 2, 12 Tier 1 or 2 Councils separately classify RV units in their DC policy with a range of corresponding conversion ratios set for them.

Generally, the conversion ratios set for RV units are about 0.5 or lower, but with some Councils setting higher ones. For example, Kapiti Coast sets a ratio of 0.6 based on average household sizes of 2.5 for all dwellings but only 1.5 for RV units. Across infrastructure types, the lowest conversion ratios are typically set for community infrastructure, reserves, transport, and stormwater. This makes sense as RV units are likely to generate relatively minor demand for these activities – except for stormwater – due to:

- the older age and relative immobility of village residents, coupled with
- the often-significant onsite provision of activities and facilities for the benefit of residents.

Fewer Councils separately identify/classify aged care units, with only four singling them out in their current DC policies. However, where aged care units are separately classified, they tend to attract very low conversion ratios, especially for community infrastructure, reserves, transport, and stormwater. Again, this makes sense, as residents of aged care units are generally highly immobile and unlikely to leave the village often, if at all.

Review of Resource Consent Documentation

Introduction

To obtain more direct evidence of the likely infrastructure demands of typical RVs units (and aged care rooms), we reviewed numerous resource consent applications to scan for any information on modelled or expected infrastructure demands, either per unit, or for the development overall. This section presents our findings.

Review Approach

Resource consent applications lodged in New Zealand must include an Assessment of Environmental Effects (AEE) that consider the proposal's likely environmental impacts across various dimensions. While the focus and content of each AEE may differ based on the specific development proposed, most include an assessment of infrastructure impacts so that the Council(s) involved can determine whether sufficient capacity exists to service them. As a result, good information on the likely infrastructure demands of RVs may be embedded in the AEEs lodged for them. Accordingly, this section describes the infrastructure demand information that we managed to extract from AEE's filed recently in New Zealand for new RVs, or expansions to existing ones.

Key Findings

The discussion below summarises salient information found in recent AEE's for eight new or expanded RVs across New Zealand. Where possible, we have converted the estimated infrastructure demands into a per unit or per room equivalent for ease of comparison with the conversion ratios set by TCC and other Councils as per the previous section of this report.

Water and Wastewater

The AEEs show that the water and wastewater demand of a typical RV resident are akin to those of residents living in a “typical” dwelling. Hence, differences arise mainly due to the smaller average household sizes of RV units, which we understand the policy already (largely) accounts for.

That said, we note that some proposed development’s expected village water and wastewater usage to be lower than average on a per resident basis, but that this was offset by demand from visitors and staff. Consequently, the overall average for the village (per resident) more or less matches the local equivalents for a typical household/dwelling.

Stormwater

Just like water and wastewater, RV stormwater demands are also unlikely to differ significantly from the average on a per unit or per resident basis as they are driven purely by the quantum and nature of impervious surface area (ISA). Consequently, the stormwater demands of new or expanded villages in Tauranga should probably be assessed just by considering their impacts on ISA.

Transport

Fortunately, many of the AEEs that we found for new or expanded RVs included detailed traffic assessments, which presumably formed part of Integrated Traffic Assessments (ITAs). Amongst other things, these traffic assessments provided direct estimates of the number of daily and AM/PM peak trips for either:

- The overall development (i.e. including both RV and aged care units), or
- RV and aged care units separately.

Where the data were provided in aggregate for the overall development, we have assumed that the RV units generate double the traffic of the aged care units. This allowed us to split the traffic data out into RV units and aged care units to produce the table below, which shows the estimated traffic demands

of seven recently consented/developed villages. As far as we understand, these include traffic generated by residents, plus staff and visitors.

Table 4: Estimated Traffic Demand from AEEs for New/Expanded RVs (Vehicle Trips per Unit per Day)

Village Name	RV Units			Aged Care Units/Beds		
	Daily Avg	AM Peak	PM Peak	Daily Avg	AM Peak	PM Peak
Ryman Kohimarama	3.07	0.17	0.20	1.54	0.08	0.10
Ryman Malvina Major	2.50	n/a	n/a	1.25	n/a	n/a
Summerset Waikanae	3.47	0.35	0.40	1.74	0.18	0.20
Waiiti Glenvar	2.97	0.17	0.07	1.48	0.08	0.04
Summerset Prebbleton	3.03	0.11	0.26	0.37	0.06	0.13
Oceania Melrose	3.50	n/a	n/a	1.75	n/a	n/a
Metlifecare Pakuranga	2.40	n/a	n/a	1.20	n/a	n/a
Median	3.03	0.17	0.23	1.48	0.08	0.12

According to Table 4, the average RV unit generates about three vehicle trips per day, with aged care units closer to 1.5 trips per unit per day. Given that TCC's DC policy assumes that an average new dwelling generates approximately 10 trips per day, these data strongly suggest that RV and aged care units generate significantly less traffic than average and hence that policy refinements may be appropriate.

Reserves and Community Facilities

The three submissions made by the RV stakeholders strongly argue that villages create very limited demand for Council-funded reserves and community facilities because:

- Residents are in their final life stages, and hence often have limited mobility and/or propensity to “leave the village” for recreational pursuits, and
- The villages also provide (often-extensive) recreational facilities and amenities for residents to enjoy onsite without the need to travel elsewhere.

While the AEEs don't appear to speak specifically to these points, it is useful to note that the transport figures quoted above support the claim that residents seldom travel offsite. In addition, we confirm that the various villages we reviewed for this exercise do indeed provide extensive

onsite amenities that avoid the need for residents to travel offsite for recreational and social purposes. This is illustrated in the table below, which shows the range of amenities proposed for each new/expanded village in our sample.

Table 5: Planned Onsite Community Facilities at Proposed New/Expanded Villages

Village Name	Onsite Community Infrastructure
Ryman Kohimarama	Amenities include a bowling green, swimming pool, spa, gym, theatre, games room, library, and pool and darts room.
Ryman Malvina Major	Bowls, pétanque course, swimming pool, gym, bar, village lounge, library, café, hair salon
Summerset Waikanae	Amenities include a bowling green, café, restaurant, swimming pool, library, recreation centre, and cinema.
Summerset Prebbleton	Recreation and entertainment activities, a café, communal sitting areas; gymnasium, swimming pool, lounges, library, theatre/chapel, hair salon
Metlifecare Pakuranga	Activity and events spaces, lounges, gym, and pool
Ryman Karori	Indoor pool, spa, theatre, crafts room, gym, activities room, bowling green, library, pool and darts room, residents' workshop

In our view, the provision of these onsite facilities coupled with the generally lower mobility of residents – and hence their much lower travel demands – means that RV and aged care units are highly likely to place significantly lower demands on DC-funded reserves and community facilities than a typical household/dwelling.

Review of Other Information Sources

Introduction

Our final research task was to identify and review other information sources that may help us better understand the likely infrastructure demands of new or expanded RVs in Tauranga.

Participation in Sports (16-Year Trends)

In 2016, Sport New Zealand published a report on trends in sports participation over the past 16 years.³ It found that weekly participation in sport and active recreation by people aged 65+ fell slightly from 68% in 1998 to 65.8% in 2014. When walking is excluded, the fall was more pronounced, with weekly participation in sport and active recreation for those aged 65+ dropping from 33.3% in 1998 to 27.5% in 2014.

Sport club membership is also on the decline, with the number of people aged 65+ that belong to one dropping from just under 50% in 1998 to just over 33% in 2014.⁴

Overall, fewer people are participating in sport and recreation over time, including older people.

Participation in Sports (2019 Snapshot)

In addition to the trends report noted above, Sport New Zealand has also published other (more recent) data on sport and active recreation participation, which provides a more up-to-date view into the likely infrastructure demands of older people.⁵ While this report contains many interesting insights into the relatively sedentary lifestyle of older people living in New Zealand, the table below appears to provide the most detailed information that is relevant here. It shows the proportion of people of each age, gender, or ethnicity that have participated in each sport or activity during

the 2019 calendar year. It shows, for example, that 39% of all respondents ran or jogged during the year, compared to only 2% of those aged 75+.

Overall, these data confirm that people aged 75+ are far less active than younger people. While data for people aged 80+ are unavailable, it seems safe to conclude – based on a simple extrapolation of these data – that their participation rates would be lower than those 75+. Finally, given that the recreational activities most commonly done by older people do not utilise Council-funded infrastructure (such as netball or tennis courts), it follows that they generate very low demands for DC-funded reserves and community facilities.

³ *Sport and Active Recreation in New Zealand. The 16-Year Adult Participation Trends 1998 to 2014*

⁴ On the flip side, gym membership rates increased slightly over the period for most (if not all) age groups.

⁵ *Sport New Zealand. 2020. Active NZ 2019 Participation Report. Wellington*

Figure 1: Participation Rates by Age, Gender, and Ethnicity in 2019 (All respondents aged 18 or older)

Table 8: Proportion of those who have participated in each sport or activity in the 12 months prior among adults in 2019													
%		Age						Gender		Ethnicity			
Participated 12 months	TOTAL	18–24	25–34	35–49	50–64	65–74	75+	Male	Female	European	Māori	Pacific	Asian
Walking	85%	88%▲	89%▲	89%▲	83%	79%▼	66%▼	80%▼	89%▲	86%▲	84%	84%	82%▼
Gardening	46%	25%▼	43%▼	50%▲	52%▲	53%▲	48%	42%▼	51%▲	50%▲	43%▼	36%▼	29%▼
Running / jogging	39%	71%▲	61%▲	49%▲	24%▼	6%▼	2%▼	40%▲	38%▼	38%▼	40%	48%▲	46%▲
Individual workout using equipment	38%	61%▲	50%▲	41%▲	31%▼	19%▼	13%▼	38%	38%	38%	43%▲	50%▲	38%
Swimming	34%	44%▲	42%▲	41%▲	29%▼	20%▼	11%▼	32%▼	36%▲	36%▲	35%	30%	27%▼
Playing games (eg. with kids)	32%	34%▲	44%▲	47%▲	20%▼	16%▼	6%▼	28%▼	35%▲	33%▲	36%▲	38%▲	25%▼
Day tramp	24%	34%▲	32%▲	28%▲	22%▼	11%▼	7%▼	24%	24%	27%▲	21%▼	12%▼	17%▼
Group fitness class (eg. aerobics, crossfit)	19%	29%▲	31%▲	22%▲	11%▼	8%▼	10%▼	11%▼	27%▲	20%▲	22%▲	24%▲	15%▼
Yoga	17%	23%▲	28%▲	21%▲	13%▼	6%▼	2%▼	9%▼	25%▲	18%▲	16%	14%	16%
Marine fishing	13%	12%	15%▲	15%▲	15%▲	9%▼	5%▼	19%▲	8%▼	15%▲	16%▲	9%▼	6%▼
Canoeing / kayaking	11%	16%▲	14%▲	14%▲	10%	4%▼	1%▼	12%▲	11%	13%▲	10%▼	7%▼	6%▼
Golf	11%	12%▲	12%▲	10%	10%▼	11%	7%▼	17%▲	5%▼	11%▲	10%	8%	7%▼
Road cycling	10%	9%	10%	12%▲	11%	9%▼	4%▼	11%▲	9%▼	11%▲	8%▼	7%	6%▼
Dance / dancing (eg. ballet, hip hop and so on)	10%	20%▲	14%▲	9%	7%▼	6%▼	4%▼	5%▼	15%▲	9%▼	12%▲	17%▲	13%▲
Surfing / body boarding	10%	14%▲	11%▲	14%▲	8%▼	3%▼	0%▼	11%▲	8%▼	11%▲	10%	8%	4%▼
Tennis	8%	13%▲	10%▲	10%▲	7%▼	3%▼	2%▼	9%▲	7%▼	9%▲	6%▼	6%	7%
Table tennis	8%	18%▲	9%	9%▲	6%▼	2%▼	2%▼	10%▲	6%▼	8%▼	7%	7%	13%▲
Overnight tramp	8%	12%▲	10%▲	9%▲	8%	3%▼	1%▼	9%▲	7%▼	9%▲	7%	3%▼	4%▼

▲▼ Significantly higher/lower than the total
Results are from 2019
Base: All respondents aged 18 and over

NZTA Household Travel Survey

The New Zealand Household Travel Survey measures New Zealander's travel patterns by asking everyone in randomly selected households to record their travel over 2 days.⁶ The results offer valuable insights into how, when and why New Zealanders travel, including variations in travel propensity by respondent age. The following excerpts illustrate how the travel patterns of older people compare to the rest of the population.

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The survey has run in a range of forms since 1989, mainly focusing on a 2 day travel diary. In 2015, the methodology was changed to collect 7 days of travel information. However, in July 2018 we changed this back to 2 days to make it easier for participants and get better data quality.

Figure 2: Time Spent Travelling per Person per Week by Age (2018 - 2021)

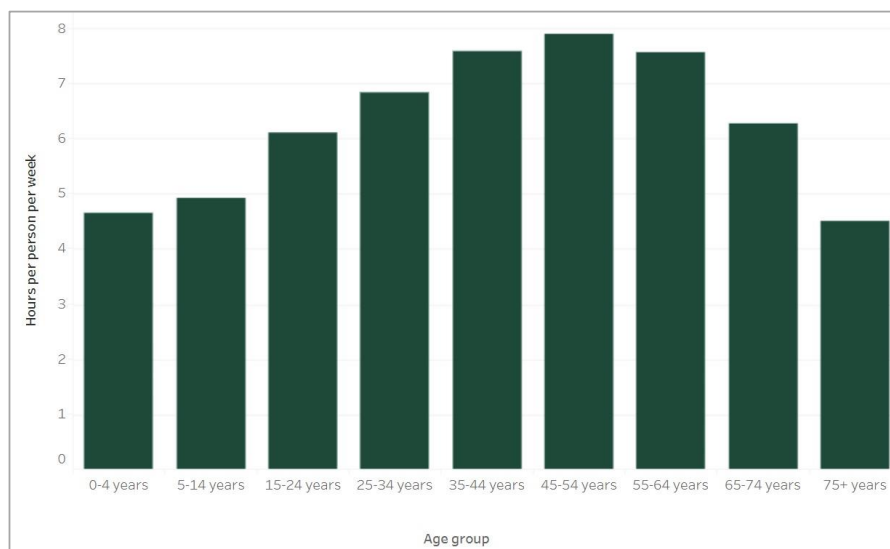
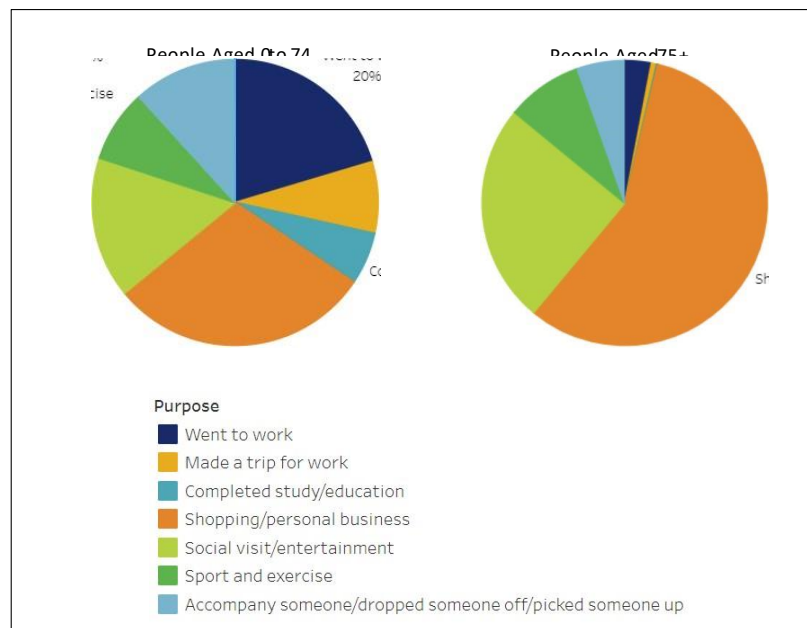


Figure 2 shows that people aged 75+ travel significantly fewer hours per week than younger people. In fact, the average for people of all ages is 6.6 hours per week compared to only 4.6 for those aged 75+.

Not only do older people travel less, but they also travel for different reasons. This is illustrated in the chart below, which compares the purpose of travel between people aged up to 75, and those aged 75 or older. Note that most travel by people aged 75+ is for discretionary reasons (i.e. nonwork and non-school) which enables it to be undertake off-peak and thus minimise contributions to congestion during the busiest times.

Figure 3: Purpose of Travel by Age Group



While not shown in the charts above, this survey also shows that people aged 75 or over are more likely to have mobility issues that limit their willingness and ability to travel, including difficulties driving, walking, and taking public transport. Thus, overall, older people appear to place lower demands on the transport network than younger people.

Trip Generation Data

Trip generation data, which are used to estimate the traffic and parking demand associated with new developments, adds further context to the relative travel demands of people living in RV or aged care units. For example, the table below (from the 10th edition of the ITE Trip Generation Manual) shows that RV and aged units generate much lower PM peak travel demands than those living in a standard/detached dwelling.

INSTITUTE OF TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERS COMMON TRIP GENERATION RATES (PM Peak Hour)				
(Trip Generation Manual, 10th Edition)				
Code	Description	Unit of Measure	Trips Per Unit	Setting/Location
				General Urban/ Suburban
PORT AND TERMINAL				
30	Intermodal Truck Terminal	1,000 SF GFA	1.72	
90	Park-and-Ride Lot with Bus Service	Parking Spaces	0.43	
INDUSTRIAL				
110	General Light Industrial	1,000 SF GFA	0.63	
130	Industrial Park	1,000 SF GFA	0.40	
140	Manufacturing	1,000 SF GFA	0.67	
150	Warehousing	1,000 SF GFA	0.19	
151	Mini-Warehouse	1,000 SF GFA	0.17	
154	High-Cube Transload & Short-Term Storage Warehouse	1,000 SF GFA	0.10	
155	High-Cube Fulfillment Center Warehouse	1,000 SF GFA	1.37	
156	High-Cube Parcel Hub Warehouse	1,000 SF GFA	0.64	
157	High-Cube Cold Storage Warehouse	1,000 SF GFA	0.12	
160	Data Center	1,000 SF GFA	0.09	
170	Utilities	1,000 SF GFA	2.27	
180	Specialty Trade Contractor	1,000 SF GFA	1.97	
RESIDENTIAL				
210	Single-Family Detached Housing	Dwelling Units	0.99	
220	Multifamily Housing (Low-Rise)	Dwelling Units	0.56	
221	Multifamily Housing (Mid-Rise)	Dwelling Units	→	0.44 0.18
222	Multifamily Housing (High-Rise)	Dwelling Units	→	0.36 0.19
231	Mid-Rise Residential with 1st-Floor Commercial	Dwelling Units	0.36	
232	High-Rise Residential with 1st-Floor Commercial	Dwelling Units	0.21	
240	Mobile Home Park	Dwelling Units	0.46	
251	Senior Adult Housing - Detached	Dwelling Units	0.30	
252	Senior Adult Housing - Attached	Dwelling Units	0.26	
253	Congregate Care Facility	Dwelling Units	0.18	
254	Assisted Living	1,000 SF GFA	0.48	
255	Continuing Care Retirement Community	Units	0.16	
260	Recreation Homes	Dwelling Units	0.28	
265	Timeshare	Dwelling Units	0.63	
270	Residential Planned Unit Development	Dwelling Units	0.69	
LODGING				
310	Hotel	Rooms	0.60	
311	All Suites Hotel	Rooms	→	0.36 0.17
312	Business Hotel	Rooms	0.32	
320	Motel	Rooms	0.38	
330	Resort Hotel	Rooms	0.41	
RECREATIONAL				
411	Public Park	Acres	0.11	
416	Campground / Recreation Vehicle Park	Acres	0.98	
420	Marina	Berths	0.21	
430	Golf Course	Acres	0.28	
431	Miniature Golf Course	Holes	0.33	

New Zealand research paints a similar picture, with the oft-cited NZTA Research Report 453 – which presents data on trip and parking generation by land use type – shows that RV units generate average and peak daily travel demands that are about 75% lower than a standard dwelling.

Implications for the DC Policy

This section considers potential implications of our findings for TCC's DC policy.

Citywide DCs

TCC currently charges each development a citywide DC towards infrastructure that services all new residents and businesses regardless of

where they work or live. The schedule below shows the current charge per standard residential dwelling excluding GST.

Table 6: Citywide DCs per Standard Dwelling ex GST

Asset Types	\$/HEU ex GST	Shares
Water	\$15,131	52%
Wastewater	\$8,331	29%
Stormwater	\$0	0%
Transport	\$274	1%
Reserves	\$522	2%
Community facilities	\$4,933	17%
Total	\$29,191	100%

Table 6 shows that more than 80% of citywide DC relate to the provision of bulk water and wastewater infrastructure, with a further 17% relating to community facilities. Transport and reserves account for the remaining 3%, with no citywide stormwater DCs applying.

In our view, and based on the information summarised and presented herein, we believe that there are compelling reasons to set conversion ratios as per the table below for the purpose of calculating citywide DCs on new or expanded RV developments.

Table 7: Proposed Conversion Ratios for Citywide DCs

Asset Types	RV units	Aged Care units
Water	0.50	0.40
Wastewater	0.50	0.40
Stormwater	0.50	0.40
Transport	0.20	0.10
Reserves	0.10	0.05
Community facilities	0.10	0.05

These proposed conversion ratios acknowledge that typical RV and aged care units generate approximately the same infrastructure demands as a small residential unit for the three waters activities, but that their demands for the other asset types are significantly lower due to:

- The older average age of residents;
- Their relatively limited mobility/activity levels;
- Their limited offsite travel; and
- The onsite provision of social and recreational amenities in lieu of Council-funded ones.

However, at the same time, new retirement village and aged care units do receive “non-use” benefits from new Council infrastructure by improving the amenity of the neighbourhoods in which they reside. In addition, new village and aged care units create network demands from employees and visitors that must be included. The likely overall impacts of these various factors on network demand are reflected in our proposed conversion ratios above.

Local DCs

In addition to citywide DCs, TCC also charges local DCs to recover the costs of infrastructure that are installed to service growth in discrete parts of the city, including new growth areas.

While we recommend that the proposed new conversion ratios shown in the table overleaf also apply to local DCs, we acknowledge that this is more complicated due to the different way that local DCs are charged. Specifically, while citywide DCs are charged on a per HEU basis, local DCs are charged per lot or per hectare. Accordingly, further work is required by the Council to consider whether or how the changes proposed above for citywide DCs are best given effect to for local DCs, if at all.

Summary and Recommendations

This report has considered whether or how TCC's DC policy should be refined to reflect the seemingly different infrastructure demands of retirement village and aged care units. Our review of various data sources suggests that, consistent with submissions received, such units do indeed materially lower demands for certain infrastructure types, namely transport, reserves, and community facilities. While we are clear that these differences should be reflected in changes to the application of citywide DCs, further work is required to understand the need for and/or merits of corresponding local DCs due to the differing way in which they are calculated and charged.

36. Beryl Anderson

Submission to the Hutt City Council on the 2024-2034 10 Year Plan

Introduction

1. The National Council of Women of New Zealand, Te Kaunihera Wāhine o Aotearoa (NCWNZ) is an umbrella group representing around 60 affiliated organisations and 300 individual members. Collectively our reach is over 200,000 with many of our membership organisations representing all genders. NCWNZ has 13 branches across the country, one of which is the Hutt Valley Branch.
2. NCWNZ's vision is a gender equal New Zealand and research shows we will be better off socially and economically if we are gender equal. Through research, discussion and action, NCWNZ in partnership with others, seeks to realise its vision of gender equality because it is a basic human right.
3. This submission has been prepared by NCWNZ Hutt Valley Branch members.

Ratonga wai | Water services

6. Water infrastructure needs prioritising over everything else. The infrastructure for drinking water, wastewater and stormwater is essential for a growing city. It is essential that none of the development causes issues with our river or harbour.
7. In any development, the Council should be mindful of climate change and services shouldn't be located near to where river and harbour will be.
8. We can see the practicality of water meters, but we believe there should be restrictions against them ever unfairly burdening low income or larger families.
9. Our members support the continued availability of the aquifers in Buick St and Laings Rd. These are a valued community service, that needs to be protected and managed well into the future.
10. Our preference is for Option 1.

Ratonga kōhi pararopi | Food organics and green organics collection service

11. The Branch has concerns about how food and green organics collection will play out for high-density housing areas, retirement villages, etc. Residential properties already have challenges in accommodating the existing recycling bins. There is not enough information about how Council will be dealing with plant and food waste. There were also concerns about the impact on commercial providers, as many citizens contract privately for green waste.
12. We would like to see a comprehensive strategy that includes the disposal of more problematic products like soft plastic and batteries.
13. We are concerned that the Government's *Te rautaki para Waste strategy*² does not indicate any Government funding for the council approach, which seems speculative.
14. Overall, we prefer Option 1.

He murunga utu | Rates relief for low-income households

15. Hutt Valley Branch supports the Council's proposed rates remission policy for low-income households.

Ngā hua pūmau | Pito One | Petone assets

16. Our members are pleased to see the development of hubs around the public libraries, eg as in Stokes Valley or Taitā. We support a redevelopment of Petone Library that will support use by a broad range of the community without detracting from current use.
17. We also support the conservation and archiving of historic records which need appropriate temperature and humidity controls, and it would be good to see these incorporated into a library redevelopment.
18. The Branch can understand the dilemma of the Petone wharf although no branch members wish to see it demolished. We are concerned that the Consultation Document does not mention consideration of the potential

² Ministry for the Environment. 2023. *Te rautaki para | Waste strategy*.
<https://environment.govt.nz/assets/publications/Te-rautaki-para-Waste-strategy.pdf>

positive impact on public transport should the ferry return to using the wharf.

19. Facilities need to be included in the rebuild of the wharf and the recreation ground.
20. The branch does not favour either of the proposed options, rather the Petone library building from Option 1 and the Petone Wharf from Option 2.

Ngā utu | Fees and charges

21. Some areas of the Valley are better served by public transport than others. More bus routes need to coordinate with trains in both directions, eg a person living in Naenae and working in Upper Hutt needs better bus connections to and from north bound trains. As our population grows in the midst of climate issues public transport will become increasingly important.
22. The introduction of parking fees in Petone needs to be in conjunction with improvement in public transport.
23. Petone seems to be “targeted” with the introduction of parking fees. While it might be the second biggest commercial centre for Hutt City, the same rules should apply in all commercial centres.

Other points

24. Consideration should be given to facilities on walking tracks. Lower Hutt has a scarcity of public toilets, which is of particular concern for women, older people or those with health issues or disabilities.
25. The Hutt Valley has many green spaces and nice walkways. We congratulate the Council on their level of maintenance as they are part of what makes Hutt Valley a beautiful liveable area.
26. While some are not so keen on the proliferation of cycle ways, they are accepted for increasing safety for cyclists, and as a necessary alternative to cars as our population grows in the context of climate change and housing intensification.
27. We congratulate the Council on being an Accredited Living Wage Employer, especially for the contracted employees. The Hutt City Council must maintain this accreditation and pay the Living Wage as the minimum rate

for all directly employed staff and for workers employed by Hutt City Council contractors as these contracts come up for renewal. This needs to be factored into the budget.

28. The Council is installing more CCTV cameras at the expense of the safe city ambassadors. While it has its place, CCTV does not replace people who may be able to defuse a situation developing, or provide other on-the-spot assistance.
29. There needs to be a balance between what households are asked to mitigate verses what commercial enterprises are. The burden on householders should not be disproportionate to where waste issues or water issues are produced.
30. The Hutt Valley has many suburbs. This 10-year plan concentrates on Petone. It is to be hoped that there are no major developments required in other suburbs that have not been mentioned in the plan.

Conclusion

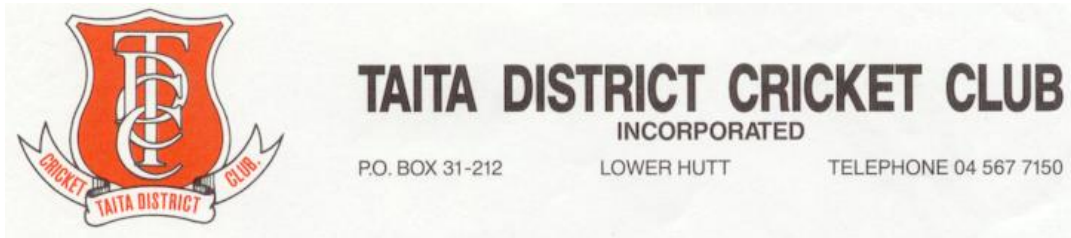
31. NCWNZ Hutt Valley Branch accepts that the Council has a big challenge to maintain and grow Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai Lower Hutt over the next 10 years.
32. In meeting this challenge there is a need to focus on infrastructure investment. For the city to be a place where everyone can thrive consideration should equally be given to the social aspects of strong communities.



Beryl Anderson ONZM FLIANZA

President Hutt Valley Branch

37. Dave Gillespie



3 May 2024

To: The Lower Hutt City Council Mayor and Councillors

From: Taita Cricket Club

Feedback on the Draft Long Term Plan – Managing Assets re the proposed demolition of what is known as the Taita Cricket club and the Hutt Marist clubrooms and toilet blocks

While Taita Cricket no longer owns the Cricket Club that we build with Naenae and Eastern Hutt Hockey in 1984 using volunteer labour, **this submission is 100% in support** of GBH Boxing who hold the current lease of the Taita Cricket Club and Lower Hutt Soccer who own and have the lease of the Hutt Marist Club rooms, plus submissions from Avalon Rugby and Phoenix Academy

The reason for Taita Cricket Submission:

- a. Taita Cricket has a huge affinity to the club rooms that we built with volunteer hours in the early 1980's, we know that the building is strong and that it is now being fully utilised by GBH Boxing and

associate boxing clubs which is adding huge value to the community

- b. Taita Cricket have utilised the south end changing room of the hutt marist club rooms to store our cricket covers required to play premier cricket for the last five years. In the last year we have needed to use the ex-First aid room, because of the size of the covers we need double door access on to the park.
- c. Taita Cricket premier player regularly use the gym set up by Avalon Rugby and Lower Hutt Soccer, given that the Gym promised by all FPS and the Council for the Ricoh Centre did not eventuate because of the existing gym at Walter Nash, which was subsequently shut down. Noting the council gifted the gym equipment to the Lower Hutt Soccer and Avalon Rugby

HISTORY

When Taita agreed to sign up to Fraser Park Sportsville in 2012, it was agreed that at some point we would hand the building over to the council at zero cost, noting it cost both Cricket and Hockey more than \$150,000 to build and fit out the clubrooms using volunteer hard yards.

The lease was not formally handed over to the council until April 2019, At that point Taita ceased paying the lease and rates. Prior to that time the cricket and hockey clubs had paid to the council the agreed lease and rates. The clubs separately paid for insurance, power, internet etc.

In 2012 when it was agreed that Taita would hand the building over to the council it was initially decided the building would be demolished and converted into a car park.

However- there were numerous discussions as all parties agreed the building was rock solid and potentially a great asset to the council and or Fraser Park Sportsville.

There were discussions at senior levels at Sportville Board and the Council re

- Possible using it as a hostel for sports teams playing on the park but that idea died as the cost and effort was high.
- The council wanted to use it as office accommodation for Downers who were the parks and reserves contractor at the time and up unto now.
- Leased to various boxing gyms who have upgraded the facility to make it a state of art boxing facility.
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The issue of demolition has only recently surfaced as a result of the letters that Lower Hutt Soccer and GBH Boxing got , stating that the leases would not be renewed post end of June because both buildings in the **council view** were end of life and costing the council significant money to upkeep that we knew of the council's intent.

LACK OF TRANSPARENCY

After doing some research we are now aware that the council made this decision back in August Last year.

The Mayor and Councillors regularly state that this council is consultative and transparent. However, in this instance the total opposite has occurred. When the Council officials were considering the future of the buildings on Fraser Park, they should have actively consulted with the lease holders and users to understand the usage and value that these buildings were adding to the community. Had this happened we could have had this discussion back in July 2023 and worked collaboratively for a win win solution.

The approach taken by the council to unilaterally decide with zero consultation with clubs that are adding huge value to the community is incredibly disappointing.

BUILDINGS

Lower Hutt Soccer and GBH boxing have shared the email received from Andrea on 14 March at a meeting held with the lease holders and all key users of both buildings. In this email Andrea stated

These buildings are now at, or near, the end of their lives as assets and the programme of work to demolish them will resume later this year. In line with this, unfortunately the current arrangements and leases in place will come to an end.

As you may be aware, Councils around the country are facing significant financial challenges as we develop our Long Terms Plans (LTP) for 2024-34. For Hutt City Council, those challenges include the future affordability of our community facilities and parks and reserves. Due to past under-investment, many of our assets will require significant work over the next 10 years or so. At the same time there is increasing demand from our growing population and new groups and activities. As our city grows and changes, we need to reconsider our approach to how we provide and look after these community facilities and green spaces. We want to ensure we can continue to meet the needs of our communities while not increasing the burden on ratepayers.

Response to Andreas comments

Taita Cricket can only speak with confidence about the cricket club. Up until 2019 Taita Cricket and Naenae hockey fully maintained the building, including painting it, there was zero cost and effort required by the council. Since that time, we are aware that the council replaced some spouting at the front of the building. This is the only cost the council has incurred.

Andrea states that the council needs to respond to growing demand and new groups and activities, yet in the same breath the email states that the council wants to demolish two building that are fully utilised 12

months of the year for founding member clubs from Fraser Park, the Phoenix Academy and multiple community groups.

From our understanding there are no cost to the council, and you want to exit large numbers of users from two quality facilities – this does not make sense.

And Arthur stated in his email to Taita Cricket and GBH Boxing on the 31st of April

In specific reference to the Pavilion given it is currently a Council building, Council will need to ensure it meets its legal responsibilities. These would currently include structural requirements such as earthquake strengthening, asbestos management plans, building renewals etc. There are other costs in relation to the day-to-day running of the building including rates, insurance, Building Warrant of Fitness (BWOF), power, rubbish removal etc. Some of those day-to-day costs could potentially be made the responsibility of a Lessee but it would still mean Council being responsible for managing the structural aspects of the building, and necessarily making provision to do so from either loans or rates.

If Taita Cricket has any structural reports, seismic assessments, or asbestos management plans that support that assertion, Council would be very pleased to receive them, otherwise it will need to assume that the building may be below 33% of the New Building Standard (NBS) and may have Asbestos Containing Materials (ACM's) present.

Response to Arthur's comments

When owned by the cricket club there was absolutely zero cost to the council, we paid the council the required rates, lease and we covered insurance, power, waste ect.

We are very concerned with your comment Arthur stating that we have to prove that the buildings have been seismically tested and have no

asbestos, and if we can't prove then you are taking the stance that the buildings are under 35% earthquake strength and have asbestos.

If this statement is true, then the council **MUST APPLY** this thinking to all clubrooms on Lower Hutt City Grounds not just Fraser Park. Being part of club sport in the hutt since the mid-80s, I have been in most clubrooms in the city and I can categorically state that the taita cricket club leaves most for dead.

Will the council be writing to every club in the city with clubrooms on parks and reserve land to ask them to undertake seismic and asbestos testing. You can't **JUST USE** this rule for the two buildings on fraser park.

As mentioned above the cricket club was built of brick and wood in 1984 and given that the council own the bottom half of the building, the council must have full records of the design.

As an aside if the council decides, despite the compelling arguments to demolish both buildings it will cost the council significant \$ to have the buildings tested for asbestos.

VALUE OF THESE BUILDINGS TO TAITA CRICKET

I will comment re the taita cricket usage of the facilities, noting as outlined above Taita Cricket 100% supports the submissions re usage from Lower Hutt Soccer, Avalon Phoenix Academy and GBH Boxing

- Taita Cricket for the last five years have used the changing rooms at the southern end of hutt marish to store our large covers that 28m x 17 m covers that we are required to have to play premier cricket. It is critical that we have storage that has double doors to store the covers. If the hutt marist toilet block is demolished, we will need a storage facility of equal size to store these covers.

- Taita Cricket players utilise the gym created by lower hutt soccer and avalon, on a regular basis pre and during the cricket season.
- Taita Cricket, until the council made the decision 2 years ago to allow softball to use the changing rooms in the taita cricket club for storage were regular users of those changing rooms.

Taita Cricket is totally mystified as to why the council are totally fixated on demolishing both buildings given that

- It is not costing the council a cent to maintain
- There is huge usage by community groups in both buildings regularly and
- Most important we are ADDING HUGE VALUE to the local community by fully utilising both facilities 7 days a week

WHAT IS COUNCILS PLAN FOR USERS OF FACILITIES IF YOU CHOICE TO DEMOLISH

If the council even after giving serious consideration to the submissions re the proposed demolition go a head with your plans to demolish

- To provide sufficient storage room to enable taita cricket to store our covers that are 28m x 17m
- Relocation of the gym that was promised to all founding member clubs when we signed up to join sportsville
- What additional changing rooms will be made available because the changing rooms in the noddy house are not sufficient for the users of the park and the changing rooms at Ricoh are only designed to be used for founding member clubs

ALTERNATIVE USE OF CRICKET CLUB

If the council could find GBH Boxing suitable Accomodation that was in close proximity and value add, the taita cricket club would make a

perfect gym and we could reinstate the gym currently used to changing room, which are in short supply on the park.

Or

If the Lower Hutt City Council cant reach an agreement with the Fraser Park Sportsville board re the ongoing fiscal viability of the Rioch Centre then the cricket club offers an alternative social space for taita and other founding member clubs

KEY QUESTIONS FOR THE COUNCIL

Under the local Government Official Information and Meetings Act can we please request the following information

1. What was the rational for no formal consultation with the impacted clubs using both buildings prior to the council making a decision in august of 2023 and why did it take 7 months for the council to communicate that decision to the impacted clubs

What is rough cost for seismic and asbestos testing for clubroom facilities

Will the council require all clubs with facilities on the parks and reserve land to undertake the seismic and asbestos testing and assume if they don't that their building has asbestos and is lower than 35% earthquake proof. And will council be writing to all these clubs asking for them to carry out this work.

In the email dated 14 Andrea Blackshaw stated Due to past under-investment, many of our assets will require significant work over the next 10 years .

What maintenance do you anticipate would be needed to be done for both buildings

What is the cost to the Council and the Rate payers of Lower Hutt to demolish the two buildings

If both buildings are fully demolished what is the councils plans to provide alternative change rooms and toilets. Noting one facility being the Noddy House would be insufficient for what is Wellington Regions largest park

What is the councils plan to provide

Replacement cover storage facilities for taita cricket

Replacement gym that is used by multiple codes.

How does the council plan to communicate to the rate payers of lower hutt that they are spending x dollars to demolish two quality facilities that are well used by the community and build a new changing room at a cost of \$ dollars. When at the same time you are putting up rates and need cash to fix the multitude of water leaks.

What is the council's commitment to the Taita Pomare Avalon Community re reducing facilities for community groups to use

Had Fraser Park Sportsville not been built would the council still plan to demolish the cricket club, knowing that the cricket and hockey clubs built it and it was still being used. If the answer is no then my only conclusion can be that you are only wanting to demolish it because it was in the initial plan in 2012 and all reasons relating to asbestos seismic testing and cost to the rate payers is erroneous.

SPEAKING TO THIS SUBMISSION AT COUNCIL MEETING

Taita Cricket wishes to speak to the submission at the appropriate council meeting

Dave Gillespie

President Taita Cricket

38. James Beban

3 May 2024

Hutt City Council

30 Laings Road

Lower Hutt



To whom it may concern

Submission on the Development Contributions Policy for the Long Term Plan
for 2024 – 2034

My name is James Beban and i am making a submission on the proposed
Development

Contributions Policy. Specifically my submission relates to the value of the
increase and the impacts that this will have on development with the Hutt
Valley. My main concerns relate to the Valley Floor and Wainuiomata. Within
this submission, I have made some suggestions to how these rates could be
decreased, or where i see there being potential for an over counting of the
development contribution relative to the demand generated by a
development. The development contributions policy has been prepared with a
very traditional townhouse development model in mind. However, with the
new District Plan provisions, there is the potential for more apartment
developments, which the development contributions policy does not really
respond to.

Background

I am a Director of Urban Edge Planning Limited. We are a planning, urban design and landscape architecture firm based in Lower Hutt. As part of our role, we assist with a large variety of land development projects within the Hutt Valley and wider Wellington Region. These projects can range from 2 lot subdivisions through to comprehensive residential developments involving 50 plus residential units. As part of this role, we often assist with determining the feasibility of projects. With the current Hutt market, it is very difficult to make developments stack financially. The reasons for this include:

- The housing market and the reduced prices paid for new residential units;
- The costs associated with undertaking a development;
- Holding costs, including interest payments; and
- Ability to secure lending from banks, which require certain profit margins to be achieved (which can range from 15 – 20% depending on the developer, their risk profile etc).

As a result of these market conditions, we are noticing that there are suburbs that have significantly reduced supply of new housing coming online from what we observed three years ago. These suburbs include:

- Stokes Valley
- Wainuiomata
- Taita
- Naenae

With Wainuiomata, part of the reasoning for the decline in new housing supply has arisen due to the significant increase in development contributions that occurred in 2021, combined with reducing housing prices, which made development unfeasible. I would caution the Council against using the building consent data for Wainuiomata, as most of this would be using the old development contributions. Rather, Council should review the resource consent data to give a true picture on the impact of the development contributions in this suburb.

New Developments Contribution Policy

The new development contributions simply make development unfeasible on the Valley Floor and continue to make development unfeasible for Wainuiomata. The level of increase for the Valley Floor would mean that Council fees for a two lot subdivision would be approximately \$67,000.

These fees are comprised of the following:

- Development contribution fees – \$53,000
- Reserve fee – \$10,000
- Subdivision consent – \$4,110

For Wainuiomata, the Council fees would be approximately \$56,000 comprising of the following:

- Development contribution fees – \$41,995
- Reserve fee – \$10,000
- Subdivision consent – \$4,110

These two catchments provide the most developable land for Hutt City, so having development unfeasible in these locations will mean that the projected growth scenarios for the City will likely not be met, and development demand will shift to the surrounding cities. By comparison, the council costs for the same two lot subdivision (allowing for the proposed new 2024 developments contributions) would be as follows for the following cities:

- Wellington City – \$15,000 – \$20,000
- Upper Hutt City – \$37,000
- Porirua City – \$25,000 – \$35,000

These costs are significantly less than the fees for Wainuiomata and the Valley floor.

While Hutt City has had a population boom over the last 5 years, this has largely been driven by a zoning advantage that the Council had over the neighbouring territorial authorities. In particular, Hutt City had a more permissive zoning in the District Plan that allowed for more yield on sites when compared to the neighbouring territorial authorities. However, with the Intensification Planning Process that all the cities in the region have recently undertaken, this competitive advantage has been lost. As such, development will be driven by economics, and with the new development contributions policy, the relative economics of developing in Hutt City will be a lot poorer, when compared to the surrounding territorial authorities. This will be problematic for Hutt City.

Compounding the Hutt City issue is that the new development contributions policy will make it harder for social housing to be provided. There is a range of social housing providers in the Hutt Valley and this development form is already marginal. It is likely for a number of providers, the new development contributions will simply make social housing unaffordable to provide. This has the potential to increase the inequalities within our City.

Solutions

I do not disagree that development needs to pay for development. However the issue with the new development contributions policy is the rate of increase. Some of the potential solutions to address this issue are as follows:

- Phasing in the development contributions with an annual increase proposed as opposed to one large increase in single hit. I, however, think the annual increases would need to result in a smaller total development contribution for the Valley Floor and Wainuiomata than what is currently proposed under the current development contributions policy (i.e an increase of \$6K – \$7K annually for the Valley Floor).
- Exempting 60% of apartments within an apartment development from the stormwater component of the development contribution payment. The reality is that aspects of an apartment development below the top floor of the building does not generate any stormwater, and therefore should not have to pay for contributing to the stormwater upgrade. I

note that there would still be external hard surfaces associated with an apartment development, and it is for this reason I have opted for 30% of apartments to still pay this contribution, in recognition that the hard surfaces on a site external to an apartment needs to be accounted for.

- Ensuring that stormwater aspect of development contributions are not payable if a residential unit installs a greywater reuse system for its roof water. I would note that this option would align with the proposed change to the Natural Resources Plan for stormwater quality.
- Breaking up the Valley Floor catchment into further sub-catchments thereby ensuring the development contributions are more nuanced and that the entire valley floor is not impacted.
- Increase the number of credits that apply to a site in Wainuiomata from 1 to 2. This would incentivise more development in this community by reducing the costs. To ensure that the system is not abused, it might be 2 credits will apply to a site, when 5 or more residential units are provided.
- Apply a 50% credit to social housing providers and to charity organisations to ensure that social housing is not impacted significantly by these increases.
- Where a site has to provide on-site mitigation measures to address a constraint in the system (such as providing on-site wastewater storage), then ensuring there is a 50% reduction in the payment of this aspect of the development contribution. This prevents developers from having to pay for mitigation so they do not stress the system, but equally not have to pay full development contributions (essentially it stops double dipping and ensures that solutions that reduce demand on the system are incentivised).
- Remove the requirement for residential units with more than 4 bedrooms to pay 125% of the development contribution. Many of our communities (such as Pacific and Maori families) have multi-generational living, and this aspect of the development contribution unfairly targets larger residential units to provide for these cultural requirements.

Conclusion

In conclusion, while I understand the need for development contributions, I believe the proposed policy is too blunt, will esstentially stop development in large areas of the Hutt Valley and ultimately leave the Council with a larger financial shortfall for funding infrastructure upgrades. I believe a more nuanced policy can address these concerns. I would like to talk to my submission to present these concerns to the Councillors.

Kind Regards,



Planner/Director

39. Gene Clendon

760 HCC-116170827 - Gene Clendon

Ethnicity

New Zealand European

Are you submitting as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

Individual

**Would you like to present your feedback direct to councillors at a 10 Year Plan consultation hearing?
In person or through Zoom?**

Yes

**Would you like to be kept informed about the outcome of Hutt City Council's public consultation
process on the 10 Year Plan via email?**

Yes

Do you live in Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai Lower Hutt?

Yes

Do you own or rent the home you live in?

Own

Which suburb do you live in?

Hutt Central

What age group do you belong to?

45-54 years

What is your preferred option for how we invest in water services for the next 10 years?

Option 2

Please share any comments you would like to add about the water services.

We cannot keep deferring responsibility and cost to future generations

What is your preferred option for how we divert food and green organics waste from landfill?

Option 1

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding waste and landfill.

Tough call. I already compost, and the reality is we should focus on other emission reduction areas (such as transport). However, I understand the issue with the pressure on landfill & alignment

What is your preferred option for implementing a rates remission policy to help low-income home-owners?

Option 1

What is your preferred option for undertaking work on the three Petone assets – the library building, the grandstand and the wharf?

I have no preference.

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding the three Petone assets.

I have serious doubts as to whether we should be investing in Petone at all, given the climate emergency. It is going to become increasingly difficult to get insurance for any property in that area, resulting in significant drops in value. It is not a good investment.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's proposed future approach to managing assets.

Agree

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's proposed updates to our fees and charges? e.g. increases to parking fees and to fees for the Silverstream landfill

Agree

Do you have any comments on our proposed updates to our fees and charges?

Parking charges should be higher and cover more areas - the proposed increase does not cover the increase in transport infrastructure spending. There is an enormous cost to society for allowing people to store their private property (aka "car") on public land, and users should contribute fairly to that cost.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's revised development contributions policy.

Strongly Agree

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's Infrastructure Strategy.

Agree

Do you have any comments on our Infrastructure Strategy?

The council needs to deliver more on transport choices supporting mode shift, in order to reduce emissions, improve health outcomes, and make our city more liveable. Mode shift should be a goal and should be measured. The council should develop an active-transport delivery team and proceed with tangible delivery on the micro mobility plans as soon as possible (similar to what Wellington has been able to achieve). We need to give people viable options for moving around the city without having to rely on a private motor vehicle (for the climate, for the health of our citizens, to reduce congestion, and to make our city more liveable). We cannot keep pushing this responsibility to future generations (like what was done for water). To pay for this, consider increased parking fees, including in residential areas. As I mentioned earlier, the cost to society for people storing their private property on public land is enormous, and should at least partly be offset by those using it.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's Reserves Investment Strategy.

Agree

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the approach outlined in Council's Financial Strategy to enable the delivery of our priorities and progress investment in basic infrastructure.

Agree

Given the increased cost pressures on our work as well as the current economic climate, do you agree that a total rates revenue increase in 2024-2025 of 16.9% after growth is reasonable?

Agree

Please share any further comments you would like to add.

I don't like it, but it appears to be completely necessary. We cannot continue to push the cost and responsibility onto future generations.

Please rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the general direction that we are taking for this draft 10 Year Plan.

Agree

Please explain the reason for your response.

I understand the tough climate the council is operating under. We cannot continue "kicking the can down the road" and force future generations to pay for it. The same applies to both water and to transport - we must start delivering transport choices to people so that we can start breaking the cycle of car dependency (thereby improving the health of society & the environment)

40. Quentin Duthie

991 HCC-123175900 - Quentin Duthie

Ethnicity

New Zealand European

Are you submitting as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

Individual

**Would you like to present your feedback direct to councillors at a 10 Year Plan consultation hearing?
In person or through Zoom?**

Yes

**Would you like to be kept informed about the outcome of Hutt City Council's public consultation
process on the 10 Year Plan via email?**

Yes

Do you live in Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai Lower Hutt?

Yes

Do you own or rent the home you live in?

Own

Which suburb do you live in?

Belmont

What age group do you belong to?

45-54 years

What is your preferred option for how we invest in water services for the next 10 years?

Option 2

Please share any comments you would like to add about the water services.

Investing more heavily in 3 waters infrastructure is needed if we are to respect te mana o te wai, reduce the ongoing pollution and degradation of our waterways from wastewater and stormwater contaminants, and reduce the pressure, impact and cost of pervasive leaks our potable water supply system. This has a significant affect on rates over the longer term, so should be accompanied in the short term by an increase to the rates rebate. In the medium-longer term, I support strong advocacy to central government to financially assist with water meter deployment and asset upgrades and renewals, reducing the impact on rates.

What is your preferred option for how we divert food and green organics waste from landfill?

Option 1

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding waste and landfill.

Personally I would not use such a service as I have the ability to cycle all food and green organic waste on my property. No doubt many residents do likewise; but many more residents do not have the space, location, knowledge, ability, time or motivation. A collection service is necessary to have food and green organic recycling widespread and with economy of scale. I propose that council considers the viability, effectiveness and cost impact of facilitating or enabling alternatives for properties that have no need for the service, or for communities (collectives of properties) that can and wish to locally collect and process food and green organic waste in association with community gardens or like initiatives.

What is your preferred option for implementing a rates remission policy to help low-income homeowners?

Option 1

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding rates remission.

I propose council go further and offer a remission of up to \$500 per year for low income households. I propose this in conjunction with supporting greater investment in water infrastructure than the preferred option. I am happy to pay more rates myself so that those who can least afford it pay less.

What is your preferred option for undertaking work on the three Petone assets – the library building, the grandstand and the wharf?

I have no preference.

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding the three Petone assets.

Council should look very closely at the community proposals to restore the Pito-one wharf at a lesser cost than earlier advice suggested. If the cost of restoring the wharf is reasonable, relative to the cost of demolishing it, then the heritage and social value of the wharf may justify the additional investment.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's proposed future approach to managing assets.

Neither agree nor disagree

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's proposed updates to our fees and charges? e.g. increases to parking fees and to fees for the Silverstream landfill

Agree

Do you have any comments on our proposed updates to our fees and charges?

I am happy to pay higher user fees to cover the cost of landfill and parking services.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's revised development contributions policy.

Strongly Agree

Do you have any comments on our Development Contributions Policy?

I support the principle of "growth pays for growth".

991 HCC-123175900 - QUENTIN DUTHIE

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's Infrastructure Strategy.

Agree

Do you have any comments on our Infrastructure Strategy?

The Strategy speaks broadly about adaption to climate change including the impact of heightened flood risk and the rising sea. But it is not clear how and when this will be done. For at-risk infrastructure there will be a point in time where it becomes more economic to redesign or relocate, than to continue to upgrade, defend or maintain it in the face of rising risk, cost or impact. The Infrastructure Strategy should set out the first steps in how infrastructure will be assessed to ensure decisions are future-proofed and provide value for money over their lifetime.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's Reserves Investment Strategy.

Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any comments on our Reserves Investment Strategy?

The ecological quality of native bush reserves is poor. I live next door to Park-Hill Reserve, which gets very little attention apart from mowing of grass areas, a walking track that has minimal maintenance, occasional sweep for the few managed invasive weed species, and a couple of possum bait stations. The reserve has major infestations of invasive weeds that continue to spread and the track is in poor condition. Predator control is provided by community volunteers of their own volition. We need a better strategy to manage these reserves, one that draws on the councils indigenous biodiversity strategy and desired outcomes to collaborate with the community. I propose that the council chooses six reserves, one in each ward, and seeks to facilitate a collaboration with a residents association or pest free group or the like to see what alternative model of reserve kaitiakitanga might be cost-effective, sustainable and lead to better outcomes.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the approach outlined in Council's Financial Strategy to enable the delivery of our priorities and progress investment in basic infrastructure.

Agree

Given the increased cost pressures on our work as well as the current economic climate, do you agree that a total rates revenue increase in 2024-2025 of 16.9% after growth is reasonable?

Agree

Please share any further comments you would like to add.

It is reasonable to have a higher rates increase to pay for the needed water infrastructure investment, provided the rates rebate for low income households is also increased in the short term and advocacy for central government support is stepped up to reduce the increase in the medium-long term

Please rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the general direction that we are taking for this draft 10 Year Plan.

Neither agree nor disagree

41. Paul Duffin

855 HCC-122173311 - Paul Duffin

Are you submitting as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

Organisation/Business/Iwi

What is the name of the organisation that you represent?

Hutt Sister City Foundation

Would you like to present your feedback direct to councillors at a 10 Year Plan consultation hearing? In person or through Zoom?

Yes

Would you like to be kept informed about the outcome of Hutt City Council's public consultation process on the 10 Year Plan via email?

Yes

What is your preferred option for how we invest in water services for the next 10 years?

I have no preference.

What is your preferred option for how we divert food and green organics waste from landfill?

I have no preference.

What is your preferred option for implementing a rates remission policy to help low-income homeowners?

I have no preference.

What is your preferred option for undertaking work on the three Petone assets – the library building, the grandstand and the wharf?

I have no preference.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's proposed future approach to managing assets.

Neither agree nor disagree

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's proposed updates to our fees and charges? e.g. increases to parking fees and to fees for the Silverstream landfill

Neither agree nor disagree

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's revised development contributions policy.

Neither agree nor disagree

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's Infrastructure Strategy.

Neither agree nor disagree

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's Reserves Investment Strategy.

Neither agree nor disagree

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the approach outlined in Council's Financial Strategy to enable the delivery of our priorities and progress investment in basic Infrastructure.

Neither agree nor disagree

Given the increased cost pressures on our work as well as the current economic climate, do you agree that a total rates revenue increase in 2024-2025 of 16.9% after growth is reasonable?

Neither agree nor disagree

Please rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the general direction that we are taking for this draft 10 Year Plan.

Neither agree nor disagree

Please explain the reason for your response.

We are responsible for Hutt City's 43-year sister city relationship with Tempe in Arizona. The relationship is now fully active again post-Covid. To enable us to maintain and grow our well-respected programme, we are requesting a continuation of the annual funding of \$12,500.00.

42. Graeme Hall

1095 HCC-123177754 - Graeme Langley Hall

Ethnicity

New Zealand European

Are you submitting as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

Individual

Would you like to present your feedback direct to councillors at a 10 Year Plan consultation hearing? In person or through Zoom?

Yes

Would you like to be kept informed about the outcome of Hutt City Council's public consultation process on the 10 Year Plan via email?

Yes

Do you live in Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai Lower Hutt?

Yes

What age group do you belong to?

65-74 years

What is your preferred option for how we invest in water services for the next 10 years?

Option 1

Please share any comments you would like to add about the water services.

Hutt City Council is funding an organisation that appears to be very inefficient. It has a mandate or objective to create 100km of new replacement network and achieves 27 km. At this rate it will take close to 4 times as long. In that time we will spend a fortune on maintenance. The organisation appears to be shellshocked and not open to constructive proposals as to how it could approach the task better. Anecdotal evidence is that they often go back to the same repair site multiple times indicating that the first repair was unsatisfactory. We must be able to do better.

What is your preferred option for how we divert food and green organics waste from landfill?

Option 1

What is your preferred option for implementing a rates remission policy to help low-income homeowners?

Option 1

What is your preferred option for undertaking work on the three Petone assets – the library building, the grandstand and the wharf?

I have no preference.

1095 HCC-123177754 - GRAEME LANGLEY HALL

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding the three Petone assets.

I do have a preference but not the two preferences indicated. I would not look to demolish the wharf. While it is expensive these things turned out to be iconic. Witness Brighton beach in Christchurch investing in a substantial new pier in relatively recent times. Consider also the piers of every UK bedside. Somehow a beach and a pier/wharf go together. Given current costs re-infrastructure I will be looking to defer major work on the wharf until later in the 10 year period. It will also have an emergency utility impact. If SH2 and the rail access channel were disrupted in an earthquake Hutt city would get supplies directed to the Petone wharf poor condition or otherwise.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's proposed future approach to managing assets.

Agree

Do you have any comments on our Assets review?

Asset utilisation and asset cost recovery are both important. We should have the minimum asset footprint necessary for a thriving and growing community. Council are on the right path here. There may need to be a special fund e.g. Mayors fund to pay for the venue hire cost when there is substantial public good being achieved but no capacity to pay. That means the asset use process can operate without exceptions.

43. Graeme Hall

1101 HCC-123177853 - Graeme Langley Hall

Ethnicity

New Zealand European

Are you submitting as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

Individual

**Would you like to present your feedback direct to councillors at a 10 Year Plan consultation hearing?
In person or through Zoom?**

Yes

Would you like to be kept informed about the outcome of Hutt City Council's public consultation process on the 10 Year Plan via email?

Yes

Do you live in Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai Lower Hutt?

Yes

Do you own or rent the home you live in?

Own

Which suburb do you live in?

Eastbourne

What age group do you belong to?

65-74 years

What is your preferred option for how we invest in water services for the next 10 years?

Option 1

Please share any comments you would like to add about the water services.

Hutt City Council are currently funding an organisation that appears ineffective and inefficient. Wellington water has an objective of 100km of new pipe a year and achieves approximate 27 km per year. This means it will take four times as long to achieve the network replacement and at this rate we will probably never catch up. It will mean maintenance will continue to rise substantially. There is anecdotal evidence of multiple repairs to the same water Toby. This would suggest the process being undertaken is not professional or workmanlike. Before putting good money after bad Council need to ascertain if all of the processes undertaken by Wellington Water are good practice. The organisation itself appears shellshocked and not open to either scrutiny or advice.

What is your preferred option for how we divert food and green organics waste from landfill?

Option 1

What is your preferred option for implementing a rates remission policy to help low-income homeowners?

Option 1

What is your preferred option for undertaking work on the three Petone assets – the library building, the grandstand and the wharf?

I have no preference.

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding the three Petone assets.

I do have a preference but it is not listed. While I think an updated library community centre is important and I would favour that I'm not a supporter of demolition of the wharf. While it may not be an immediate priority it would be expected within this 10 year period that it can be restored in one form or another. Piers make a beach. While there are two in Eastbourne many visitors who visit Wellington Hutt Valley may not go that far. The petone wharf is iconic. It is interesting to note that Brighton beach in Christchurch was funded in relatively recent times by the Christchurch City Council no doubt because of its ability to be a tourist and community attraction. The wharf is also a disaster continuity asset. If SH2 and the rail corridor were destroyed in a calamity then the wharf would be quickly repurposed to receive goods and freight.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's proposed future approach to managing assets.

Agree

Do you have any comments on our Assets review?

Council assets need to be well utilised and appropriately priced. Where there are users who are providing substantial community good without the capacity to pay then a separate council fund – Mayors fund could be used to ensure that this process operates without exception.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's proposed updates to our fees and charges? e.g. increases to parking fees and to fees for the Silverstream landfill

Agree

Do you have any comments on our proposed updates to our fees and charges?

Council fees must keep pace with inflation. The key criteria is does the fee level represent costs at an efficient operating level. We need to avoid any cost plus approach to fees.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's revised development contributions policy.

Agree

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's Infrastructure Strategy.

Agree

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's Reserves Investment Strategy.

Agree

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the approach outlined in Council's Financial Strategy to enable the delivery of our priorities and progress investment in basic infrastructure.

Neither agree nor disagree

Given the increased cost pressures on our work as well as the current economic climate, do you agree that a total rates revenue increase in 2024-2025 of 16.9% after growth is reasonable?

Disagree

If you do not agree that the proposed rates revenue increase is reasonable, which areas of Council function and service delivery do you believe could be reduced in order to enable a lower rates increase, and why?

This is not an easily answered question. However at the highest level of thought transferring 16.9% additional financial resource from the ratepayers ownership to Council when inflation is approximate 4%, is not sustainable. We know that there is a cost of living crisis and the addition of this impost is not tenable for the community. It will bring hardship and detract from the attractiveness of the community. Resizing Council will not be easy but needs to be done. History has it that the councils faced with the same dilemma have managed to resize their total expenditure.

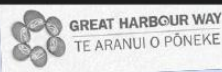
Please rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the general direction that we are taking for this draft 10 Year Plan.

Neither agree nor disagree

Please explain the reason for your response.

While generally you have looked to and may be achieved an allocative efficiency I do not believe that council has reached an operating efficiency. Having the power to rate/tax is a huge power and tends to give council new options. Other organisations do not have the same power and therefore are more effective at trimming their cloth to match anticipated revenue. A 16.9% rate increase is not tenable. Council therefore need to work out how it can re size itself and its expenditure plans to make the rate increase figure a lot more acceptable.

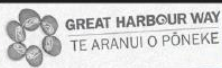




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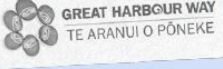
- Recognition of the cost challenges the Council faces versus the opportunities to make the Hutt region an even more fantastic place to live and visit by investing in the Great Harbour Way (GHW).
- Great to see the recent investments in improving resiliency and walking & cycling facilities along the routes along the Eastern Bays and Petone-Ngauranga through the Tupua Horo Nuku and Te Ara Tapua projects. These improvements are a huge boost in realising the vision of the GHW.
- However, the long term plan needs to include further improvements to realise that vision.
- We believe that these improvements align with the focus of the long term plan by
 - Providing future-fit active transport infrastructure that allows people of all ages and abilities to walk and cycle the Hutt City part of the GHW.
 - Enabling a liveable and vibrant city, through a GHW that encourages outdoor activities for local residents as well as for local and international tourists.
 - Supporting and enhancing the environment, by making the GHW a key to enjoying and treasuring our harbour.
 - Ensuring wellbeing of all people by encouraging active use of the GHW.




Key Aspects of our Submission



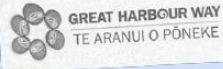
- The Tupua Horo Nuku and Te Ara Tapua projects will result in a significant growth of the number of people on bikes (and an increase in e-bike riders), scooters and on foot. This will include families with little children. Comfort / safety of people of all ages and abilities is paramount to manage this increased use of the GHW.
- The key focus of our submissions is on encouraging investment in a continuous shared path between Honiana Te Puni Reserve and Ngamatau Point Howard; ensuring the level of service and quality of design that are being implemented by the Tupua Horo Nuku and Te Ara Tapua projects.
- We also encourage that the Council retain the Petone Wharf as a key iconic asset and important part of the GHW.




Why this is Important



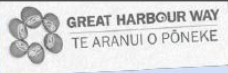
- The Hutt City has a substantial part of our beautiful harbour coastline under its control and has therefore an important role to play in achieving the vision and outcomes of the GHW.
- The GHW encourages people to walk, bike or use a scooter to enjoy the coastline. It is therefore a significant recreational asset and contributor to people's wellbeing and health, which helps to reduce the demands on Hutt's medical services and its hospital.
- It is important for our mana whenua to facilitate their connection with Te Whanganui-a-Tara/Wellington Harbour
- For many people the GHW provides many spots for fishing and for people to catch and collect their kai moana. Places like the Petone Wharf play in an important role in this.
- The Great Harbour of Tara – is one of the world's most beautiful harbours and the GHW is a significant drawcard for national and international tourists. It is likely to be recognised as one of New Zealand's most beautiful and accessible great walk and cycle routes.
- This makes the GHW a significant potential source of income for Hutt City that can offset the investment that we are asking the Council to make in the GHW. One only has to look at the success of the Lake Dunstan cycle trail and the New Plymouth harbour walkway to recognise this.




Our Submissions - The Long Term Financial Plan



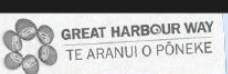
- We believe that this is a well considered plan and welcome the proposed level of investment in roads, bridges, and footpaths.
- We would like to see this investment include further improvements that are needed to realise the vision and outcomes of the GHW.
- It must be recognised that this also helps to realise the benefits of the Tupua Horo Nuku and Te Ara Tapua projects by having the same levels of service across a connected route from Ngauranga to Eastbourne as part of the GHW.




Our Submissions - Petone Assets



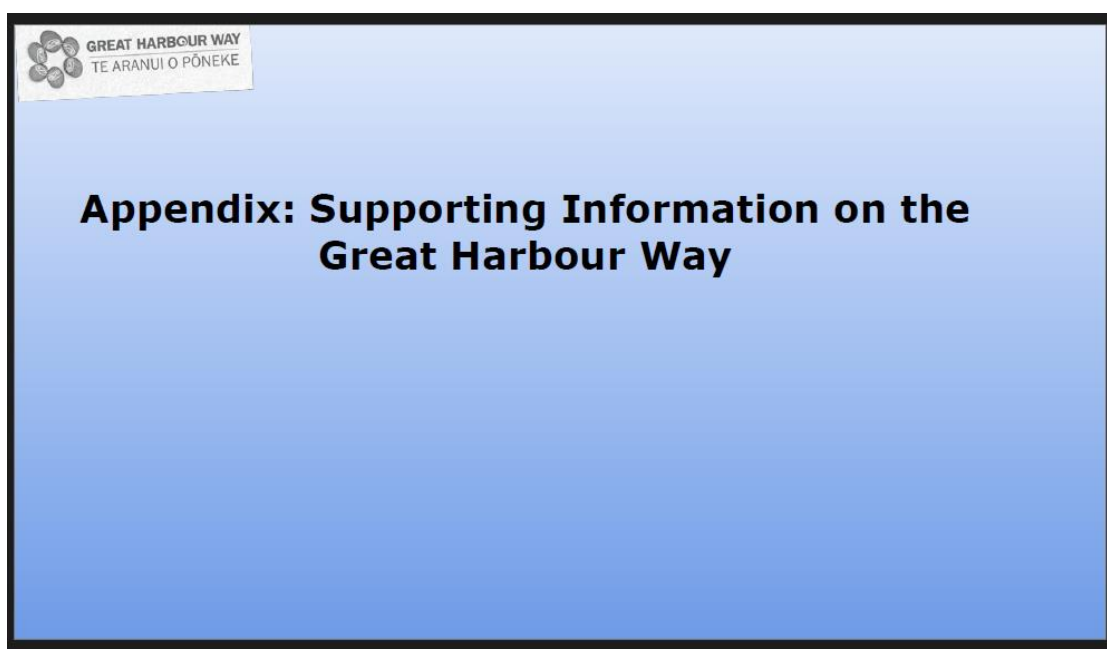
- We urge that the Council and the Long Term Plan recognise the Petone wharf as an iconic and historic asset as part of the Great Harbour Way that has important appeal and purpose for locals and national & international tourists.
- The wharf contributes to the investment in Te Ara Tupua as it is a valued destination as part of that route.
- Preference is to retain the wharf for pedestrian / recreational access. The wharf has an important purpose for locals who want to fish for recreation or for their kai moana.
- The Council should further review options as we believe that previous remedial work and some additional work can make the wharf safe for the above purpose.
- There is also a need for additional investment to ensure either a wider shared path along the Petone foreshore, or ideally separation between walkers and people on bikes and scooters.
- The proposed Cross Valley Connections will help to reduce traffic along the Petone Parade and may provide an option for a seaside bi-directional bike lane.



Our Submissions - Transport Infrastructure



- We welcome the ongoing investment in the Tupua Horo Nuku project.
- We would like to see this extended to include building a wider shared path along the pipelines between Ngamatau Point Howard and the Seaview Marina boat ramp, as well as creating a safe shared path between the Seaview Marina and the existing shared path north of the Burnsco Seaview marine supplies store along Port Road.
- The current shared path across the Waione Bridge is far too narrow to allow people on bikes & scooters, walkers, and locals fishing to comfortably and safely share this path. We urge the Council to invest in addressing this significant issue, starting with investigating options such as a separate walking & cycling bridge. A tactical and more economic alternative would be to add some clip on fishing pods and reclaim the footpath for pedestrians and cyclists.



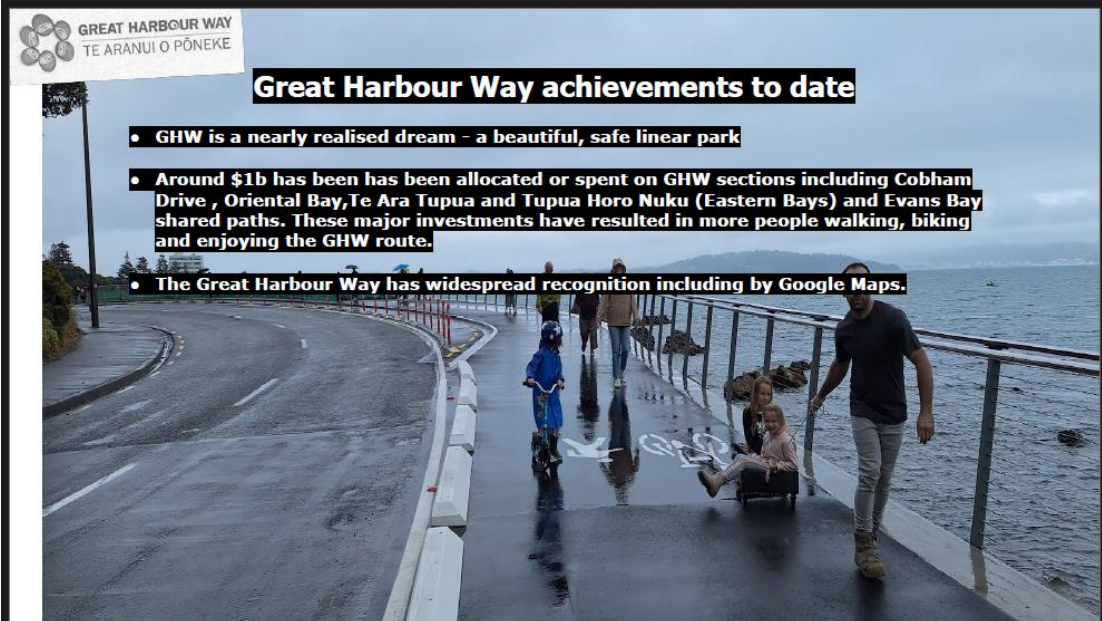


GREAT HARBOUR WAY
TE ARANUI O PŌNEKE

What the Great Harbour Way offers

It is exciting. It is unique. It encompasses:

- Magnificent scenery, wild shorelines
- a huge variety of bird & animal life, from shorebirds to seal colonies
- Places to explore, visit cafes, stay, and play.
- A 70 kilometre route around one of the most beautiful harbours in the world.
- Connections to other routes like the Remutaka Trail.

GREAT HARBOUR WAY
TE ARANUI O PŌNEKE

Great Harbour Way achievements to date

- GHW is a nearly realised dream - a beautiful, safe linear park
- Around \$1b has been allocated or spent on GHW sections including Cobham Drive, Oriental Bay, Te Ara Tupua and Tupua Horo Nuku (Eastern Bays) and Evans Bay shared paths. These major investments have resulted in more people walking, biking and enjoying the GHW route.
- The Great Harbour Way has widespread recognition including by Google Maps.

GREAT HARBOUR WAY
TE ARANUI O PŌNEKE

The Opportunity

To be one of the best and most recognised trails, nationally and internationally



The image displays six photographs of different walking and cycling trails. Each photo is labeled with its name in yellow text at the bottom. The trails shown are: Lake Dunstan Trail (cycling on a path near a lake), New Plymouth Coastal Trail (walking on a rocky shore), Otago Harbour Trail (walking on a path near a harbor), Donau Trail (cycling on a path near a river), San Francisco Bay Trail (walking on a path near a bay), and The Great Harbour Way Trail (walking on a path near a harbor).

GREAT HARBOUR WAY
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The Opportunity for the Hutt Council

- To promote the GHW as Aotearoa's premier urban walking-cycling trail.
- To gain the economic benefits that come from recognised walking-cycling trails.
- To brand the HCC as a visionary leader in promoting the health of all its residents through active recreation and transport.
- Diversify the region's tourism beyond events and museums.
- Be seen as a leader in taking actions to mitigate climate change by protecting and enhancing our shoreline and encouraging people to enjoy the Great Harbour Way on foot or bike; leaving the car at home.
- Creating an exciting network of walk & cycle routes; connecting the Great Harbour Way to the Remutaka Trail, the Hutt River Trail, Te Ara Tupua route, and the many tracks on the western and eastern hills around the Hutt.

44. Dominic Barrington Prowse

Submission – Hutt City Council – Long Term Plan

Wellington Free Ambulance Submission for Funding FY2025 – FY2027

- History:

Funding Agreement between Wellington Free Ambulance and Hutt City Council:

Signed each Financial Year, under the Long-Term Plan 2018-2028, until 30th June 2024.

In a letter dated 17th July 2018, Hutt City Council (HCC) confirmed its commitment to Wellington Free Ambulance (WFA), with an increase in funding to \$1 per head of population. WFA has always been very thankful for this generous commitment and for the good working relationship we continue to have with the Council.

Since Financial Year 2018-19, we have received \$109,000 per annum, from the Regional Grants Fund and through the Council's Annual Plan. This has been the case for the past six financial years, taking us to 30th June 2024.

The allocated funding was to be used by WFA for the purpose of costs associated with the operation of Lower Hutt and Wainuiomata Ambulance Stations.

As our region's population increases, along with their age, demand on our service increases, and the need for extra funding also increases. Once again, we are asking all Councils in our region to update their funding to \$1 per head of population. This approach will help ensure the long-term sustainability and

accessibility of the essential emergency services provided by WFA in the Lower Hutt community.

Given the nature of the emergency service we provide, along with the growing funding demands, I would like to request an agreement between WFA and HCC to provide our service to the communities of the HCC area, as part of the Councils Long-Term Plan.

- New Agreement:

Submission for Proposed Funding Agreement between Wellington Free Ambulance (WFA) and Hutt City Council (HCC): 1st July 2024 – 30th June 2027

As your 'Consultation Document' states, Lower Hutt is a growing city with dynamic and diverse communities. Population growth on the scale of approx. 10% over the next 10 years will put huge pressure on the supply of houses and infrastructure.

This will also put huge pressure on the level and capacity of services within the area. This includes the 'free' service that WFA provides to all those communities.

This why agreeing a funding rate of \$1 per head of population is very important. And, very important to amend and update each year.

Proposal:

1. Instead of a fixed annual grant amount, WFA proposes a variable funding figure for each of the next 3 financial years. This would be based on the actual population increase in the Hutt City Council (HCC) area over the corresponding year.
2. WFA also provides the Clinical Communications III Call Centre, Patient Transfer Service, Event Medical Teams, Rescue Squad and the Paramedics on the Regional Rescue Helicopter.
3. HCC total population was 114,000 in 2023, up 1.3% from a year earlier. Population growth averaged 1.2%pa over the past 10 years to 2023, with the national average at 1.3%pa over the past 5 years.

4. As a result, our funding proposal for the next 3 years is as follows:

Financial Year	Population increase	Population	Funding/	Proposed Funding
FY23		114,000	\$109,000	
FY24	+1,368	115,368	\$109,000	
FY25	+1,384	116,752	\$116,752	
FY26	+1,401	118,153	\$118,153	
FY27	+1,418	119,571	\$119,571	

• Need for this Service:

Access to emergency ambulance services is a fundamental need for all people in New Zealand. As our founder believed in 1927, everyone has the right to the best possible medical care without discrimination on any grounds, including financial capability.

At Wellington Free Ambulance (WFA), we believe that emergencies should not cost lives or money. We do not want people to hesitate calling us in an emergency due to concerns about the cost of treatment. This aligns with the vision of Sir Charles Norwood, the former Mayor of Wellington, who championed the establishment of the only free ambulance service in New Zealand.

There is no other provider of emergency ambulance services in the Greater Wellington region, and WFA relies on the support of the Hutt City Council (HCC) to ensure we can be there for the 114,000 residents in the HCC area. In the last 12 months, we attended 11,741 incidents in the Lower Hutt area, which equates to 32 emergencies per day.

We know our work is vital, and we understand the serious consequences that would occur if we were unable to provide this essential service. Last year, WFA received 82% of its funding from government contracts, meaning we must find an additional \$7.5 million annually. Without this additional funding, we would be unable to attend 9,792 callouts per year, missing an average of 27 patients per day and failing to answer over 44,000 emergency calls, some of which could have life-threatening consequences. Without that money, we wouldn't be able to reach 18% of all the people who need us in a year.

On average, each ambulance dispatch to someone in need costs around \$650, amounting to approximately \$7,631,650 to run the service in the HCC area. Furthermore, WFA provides more than just an emergency ambulance service, as our role extends beyond immediate medical response.

- Need for Funding:

As outlined in the previous section, the funding requested from Hutt City Council (HCC) is critical to bridge the gap between the government funding received by Wellington Free Ambulance (WFA) and the actual costs required to run the service.

The running costs for the Wellington Free Ambulance Lower Hutt Station amounted to approximately \$132,000 over the past 12 months. While Wainuiomata amounted to approximately \$1,000. The \$109,000 in funding from HCC did account for a significant amount of these costs but when you factor in the estimated \$7,631,650 required to operate the service in the Lower Hutt area, the HCC's contribution represents a much smaller percentage of the total costs.

We believe it is essential for local councils to contribute to keeping the cost of this vital emergency service free for the community:

- The population of the HCC area accounts for approx. 21% of the total population in our region
- The Council's funding represents around 29% of the total Council funding we receive
- EAS jobs in the Council's area make up approx. 22% of the total EAS jobs in our region

This funding from HCC will be used towards the running costs of our service in your area, which could include expenses such as fuel for our ambulances, vehicle maintenance, the operation of our stations, and the purchase of consumable medical equipment.

Furthermore, we have planned renovation works on the Lower Hutt and Wainuiomata Ambulance Stations within the next 3 years, which will require additional funding support from the local community.

- Impact:

The service from Wellington Free Ambulance (WFA) promotes a deep sense of community for the residents of the Hutt City Council (HCC) area. The knowledge that WFA is there, available free of charge to everyone in their hour of medical and emergency need, provides a profound sense of reassurance and security.

The data from the Hutt City Dashboard demonstrates that WFA is literally there for all your residents when they need it most. Our Emergency Ambulance Service responds to a wide range of incidents, including trauma, pain, respiratory issues, cardiac emergencies, and abdominal pain – the most frequent call-out types. Patients of all ages, from infants to those 86 years and older, have been cared for, with individuals aged 55 and above accounting for over half of all Lower Hutt area patients.

Of the 11,741 callouts in the area, 72% of patients were transported to an emergency department, highlighting the critical nature of the care provided. This service does not discriminate on any grounds, including financial capability, ensuring that everyone in the Lower Hutt community has access to high-quality emergency medical assistance when they need it most.

It's important to note that the figures presented in this submission are specifically for the Emergency Ambulance Service (EAS). We have not included data for our Patient Transfer Service, which is also a significant component of our operations in the Upper Hutt City Council (UHCC) area and the broader WFA region.

The impact of WFA's presence in the Upper Hutt community is profound. By providing free, accessible, and equitable emergency medical care, we are not only saving lives but also fostering a strong sense of community and well-being for all residents.

- Purpose:

The purpose of Wellington Free Ambulance (WFA) is to provide vital emergency paramedicine ambulance services to anyone in need within the Greater Wellington, Kapiti and Wairarapa region. Our goal is to deliver a high-quality accessible emergency ambulance service to the community, free of charge.

WFA is the only emergency ambulance service for the Greater Wellington and Wairarapa areas as well as the only 'free' ambulance service within New Zealand. Our frontline teams operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, responding to the growing needs of our community.

In the last year, WFA had a record year, responding to 54,400 people in need and treating an average of 149 patients each day. Our ambulance service travelled over 2M km to provide this critical care.

Additionally, our Clinical Communications Centre answered over 245,000 emergency Ill calls and our Patient Transfer Service completed over 46,000 transports to vital medical appointments. Our range of services also include a specialist Rescue Squad, which reaches patients in remote or precarious locations, and flight paramedics in the regional rescue helicopter.

As demand for our service continues to increase, we remain committed to our team of 420 dedicated professionals who serve the emergency and community health care needs of half a million people, free of charge. Looking to the future, we are determined to maintain and enhance our world-class care for the patients we will treat in the years to come.

This agreement will ensure the long-term sustainability and accessibility of the essential emergency services provided by WFA in the Hutt City Council community, aligning with the council's vision and priorities for a safe, healthy, and vibrant community.



45. Ruth Mansell

HUTT CITY COUNCIL
03 MAY 2024

Hutt City Council Long Term Plan Submission

Name: Ruth Mansell

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I live in/work in/visit Petone

I disagree with all of the Council options for Petone assets.

I want Petone Wharf repaired and being used because:
 The wharf is a great asset for Petone and the whole region. It is spectacular, & beautiful reminder of Petone's industrial history. It has been actively used & enjoyed by people of all ages. Over 50 years I have taken school children and my own family for fishing, and looking with a fresh perspective so far out to sea. We all love the wharf!

I do not agree with the Hutt City Council options to demolish Petone Wharf for around \$6M because:
 Demolishing the wharf would be a dreadful waste! Fortunately, we now have simple and trustworthy, proven technology to repair the piles at modest cost. Pile Medic® system will quickly and safely wrap around existing piles, providing a watertight sheath down to sea-bed level. The end result will be piles restored to original construction capacity, fully protected from the harsh environment, and back in service for more than 50 years. The cost of Pile Medic will be less than the \$6m. cost of demolishing the wharf. It must be a winner for everyone!

I do ~~not~~ wish to speak to Councillors about my submission.
 (A Council officer will contact you to arrange a time for you to present by Zoom or face to face at the Long-Term Plan hearings to be held 15 to 17 May 2024).

Email to: haveyoursay@huttcity.govt.nz.
 Drop your submission off: at your local library or neighbourhood hub.
 Post it: Long Term Plan Freepost 100039 Private Bag 31912 Lower Hutt 5040

46. Malcolm

984 HCC-123175762 - **Malcolm Malcolm**

Ethnicity

New Zealand European

Are you submitting as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

Individual

**Would you like to present your feedback direct to councillors at a 10 Year Plan consultation hearing?
In person or through Zoom?**

Yes

**Would you like to be kept informed about the outcome of Hutt City Council's public consultation
process on the 10 Year Plan via email?**

Yes

Do you live in Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai Lower Hutt?

Yes

Do you own or rent the home you live in?

Own

Which suburb do you live in?

Fairfield

What age group do you belong to?

Prefer not to say

Please share any comments you would like to add about the water services.

No water meters, the cost is more than the benefits for the community. The above options should have I have a preference.

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding waste and landfill.

Once again poor options. Needs more information than provided by FAQ

What is your preferred option for implementing a rates remission policy to help low-income home-owners?

Option 1

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding the three Petone assets.

Another poor options !!!! I have a preference, Refurbish Library, review cost of wharf repair, review Grandstand options, not using risk adverse people.

984 HCC-123175762 - MALCOLM MALCOLM

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's proposed future approach to managing assets.

Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any comments on our Assets review?

Needs better communications from the Council

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's proposed updates to our fees and charges? e.g. increases to parking fees and to fees for the Silverstream landfill

Disagree

Do you have any comments on our proposed updates to our fees and charges?

Needs more communication

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's revised development contributions policy.

Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any comments on our Development Contributions Policy?

Some plans are good, some are poor

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's Infrastructure Strategy.

Disagree

Do you have any comments on our Infrastructure Strategy?

Most is poorly planned. Need to employ some members with knowledge. It appears too many involved lack practical knowledge

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's Reserves Investment Strategy.

Neither agree nor disagree

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the approach outlined in Council's Financial Strategy to enable the delivery of our priorities and progress investment in basic infrastructure.

Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments on our Financial Strategy?

Rate increases should be set to no more than 1% above inflation. Above 1% demonstrates a lack of accounting and budgeting skills.

Given the increased cost pressures on our work as well as the current economic climate, do you agree that a total rates revenue increase in 2024-2025 of 16.9% after growth is reasonable?

Strongly disagree

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984 HCC-123175762 - MALCOLM MALCOLM

If you do not agree that the proposed rates revenue increase is reasonable, which areas of Council function and service delivery do you believe could be reduced in order to enable a lower rates increase, and why?

Read above. Maybe consider not using contractors and returning to a Works Operation

Please share any further comments you would like to add.

While you may believe you are looking at the big picture, it appears not!

Please rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the general direction that we are taking for this draft 10 Year Plan.

Strongly disagree

Please explain the reason for your response.

Needs better understanding and knowledge.

47. Annette Margaret Turner

Hutt City Council Long Term Plan 2024-2034 Submission

Name: Annette Margaret Turner

Email address: Annette@practicalhelp.co.nz

or Phone No: 0274 432567

I live in, and work in Petone at 6 William St Petone

I disagree with all of the Council options for Petone assets.

I want Petone Wharf repaired and being used because:

- It is an iconic landmark of the drive into Petone –
- It is of historic importance and should be protected by the Historic Places Trust
- It is a well loved recreational facility for people of all ages and has been for a very long time upto four generations from families have memories of great times spent on it
- To repair for around the cost of demolition just makes good sense
- It is an asset to the community – well loved by many
- It's an absolute no brainer
- It provides alternative and maybe only access between Lower Hutt and Wellington if a natural disaster cuts off state highway 2 and the Eastbourne Rd.
- Currently the Wiaone Bridge is the only fishing area with no parking, too high for children to use, narrow and restricts pedestrian and cycle access across this narrow section of footpath.

I do not agree with the Hutt City Council options to demolish Petone Wharf for around \$6M because:

It is needed for fishing, walking, relaxing and enjoying the peace of being surrounded by water

For that amount of money this special part of the community can be repaired

The initial 21million committed in the past should be spent fixing the wharf before any of this money is spent on anything else

It can be made fully useable for a comparable price so Repair – don't Demolish

It just needs repair. Not a rebuild

The wharf is as important as the pipes The Petone wharf is an important landmark here and it needs to be repaired. It's a really loved part of our town.

It's an important memory for far to many people, it can't go.

I do wish to speak to Councillors about my submission.

(A Council officer will contact you to arrange a time for you to present by Zoom or face to face at the Long-Term Plan hearings to be held 15 to 17 May 2024).

48. Silva Noakes

906 HCC-122174220 - Silva Noakes

Are you submitting as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

Organisation/Business/Iwi

What is the name of the organisation that you represent?

Eastbourne Community Fitness

Would you like to present your feedback direct to councillors at a 10 Year Plan consultation hearing? In person or through Zoom?

Yes

Would you like to be kept informed about the outcome of Hutt City Council's public consultation process on the 10 Year Plan via email?

Yes

What is your preferred option for how we invest in water services for the next 10 years?

I have no preference.

What is your preferred option for how we divert food and green organics waste from landfill?

I have no preference.

What is your preferred option for implementing a rates remission policy to help low-income homeowners?

I have no preference.

What is your preferred option for undertaking work on the three Petone assets – the library building, the grandstand and the wharf?

I have no preference.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's proposed future approach to managing assets.

Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments on our Assets review?

I am the director of ECF (Eastbourne Community Fitness Ltd.) and attended the meeting with councillors on 17 April 2024. ECF is a community based fitness provider which hires the boardroom above the Eastbourne library to run group fitness classes for all ages and fitness levels. We believe we offer an essential and cost effective service in the community. Our demographic in terms of customers is weighted mainly towards older people. We strive to keep our pricing at a level that is affordable as evidenced by an increase in price of only \$1 in the last 10 years. The boardroom in the library is an essential venue for us as we run eleven of our group classes from there with an average of nine people per class. Your envisaged increase from \$9 to \$19 per hour rental (over 100%!!) would put us out of business as we could not pass on such an enormous increase to our customers. This will result in a hundred people per week not being able to exercise and

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maintain a healthy lifestyle. I am sure you would not want this to happen in our community. I would like to meet with councillors that are part of the decision making process for these proposed changes in order to discuss the situation and to reach a satisfactory outcome for all concerned, especially for the Eastbourne community. Thank you. Yours sincerely, Silva Noakes

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's proposed updates to our fees and charges? e.g. increases to parking fees and to fees for the Silverstream landfill

Disagree

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's revised development contributions policy.

Neither agree nor disagree

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's Infrastructure Strategy.

Neither agree nor disagree

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's Reserves Investment Strategy.

Neither agree nor disagree

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the approach outlined in Council's Financial Strategy to enable the delivery of our priorities and progress investment in basic infrastructure.

Neither agree nor disagree

Given the increased cost pressures on our work as well as the current economic climate, do you agree that a total rates revenue increase in 2024-2025 of 16.9% after growth is reasonable?

Neither agree nor disagree

Please rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the general direction that we are taking for this draft 10 Year Plan.

Neither agree nor disagree

49. Rachel Tallon

1109 HCC-124178027 - Rachel Tallon

Are you submitting as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

Organisation/Business/Iwi

What is the name of the organisation that you represent?

Friends of Waiwhetu Stream

Would you like to present your feedback direct to councillors at a 10 Year Plan consultation hearing? In person or through Zoom?

Yes

Would you like to be kept informed about the outcome of Hutt City Council's public consultation process on the 10 Year Plan via email?

Yes

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's Reserves Investment Strategy.

Strongly Agree

Do you have any comments on our Reserves Investment Strategy?

Friends of Waiwhetu Stream Lower Hutt 3 May 2024 Hutt City Council Long Term Plan Submission Submitter: Friends of Waiwhetu Stream Address for contact: Rachel Tallon, Deputy Chair Friends of Waiwhetu Stream, 3 Rodney Street Waiwhetu, Lower Hutt 5010 Ph 021612931 Introduction: The Friends of Waiwhetu Stream community group (FWS) Beginning as a HCC initiative in 2011, the FWS is one of the Hutt Valley's strongest environmental restoration groups, with a successful track record of improving the ecology of the Waiwhetu stream. With over 150 volunteers regularly taking part in projects along the stream we are a good example of community engagement in the city. We have been ably supported by HCC and GW since our inception. Submission: We have read the Hutt City Reserves Investment Strategy and note several aspects: 1. We endorse the Tūhono Hapori policy of connecting communities (p. 10) and we consider community groups to be a key way of achieving this policy aim. 2. We are in agreement with the concerns raised on pages 12 and 13 regarding the issues around flooding with increased housing and lack of permeable surfaces. We would support any council initiatives to ensure an increase in both the quality and quantity of green spaces or reserves as a response to growth. This also includes initiatives to promote permeable surfaces in built up areas. 3. We also support the Council's recognition (p. 14) that green spaces are a significant factor in well being and as community kaitiaki of the Waiwhetu Stream we have plenty of anecdotal evidence that the green spaces, picnic tables, artworks and clear(ish) water of the stream gives many people a reason to enjoy living in the city. In short, it lifts their spirits. 4. We note on p. 54 in Focus Area 3, a 'Master Plan' for the Waiwhetu Stream. We would like to endorse this concept and consider it long overdue. Currently the co-ordination of the various interest groups and councils (HCC, WW, GW, Downers, Naenae Nature Trust and other groups such as pest control groups) is done on an ad hoc basis and informally. In the Master Plan concept we think a central base for planning, decision-making and communication would be advantageous and efficient for the management of the catchment going forward. We would support a position or role for someone to lead this plan. 5. As part of the Reserves Investment Strategy we are aware of many other community restoration groups. In our experience the 8-12 environmental restoration groups of volunteers do incredible work for the council. Their funding by the Council should not cease. In addition we would like to strongly suggest that part of the strategy is to invest in a Community Ranger. This position has been filled in the past and is currently vacant. The position is incredibly significant for the following reasons: • As a link between the Council and the volunteers to guide projects and where money and resources should be

1109 HCC-124178027 - RACHEL TALLON

spent. • The ranger passes on 'tips and tricks' from other groups and organises key information sharing and networking events between the groups and between the councils and the groups. • The ranger is able to supply equipment and instruct the groups on health and safety matters. • The ranger sees what is happening in restoration from a holistic perspective and can inform the council about where issues may exist. • The ranger can also act as a public relations person – showcasing to the public what the groups achieve. • The ranger is an embodiment of the council – a physical presence and encouragement to the volunteer groups. Without this person, volunteer groups may feel less supported. Therefore, we would like to propose that as part of its budget for the Reserves Investment Strategy that the Council reinstate and support a community ranger for environmental community groups. He tangata, he tangata, he tangata.

50. Lillian Pak

1093 HCC-123177709 - Lillian Pak

Ethnicity

Korean

Are you submitting as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

Individual

**Would you like to present your feedback direct to councillors at a 10 Year Plan consultation hearing?
In person or through Zoom?**

Yes

**Would you like to be kept informed about the outcome of Hutt City Council's public consultation
process on the 10 Year Plan via email?**

Yes

Do you live in Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai Lower Hutt?

Yes

Do you own or rent the home you live in?

Own

Which suburb do you live in?

Naenae

What age group do you belong to?

45-54 years

What is your preferred option for how we invest in water services for the next 10 years?

Option 1

What is your preferred option for how we divert food and green organics waste from landfill?

Option 1

What is your preferred option for implementing a rates remission policy to help low-income home-owners?

Option 1

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding the three Petone assets.

I would highly recommend that Council create a community advisory group for Petone that is similar to Whakatupu Ngaengae | Community Advisory Group for decisions about the Petone assets. Whakatupu Ngaengae | Community Advisory Group was a great example of good community engagement. I highly recommend this way of working collaboratively with the community.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's proposed future approach to managing assets.

Agree

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's Infrastructure Strategy.

Agree

Please rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the general direction that we are taking for this draft 10 Year Plan.

Agree

Please explain the reason for your response.

I acknowledge that the Long Term Plan has been written in a difficult economic climate and many difficult decisions were made to prioritise competing needs and demands whilst maintaining financial sustainability and a certain level of service for the residents of Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai | Lower Hutt. I know that our Council works hard to do what is best for our city. Community Engagement: I would like to take the opportunity to thank the Council for keeping its promise to work with and listen to community on developing a "community hub" (i.e., a hub area with the library, the pool and the new community centre) that works for Naenae. Council creating the Whakatupu Ngaengae | Community Advisory Group was a great example of good community engagement. I was not on the Advisory Group; but, they were engaging with and reporting back to people in the community. This was such a change from before. We were able to express our concerns and ideas, and feed into decisions being made about the various areas and facilities in Naenae. I hope that this way of working collaboratively with community continues. Living Wage: I ask that Hutt City Council continue to take into consideration the economic wellbeing of the residents of Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai | Lower Hutt, especially since there is not city if residents cannot afford to live here. Thus, I ask that Hutt City Council: – maintain the New Zealand Living Wage rate for its directly employed workforce – maintain the New Zealand Living Wage for workers employed by contractors, especially when these contracts come up for renewal (i.e., part of the procurement process) – maintain its accreditation as a Living Wage Employer – continue to work with Living Wage Hutt Valley Network to make Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai | Lower Hutt a Living Wage city – in making Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai | Lower Hutt a Living Wage City, extend the living wage policy to include all Council Controlled Organisations where Hutt City Council has an ownership interest – continue to be a leader and role model in the Living Wage space. I support the Living Wage because there are numerous benefits to paying the Living Wage: – Workers who are paid the Living Wage are more productive. – When people on low incomes have more discretionary income, they spend it on local businesses and this stimulates the local economy. – Job turnover is reduced – There is no perceptible growth in unemployment through raising the wages of those workers on the lowest rates. I can provide academic research to support this if you are interested. I would like to remind Council being an accredited Living Wage Employers of the following advantages: –It provides certainty to ratepayers that their funds are not contributing to low wages and instead are enhancing the quality of life of individuals in their communities. –It provides living wage employees at Hutt City Council with the certainty that each year their pay will be adjusted according to the timeframes outlined by the living wage movement. –It sends a strong signal throughout the community and the Hutt City Council's procurement pipeline that the council is Committed to the concept of a living wage, the calculation that underpins it, and to championing it throughout Lower Hutt and also Wellington Region. –

Lastly, accreditation ensures that a Living Wage is paid in the long term at the Hutt City Council. This means that the council will be required to take positive steps each year to ensure that staff who meet the criteria for accreditation are paid a living wage.

51. Lillian Pak

1110 HCC-124178033 - Lillian Pak

Are you submitting as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

Organisation/Business/Iwi

What is the name of the organisation that you represent?

TEAM Naenae Trust

Would you like to present your feedback direct to councillors at a 10 Year Plan consultation hearing? In person or through Zoom?

Yes

Would you like to be kept informed about the outcome of Hutt City Council's public consultation process on the 10 Year Plan via email?

Yes

Please rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the general direction that we are taking for this draft 10 Year Plan.

Agree

Please explain the reason for your response.

Thank you for the opportunity to contribute to the future direction of Te Awa Kairangi | Lower Hutt, and in particular Naenae. We have appreciated the support of Hutt City Council in the renovation and development of Naenae over the last 3-5 years. We are very excited about the new "community hub" which consists of the Naenae Library, the Naenae Pool and Fitness Centre, the Naenae Community Centre, and Treadwell Hall, especially since this type of community hub reflects the community, its needs and aspirations. We have also appreciated Council's new way of working collaboratively with community. The refreshed community engagement process, given expression through the Whakatupu Ngaengae Community Advisory Group is a model we would recommend for other Council projects that need meaningful community engagement. Every step has involved keeping the community updated, and more importantly, asking the community for ideas, solutions and feedback. We have recently been awarded the Operating Agreement for Te Mako Naenae Community Centre (Te Mako) - in the renovated Post Office Building. We are excited to work with Hutt City Council within this new context. As part of our submission, we would like to ask Council to maintain the option to continue with the part-funding of Te Mako after the initial 3-year timeframe. The reason for this request is based upon: – The expectation that Te Mako becomes self-funding in 3 years may not come to pass, particularly as we head into a time of significant cost increases and austerity, within Naenae. – Hutt City Council being an accredited Living Wage Employer who, as part of the RFP process, indicated that the operator of Te Mako pay a living wage. TEAM Naenae Trust is also an accredited Living Wage Employer and we understand what this means. We know that the Living Wage increases every year, and this could put funding pressures on the running of Te Mako. We are and will be working very hard to make Te Mako self-funding; but, we know that this may be difficult under the current difficult economic climate. We hope that Council can appreciate this and be open to continuing to support TEAM Naenae Trust after 3 years should it be required. Thank you for taking the time to consider our submission.

52. Dr Marion Leighton

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Are you submitting as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

Organisation/Business/Iwi

What is the name of the organisation that you represent?

Doctors for Active, Safe Transport

**Would you like to present your feedback direct to councillors at a 10 Year Plan consultation hearing?
In person or through Zoom?**

Yes

**Would you like to be kept informed about the outcome of Hutt City Council's public consultation
process on the 10 Year Plan via email?**

Yes

What is your preferred option for how we invest in water services for the next 10 years?

Option 1

Please share any comments you would like to add about the water services.

But I don't want this increased expenditure to take away from other crucial infrastructure such as cycle and pedestrian transport options. Fixing leaks often involves digging up roads - proper planning allows for those roads to be resurfaced with better cycling and walking infrastructure. Don't do one thing, only to then not have the money to follow through.

What is your preferred option for how we divert food and green organics waste from landfill?

Option 1

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding waste and landfill.

Organics collection is the best option for diverting greenhouse gasses from landfill. It is crucial in this time of climate crisis.

What is your preferred option for implementing a rates remission policy to help low-income homeowners?

Option 1

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding rates remission.

This is a tiny amount in the bigger scheme of things, however, we don't want this remission to allow landlords to be able to put rents up again which will cause more hardship for lower income households. Low income households need their council to also consider rent caps and talk to banks about mortgage relief that isn't deferred to a later date.

What is your preferred option for undertaking work on the three Petone assets – the library building, the grandstand and the wharf?

Option 1

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding the three Petone assets.

An excellent library is a better community resource than putting excess funds into the other two options.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's proposed future approach to managing assets.

Agree

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's proposed updates to our fees and charges? e.g. increases to parking fees and to fees for the Silverstream landfill

Agree

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Don't know

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's Infrastructure Strategy.

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Do you have any comments on our Infrastructure Strategy?

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Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's Reserves Investment Strategy.

Don't know

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the approach outlined in Council's Financial Strategy to enable the delivery of our priorities and progress investment in basic infrastructure.

Strongly Agree

Given the increased cost pressures on our work as well as the current economic climate, do you agree that a total rates revenue increase in 2024-2025 of 16.9% after growth is reasonable?

Strongly Agree

If you do not agree that the proposed rates revenue increase is reasonable, which areas of Council function and service delivery do you believe could be reduced in order to enable a lower rates increase, and why?

While a large increase in rates is undesirable for household incomes, it reflects the underfunding and low rates that have been focused on for too long. We cannot keep kicking infrastructure projects onto future generations and expecting them to cost less.

Please share any further comments you would like to add.

I have attached the formal DAST submission on infrastructure

Please rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the general direction that we are taking for this draft 10 Year Plan.

Disagree

Please explain the reason for your response.

We believe Lower Hutt council need to focus on the needs of future generations and build a city that our children and their children can grow and thrive in. This means healthy, easy to get around with active transport, not contributing to climate emissions and contributing to the health and wellbeing of everyone.

Doctors for Active, Safe Transport



Submission to Hutt City Council on the 2024 10 Year Plan

Dr Marion Leighton

Doctors for Active, Safe Transport (DAST)

April 2024

We would like to present orally on this submission.

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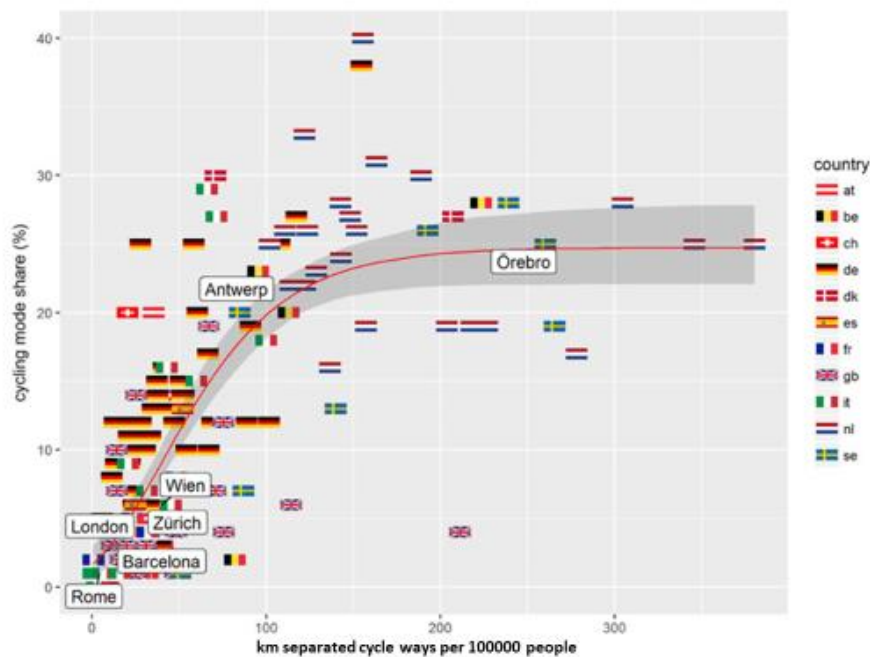
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⁶ Keall M, Chapman R, Howden-Chapman P, Witten K, Abrahamse W, Woodward A. Increasing active travel: results of a quasi-experimental study of an intervention to encourage walking and cycling. *J Epidemiol Community Health*. 2015;69(12):1184-1190

⁷ Russell M, Davies C, Wild K, Shaw C. Pedalling towards equity: Exploring women's cycling in a New Zealand city. *Journal of Transport Geography*. 2021;91:102987.

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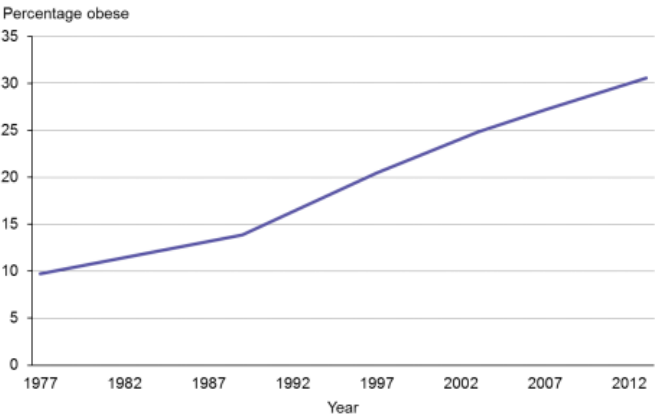
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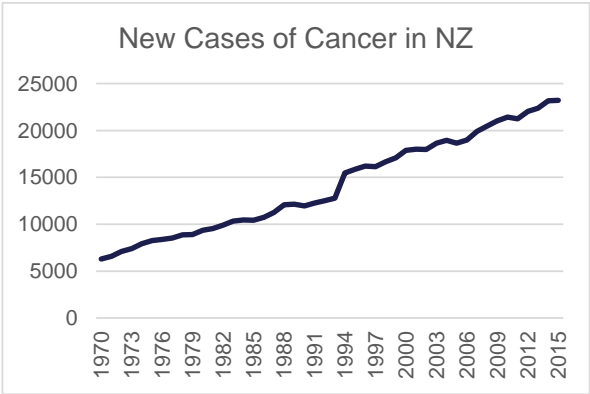
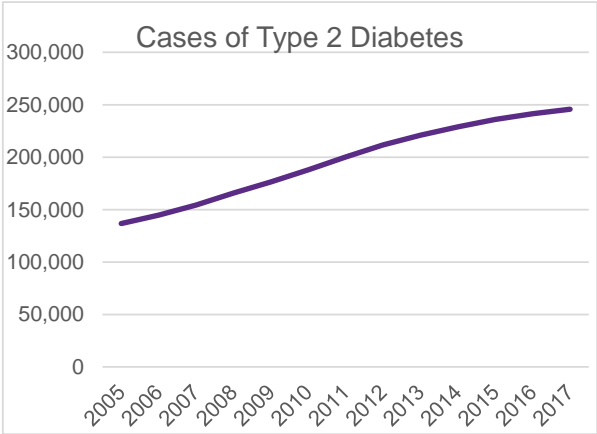
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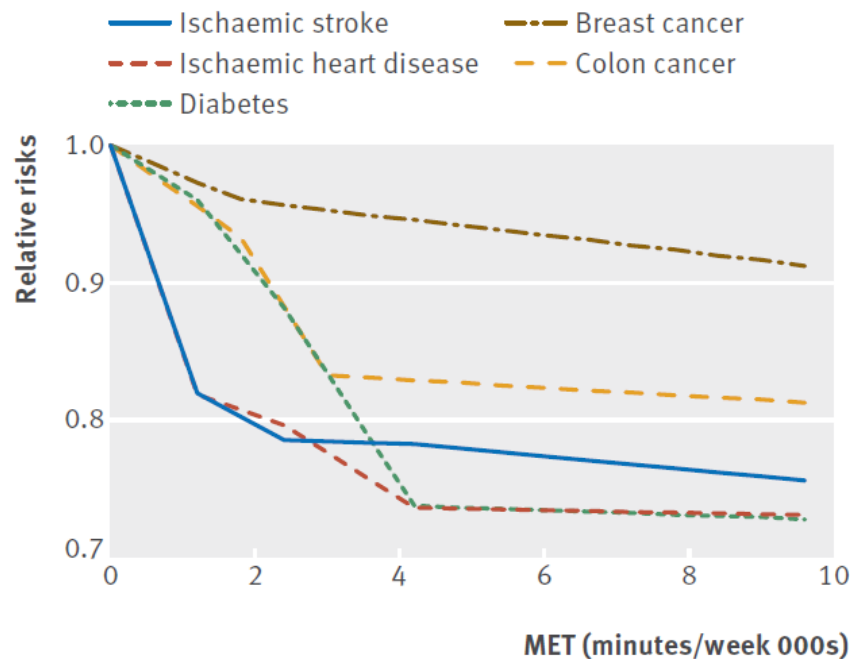
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¹² <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/bike-blog/2017/apr/20/its-good-to-hear-cycling-to-work-reduces-your-risk-of-dying-but-thats-not-why-i-do-it>

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Tairangahia a tua whakarere;
Tatakihia nga reanga o amuri ake nei
Honouring the past; Inspiring the future

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2024/2034 Long Term Plan Submissions

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Dear Sir or Madam,

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2024-2034 – WITH REGARDS TO DECISIONS ON PETONE WHARF**

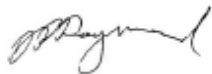
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6. Heritage New Zealand is not supportive of either of the options for Petone wharf in the Long Term Plan 2024-2034. Heritage New Zealand would prefer if the Council invested in the repair and maintenance of the Petone wharf rather than constructing a new viewing platform on The Esplanade. Option two for Petone wharf with the total investment of \$10.2 million which would be invested in the installation of a memorial display to acknowledge the wharf's history and make improvements to the Esplanade including a new viewing platform, could be better utilised in restoration and maintaining the wharf.
7. As previously mentioned, Petone wharf has high heritage values. In addition, the wharf has been important in maintaining a sense of place, sense of identity and belonging in the public realm. Demolition of the Petone wharf would be a profound loss for the unique heritage character of Petone. By identifying and preserving historic heritage, people have an opportunity to connect, understand and appreciate the history of the city. Heritage New Zealand recommends the Council to reconsider their decisions by investing in the maintenance and redevelopment of the Petone wharf.
8. We understand that there are community members keen to save the wharf, who have put forward a proposal to undertake the necessary repairs to the wharf using the 'Pile Medic' technology. HNZPT urges serious consideration of this option, at the least to undertake a peer review of the proposal in terms of feasibility, costs, and effects on heritage values.
9. Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga is available to speak to our submission at a council hearing on the 2024-2034 Long Term Plan. If others make a similar submission, HNZPT will consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing.
10. We are available to answer any queries that Council may have regarding the submission and continue to be able to offer advice to Council and other owners of heritage buildings regarding heritage conservation, and advice concerning archaeological authority requirements under the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014.

Yours sincerely

Dean Raymond



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54. Francis O'Riley

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Are you submitting as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

Organisation/Business/Iwi

What is the name of the organisation that you represent?

GK Shaw Ltd

Would you like to present your feedback direct to councillors at a 10 Year Plan consultation hearing? In person or through Zoom?

Yes

Would you like to be kept informed about the outcome of Hutt City Council's public consultation process on the 10 Year Plan via email?

Yes

What is your preferred option for undertaking work on the three Petone assets – the library building, the grandstand and the wharf?

I have no preference.

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding the three Petone assets.

Based on notes from my Power Point presentation given to Andrea Blackshaw and Arthur Nelson on 2 May 2024: 1. GK Shaw has been refurbishing wharves throughout NZ for over 30 years. 2. Recently we have rebuilt Rona Bay Wharf for HCC in 2018 and Seatoun Wharf for WCC in 2022. We also repaired 21 piles with FRP jackets and relevelled the deck at Petone wharf in early 2021. 3. We have used actual figures from these projects to establish realistic costings for the square metre rate to refurbish Petone Wharf. 4. We believe the wharf approach (275 m long x 4 m wide) can be completely refurbished for around \$9M (Contractor's rate \$7,500 /m2 x 1200 m2). 5. The wharf head (108 m long x 10 m wide) should be demolished. There would be additional cost associated with demolishing the wharf head. 6. This scenario reduces the overall wharf length by less than 30%. The new end of the wharf is still in deep water for fishing and future berthing of vessels if required. The new length of the wharf at 275 m still provides valuable amenity to the public. 7. The refurbishment of the wharf approach would be like-for-like using FRP jackets to strengthen and protect the existing timber piles. A like-for-like replacement can be classified as maintenance work to potentially minimise costly and time-consuming consultant reporting and consenting processes. 8. GK Shaw has installed 100's of FRP jackets to wharf structures in Wellington Harbour over the last 30 years. There have been no reported failures of piles strengthened using FRP jackets. They are a proven reliable long term pile strengthening system. 9. If it suited the council, there may be a way to spread the refurbishment over a number of years. This may be helpful for annual budget allocations or to promote the annual maintenance argument to minimise consenting requirements. 10. A realistic scenario is as follows: i. After a first round of critical pile strengthening (around 20 piles), the wharf approach structure (275 m long) can be reopened to the public. ii. The existing barrier can be moved to the wharf head. iii. Each year the wharf is temporarily shut down in the colder months while a contractor progressively rebuilds each span working out from the landside. iv. Each summer the wharf is reopened to the public. 11. A lot of work has already been done over the years strengthening the wharf approach piles that will not need to be redone during a refurbishment. Once the remaining critical piles are repaired, we believe the structure is currently quite safe for pedestrian loading in the short term until the refurbishment work is complete. 12. If the consultants are still uncertain as to the safety of the existing deck structure, we can assist with simulated load testing to convince them beyond a doubt. 13. Early contractor involvement with an experienced contractor and exploring design-build

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relationships will help council better define and share the risks before committing to a refurbishment contract. 14. Local Hutt Valley based contractors and suppliers are available to undertake this specialist work on their back doorstep. 15. Even the demolition of the wharf head can be turned into a positive. Only the upper deck structure need be demolished leaving the piles in place (saving cost and minimising disturbance to the aquifer). This will serve as a visual nod to the past. Then interested groups could sink approved condemned boats amongst the piles to create a reef for marine life and establish an accessible recreational exploration area for divers. The possibility of keeping the wharf for future generations and creating new opportunities is exciting. 16. Why spend \$10M on years of consultant reports, hearings and consenting procedures; and then completely demolish the wharf, when for the same money you can fully refurbish 70% of the wharf? 17. GK Shaw stands ready and willing to assist the council in all stages of the process to partially retain and refurbish Petone Wharf.

55. Pete Matcham

Submission on the Hutt City LTP

Contact: Pete Matcham

I would like to speak in support of my submission.

Water Services

Three waters network

Having been a member of the Whaitua group charged with developing a strategy for water within te awa Kairangi and Wellington South Coast catchments I am well aware of the degraded state of our three water infrastructure. Bringing these up to an acceptable standard and maintaining them there must be the council's top priority. I note that in every public consultation the Whaitua held, public response was unequivocal and succinct "Just fix the effing pipes".

Whilst the financial cost of that may now cause some backtracking, most of those who spoke to us were well aware of the potential cost implications when giving their opinion.

It would be unethical and economic stupidity to further delay this work and I fully support option 2, noting that option 1 does not even keep pace with projected deterioration. We cannot impose the cost of our failure on our mokopuna.

Drinking water supply

The proposed increase in buffering capacity in the potable water supply by adding new storage lakes is insufficient to meet the increased demand if the city and region continues to grow at current rates. Similarly that the amount of water taken from te awa Kairangi at low flows is already too high to maintain a healthy ecosystem, and that the supply from the aquifer is at potential threat as sea level rise alters the pressure dynamics.

Consequently the introduction of demand management must be given a highest priority. Volumetric charging is clearly the most efficient method of distributing infrastructure costs equitably, and has a proven record of reducing demand by around a third. Water meters, if implemented at the public/private network interface, also provides sufficient granularity to identify and address leaks with the ability to allow costs to lie where they fall. This gives the Council through Wellington Water the ability to enforce speedy repair in the private parts of the network.

The potentially regressive nature of volumetric charging should not be allowed to stall the installation process; noting that ample examples of charging models exist that address this issue.

Option 2 in the Consultation booklet should be the basis for future policy.

Waste collection services

I fully support the introduction of a separate green and organic waste collection, but consider the standard user charge approach regressive. The idea of charging people extra to achieve a socially desirable outcome is also counter-productive. The cost of the service needs to be structured in a way that provides a financial incentive for people to use it. Little detail is given of the 'processing solution' either in terms of cost recovery from the sale of any end product or how this will reduce rather than delay the contribution of food waste emissions. The status quo should be maintained until these issues can be addressed.

Rates relief for low income households

Whilst well meaning, this initiative is badly thought out and poorly targeted. It does not address the plight of those most in need: those on fixed or low income who rent. Further, it imposes an additional cost on this cohort, since landlords will inevitably pass on any rates increase directly to tenants. Home owners with low income fixed incomes already have two mechanisms to alleviate the cost of rates, rates rebate and rates deferral, neither of which are

available to renters. .To introduce this measure would further increase inequality. It should not proceed.

Petone assets

Libraries are a keystone public asset that are constantly evolving to meet the needs of the community. We therefore support the redevelopment of the Petone Library as a multi purpose facility.

Housing development

The development of 3500 new homes as part of the IAF funding initiative, should be on brownfield and inner city intensification sites to prevent further sprawl. Where green field growth is considered, whole of system costs, including improved transport and water infrastructure costs need to be internalised to ensure these developments contribute equitably.

Infrastructure management

The cross valley link provides greater resilience in the face of sea level rise, and the consequent ability to develop and promote Petone foreshore and esplanade as a regional recreation destination. I support this policy and expenditure

I fully support the investment in cycleway and micro mobility programmes, and note that the most important objective is a fully connected network with physical separation from vehicular traffic which will require re-allocation of space in the road corridor. A move that is long overdue.

For that reason the 'subdivision roading improvements' should be targeted at active mode and PT access not the encouragement of more vehicular traffic.

Finances

I consider that the council move to a far more rigorous application of user pays for road users, so far as it is within their ability.

Development contribution policy

Whilst I support the policy that developers of new housing units should meet the cost of all downstream impacts on infrastructure, I am concerned that

- a) These do not create a perverse incentive that favours 'one off' house development on cross leases as in the past, rather than full site or multiple site development. Not only would this lead to inefficient land use, but indirectly helps perpetuate inefficient and costly housing stock and transport infrastructure.
- b) That it does not become a barrier to the supply of land for housing, exacerbating the boom / bust cycle that bedevils housing development in NZ

I fully support the surcharge on developments with more than four bedrooms, and would suggest this be increased.

Fees and charges

I fully support the increase in parking fees and the extension of parking charges to Jackson St and Britannia St car park. However the proposed charges are too low to provide an effective deterrent, and fall far short of the true economic cost. The public purse should not be called on to subsidise the temporary storage of private goods.

In addition all angled parking should be removed to improve safety and to free up road space for protected cycle lanes and, within Jackson St and the CBD, pedestrianisation. As noted in the consultation document, parking fees should be used to improve pedestrian and active mode access at the expense of private vehicles.

Silverstream landfill.

I am concerned that as with the proposed green waste collection, the way in which these charges are being implemented create barriers to responsible behaviour rather than encouraging it. At the least, any charging should exclude any items have been diverted for re-use and recycling. Otherwise there is no incentive to minimise waste.

56. Pete Matcham

Submission on the Hutt City LTP

This submission is made on behalf of Hutt City Grey Power (HCGP). HCGP is a purely voluntary, not for profit organisation representing older people. We are not aligned or associated with any political party, or movement.

Contact: Pete Matcham (President)

We would like to speak in support of our submission.

Summary

We understand and support the overall intent of the LTP, recognising that much of the current infrastructure failures can be traced to the demands made in previous years to prioritise low rates over prudent investment, amounting to inter-generational theft. We believe that we now have an opportunity, and a duty to our mokopuna to rectify this.

Since the availability of water is essential to all life, the safe disposal of sewage essential to health, and the management of storm events critical to public safety, we consider that priority must be given to three waters infrastructure. We acknowledge the efforts of HCC in leading the replacement of worn out pipes, but note with alarm that even the highest investment option presented in the consultation document only prevents things from getting worse. We agree that greater system buffering is required in the supply chain for potable water given the predicted increase in variability of rainfall, but also note that the current per capita use is unsustainable. We strongly support the introduction of demand management measures to address this.

Detailed comments

The following comments follow the order in which they appear in the HCC consultation document, and as such have no relationship to their importance.

Water Services

We consider that bringing the city's three waters infrastructure up to an acceptable standard is the council's top priority. We acknowledge and applaud the efforts made to date. Since many of our members only income is National Superannuation, we are also acutely aware of the impact on them of increased rates. However we do not wish the burden of cost to be borne by our mokopuna through unnecessary delay. Many of our members have lived through times where every penny counts, and so are acutely aware of the old adages that the present is always the cheapest time to do anything, and that the first thing to do if you are in a hole is to stop making it bigger.

Consequently we fully support the introduction of water meters on both social and economic grounds. Volumetric charging is clearly the most efficient method of distributing infrastructure costs equitably, as well as providing sufficient granularity of network monitoring to quickly identify and address leaks. We have seen no data on the proportion of leaks between the public network and private connections, but note that metering at the interface also enables costs to lie where they fall, and gives the Council through Wellington Water the ability to enforce speedy repair in the private parts of the network.

We are mindful however of the need for social equity to also be considered when charging is introduced, and note that this will be the subject of future consultation.

On balance we believe that option 2 in the Consultation booklet should be the basis for future policy. We believe that the social cost including any regressive charging should be addressed separately and should not delay the installation of water meters.

Waste collection services

We support the introduction of green waste and organic waste collection, but consider the standard user charge approach regressive. The idea of charging people extra to achieve a socially desirable outcome is also counter-productive. The cost of the service needs to be structured in a way that

provides a financial incentive for people to use it. We are also concerned that little detail is given of the 'processing solution' either in terms of cost recovery from the sale of any end product or how this will reduce rather than delay the contribution of food waste emissions. Unless these issues can be addressed we cannot support option 1.

Rates relief for low income households

We applaud HCC for recognising the financial stress many older people face with increasing rates and a fixed income. However we cannot support this initiative since we consider it unethical. It fails to assist those most in need: those on fixed or low income who rent. Further, it imposes an additional cost on this cohort since we have no doubt that landlords will pass on any rates increase directly to tenants. We further note that home owners on low income already have two mechanisms to alleviate the cost of rates, rates rebate and rates deferral, neither of which are available to renters. We cannot support the introduction of a further increase in inequality of treatment.

To be equitable any rates relief must be tied to the person(s) affected regardless of their tenure.

Petone assets

We support the view that Libraries are a keystone public asset that are constantly evolving to meet the needs of the community. We therefore support the redevelopment of the Petone Library as a multi purpose facility.

We have no policy that informs the case of either Petone Rec Grandstand or Wharf. We therefore support the least cost option for these assets.

Housing development

We support the commitment to the development of 3500 new homes as part of the IAF funding initiative, but urge council to concentrate these on brownfield and inner city intensification sites rather than green field development. We recognise the potential for green field growth in Wainuiomata, but caution that the whole of system costs, including improved

transport and water infrastructure costs need to be internalised to ensure that private developers contribute equitably.

Infrastructure management

As noted above, we support the proposed investment in all three water infrastructure.

We are unclear as to the reason or scope of the “Eastern Hutt Road resilience” so cannot comment.

We support the development of the cross valley link based on the greater resilience this provides in the face of sea level rise, and the consequent ability to develop and promote Petone foreshore and esplanade as a regional recreation destination.

We fully support the investment in cycleway and micro mobility programmes, and note that the most important objective is a fully connected network with physical separation from vehicular traffic and that this will require re-allocation of space in the road corridor. We note that the Netherlands achieved the normalisation of active mode as the dominant transport mode through a combination of facilitating safe routes for active users and increasing the difficulty for private vehicular traffic to access or remain in city centres and suburban nodes. We strongly urge the council to adopt a similar approach.

For that reason we consider the ‘subdivision roading improvements’ should be targeted at active mode and PT access not the encouragement of more vehicular traffic.

Finances

We note that ‘Roads, bridges and footpaths’ are the second highest expenditure. We have not seen a breakdown of this category, but note that the poor state of footpaths is a commonly received complaint. We strongly advocate for this expenditure to be given much higher priority. We suggest also that the council move to a far more rigorous application of user pays for

road users, so far as it is within their ability. In particular we consider that a public asset intended to facilitate transport of all modes should not be used for the storage of private goods (ie parking of private vehicles).

Development contribution policy

We fully support the policy that developers of new housing units should meet the cost of all downstream impacts on infrastructure. However, we are particularly concerned that a perverse incentive is not created that favours 'one off' house development on cross leases as in the past, rather than full site or multiple site development. Not only would this lead to inefficient land use, but indirectly helps perpetuate inefficient and costly housing stock and transport infrastructure.

We support the surcharge on developments with more than four bedrooms for the same reasons.

Fees and charges

We fully support the increase in parking fees and the extension of parking charges to Jackson St and Britannia St car park, although we consider the proposed charges far short of the true economic cost. We believe that the public purse should not be called on to subsidise the temporary storage of private goods.

In addition all angled parking should be removed to improve safety and to free up road space for protected cycle lanes and, within Jackson St and the CBD, pedestrianisation. As noted in the consultation document, parking fees should be used to improve pedestrian and active mode access at the expense of private vehicles.

Silverstream landfill.

Although we understand that much of the changes required are outside the ability of HCC to implement unilaterally, we are concerned that particularly in the construction industry, the existing cost structure incentivises waste disposal over recycling and reuse. We are perplexed that the cost of disposal

at the tip is levied on entry and not based on the net amount disposed of after any items have been diverted for re-use and recycling. Again, giving no incentive to minimise waste.

57. Rod Badcock

I wish to submit on the consultation and strongly request that urgent action is taken to enable mode shift and active transport. Not doing so will increase gridlock, increase infrastructure costs, and accelerate our climate emissions.

Not only am I a Hutt City resident, but I run a clean-tech and deep tech operation out of the Hutt that has generated significant economic growth in the region. All of which will be under water if climate issues are not addressed.

Currently the 10 year plan fails to deliver real change. Real action can be taken, and requires Hutt City Council to gain some fortitude in setting KPI's, and showing leadership – not all measures cost a fortune; indeed with the money spent on consultants in thinking about a network,(that has not delivered any outcome) this would avoid this being wasted.

I fully support the Hutt Cycle Network submission, and that of Dr David Tripp. Clear actions have been identified in the larger submissions that must be enacted.

I wish to be heard in person.

Rod

58. Jack Nair



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Feedback on the Draft Long Term Plan – Managing Assets

re: the proposed demolition of what is known as the Taita Cricket club and the Hutt Marist clubrooms and toilet blocks.

To whom it may concern:

GBH Boxing and the clubs we represent (Ronin Kickboxing, Bellevue Boxing Club, Wayne Westenra MMA, The Combat Lab, Wellington Free Ambulance) are formally objecting to the proposed demolition of the above-mentioned buildings.

GBH Boxing wishes to inform the council that we're 100% supportive of the submissions that will be made by Avalon Rugby, Lower Hutt Soccer, Phoenix Academy and Taita Cricket club.

All affected organizations are totally mystified as to why the council are fixated on demolishing both buildings, given that:

- (A) they're not currently costing the council anything to maintain
- (B) all indications are that the buildings are structurally sound and asbestos-free
- (C) there's constant use by the community of both buildings

These buildings (and the groups using them) add huge benefits to the local community, as per below:

Promoting Physical Health and Fitness:

Regular physical activity is essential for maintaining your 'best self' – not just fitness, but things like joint health, preventing chronic diseases, reducing general illness etc.

We have classes that cater to all, no matter where they are on their fitness journey.

We do morning, evening, and weekend sessions, to fit in with people's lifestyles. The cost for adults to participate is minimal, and school-age class members are free. All coaches are experienced, qualified volunteers, and all equipment is provided.

Fostering Social Connections and Providing Support Networks:

As well as physical fitness, our gym brings together individuals from different backgrounds and age groups and encourages health and wellness in all. Participants forge meaningful connections, build friendships, and create support networks. The gym creates and enhances these social interactions, adding motivation and positive accountability for everyone. As an example, Wellington Free Ambulance uses the gym to train their staff in self-defense, at no cost.

Enhancing Mental Well-being and Stress Relief:

Exercise (particularly well-structured, group exercise) is a powerful antidote to stress, anxiety, and depression. Our classes provide benefits that help with the pressures of daily life for people of all ages and situations. We provide a safe and supportive environment to push physical limits, grow self-confidence and develop mental/emotional resilience.

Regarding the demolition proposal, Andrea Blackshaws' email (12-March) mentioned *'These buildings were previously used by the groups that are now housed in the Ricoh Sports Centre, and all buildings are at, or near, the end of their lives as assets.'*

If that's the case, why are the clubs (supposedly at the Ricoh Centre) still using these buildings? Our understanding is that the Ricoh Centre does not have the agreed space or facilities for these clubs to fully function or meet the needs of their sport or members.

We feel that rate-payers would be better served during the current LTP period by having these facilities kept in use (at low to zero Council cost) as opposed to a costly demolition project.

The Taita Cricket Clubrooms are utilized by multiple groups which are available to the community at little to no cost and everyone is welcome.

On average, this facility is used 50-55 hrs per week, with approximately 200-250 walking through the doors each week.

Does the Council have a plan to support all these local people who currently use these facilities and services that will be impacted by this proposal?

In summary:

We understand that it's a temporary lease, but given the current net positives vs. the possibility of future spending required by council, we respectfully urge you to reconsider the decision to demolish.

I also would like the opportunity to talk about my submission at the full council meeting.

Yours sincerely,

Jack Nair
Head Coach, GBH Boxing

59. Jo Clendon

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Ethnicity

New Zealand European

Are you submitting as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

Individual

**Would you like to present your feedback direct to councillors at a 10 Year Plan consultation hearing?
In person or through Zoom?**

Yes

**Would you like to be kept informed about the outcome of Hutt City Council's public consultation
process on the 10 Year Plan via email?**

Yes

Do you live in Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai Lower Hutt?

Yes

Do you own or rent the home you live in?

Own

Which suburb do you live in?

Hutt Central

What age group do you belong to?

45-54 years

What is your preferred option for how we invest in water services for the next 10 years?

Option 2

Please share any comments you would like to add about the water services.

We need to stop kicking this can down the road.

What is your preferred option for how we divert food and green organics waste from landfill?

I have no preference.

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Please share any comments you would like to add regarding waste and landfill.

I chose the no preference option as I think this issue and the options have been oversimplified. On the surface I think food waste collection is a really great idea. But in the overall scheme of things I challenge whether it is really a priority for a cash strapped and climate aware council. Food waste only contributes 4% of our emissions (acknowledging that it is 9% of methane emissions). It would be good to address this issue but is it a priority? 27% of our emissions come from private vehicle use. Surely reducing those via offering transport choice and encouraging mode shift is a bigger priority. I can take personal action on my food waste emissions via composting and worm farming. I cannot take personal action to build my kids a safe route to school. In an ideal world we would do both. My other problem with this 'priority' is that it perpetuates the myth that recycling (and other 'bin initiatives') can save the planet. I propose this whole initiative be re-thought out and considered at a neighbourhood level or as an opt-in user pays option.

What is your preferred option for implementing a rates remission policy to help low-income homeowners?

Option 1

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding rates remission.

I support this. I also believe the council should add some equity based options for asset rich retirees who have benefited from years of underinvestment in infrastructure and are now whining about rates increases.

What is your preferred option for undertaking work on the three Petone assets – the library building, the grandstand and the wharf?

I have no preference.

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding the three Petone assets.

I chose the no preference option as I would seriously challenge the wisdom of investing in Petone AT ALL. Climate change is real, and even if council want to ignore the risks to Petone, Insurance companies are not ignoring it. It is becoming more difficult to get insurance on properties in that area, and premiums are increasing. It is only a matter of time before they are uninsurable resulting in those properties losing value and the area becoming untenable. So it is not a good investment.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's proposed future approach to managing assets.

Agree

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's proposed updates to our fees and charges? e.g. Increases to parking fees and to fees for the Silverstream landfill

Agree

Do you have any comments on our proposed updates to our fees and charges?

The increase in parking charges does not fully cover the increase in transport infrastructure spending. These charges should be higher and cover more areas. It is wrong to expect the public to pay the costs of storing private assets. I don't expect to put the contents of my toolshed on the road for free, so why should I expect to do that with my car???

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's revised development contributions policy.

Strongly Agree

Do you have any comments on our Development Contributions Policy?

Agree with the growth funds growth approach. It could probably go further.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's Infrastructure Strategy.

Agree

Do you have any comments on our Infrastructure Strategy?

Further investment in micromobility is needed in order to reduce emissions, improve health outcomes and make our city more liveable. Mode shift should be a goal and measured. The Integrated Transport strategy needs to be supported with goals, measures and a plan. Transport choice is an essential way to cope with the increased demands arising from population growth whilst avoiding congestion and negative health and safety outcomes. We need to invest in the transport team and spend less on consultation that delivers no tangible outcomes. We need to find creative ways to do more with less, to be bold and experimental in mindset and delivery. Projects could be bundled to save on cost, e.g. delivering micromobility at the same time as water infrastructure. Transport choice projects should be funded by charging even more for parking, including residential parking. It is no longer feasible for valuable roadscape to be provided free of charge for the storage of private assets.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's Reserves Investment Strategy.

Agree

Do you have any comments on our Reserves Investment Strategy?

Based on the principle of being a good ancestor, it is important to invest in these spaces.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the approach outlined in Council's Financial Strategy to enable the delivery of our priorities and progress investment in basic infrastructure.

Agree

Given the increased cost pressures on our work as well as the current economic climate, do you agree that a total rates revenue increase in 2024-2025 of 16.9% after growth is reasonable?

Agree

If you do not agree that the proposed rates revenue increase is reasonable, which areas of Council function and service delivery do you believe could be reduced in order to enable a lower rates increase, and why?

I might not like the increase but feel it is necessary.

Please share any further comments you would like to add.

In an ideal world those who benefited from the underinvestment of the past would have to pay the price.

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Please rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the general direction that we are taking for this draft 10 Year Plan.

Agree

Please explain the reason for your response.

This plan feels very much like a case of hunkering down and trying to get through a crisis. I encourage council to go further than a spending approach to the crisis and also consider non monetary approaches: creativity is important, how we approach, plan and co-ordinate projects is important. I challenge council not to simply try and do less with less, but to try and find new and creative ways to achieve results. This would grow the councils mana, capability and capacity.

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60. Jo Clendon



SUBMISSION TO HUTT CITY TEN YEAR PLAN - May 2024

We wish to be heard in person.

Summary

- We acknowledge the inclusion of provisional funding for micro mobility in the ten year plan.
- We appreciate the challenging economic and financial climate in which the plan has been made.
- We applaud the recognition of climate change and resilience as a significant challenge, alongside the challenges of a growing population.
- Given the significant challenges of climate change and growth, we assert that not enough is being done to support mode shift as a priority.
- We reiterate the utility of mode shift in achieving environmental, economic and community wellbeing outcomes and improved health.
- We request the council to specifically commit to achieving mode shift by providing transport choices as a high priority objective.
- We recommend the addition of two KPIs for providing transport choices.
- We acknowledge the financial challenges faced by Hutt City and suggest exploring alternative approaches including:
 - Prioritised adoption of safe speeds,
 - Additional funding via widespread charges for on-street parking, including residential,

- Bundling projects to save on costs, e.g. road space reallocation done at the same time as digging up the roads to replace leaking pipes.
- We remind council that unrecognised demand for safe walking and cycling spaces is demonstrated via the popularity of the Rivertrail, the Beltway and the newly opened Melling to Pito-one cycle path (despite connections to Te Ara Tupua still being two years away); and that the opportunity and benefits of reducing congestion on our roads is demonstrated every school holidays.

Who are we?

The Hutt Cycle Network is a collective representing people in the Hutt Valley who use bikes for transport. We are focused on the improvement of the micromobility infrastructure throughout the Hutt Valley, especially for people on bikes. We are committed to advocating for and supporting outcomes that ensure cycling becomes a safe and attractive method of transport in and around our city and region for all members of the Hutt Valley community. We recognise that this is vital for our health, our environment and our economy.

What people want

Walking between a busy motorway and a railway line doesn't seem like a terribly attractive proposition. But many residents can be seen going out of their way to walk along the cycle path between Melling and Pito-one. Why would they do this? Because there are so few attractive alternatives. Similarly, despite a footpath on the opposite side to the Beltway cycle path, it remains very popular with walkers, dog walkers, and people on bikes – including many children. This shows that, despite a vocal minority who love to hate people on bikes, people do want places to walk and cycle. Wellington has demonstrated this by building a very popular cycling connection between Newtown and the Central City (along with many other routes).

Hutt City has the right direction

The ten year plan affirms the importance of active transport to our city. In order to respond to the challenges of climate change and population growth we need to heighten the priority of active transport and adopt a strategy of mode shift. This has been included as a focus area in the Integrated Transport Strategy²⁴, but we are waiting to see how this will be achieved and measured.

Contingent Funding

The ten year plan recognises the uncertainty around central government co-funding of Micro-mobility projects. If this funding is pulled, active transport will be in the same waka as three waters: something local government wants and needs central government to fund, and subject to the political pendulum of government policy priorities. We know that decades of such wrangling over three waters funding has brought us to a state of near collapse of our water infrastructure. Leaving active transport to the same fate is irresponsible and makes us poor ancestors.

We need a plan that moves beyond induced demand

We are very keen to see what plans are in place to achieve the integrated transport strategy beyond just building more roads. Research has proven that building bigger and better roads just encourages high levels of use, which leads to demand for even bigger roads²⁵. Eventually you run out of space, as no one wants to live under a flyover.

What to do when there is no money

We acknowledge the significant financial challenges facing the council. Given this situation we believe creative and bold leadership is required in order to

²⁴ <https://www.huttcity.govt.nz/environment-and-sustainability/integrated-transport-strategy>

²⁵ <https://www.nzta.govt.nz/resources/research/reports/717/>

fund the provision of transport choices for people and to encourage and enable mode shift. We suggest:

1. Widespread speed limit reductions
2. Monetizing our road space
3. Bundle projects where possible

Let's adopt safe speeds

In our current economic environment we need to do everything we can do to keep our road users safe, including those walking and cycling. One way to do this is the widespread reduction of speed limits. Research shows this has very little impact on travel time, but a very big impact on the safety and attractiveness of our roadspaces to people walking and cycling, especially older and younger people.²⁶

Let's talk Parking

It is time for some tough conversations around how we fund and use our road space. HCN suggests that micromobility could be funded via widespread charging for on-street parking in the Hutt, including residential parking. We applaud the increased parking charges in the budget, but note that this does not cover the increased costs of roading, and thus does not go far enough.

As demonstrated by recent consultations, street parking is important to people. New apps encourage people to rent out their garages and driveways as parking spaces. Other people save money on storage by using their garages to store their collections and the street to store their vehicles. Meantime council foots the bill for cleaning and maintaining parts of the road reserve that are allocated to the storage of private vehicles. The societal and

²⁶ <https://www.nzta.govt.nz/assets/Highways-Information-Portal/Technical-disciplines/Air-quality/Planning-and-assessment/Vehicle-emissions-prediction-model/Effect-of-speed-on-greenhouse-gas-emissions-from-road-transport-a-review.pdf>

<https://www.canterbury.ac.nz/news-and-events/news/lower-speed-limits-save-lives-and-make-nz-cities-better-places-to-live>

economic cost of providing such a significant private benefit with public assets could be partially passed onto the users of on-street parking. Rough modelling indicates this would easily fund increased spending on micro mobility, even allowing for administration costs. It would also change the dialogue about the 'rights' of parking.

Bundling has benefits

When a roadspace is subject to other work, e.g. resealing, digging up for water pipe remediation, etc it would be prudent to also deliver micro mobility improvements to the road space at the same time. That way the costs of traffic management, resealing, etc could be shared.

Integrated Transport Strategy

Council's Integrated Transport Strategy (2022)²⁷ articulated well the critical challenges faced by our transport system and the need for fundamental change.

This important strategy appears to have withered. The requested implementation plan has never been produced. Our transport decision making therefore continues in the same vacuum that prompted the ITS in the first place.

Most of the transport expenditure in the current 10 year plan continues a trajectory of further embedding car dependence in our transport system – with both the Cross Valley Link and Riverlink providing vast improvements for cars (in terms of both capacity and travel time reductions) that outstrip any benefits to other modes.

Notably, your performance measure for the length of cycle paths is simply to "Hold or improve length" (page 87, draft plan). That in no way reflects the

²⁷ <https://www.huttcity.govt.nz/environment-and-sustainability/integrated-transport-strategy>

statement of service performance (Draft Plan, page 86) which states “Our focus prioritises road safety, encourages mode-shift in transport choice, improved travel options, with a specific emphasis on mitigating climate change and delivery of infrastructure projects in a timely manner. ”

We get what we measure

The Integrated Transport Strategy includes the following focus areas:

- Create people-focused liveable streets around key transport hubs and local centres.
- Encourage people to rethink how & when they travel • Making it easier for all people to use public transport.

We are waiting to find out how this will be achieved and measured.

Meanwhile the 10 year plans KPIs and their targets for active transport are a hit and a miss. Targets of 80% resident satisfaction with footpath, shared path and cycleway condition are a hit. The miss is the underwhelming targets of holding or improving the length of shared paths, cycle lanes and footpath renewals. This is at odds with a city that wants to encourage people to rethink how and when they travel and create people-focused liveable areas. We propose two additional KPIs to acknowledge the importance of and to drive accountability for mode shift by providing transport choices for a growing population with a changing climate, and which fit with the councils focus on:

<i>Focus Area:</i>	<i>Benefits of Providing Transport Choices:</i>
Providing future-fit	With a growing population we can't just magic
<i>Focus Area:</i>	<i>Benefits of Providing Transport Choices:</i>

infrastructure	up space for more roads and carparks. We need to change how we use our road space to cater for a bigger population and the impacts of climate change on the space available.
Enabling a liveable city and vibrant neighbourhoods	A city is not made liveable by the availability of parking or increasing congestion. And neighbourhoods are not made vibrant when they are dominated by cars. Having more people moving about safely on our roads using their feet, their mobility devices and their bikes is what will make our city more livable and our neighbourhoods more vibrant.
Supporting and enhancing the environment.	Food waste contributes to only 4% ²⁸ of total greenhouse gas emissions. 27% ²⁹ of emissions come from cars and other passenger vehicles. So which do you focus on if you want to support and enhance the environment?

We recommend the addition of the **following KPIs** in order to link the aspirational statements to planning, action and measurement.

<i>Supporting and enhancing the environment:</i>	Increase of use of active transport modes (walking, cycling and other). Baseline data from 2018 census is 8% (travel to work).
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²⁸ <https://environment.govt.nz/what-government-is-doing/areas-of-work/waste/reducing-food-waste/>

²⁹ <https://environment.govt.nz/publications/our-atmosphere-and-climate-2020/chapter-2-our-activities-a-re-driving-emissions/#:~:text=Transport%20is%20the%20largest%20source%20of%20carbon%20dioxide%20emissions&text=Cars%20and%20other%20passenger%20vehicles,dioxide%20than%2010%20years%20previously.>

<i>Enabling a liveable city and vibrant neighbourhoods:</i>	Increase the number of children walking, biking or scooting to school. Baseline data for Lower Hutt travel to/from Education is 27% ³⁰ .
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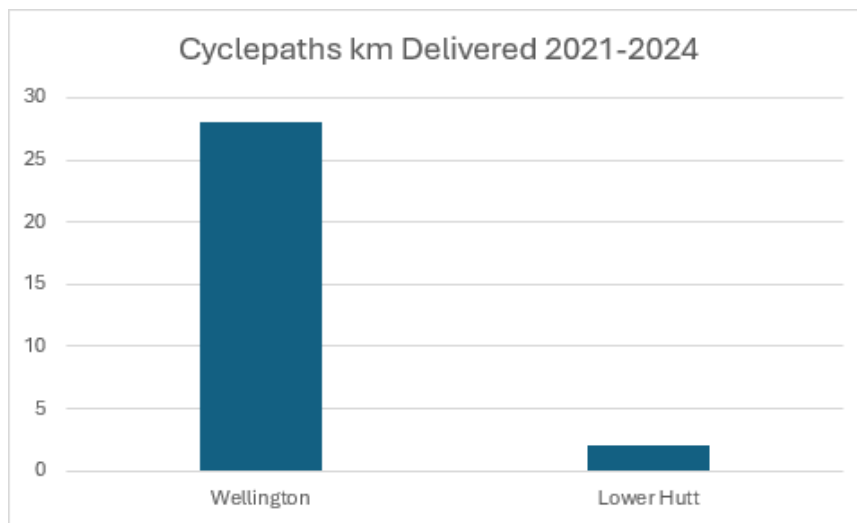
A focus on delivery

Council has proposed similar cycle arterial networks in Cycle Strategies in 2006, 2014, 2019 and 2022. The expenditure in the 2024 10 year plan is largely the expenditure in the 2021 Plan shuffled 3 years down the line. Over the last 4 years, expenditure on this network has been:

	20/21	21/22	22/23	23/24	Total
Magic Triangle in Avalon and Taita					
External Contractor/Consultant			573,858	474,838	1,048,695
Consultation/Engagement			84,437	5,163	89,600
The Waterloo/Knights Rd cycle paths and plan development					
External Contractor/Consultant			414,634	5,524	420,158
Consultation/Engagement			2,736		2,736
The CBD connections between Hutt River trails and the Waterloo path					
External Contractor/Consultant			383,104	624,223	1,007,327
Consultation/Engagement				15,400	15,400
The Petone Walking and Cycling Connectivity Study					
External Contractor/Consultant			200,062		200,062
Consultation/Engagement			15,444		15,444
The Esplanade Optimisation Study					
External Contractor/Consultant	77,168				77,168
Consultation/Engagement					0
Total - 20/21 to 23/24					2,876,590

Notably, none of these arterial network improvements have been delivered – despite this \$2.8 m of expenditure.

³⁰ [2019/20 Annual Monitoring Report for RLTP - Travel to and from Education](#)



Notably, Wellington City Council will deliver a further 6 km before mid 2025. Most these paths are separated cycle paths through space constrained streets with significant repurposing of on-street parking to multi-modal use and all were delivered outside of Lets Get Welly Moving funding. HCC's two delivered paths (Manor Park and Eastbourne to Days Bay) are shared paths. A notable difference between the two councils is the delivery capability within their organisations.

Council has a long history of good intentions – but failure to deliver even when funding was available. We once again reiterate the importance of building delivery capability within the council's Transport team, with more focus on delivering tangible outcomes.

Requests/Indicated Actions:

- Increase the amount of on-street parking that is subject to parking charges and use the revenue to fund mode-shift.
- Adopt widespread speed limit reductions throughout Lower Hutt.
- Bundle infrastructure projects so that better footpaths and cycleways are built when the road is being dug up for water repairs.
- Provide detailed plans around Micro mobility provision in Lower Hutt and reinstate a reference group model for Active modes.

- Add targets for mode-shift/transport choice to the 10 Year Plan.
- Improve delivery capability within the council's transport team.

61. Ginny Andersen

Hutt City Council Long Term Plan 2024-2034 Submission

Name: Ginny Andersen

Email address:
or Phone No:

I live in/work in/visit Petone

I disagree with all of the Council options for Petone assets.

I want Petone Wharf repaired and being used because:
(please tick beside all the statements you agree with)

- ☒ It's an iconic regional asset
- ☒ It is part of our history and we should not be trying to knock it down
- ☒ Walking on it is good for people's mental health and wellbeing
- ☒ It gives pleasure to young and old alike and to fisher people

☒ The wharf is a big part of my memories of the Hutt and Petone, my children growing up, walking my dogs. I want it to be there for my grandchildren when they are born.

I do not agree with the Hutt City Council options to demolish Petone Wharf for around \$6M because:
(please tick beside all the statements you agree with)

- ☒ Remediation is possible for around the same amount
 - ☒ This money can be spent to repair the wharf and have it available for future generations to enjoy
- ☒ There is an alternative method of repair that will work
 - ☒ Petone without our wharf would be like Pisa without the leaning tower! Some things may be wonky but they are still worth saving.
- ☒ Walking to the end makes you feel like you are in the middle of the harbour – very special.
- ☒ It is a local icon and must be saved

☒ I do/do not wish to speak to Councillors about my submission.

(A Council officer will contact you to arrange a time for you to present by Zoom or face to face at the Long-Term Plan hearings to be held 15 to 17 May 2024).

Email to: haveyoursay@huttcity.govt.nz.

Drop your submission off: at your local library or neighbourhood hub.

Post it: Long Term Plan Freepost 100039 Private Bag 31912 Lower Hutt 5040

62. Hamish Findlay

1065 HCC-123177331 - Hamish Findlay

Are you submitting as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

Organisation/Business/Iwi

What is the name of the organisation that you represent?

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**Would you like to present your feedback direct to councillors at a 10 Year Plan consultation hearing?
In person or through Zoom?**

Yes

**Would you like to be kept informed about the outcome of Hutt City Council's public consultation
process on the 10 Year Plan via email?**

Yes

What is your preferred option for how we invest in water services for the next 10 years?

Option 1

Please share any comments you would like to add about the water services.

Fixing the leaks has to be a priority, and increased resilience is critical. My only suggestion is to fix the leaks as much as possible before the water meters are installed.

What is your preferred option for how we divert food and green organics waste from landfill?

I have no preference.

What is your preferred option for implementing a rates remission policy to help low-income homeowners?

Option 2

What is your preferred option for undertaking work on the three Petone assets – the library building, the grandstand and the wharf?

Option 1

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's proposed future approach to managing assets.

Strongly Agree

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's proposed updates to our fees and charges? e.g. increases to parking fees and to fees for the Silverstream landfill

Strongly disagree

1065 HCC-123177331 - HAMISH FINDLAY**Do you have any comments on our proposed updates to our fees and charges?**

The proposed increases in parking charges will be counter-productive because of the concomitant drop in expenditure within the CBD. I am CE of a company that has 60 full-time staff and up to 250 contractors and casual staff. We are proudly based in Lower Hutt and our staff live and work in the Hutt. The poor public transport options and the fact that many choose to work with us to achieve balance with family commitments mean that my team are reliant on the parking. While most have the capacity to pay, they will choose not to spend these funds on the local businesses who are already struggling with higher costs and lower numbers of people in the CBD. We run the risk of accelerating the decline of the CBD.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's revised development contributions policy.

Agree

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's Infrastructure Strategy.

Agree

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's Reserves Investment Strategy.

Agree

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the approach outlined in Council's Financial Strategy to enable the delivery of our priorities and progress investment in basic infrastructure.

Agree

Do you have any comments on our Financial Strategy?

I don't envy the decisions and trade-offs that you and your officials face. The careful weighing of economic, social and environmental benefits is difficult. I hope that my feedback reflects my understanding of the issues you face. For example, my submission on parking very much focuses on the wider economic benefit of the other expenditure that would occur within the CBD if the parking increases did not happen, rather than the direct benefit to my staff.

Given the increased cost pressures on our work as well as the current economic climate, do you agree that a total rates revenue increase in 2024-2025 of 16.9% after growth is reasonable?

Agree

If you do not agree that the proposed rates revenue increase is reasonable, which areas of Council function and service delivery do you believe could be reduced in order to enable a lower rates increase, and why?

On the surface it appears unreasonable but years of under investment and cost shifting by central government have precipitated this difficult discussion.

Please rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the general direction that we are taking for this draft 10 Year Plan.

Agree

63. Prue Lamason

Name: Prue Lamason

Email address: pruelamason@gmail.com

Phone No: 021 858 964

I am the contact person for the Save Petone Wharf Petition.

I do not want the contact details of petitioners released.

We started an online petition via Change.org on 17 December 2023 and followed that up with hard copies. Around 6000 people have signed the petition to say:

We call upon Hutt City Council to recognise the historic, recreational, cultural and amenity values of Petone Wharf, and to include provision in the 2024 to 2034 Long Term Plan for its progressive repair and reopening for public use.

Since urgent repairs were undertaken following the Kaikoura earthquakes, the wharf has been closed and left to deteriorate and money set aside for maintenance has not been fully spent. The much-loved and heritage-protected public asset is currently not able to be used for casual walking, relaxing, fishing, bird-watching and the myriad of other uses it once had.

The Council is now proposing to budget \$6M for the complete demolition of our wharf. This money should instead be the basis for a rational and affordable programme of maintenance and repair over several years, so that present and future generations can again enjoy our wharf – for less than the \$6M proposed for demolition.

An initial analysis of the signatories of the hard copy petition indicates that: 32% are from the Harbour Ward; 42% are from the wider Lower Hutt; 19% are from the Wellington region, 3% lack enough details in their responses to be able to be identified, and 0.5% have tried to be smart or humorous by calling themselves Jesus or Master Chef, for example.

The results of the petition make it obvious that an awful lot of people do not agree with the Hutt City Council options to demolish Petone Wharf.

I wish to present the full petition in person and I would appreciate being able to do this on the morning of Wednesday 15th May.

64. Neelu Jennings

Submission to HCC long term plan

The HCC LTP needs more emphasis on the needs of the disability community. This is a priority considering that HCC has one of the highest prevalence of disabled people in NZ.

Increasing accessibility is important as many disabled people struggle to get around our city. This is due to the car centric nature of the city which lacks safe walking and cycling options and safe road crossings. Many parks, playgrounds and other recreational facilities are not accessible to disabled people. Signage, marking and way finding is not evident in many cases, pavement condition is not maintained and dangerous for many citizens and, accessible public toilets are few and far between.

Please see this as my submission to the LTP and I am happy to orally present this.

Thanks

Neelu Jennings

65. Matt Roberts

989 HCC-123175858 - Matt Roberts

Ethnicity

New Zealand European

Are you submitting as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

Individual

**Would you like to present your feedback direct to councillors at a 10 Year Plan consultation hearing?
In person or through Zoom?**

Yes

**Would you like to be kept informed about the outcome of Hutt City Council's public consultation
process on the 10 Year Plan via email?**

Yes

Do you live in Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai Lower Hutt?

Yes

Do you own or rent the home you live in?

Own

Which suburb do you live in?

Moera

What age group do you belong to?

45-54 years

What is your preferred option for how we invest in water services for the next 10 years?

Option 1

Please share any comments you would like to add about the water services.

Catching up on investment in water services is important. I support at least the investment of option one. The backlog in maintenance and replacement of water services needs catching up. But the financial impact on rate payers also needs to be considered.

What is your preferred option for how we divert food and green organics waste from landfill?

I have no preference.

989 HCC-123175858 - MATT ROBERTS**Please share any comments you would like to add regarding waste and landfill.**

I support diverting food and green waste for composting. I home compost and have a worm farm so would not use this service. There should be a way to verify this so ratepayers already diverting this waste are not required to pay for a service they don't use because they are already diverting grange waste from landfill.

What is your preferred option for implementing a rates remission policy to help low-income homeowners?

Option 1

What is your preferred option for undertaking work on the three Petone assets – the library building, the grandstand and the wharf?

I have no preference.

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding the three Petone assets.

The option of repairing the wharf at a similar cost to demolition should be explored before any demolition is considered further. I want the wharf restored if this is financially and physically viable even if it costs a bit more than demolition. I want a new Petone library. I do not support this being a partnership until there is consultation on what this means and only then if it is supported by the community. Some seating should be retained as part of the Petone Rec grandstand earthquake works.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's proposed future approach to managing assets.

Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments on our Assets review?

It would be short sighted to look to charge community groups more for use of council land or facilities. Funding is always tight for NGOs. It would cost council far more if it provided community development services if higher charges impacted the viability of these groups.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's revised development contributions policy.

Agree

Do you have any comments on our Development Contributions Policy?

I support developments covering the additional costs they create for the city. But for first home buyers I think there should be an option of reducing the price of a house by an amount equal to the development contribution and adding an extra charge to the properties rates that recoups the same amount over the next twenty years with an additional for any extra interest cost to council due to this change meaning the funding for council would not be upfront.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's Infrastructure Strategy.

Agree

989 HCC-123175858 - MATT ROBERTS

Do you have any comments on our Infrastructure Strategy?

I support investment in aging water infrastructure including the Seaview waste water treatment plant. I don't support council funding for the cross valley connection as this is a road of national significance and all roads of national significance are highways that are fully funded by central government. At a local level I want to see the drainage issues by the Moera shops fixed as flooding of the footpath occurs every time there is heavy rain.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's Reserves Investment Strategy.

Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any comments on our Reserves Investment Strategy?

Parks, sports facilities and areas of native bush are important to the health of Hutt City and its people. I want to see more places for children, young people and all ages to engage in active and passive recreation. including with safe cycling facilities. With projected population growth I support funding for more parks and reserves so all people across the city have access within walking distance to green space.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the approach outlined in Council's Financial Strategy to enable the delivery of our priorities and progress investment in basic infrastructure.

Neither agree nor disagree

Given the increased cost pressures on our work as well as the current economic climate, do you agree that a total rates revenue increase in 2024-2025 of 16.9% after growth is reasonable?

Disagree

If you do not agree that the proposed rates revenue increase is reasonable, which areas of Council function and service delivery do you believe could be reduced in order to enable a lower rates increase, and why?

I acknowledge the pressures on the council budget. I support most investment decisions set out in the LTP. At the same time I want to stress the financial pressures on ratepayers and ask that council investment is well targeted and within the budget pressures is as low as is feasible given the increasing financial pressure on many ratepayers. I do not support council funding for the cross valley link. As a road of national significance this will be a highway because all roads of national significance are designated highways. Highways are fully government funded. If government is trying to change this the council should be pushing back.

Please rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the general direction that we are taking for this draft 10 Year Plan.

Agree

Please explain the reason for your response.

Largely in agreement, but have concerns that I have set out in other parts of my feedback.

66. Ami Coughlan

Submission on the Lower Hutt 2024-34 Long Term Plan from Wellington Fish and Game Council

Fish and Game

Fish and Game is a statutory entity established by Parliament under the Conservation Act 1987 to manage, maintain, and enhance sports fish and game birds and their habitats throughout the country. This model is unique in the world as it requires Fish and Game to manage a public resource and the habitats in which they reside for the benefit of all New Zealanders.

Sports fish and game birds are not the only species that Fish & Game protects with its dedicated environmental work. Its defence and restoration of rivers, lakes and wetlands, and the habitat they provide, ensures protection for endangered indigenous species like bittern, fernbirds, marsh and spotless crane, mudfish, eels and galaxiids to name just a few.

Wellington Fish and Game Council (WFGC) is the statutory manager of sports fish and gamebird resources in the Greater Wellington region and has statutory functions to maintain, manage, and enhance habitats for these species regionally.

WFGC have a strong focus on environmental advocacy and habitat protection. The legislative responsibility to maintain, manage and enhance the sports fish and game bird resource and their habitat encapsulates protections for all other species in this environment. Support in this multidecade endeavour is sincerely welcomed. Ultimately, the environment supports us, and all other species. Ensuring and increasing ecosystem health will allow for everyone, everywhere, to enjoy all those species both native and introduced which we value so highly.

WFGC represents the interests of over 8000 license holders (sports fish anglers and game bird hunters) in the region. These recreational pursuits are part of New Zealand's cultural heritage and are woven into the fabric of our society and ethos. These New Zealanders regularly connect with nature through their angling and hunting pursuits and recognise the value of freshwater and wild habitats. They are heavily involved in bird surveys, predator control, wetland restoration and outdoor education and are, in many cases, better informed on biodiversity issues than most outdoor recreationists. Anglers and hunters have a genuine respect for the environment learned through experience.

Many of these license holders are also rate payers and WFGC expects that their interests and the interests of all ratepayers in the region are fairly represented in the Long-Term Plan and into the future.

WFGC welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback on the Lower Hutt City Council's 2024-34 Long Term Plan. This submission focuses on the issues which have a potential impact on freshwater, as drinking water, storm water, and wastewater, and development all impact freshwater ecosystems.

Water services

The consultation document states that fixing pipes, seeking feedback on residential water meters, and investing in other water infrastructure to ensure they are fit for purpose are top priorities, due to previous underinvestment in key infrastructure resulting in aging pipes and the risk of future water shortages.

WFGC supports option 2, as fixing leaks should be the greater priority over domestic water meters and finding new supply / storage. If reform and/or central government can assist with funding, Option 2 should be chosen. Option 1 shows it will take almost a year to address the current backlog of leaks (839 leaks cited in the consultation document) which does not consider the need to repair the new leaks which will invariably occur during the year.

Water meters

The Long-Term Plan suggests installing domestic water meters, with the costs for installing taken from the 'water services pool'. This is suggested as increasing demand for water will outstrip future water supply capacity and create significant water related infrastructure costs.

We understand there are high levels of residential water use and do support the introduction and roll-out of domestic water use in due course. However, we do not see this as being more of a priority at this time than fixing the leaks (which will reduce water loss, and hence reduce water pressure on the reservoirs and bores).

WFGC supports measures which reduce water use, and water meters, alongside education, are a way to do this. However, costs for meters which remove available funding for repair and maintenance of the infrastructure (the degradation of which causes huge losses of water availability), pushes the onus onto the consumer, rather than the supplier. Fixing infrastructure should be the priority, and water meters could be rolled out to the larger commercial and agricultural users first, with the user who benefits from the water paying for the meters and their maintenance.

Transport and resilience projects

The consultation document explains that the forecasted population growth will add increased pressure on houses, water infrastructure, roading etc, and proposes that developers should contribute to cost of growth-related infrastructure. WFGC support this concept.

Climate change

The Long-Term Plan consultation document states that climate resilience is a top priority, however there is little discussion in this document around improving storm water and wastewater infrastructure to address climate change driven fluctuations in frequency and amount of rainfall and storm events while reducing the impacts of contaminated water on freshwater ecosystems.

The document also explains that much of the of population of Lower Hutt city lives on a large flood plain, especially susceptible to flooding and landslides. Although primarily the responsibility of Greater Wellington Regional Council, WFGC supports a “room for the river” approach to flood protection works. We urge councils to stop designing stop banks and river engineering structures that will eventually fail, potentially catastrophically, and start the process of allowing the river back into its natural flow path which creates space for floods to occur without loss to people and property.

RiverLink

To avoid increasing debt any further on this projects, Lower Hutt City Council is considering ways to lower costs by reducing some parts of the project and extending due dates to spread costs more evenly across a longer period.

WFGC have concerns that delaying completion increases possibility of budget blowouts as cost increases have been seen steadily rising over time. There is also a need to ensure delays do not push construction into time periods which will exacerbate risk to river ecology (such as through fish spawning migrations and times).

It is vital that monitoring and science must remain a priority, and funding for this should not be lowered, to avoid irreparable harm to the freshwater habitat which is a focal point of the Lower Hutt landscape.

Parks and reserves

Notwithstanding whatever “new activities” are requested, recreational and cultural activities in parks and reserves should be maintained. Improvements and expansions should be of lesser importance than basic infrastructure needs of the district.

We look forward to working with you in the future.

We note that councils have a mammoth task in front of them which will involve changes of direction for decision making and planning, aging infrastructure and increasing needs, and the requirement for rates to remain affordable for ratepayers. We want to work with you to create the best plans possible.

67. Etuate Cocker

294 HCC-98162409 - Etuate Cocker

Ethnicity

Tongan

Are you submitting as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

Individual

**Would you like to present your feedback direct to councillors at a 10 Year Plan consultation hearing?
In person or through Zoom?**

Yes

**Would you like to be kept informed about the outcome of Hutt City Council's public consultation
process on the 10 Year Plan via email?**

Yes

Do you live in Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai Lower Hutt?

Yes

Do you own or rent the home you live in?

Own

Which suburb do you live in?

Wainuiomata Central

What age group do you belong to?

35-44 years

What is your preferred option for how we invest in water services for the next 10 years?

I have no preference.

Please share any comments you would like to add about the water services.

I don't understand why increase investment when the current water infrastructure is fine as is. Will this means a reduction in rates because we no longer paying for water as part of rates?

What is your preferred option for how we divert food and green organics waste from landfill?

Option 2

What is your preferred option for implementing a rates remission policy to help low-income home-owners?

Option 1

What is your preferred option for undertaking work on the three Petone assets – the library building, the grandstand and the wharf?

Option 1

68. Finn Cordwell



Hutt Living Wage Network Submission to Hutt City Council

Long Term Plan

2024-34

Introduction

The Hutt Valley living Wage Network is proud of the work the Hutt City Council has done so far in becoming an Accredited Living Wage Employer.

The commitments made by the Mayor and Councillors to lift the wages of Hutt City Council directly employed and regularly contracted workers show a Council that values its people the same way the community does.

It also shows that the Hutt City Council understands the positive impact the living wage can have in the local community and the local economy through its actions.

Our Submission

Our submission to the Hutt City Council Long Term Plan is asking for the following:

- That Hutt City Council maintains the Living Wage as the minimum rate for all directly employed staff and for workers employed by Hutt City Council contractors as these contracts come up for renewal.
- That Hutt City Council maintains its Accredited Living Wage Employer status.
- Ensuring that all Council Controlled Organisations where Hutt City Council has an ownership interest commit to becoming Accredited Living Wage Employers.
- That Hutt City Council works with the Hutt Valley Living Wage Network to champion the Living Wage in Hutt City by:
 - Continuing to promote the Living Wage with local employers.
 - Exploring ways to include the promotion of the Living Wage in all Council communications and campaigns.
 - Reviewing its procurement policy to ensure that within the life of the LTP all providers of products and services to the Council, and providers

contracted to deliver services on behalf of the Council, pay the Living Wage.

- Working with the Greater Wellington Regional Council and other local authorities that are signatories to the Te Upoko o te Ika a Maui Commitment, to broaden the scope of the Commitment to include the Living Wage as an integral part of social procurement in the region.

Hutt Valey Living Wage Network

The Hutt Valley Living Wage Network is a community network made up of local leaders from community organisations, faith groups, and unions. We are part of the wider national Living Wage Movement, made up of over 150 organisations from community, faith, and union backgrounds.

In the 2022 local election campaign, we held a forum at Avalon School which was attended by around 120 people. At that forum and during the election campaign just about all the members of the current council, including the Mayor and Deputy Mayor, made a commitment to the following asks:

- Maintaining the NZ Living Wage rate for the directly employed Council workforce.
- Maintaining the Living Wage for workers employed by contractors, as contracts come up for renegotiation
- Maintaining Hutt City Council's Living Wage accreditation.
- Working with Living Wage Hutt Valley to champion the Living Wage in Hutt City

We are now looking to have these commitments reflected in the Council Long Term Plan.

Hutt City is ready for the Living Wage!

There are currently over 370 accredited living wage employers around the country, over 130 of which are in the Wellington region. They range from big banks, energy companies and legal firms, to NGOs and small niche businesses. Accreditation is about gaining approval to use the term "Living Wage Employer" and to display the accredited living wage employer logo.

Wellington City Council was the first New Zealand council to be an accredited living wage employer followed by the Dunedin City Council, the Hutt City Council, the Christchurch City Council, Porirua City Council and Kāpiti District Council. Other

councils, such as the Greater Wellington Regional Council, Hamilton City Council and the Auckland Council are on their way to accreditation.

Parliamentary Services adopted the living wage in 2018 for both directly-employed and contracted staff, secondary and primary schools adopted the living wage for directly-employed staff in 2019 and the NZ Government commenced rolling out the living wage to workers employed by contractors to the core public service in 2020.

Community surveys have shown a high level of support for the living wage.

Comments from Lower Hutt Living Wage community organisations are typical of such thoughts:

Comments from two of the Hutt Valley Living Wage community organisations are typical of such thoughts:

"Kokiri supports the living wage because all whanau who receive a wage need to be paid enough to live on, morally and ethically it is the right thing to do.

Kokiri has paid our staff the living wage for over 5 years now and staff feedback has been it has made their lives easier, they don't need to look for other part time work, they don't need to compromise on important things like going to the GP or getting their scripts filled. Most importantly they feel valued.

It is important that HCC continues to support and promote the living wage throughout its own procurement policy. Surely, we want to be seen as a city that takes care of its people and this is one of the ways we can do that."

(Teresea Olsen, Kokiri Marae Keriana Olsen Trust)

"Te Awakairangi Health Network is an accredited living wage employer because we believe that liveable wages are a major factor in good health. Our experience has shown that adopting the living wage for

contractors has meant that we receive a better service from the contractor and their staff members. We congratulate the Hutt City Council on the leadership they have shown around the living wage.”

(Bridget Allan, Chief Executive Te Awakairangi Health Network)

The Benefits of the Living Wage

As well as being having a positive impact on the lives of workers themselves, extensive research both in New Zealand and overseas shows the Living Wage benefits the wider community in a variety of ways.

1. Workers who are paid the Living Wage are more productive.
2. When people on low incomes have more discretionary income, they spend it on local businesses and stimulate the local economy.
3. Job turnover is reduced.
4. No perceptible growth in unemployment through raising the wages of those workers on the lowest rates.

There is extensive research on this topic, which includes benefits for the workers, the employers and for local economic development. We have included some references at the end of this submission.

The Draft LTP

The Hutt City Council Draft Long Term Plan is heavily focussed on infrastructure investment. We don't disagree with this emphasis given the state of our water reticulation and other essential services.

However, in the introduction to the Long Term Plan the Mayor and the HCC Chief Executive say, *“We want to do more to ensure that our city is a place where everyone can thrive.”*

Thriving is not just about roads, water pipes and council facilities, but is also about building strong communities and ensuring Lower Hutt residents have adequate income to be able to participate in our city activities. Too many of our residents work ridiculously long hours to earn an adequate income and in the process don't have time for participation in their childrens' schools, and in local recreation and cultural

activities.

Proposed New Provisions for the HCC Long Term Plan

1. Maintenance of Living Wage Employment accreditation

We asked all council candidates to commit to continue to pay the Living Wage to both directly employed staff and those employed by contractors. These asks were committed to by the majority of councillors elected in 2022. To ensure that accreditation is maintained it is important that these commitments are repeated in the Long-Term Plan.

2. Promoting the Living Wage with local employers/incorporating the Living Wage in all comms and campaigns

We know the Living Wage can make a huge difference to workers but it can also make a huge difference to employers and communities. We think it is in the Council's interests to promote the Living Wage to local employers as it is a relatively low-cost way to boost the Council and their communities and create a positive vibe for Lower Hutt. The LTP should contain this commitment together with some examples of what the Council intends to do.:

- Include reference to the Living Wage in existing Council marketing and communications.
A message or statement about the Council's commitment to the Living Wage and the reasons why the Council made this decision could be included in existing marketing and comms (e.g. E-news, website, social media and regular paper publications) and as new local employers become accredited publicising this via these media.
- 'Proudly Living Wage'
Using Proudly Living Wage slogan widely in both internal and external comms and events e.g. in email signatures in-house and promoting events that the Council is involved in as 'Proudly Living Wage events'.
- Platform Living Wage businesses
These can be stand-alone stories but Council can also give Accredited Living Wage Employers preferential treatment in marketing channels. Form a Living Wage Employer Chamber of Commerce.
- Actively campaigning on the Living Wage
 - Promote the Living Wage as making Lower Hutt a great place to live and work. How it allows Council staff to be more active in communities and how other workers could also have that time

3. Reviewing Council's Procurement Policy/broadening the scope of the Te Upoko o Te Ika a Māui Commitment

Government agencies, local authorities and big corporates are waking up to the importance of social procurement.

Social procurement means putting the organisation's purchase of services through a new lens – not just a lens that looks simply at price and quality for the purchasing organisation – but adding to that the social value that can be created through well thought out procurement. It can mean not only that procuring organisations can ensure that Māori, Pasifika and other diverse businesses can get better access to important contracts, but also address the issues of living standards, health and safety and conditions of employment of those who are employed by contracting organisations.

Living Wage employer accreditation just applies to directly employed staff and those employed by contractors delivering a service to Council on an ongoing basis, such as cleaners. Social procurement would apply to a much wider range of contracted services to the Council and those that are delivered on behalf of Council. This is an important mechanism for enabling Lower Hutt to become a Living Wage City. In the previous Long Term Plan Hutt City CEO Jo Miller put this proposition very well:

These large-scale projects, as well as bringing significant economic benefits to our city, also provide us with a new opportunity to procure services in a different way when local jobs are created with opportunities for advancement, people are paid a living wage and the environment is at the forefront of decisions.

We are asking the Hutt City Council to review its procurement policy through the lens of social procurement to ensure that the Living Wage becomes an essential criteria for all meaningful contracts let by the Council.

In Wellington we also have Te Upoko o Te Ika a Māui Commitment, which is a region-wide agreement, led by Greater Wellington Regional Council, to use procurement as a tool for building social and economic prosperity. Co-signed by Wellington City Council, Upper Hutt City Council, Porirua City Council, Hutt City Council, and Kāpiti Coast District Council, the Commitment is designed so that councils commit to setting targets to procure more services from Māori and Pasifika businesses. The Living Wage Movement strongly supports the goals of the Commitment, which has already made a notable contribution to channeling business to the target providers. However, the Commitment has the potential to go beyond its original goals to incorporate the payment of the Living Wage as a requirement for all regular and ongoing contracts, whether one-off, short-term, medium-term or long-term.

As a signatory to Te Upoko o Te Ika a Māui Commitment we are asking the Hutt City council to advocate for this with your fellow signatory local authorities.

4. Ensuring that all CCOs become Accredited Living Wage Employers

We are asking that all council-controlled organisations where the Hutt City Council has an ownership interest, commit to becoming Accredited Living Wage Employers.

The Hutt City Council has an ownership interest in the following CCOs, either on its own or in conjunction with other councils in the region.

- Wellington Water

Wellington Water is owned by the Hutt, Porirua, Upper Hutt and Wellington city councils, South Wairarapa District Council and Greater Wellington Regional Council. A majority shareholding of Accredited Living Wage Employers. The councils interface with these CCOs through their statement of intent – which according to the shareholder agreement drives all “business of the company.

The Living Wage Movement is asking for the Hutt City Council to use their shareholding interest to include in the statement of intent a direction from the shareholders for Wellington Water to become an Accredited Living Wage Employer within the next six months.

- Urban Plus

Urban Plus is owned by Hutt City Council and was established in July 2007. It is classified as a CTO (a council controlled trading organisation). It is described as a ‘multi-faceted’ property management and development company. It aims to deliver social housing, and also manages 200 units on behalf of Hutt City Council.

The Living Wage Movement is asking for the Hutt City Council to include in the statement of intent to the board a direction for the Urban Plus to become an Accredited Living Wage Employer within the next six months.

Conclusion

The Hutt City Council has made good progress in recent years in implementing the Living Wage and are to be congratulated for this. This review of the Long-Term Plan offers the opportunity for the Council to take the next step to make Lower Hutt a Living Wage city by promoting the Living Wage to local employers and the community, and ensuring that all CCOs pay the Living Wage and become Accredited Living Wage Employers. We trust that Council will seize this opportunity.

Appendix – Research into effect of living wage

Thompson and Chapman (2006), in a detailed survey of 20 American cities, found that the actual budgetary effect of living wage laws had been consistently overestimated by city administrators; actual costs tended to be less than one-tenth of 1% of the overall budget.

Chapman, J. and Thompson, J. (2006) *The economic impact of local living wages Report*. Economic Policy Institute.

Maloney and Gilbertson (2013 – AUT and Auckland Council) drew on studies from North America, the UK and New Zealand. Paying a living wage can increase productivity, reduce worker turnover and absenteeism, and improve the quality of future job applicants. They said that there may be a reduction in employment levels and hours of work but that *“the empirical evidence on these effects is quite limited”*. In sum, they considered that *“the living wage has a relatively small cost impact on many firms”* but greater on businesses with a higher proportion of workers on low pay.

Maloney, T. and Gilbertson, A. (2013) *A Literature Review on the Effects of Living Wage Policies*, Technical Report 2013/034, August, Auckland Council

Zeng and Honig examined the differences between living wage and minimum wage workers

on three attitudinal and behavioural outcomes: affective commitment, organizational citizenship behaviour and turnover intention. They also also examined the effects of training

and benefits on the three outcomes. The *“results show that living wage workers have higher*

affective commitment and lower turnover intention”. Training and benefits also improve workers' attitudinal and behavioural outcomes.

Zeng, Z., & Honig, B. (2016). A study of living wage effects on employees' performance-related attitudes and behaviour. *Canadian Journal of Administrative Sciences*, 34, 19-32. doi:10.1002/CJAS.1375

Carr, Haar aand Hodgetts et. al. 2019 in a study with a nationally representative sample of 1011 low-waged New Zealanders measured each participant's hourly pay rate, number of

household dependents and total household income, alongside individual job attitudes indicative of quality of work life (job satisfaction, work engagement, career satisfaction,

meaningful empowerment, affective commitment, organizational citizenship behaviours and work-life balance). *“As a set, job attitudes consistently pivoted upwards into positive values approximating the campaign LW rate in New Zealand”*. The effect size was greater *“among lowest-waged workers, in single-income households”*. They also noted that *“paying at or above the living wage threshold may bring productivity gains and thereby contribute toward decent work and economic development combined”*.

Carr, S., Haar, D., Hodgetts, D., Arrowsmith, J., Parker, J., Young-Hauser, A., Alefaio-Tuglia, S. and Jones, H. (2019) An Employee’s Living Wage and Their Quality of Work Life: How Important are Household Size and Household Income? *J Sustain Res.* 2019;1:e190007. <https://doi.org/10.20900/jsr20190007>

69. George MacKay

802 HCC-120172483 - GEORGE **MACKAY**

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Ethnicity

New Zealand European

Are you submitting as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

Individual

**Would you like to present your feedback direct to councillors at a 10 Year Plan consultation hearing?
In person or through Zoom?**

Yes

**Would you like to be kept informed about the outcome of Hutt City Council's public consultation
process on the 10 Year Plan via email?**

Yes

Do you live in Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai Lower Hutt?

Yes

Do you own or rent the home you live in?

Own

Which suburb do you live in?

Woburn

What age group do you belong to?

25-34 years

What is your preferred option for how we invest in water services for the next 10 years?

I have no preference.

Please share any comments you would like to add about the water services.

I would like to see an option without water Meters, I conserve water unlike the council as per the 100s of active leaks you have. I have zero leaks i do not need a water meter or want one, i would also question if a water meter is paid for by an individual that he or she owns that water meter and when selling that will fall under a chattel of the house. I would ask that council has water meters because you HCC are the biggest waster of water in the Hutt Valley.

What is your preferred option for how we divert food and green organics waste from landfill?

Option 2

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Please share any comments you would like to add regarding waste and landfill.

Currently we compost already, and I don't want to pay for what i already do on my property. it will smell bad, attract rats and mice and we don't want them around our house ruining our atmosphere. you (HCC) are really driving rates up and it's becoming increasingly unaffordable to Live in Lower Hutt with a Family and Thrive.....

What is your preferred option for implementing a rates remission policy to help low-income homeowners?

Option 1

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding rates remission.

Stop raising rates and we won't need to bail people out. \$250 is a bit of a joke too like a slap in the face to be honest.

What is your preferred option for undertaking work on the three Petone assets – the library building, the grandstand and the wharf?

I have no preference.

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding the three Petone assets.

I do Have a preference. Why is there no option to save the Wharf? The wharf is a historical piece of NZ history, built by the Gear meat co to transport meat to Wellington. and does not need to be built to the same standards it was because Trains will not be using it(Thats right the wharf use to carry a train with carriages so it needed to be built stronger than normal wharfs might need, a temporary wharf has been erected by the Walkway Te Ara upu (train corridor) area along the foreshore into Wellington, did this cost more than 6 million dollars I think not. Demo Grandstand at Petone Rec, Petone residents vehemently denied the possibility of any work happening here in the form of a small boutique stadium for teams like the Phoenix or Wellington Rugby, Tui Lewis was one of the people that was fighting for it because of her famous father. Refurbish Library.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's proposed future approach to managing assets.

Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments on our Assets review?

Stop letting assets get into disrepair, Bird Aviary Gibbs Watson Conservatory Tukiki Orchid House Petone Wharf could have been deferred to 2029 not to mention the numerous infrastructure problems

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's proposed updates to our fees and charges? e.g. increases to parking fees and to fees for the Silverstream landfill

Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments on our proposed updates to our fees and charges?

various staff cost increases were discussed and approved totaling about 5%. The need for an additional 13% was not mentioned by executives; it was simply incorporated deep within the budget financial statements, later presented for approval by Council.

802 HCC-120172483 - GEORGE MACKAY

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's revised development contributions policy.

Neither agree nor disagree

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's Infrastructure Strategy.

Disagree

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's Reserves Investment Strategy.

Strongly disagree

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the approach outlined in Council's Financial Strategy to enable the delivery of our priorities and progress investment in basic infrastructure.

Disagree

Given the increased cost pressures on our work as well as the current economic climate, do you agree that a total rates revenue increase in 2024-2025 of 16.9% after growth is reasonable?

Disagree

If you do not agree that the proposed rates revenue increase is reasonable, which areas of Council function and service delivery do you believe could be reduced in order to enable a lower rates increase, and why?

I believe councils costs By way of background, during HCC planning meetings various staff cost increases were discussed and approved totaling about 5%. The need for an additional 13% was not mentioned by executives; it was simply incorporated deep within the budget financial statements, later presented for approval by Council. Please explain what amounts to over \$50 million in unexpected additional spending on staff in the 10-year LTP: This would be somewhere to look.

Please rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the general direction that we are taking for this draft 10 Year Plan.

Strongly disagree

Please explain the reason for your response.

If any councilor would like to take some time and talk to me that would be great but when i see a problem i let council know and or councilors but i come off as the bad guy. a former candidate that ran for mayor I'm appalled where we are at since 2019

70. Stephen Grenside

854 HCC-122173302 - Stephen Grenside

Are you submitting as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

Organisation/Business/Iwi

What is the name of the organisation that you represent?

Lowry Bay Residents Association

Would you like to present your feedback direct to councillors at a 10 Year Plan consultation hearing? In person or through Zoom?

Yes

Would you like to be kept informed about the outcome of Hutt City Council's public consultation process on the 10 Year Plan via email?

Yes

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's Infrastructure Strategy.

Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any comments on our Infrastructure Strategy?

This is in context of the Tupua Horo Nuku Pathway programme and the potential impact this will have on the Lowry Bay beach and residents access. Beach nourishment (adding sand to the beach after construction) is an important part of the Tupua Horo Nuku design for Lowry Bay, but the project funds only the initial nourishment. The project team has told LBRA committee members that it has no idea how successful the nourishment will be and whether the sand will be washed away in the first storm. The LBRA asks that Council budgets for ongoing and regular beach nourishment in case it is required. Beach access The LBRA asks that Council budgets for building additional beach access steps if required after the Tupua Horo Nuku construction is completed. The path's design and placement of steps and ramps assume certain beach levels with beach access designed accordingly, based on assumptions that the project team says it cannot guarantee. The team has told the LBRA committee that the beach is expected to be nearly level with the path in the centre of the bay, as it is now. However, if the beach levels change, access from the path will be difficult in many places, including directly opposite the Kaikoura Path, a popular access point for many residents. The project team is also currently refusing to replace the steps that provide beach access at the bus stop. These are the main beach access in Lowry Bay but they are being replaced by a ramp. We expect the ramp will become slippery and unusable as marine ramps are inclined to do. If that happens, residents will have no way to easily access the beach there and will be asking for the steps to be replaced.

71. Allan Brown



Submission to Hutt City Council LTP 2024-34

Specifically, this submission relates to the **Petone Wharf**

Summary

In my submission I am proposing a middle path that Council should consider in addressing the challenges of retaining this Heritage Asset while living within the tight financial situation that Council faces.

My experience

I am making this submission as an experienced Asset Manager of wharves in Wellington. I spent 10 years in management roles on Wellington Waterfront, during which time we undertook major repairs on Queens Wharf and Taranaki St Wharves. I am familiar with the processes of long-term asset management of wharves for public use and have dealt with engineering consultants and construction crews undertaking specified work.

Background.

I have read the options set out in the **Draft LTP** and the **Petone Wharf Future Options Report by Calibre** and listened to the arguments of the '**Save Petone Wharf**' group. There is clearly strong community support for retention of this important heritage artifact and recreational destination.

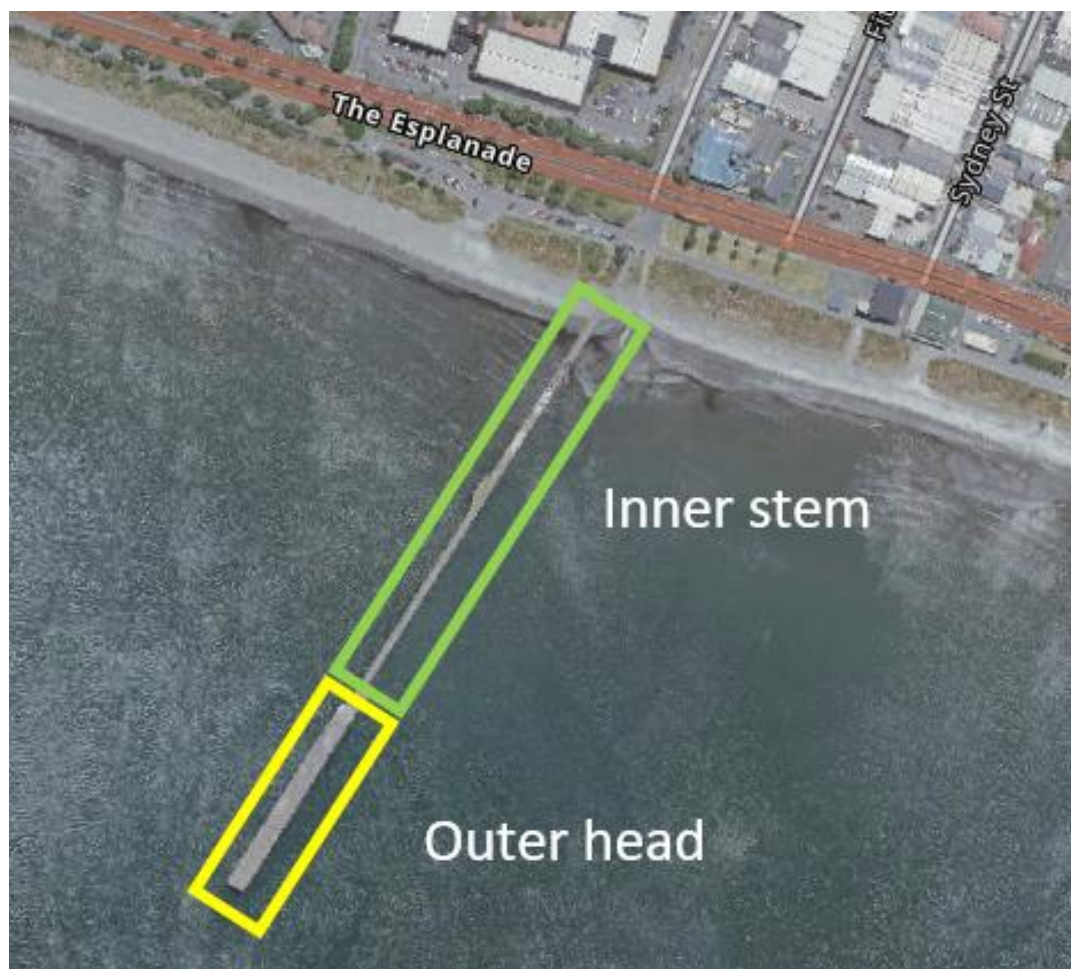
To a degree the Council and the Community Group positions are at odds with each other, and in my view, there is a middle path where both could be satisfied.

Adopting this approach could achieve the following:

- Council's budget could be **reduced from the proposed \$6m**
- Important parts of the **wharf could be quickly returned to public use.**

My preferred option

To understand this, we need to consider the wharf as two separate parts with notably different conditions, as identified in the Catalyst report.





I have also had discussions with the construction crew who undertook the repairs to the wharf following the Kaikoura earthquake. They advise that they not only undertook repairs to this section of the stem that partially collapsed during that event **but also** jacketed and grouted all the seriously deteriorated piles on the inner stem. I understand the cost of this work was around \$400k.

From my understanding, the 2022 work makes all the **Inner stem** already suitable for opening to public pedestrian use now. I can see no technical reason why Council have placed a gate part way along the stem to prevent public use.

The **Outer Head** wharf is known to be in poor condition with substantial pile deterioration.

The Calibre Future Options Report considered 6 options from Full Restoration to Demolition.

However, the report did not consider this option:

- the retention of the existing **stem wharf as pedestrian only** i.e. downgraded from full vehicle access.
- and **mothballing the head wharf** for later consideration.

Calibre do note that there is a risk of further damage in to the wharf in future seismic events. A significant contributor to this is because the head and stem construction details differ, notably the head is much wider than the stem. In a seismic event the natural vibration period of the two sections is different, which might impose greater stresses than the wharf can accommodate.

A common solution used to reduce this risk is creating a '**seismic gap**' which separates the head and stem wharves. A second seismic gap between the stem wharf and the land would further reduce the risk.

These are low-cost options and should be considered to improve the seismic capacity of the wharf..

Here is the detail of the pragmatic proposal I am suggesting:

- Confirm that my assertion that the stem is OK for public pedestrian use is correct.
- If this review identifies any minor work is required to achieve public use, then undertake that work.
- Move the existing barrier to the end of the inner stem.
- Separate the stem and head wharf sections with a seismic gap.
- Reopen the inner stem of the wharf for public use.
- Undertake any essential work on the Outer Head that if left unattended would create a hazard. (I understand there is some required, but to **make safe** is a much lower cost than to **bring up to standard** for public use.)
- Limit the budget for the first triennium of the LTP to \$1M

The outcome and benefits

This proposal would achieve the following.

- **Restoring public use of the Petone wharf stem** in a short time, almost immediately.
- **Retaining the important Heritage artifact.**
- **Avoiding the high cost of wharf demolition.** Instead put a small allowance for wharf maintenance into the LTP.
- **Avoiding the costly process of obtaining Resource Consent for the demolition.** I believe any application would likely be contested.
- **Retaining the structure of the Outer Head** so that future Council and community can **decide sometime in the future** whether to restore this part of the wharf. They will have the benefit of a good understanding of the public's use of the Stem Wharf.
- Avoiding the **risk of salt water intrusion into the aquifer** when the wharf is removed.

Demolishing the wharf will leave the piles cut off at sea bed level. Without the weight of the wharf downward on the piles, there is a risk that aquifer pressure could cause wharf pile remnants to rise. If the piles have penetrated the impervious layer, then sea water might contaminate the aquifer. This risk would need to be well considered in any consent to demolish the wharf.

72. Andrew Leslie



LONG TERM PLAN SUBMISSION HUTT CITY COUNCIL

To Hutt City Council

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on your draft Long-term Plan 2024 – 2034.

Nuku Ora³¹ acknowledges your Council as an important strategic partner as we look to activate the region through play, active recreation, sport, and active transport. Your investment in the infrastructure that supports physical activity in all four domains is recognised and appreciated. Beyond investment in infrastructure, the work of your staff to activate spaces and engage communities creates immense value in supporting physical activity.

Our interest in your plan is around ensuring that all people in your district are able to access quality physical activity opportunities, that there are safe and accessible spaces and places that support participation, and the preservation of these as the effects of climate change intensify.

We acknowledge the challenges that your council faces in light of the current economic environment and the need to ensure that water is managed

effectively while also balancing costs associated with responding to the wide range of needs and expectations of your communities.

We note the progress of key projects, in particular Tupu Hora Nuku and the Naenae Pool and Fitness Centre.

We are keen to talk with you about our submission and where we may be able to work effectively together in the future.

About Nuku Ora

Nuku Ora is a charitable trust charged with providing leadership and support to the regional physical activity system – the collection of people, organisations and resources that encourage and support people to be physically active.

We do this because of the tremendous value that can come from being regularly active, from the well-documented physical and mental health benefits along with the contribution it makes to social and personal development, the community development opportunity that comes from the shared experiences of activity, and the environmental value created through increased awareness of the importance of spaces and places that support participation.

Our strategy is focused on community Hauora and wellbeing as the long-term outcomes of our work and on ensuring equity of access to physical activity opportunities for everyone. Our strategic priorities for the next four-year period. These are outlined in the table below.

Strategic Priorities 2024-2028		
1.	Quality opportunities and experiences	Increasing participation in physical activity across the life course, through equitable and inclusive access to appropriate places, spaces, and services.
2.	Empowered communities	Creating positive change through working in and with communities, putting their interests, desires and needs first and identifying where play, active recreation and sport can play a positive role in their development.
3.	A robust and responsive regional physical activity system	Enabling a fit for the future, whole of system approach to addressing physical inactivity through collaborative actions and responding to change, including proactively responding to climate change.

4.	Nuku Ora, a Te Tiriti honouring organisation	Working in partnership with Māori and developing our cultural capability to deliver on our individual, community, whānau and system priorities and honour Te Tiriti.
5.	Nuku Ora is sustainable	Continuing to evolve our organisation so it remains a great place to work and is financially, operationally, and environmentally sustainable.

Similar to your Council our operating environment is changing continually. This constant change highlights our need to be flexible and tactically agile in order to remain relevant to our communities and be able to respond to their needs. The current economic and social conditions that we are all working in also highlight the need for greater cohesion through working collectively more often and more effectively.

Nuku Ora partners with Te Atiawa to deliver Sport NZ's He Oranga Poutama (HOP) initiative. (Ngāti Toa is the third party in the agreement). HOP is focused on developing, promoting, and implementing physical activities in a way that is culturally appropriate to Māori. In addition, Te Atiawa is represented on Nuku Ora's Board.

Our kaimahi have been actively supporting Te Atiawa including through an Iwi requested staff secondment, to implement system changes to better serve their communities in sport, health, and education. Work in this area has included supporting the Hawaiki Hou Tane Ora project, governance and operational changes of Te Aroha Hutt Valley Association, and the signing and operationalising of the Healthy Families contract.

Our work with Hutt City Council (HCC) and in Hutt City

Nuku Ora has a strong presence in Hutt City through various programmes of work. We have active engagement with HCC staff in areas such as spaces and places, play, and community development. On the back of our two regional facility reports for sports fields and indoor court provision, we have been able to support HCC staff with planning and advocacy to effect changes in provision

specifically the decisions around investing in sport and recreation and upgrade programmes.

We actively support Hutt City primary and intermediate schools through the Healthy, Active Learning initiative, along with our Green Prescription programme (which utilises local facilities) and Strength and Balance work with older adults. Through our geographical priority communities work we have established key relationships with community providers in Stokes Valley and Naenae and Wainuiomata.

Recently Nuku Ora has developed a working relationship with Kainga Ora with the intent of exploring ways to activate the places and the people living in Kainga Ora housing across the region. *We have facilitated investment in Hutt City*

- Tu Manawa Active Aotearoa Investment (TMAA)
- TMAA is a Sport NZ fund that Nuku Ora manages and distributes regionally to help remove barriers to participation.
- Since 2021 we have invested **\$910,798** in support of activities in Hutt City. These activities have been focused on participation in play, active recreation, and sport.
- On the back of our community-led approach we received funding from NZCT (around **\$100,000**) for physical activity in Hutt City to support projects focused on removing barriers to participation. This project is in the early stages of being rolled out, but we hope to develop it further.

Nuku Ora feedback on your long-term plan

As noted earlier, we have focused our feedback on matters in the long-term plan that involve or impact the activation of the community.

Petone assets

Our specific focus here is on the proposed approach to Petone Rec Grandstand and to this end we are supportive of the approach outlined in Option 1.

Feedback received from sector organisations through the development of the Regional Sports Field Report stresses the importance of having quality amenities alongside sports fields, particularly toilets and changing rooms that are fit-for-purpose, cater for all genders and are accessible for everyone, especially those who are disabled.

We also recognise that across the region there is a need to rationalise or modify existing facilities while maintaining their function in some way to service the needs of users. The approach outlined in Options 1 will do this.

Infrastructure projects

Nuku Ora remains supportive of the Riverlink project and the proposed development of a cycleway and micro-mobility network. Both projects facilitate active transport which is a great way to activate communities through integrating physical activity into everyday living. When such networks are connected to the places where people live, work, and play, they are more likely to be used by the community. Supporting active modes of transport is also a means to reducing carbon emissions and therefore plays a part in a strategy to respond and adapt to the effects of climate change.

Future opportunities for partnering

Play development

Nuku Ora acknowledges the work that HCC has undertaken to provide opportunities for tamariki to enjoy play across your city. HCC is represented on the Regional Play Network which aims to collectively develop play regionally through knowledge sharing and planning for play across the region. This network has grown over the last three years from a few engaged Councils to all eight being involved and engaged in regular conversation alongside Kainga Ora, YCentral, BGI, Tū Matou Ora, He Puawai Trust, dSport, Walter Nash Park, GWRC, and Nuku Ora's Healthy Active Learning, Green Prescription, and Spaces and Places teams.

Spaces and Places

HCC is represented on the Regional Spaces and Places Steering Group which provides input and oversight on facility development regionally. The steering group has proven itself to be an effective mechanism for aligning processes and keeping all councils sitting around the table informed of the regional work underway and discussing issues associated with owning and managing community facilities. Nuku Ora facilitates this work and is looking forward to your council's continued engagement in this work. Our work programme moving forward involves a review of the current Regional Spaces and Places Strategy and the expansion of the focus of this work to active recreation, play, as well as sport.

Youth development

Our youth development focus through active recreation is the basis of several of the relationships we have developed in Hutt City. We are keen to encourage and support rangatahi to participate in active recreation and recognise the council's role in providing access to blue and green space and facilities. We are currently having conversations with councils around youth audits to create youth friendly spaces and places in the region and see this as an opportunity to work collectively.

Climate change adaptation and response

Nuku Ora is taking steps to becoming a more sustainable organisation. We will be developing an approach to working with our networks of sport and recreation providers to support them to consider ways to become more sustainable. We believe there is an opportunity for our organisations to work collaboratively to achieve climate change outcomes.

Funding request

Nuku Ora has benefitted greatly from HCC's investment in Nuku Ora (\$20,000 p.a. plus GST over three years) to support the Spaces and Places Advisor role. Through having this role in place, we have been able to complete two regional

reports on the provision of sports fields and indoor courts facilities across the region which make recommendations about maximising these spaces in the future. These reports are being used by Councils to make facility decisions. HCC officers have used information in these reports to make decisions relating to sports field management. *“Nuku Ora’s Regional Sports Fields Report and Regional Indoor Courts Report have been a valuable resource for HCC in its work to review how it invests in sport and recreation. The Sport Fields report informed a*

\$10M programme of investment in drainage for the city’s sports fields as part of the LTP 2024/34.”

Your investment in this role has also allowed us to establish a Regional Spaces and Places steering group, be involved in advocacy for specific facility projects regionally, and to advocate for the use of active and inclusive design principles. We have initiated quarterly forums with the Ministry of Education (MoE), Sport NZ, and our local councils to support school community facility partnerships, and developed tools and processes to standardise processes and make decision making easier.

A key part of this role involves liaising with codes, community groups, and schools in Hutt City to help manage their facility demands and connect in an appropriate way with the Council. We have also supported internal collaboration between different HCC business units to align their spaces and places approaches to play, sport, and active recreation.

We are asking for the continuation of this investment for another three years as we look to review the current Regional Spaces and Places Strategy and expand the focus of this work across play and active recreation, tracks and trails and how these spaces and places are developed and used sustainably. This includes working alongside council staff with communities to understand their spaces and places needs that can inform council planning and decision-making.

We welcome an opportunity to talk further with you on all these matters.

Nga mihi

Andrew Leslie

Additional information

The social and economic value of sport and active recreation

Sport NZ has recently published updated information about the social and economic impact of sport and active recreation that quantifies the social and economic impact of community sport and physical activity.

While the information is not broken down per region, it does provide a platform for:

- advocating for the benefits of play, active recreation, and sport
- demonstrating the return for investment into the play, active recreation, and the sport system
- future decision-making.

The report also identifies that for every \$1 invested in community sport and active recreation, \$2.12 worth of social impact was created for individuals and society.

As an overall finding, the research revealed that the combined social and economic value of taking part (participating and volunteering) in community sport and physical activity in Aotearoa New Zealand in 2019 was \$20.8 billion.

This can be further broken down to show:

Social value generated:

- \$9.02 billion – physical health
- \$3.09 billion – volunteering
- \$1.13 billion – social capital (social trust, belonging, community engagement)
- \$3.32 billion – subjective wellbeing (individual life satisfaction)
- \$0.889 billion – income consumption and wealth
- - \$0.602 billion – individual safety (injuries and accidents)

generated:

- \$3.96 billion – sport and active recreation-related economic activity

(Source: The combined value of sport and active recreation in Aotearoa New Zealand. March 2024)

Challenges facing physical activity providers

As with other sectors and communities, physical activity providers are facing increased pressure as a result of cost-of-living increases across their operations. These impacts include a more challenging funding environment where traditional funding sources are either no longer available or have been severely reduced while demand for these funds remains high creating a competitive environment for securing funding. According to a recently released Sport NZ report² on funding of sport, play and active recreation, the sector overall has become more reliant on government funding and class 4 revenues over time as membership, participation, sponsorship, and commercial revenues have declined.

The predominant source of income for local clubs is through membership and participation fees and subscriptions. As participation costs increase, many providers are experiencing reduced rates of participation as consumers make choices about how they prioritise the use of their financial

² Funding of the New Zealand Sport, Play, and Active Recreation Sector Source: <https://sportnz.org.nz/resources/funding-our-play-https://sportnz.org.nz/resources/funding-our-play-active-recreation-and-sport-sector-an-analysis/active-recreation-and-sport-sector-an-analysis/>

resources. The range of costs associated with participation (other than fees and subscriptions) include uniform and equipment costs, and travel and transport costs. For providers, the costs of accessing spaces and places, the challenges associated with climate change and availability of those spaces, and administration costs are challenging the way in which they operate.

Providers are also increasingly challenged by the expectation to respond to social requirements around equity and catering for diverse groups within our communities, responding more specifically to the needs and interest of local communities and participants, and responding effectively to climate change.

73. Casey Diver

Submission to Hutt City Council Long Term Plan on behalf of the following:

- **Stokes Valley Football Club Incorporated (SVFC)**

Stokes Valley Football Club provides sporting, recreational and social amenities for its members. This organisation wishes to bring the following items to the attention of Hutt City Council for consideration in terms of repair, replacement or refurbishment or potential future development.

Note: Stokes Valley Football Club would like to extend its thanks to Hutt City Council, staff, Mexted and associated parties for the remedial development works on Delaney Park for 2024. This work is years overdue and long term we hope it will improve the quality of Delaney Park and allow us to deliver more games and hold more events that maximise the parks' purpose.

1. Holborn Park artificial turf

While the current situation of pitches has been relieved with the introduction of Fraser Park and Maidstone Park into our list for use in winter, it is likely only going to be a temporary measure as our junior division continues to grow.

Without a major redevelopment of the quality of Delaney Park or Holborn Park, the quality of the grounds will continue to deteriorate. This will push more trainings and games (games especially) off Delaney Park to alternative pitches. This will hamper us in the longer term as our kitchen and club facilities represents a significant portion of our income to pay our bills.

Prior to this season's start, SVFC members went up to Holborn Park and found it in a shocking state. I have attached some photos for reference. The club has decided that they want to form a working group with the goal of converting Holborn into an artificial turf specifically to maintain the quality of this park as a consistent ground in Stokes Valley. This would provide the long term training needs of our juniors and seniors, thereby reducing our ground hire costs significantly while keeping teams in the valley and close to our clubrooms.

At this stage we are not looking for funding for this project from Council given this current year's budgetary constraints, as we want to put together a prospectus of costs and suppliers before we approach Council further. What we would like from HCC is an interest in engaging in this project, specifically if Council would lease the grounds to the club on a yearly basis. If this is acceptable, we would put a prospectus together and start hunting for grant funding and sponsorship to fund the project. We would also like Council to budget in the Long Term Plan refurbishment works on Holobrn Park which includes complete drainage, expanded fencing, earthworks and floodlight installation before a lease agreement is signed and an artificial built.

If this project goes ahead it would be the largest remedial change to Stokes Valley's sporting scene since the installation of the basketball court at Speldhurst Park. This would be a long- term project that would take a significant amount of time to complete but the benefits, not just to our club but the wider community, would be felt across the suburb for generations to come.

2. Installation of new floodlights at Delaney Park

With this project, we are wanting to install two new floodlights at the end of Delaney No 1 and two closer to the rugby club. This would then allow us to get deferred games to weeknights on Delaney and have later training with our senior teams, bringing down our overall costs in hiring out grounds outside of Lower Hutt. Our seniors do not train at Delaney at night right now due to the floodlight situation.

What we seek from this project is consent from Council to install two new floodlights on the grounds and for Council to prioritise the chopping of the trees blocking one of our floodlights at the park entrance.

3. Delaney Park clubroom changing rooms/toilets/showers

We are seeking the refurbishment of the changing rooms, toilets and showers up to the standard of the Ricoh Sports Centre to meet health and safety requirements. The changing rooms area is owned by Hutt City Council and attached to the Delaney Park clubrooms. This has previously been agreed to by Parks and Reserves and has yet to be completed. The club wishes to provide an outline of what we would like to include in the changing rooms that includes disability access and toilets. The club would provide the labour to complete the work while Council would provide the materials costs.

Further, due to security concerns, we would ask that the changing rooms area only be opened for cleaning and regular maintenance and not be opened as public toilets.

4. Delaney Park rubbish bins

SVFC would like to see the removal of rubbish bins from the Stokes Valley creek side of the playing fields, due to them being continuously used by members of the public to dump household rubbish. This is becoming a health and safety hazard.

5. Install benches and seating along the George Street side of the playing fields

Due to the ongoing usage of Delaney Park during both the summer and winter seasons, we would like to have benches installed along the George Street side of Delaney Park to allow for seating next to our number one football pitch. This would increase the number of regular supporters who can come and watch our games which would long term help our club.

6. Increased signage around Delaney

There is a lack of signage regarding dog prohibition, security and park information. If further signage could be added to the park to help the club to enforce existing Council rules and bylaws such as prevention of dirtbikes or any form of vehicle on the park and unleashed dogs for example, that would be appreciated.

74. Daniel Chrisp

428 HCC-105165430 - Daniel Chrisp

Ethnicity

New Zealand European

Are you submitting as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

Individual

**Would you like to present your feedback direct to councillors at a 10 Year Plan consultation hearing?
In person or through Zoom?**

Yes

**Would you like to be kept informed about the outcome of Hutt City Council's public consultation
process on the 10 Year Plan via email?**

Yes

Do you live in Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai Lower Hutt?

Yes

Do you own or rent the home you live in?

Own

Which suburb do you live in?

Homedale West (Wainuiomata)

What age group do you belong to?

25-34 years

What is your preferred option for how we invest in water services for the next 10 years?

Option 1

What is your preferred option for how we divert food and green organics waste from landfill?

Option 1

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding waste and landfill.

support this as long as some reports are done about possible revenue streams too from selling the compost back to the community or retailers.

What is your preferred option for implementing a rates remission policy to help low-income home-owners?

Option 1

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding rates remission.

support, such a small cost that i'm surprised council thought this was important to be a key issue to put in the consultation documents....

What is your preferred option for undertaking work on the three Petone assets – the library building, the grandstand and the wharf?

I have no preference.

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding the three Petone assets.

I have no opinion on the library and petone rec, i support whatever petone locals are saying about that. Regarding the petone wharf i am incredibly dissappointed the only option presented is demolish. My understanding was there was a previous option as leaving it to become historic ruins and making a memorial. this is the option i support. The wharf is historic and could support marine life when left as ruins. Health and safety and saying 'someone could hurt themselves swimming and climbing on it' is a cop out - anyone at anytime could fall onto concrete footpaths and crack their head, does that mean we stp using concrete for footpaths?

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's proposed future approach to managing assets.

Agree

Do you have any comments on our Assets review?

Council should run more like a business and cover costs when and where possible, and make profit as long as it doesn't effect the service to the community.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's proposed updates to our fees and charges? e.g. increases to parking fees and to fees for the Silverstream landfill

Agree

Do you have any comments on our proposed updates to our fees and charges?

Over all agree, but some thoughts for building consents, when you calculate the fees on percentage base for value of work, minor works are paying the bulk of the fees. for \$5000 or less the fee is 20% of total works, for \$1million the fee equals 0.5% of total value of works. Surely the fee should represent a % of total value somehow? this would then make it easier to builders to quote and factor in fees and possibly increase building activity by making lesser value works have smaller fees. this would represent a fairer way to charge for building consents. i would be interested what 'best practice' for this is. Signboard hire, have these rates been compared to commercial advertising costs? could you increase them? but have a 'community advertising' rate for community groups Hutt Rec - not advertising the price for hire isn't good practice, also with Sky stadium being used less by big time sports clubs, how can we attract those organisations to Hutt rec? Porirua have done this well - attracting Phoenix womens there.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's revised development contributions policy.

Strongly Agree

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's Infrastructure Strategy.

Agree

Do you have any comments on our Infrastructure Strategy?

Generally think infrastructure is key, glad to see a focus on this. However not happy that nearly 100 million will be spent on cycleways and micromobility in the next 7-10 years. Eastern shared path had 35% support and 45% opposition at annual plan consultation, Council have ignored this and touted it as a resilience project instead. If you are going to change how you pitch a project then you need to re consult with the community. 47 million for cycleways and micromobility over 10 years seems excessive, as a resident i have no idea what that will get us? how much is important and how much is vanity projects / wont be used? I am neither here not there on cycleways, i think they are important, in moderation.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's Reserves Investment Strategy.

Agree

Do you have any comments on our Reserves Investment Strategy?

Happy to see investment into our greenspaces, and that it is coming from Reserves DC's, great work. However. There is only 3.3 million available for new cemetery land - the focus is still on Akatarawa. As far as i'm concerned it is negligent of council to continue to focus on Akatarawa and not back track on previous decisions to at least consult with the residents as they should under the LGA of this being a significant decision.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the approach outlined in Council's Financial Strategy to enable the delivery of our priorities and progress investment in basic infrastructure.

Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any comments on our Financial Strategy?

i am impartial, i understand the economy is tough, and the political environment, however the hear of small cuts to STEM programmes while the council spends nearly 100m on cycleways to me seems wrong. I appreciate and thank all council staff for the work they have clearly done to find savings and tighten the belt. however I know that the staff culture is still bad, poor management is still getting away with it while good staff go in and out the revolving door, CE needs to fix this and solely focus on it to ensure a productive and efficient and happy council.

Given the increased cost pressures on our work as well as the current economic climate, do you agree that a total rates revenue increase in 2024-2025 of 16.9% after growth is reasonable?

Neither agree nor disagree

If you do not agree that the proposed rates revenue increase is reasonable, which areas of Council function and service delivery do you believe could be reduced in order to enable a lower rates increase, and why?

as per last comment

Please share any further comments you would like to add.

I'm genuinely saddened and have had several angry moments looking at councils consultation priorities, demolishing a wharf and 90m on cycleways seems like a given, while forcing residents to bury their dead in another city...

Please rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the general direction that we are taking for this draft 10 Year Plan.

Neither agree nor disagree

Please explain the reason for your response.

again impartial. i can see hard decisions have been made, but it doesn't feel like council actually listen, the eastern shared pathway is clear evidence of this, as well as only putting forward demolish options for the wharf and not putting in 47m of spending on cycleways and micromobility projects as a key item in the consultation document.

75. Christopher Jonkers

1156 HCCWS-1231034 - Christopher Jonkers

Are you submitting as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

Organisation/Business/Iwi

What is the name of the organisation that you represent?

Waio Park Charitable Trust

**Would you like to present your feedback direct to councillors at a 10 Year Plan consultation hearing?
In person or through Zoom?**

Yes

**Would you like to be kept informed about the outcome of Hutt City Council's public consultation
process on the 10 Year Plan via email?**

No

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's Reserves Investment Strategy.

Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any comments on our Reserves Investment Strategy?

Would like to encourage mor recreational use of parks and reserves.

76. Mike Fisher

Submission of the Petone Community Board on the Hutt City Draft Long Term Plan 2024 - 2034

General comment

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed draft long term plan (LTP). This submission has been jointly prepared by members of the Petone Community Board (PCB).

This plan will have a lasting impact on the physical amenities, commercial and retail activity, community wellbeing, environment and recreation assets of the Petone Community Board area for some time, and certainly in one document.

PCB gathered the views and feedback of the community through its own and wider meetings, drop in sessions, talking with individual residents, business owners, visitors using local facilities, holding a stand at the Petone Rotary Fair and monitoring feedback via social media.

The draft LTP highlights three Petone issues for decisions; the wharf, library and grandstand while the proposed adoption of paid parking in Jackson Street and the Peel Place car park has also naturally become a flashpoint for public feedback.

The comparatively small budget for the wharf, library and grandstand highlighted for us, a historical lack of investment and maintenance of community facilities in Petone. Expecting urgent maintenance of these three facilities to be considered as a trade off against each other put Petone at a disadvantage compared to parts of the city where there has been major Council investment in recent years. We acknowledge this is largely the result of decisions made in previous terms of Council's elected representatives. But this can be addressed in this LTP.

PCB also wants to highlight the binary options for each facility limited community input and were not in our view the options that should have proceeded to public consultation. The ability to suggest other options was not clear and has led to considerable confusion. As a result we have spent much time explaining to the public that they do not have to choose one or other, and can write in whatever they like. Many have commented that the options are too leading and slanted towards a preferred outcome.

After listening to a wide range of opinions the PCB would like to comment on these key issues for Petone and the wider Board area:

Petone Wharf

The PCB acknowledges the strong public feedback on the wharf and supports as our preferred option the exploration of alternative solutions to demolition. The expenditure of \$6 million to demolish and forever lose the wharf was seen as a poor use of funds when alternative options at a similar cost have been proposed and are yet to be properly explored.

We would like to see good process carried out, which includes full and detailed information on all feasible options rather than the incomplete data, so that a thoroughly balanced decision can be reached. This would include an analysis of costs and benefits of options including wider benefits of retaining the wharf as a regional attraction and supporting wider economic activity in Petone.

Recommendation: That no work to progress demolition of the wharf is undertaken at this time. Instead the option of repair at a similar cost to demolition is fully explored and progressed if it is confirmed as a viable alternative with a similar cost to demolition.

Petone Library

Petone Library is a highly valued community facility. Retention of current library services is important to many. Feedback on the library options showed that people would like to see the library and associated space 'improved and enhanced', however what this looks like is different to different people. Many people are not after a 'grand' building but one that allows for current activities to continue, and more usable spaces within the facility.

The phrase "in partnership" was confusing or a red signal for many. The community already made its views clear on not supporting intensive development on this site when this was last proposed, this was reiterated in more recent community feedback.

A redesigned Britannia Street frontage that provides facilities that complement and do not detract or compete with the Petone Community House and Petone Depot was highlighted by many people.

Recommendation: That Petone Library and associated spaces be redeveloped once and well with adequate funding and with effective community input, for now and into the future, that is allowing up to \$10 million for this project and working closely with the community to develop the scope of work ensuring a library and other community spaces that will be resilient, flexible and still provide core services well into the future.

Petone Grandstand

The Petone Grandstand is yet another Petone asset which holds significance to a wider audience than many would be aware of, and we received engagement from a wide variety of people and groups who use and value it.

PCB would like to see the option of partnerships between local sports clubs, businesses and Council to retain and enhance the grandstand explored. The Bell Park/Ignite Sports redevelopment is a great example of what can be achieved through collaboration.

There was support for removal of the current roof with seating and some shelter through a lighter weight roof favoured by many uses of this facility.

Recommendation: That seating and a light weight roof is retained as part of making the grandstand compliant with earthquake standards.

Paid Parking in Petone

Parking in Petone has its own 'ecosystem' as it holds the tension between its popularity as a destination, alongside residents and those who access their local services. Any significant changes are likely to have significant knock-on effects.

Introducing paid parking in Petone was strongly rejected by most of those we engaged with. We believe there has been inconsistency in what areas in Petone, and indeed the wider city, the extension to paid parking will be applied to. There were also questions in regards to the hours of paid parking, as well as the main purpose of this proposed change, particularly if the focus is on raising revenue. It raises issues of equity and the impact on businesses, employment and free access for those who drive to the library.

Recommendations:

That paid parking in Petone is not introduced at this time. Instead a city wide review and consideration of parking to ensure consistency, including the treatment of suburbs is undertaken.

That if Council disregards the recommendation not to proceed with paid parking in Petone that free parking is retained for library users using the Peel Place car park and the parking on the other side of the library and the amount of, and length of time, free disability parking is available in Petone is increased.

Cross Valley Connection

The Cross Valley Connection will have a significant impact on the wider PCB area. It is vital from our perspective that there is strong and effective community engagement as this project progresses.

We are not sure why council is budgeting for \$188.8 million for this project when government documents state all roads of national significance (which includes this road - [Roads of National Significance | NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi \(nzta.govt.nz\)](#)) will be highways ([GPS 2024: 15 new Roads of National Significance | Beehive.govt.nz](#)) and state highways are fully funded by central government through the National Land Transport Fund.

Recommendation: Any funding available to be redeployed as a result of clarifying whether central government will fully fund the Cross Valley Connection should include a boost to funding for facilities in Petone.

Water Services & Seaview Treatment Plant

We commend the Council for making investment to improve water services. Improvements to the Seaview treatment plant are welcomed and the renewal work in other areas is essential. Seaview and other nearby parts of our area have been disproportionately impacted by the odour issues associated with this plant. This issue must be addressed.

Coordinated planning of the work related to the Petone collecting sewer and Jackson Street pipe work is important. This includes improved communication with the community particularly by Wellington Water.

Residents of Moerā raised concerns about the repeated flooding of the footpath outside the Moerā shops (mainly linked to the drain near Blue Island Seafoods). Drainage in this area needs improving.

Recommendations:

That investment in the Seaview water treatment plant to reduce odours and overflows is a priority.

That Council works with Wellington Water to improve the storm water drainage by the Moerā shops.

Conclusion

The PCB appreciates the difficult environment facing the Council in determining the LTP for 2024 - 2034. It is important that community facilities in Petone are upgraded through appropriate investment allowed for in this plan. This includes:

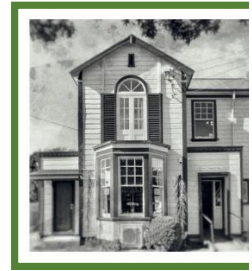
- thoroughly testing cost effective alternatives to demolition of Petone wharf
- a Petone library fit for purpose well into the future
- a Petone Recreation Ground grandstand that continues to provide seating
- that any expansion of paid parking operates fairly across the city without singling out Petone as the only suburban centre with paid parking.

We wish to speak to our submission.

Nga mihi

77. Tamlyn Somerford

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Tēnā koutou Hutt City Council elected members and staff,

We (Petone Community House Inc) welcome the opportunity to feedback on the Long-Term Plan 2024-2034, in particular the proposed changes to how assets are managed. On page 10 of the Long-Term consultation document Hutt City Council states: “We’re proposing increases to leases, licenses and hire fees in line with our Revenue and Financing Policy to ensure they reflect the true cost of assets and strike a fair balance for users and non- users”

We are concerned about increases to leases for Community Houses.

Currently Hutt City Council (HCC) forgives our rent of \$15,340 pa “in recognition of the services provided to the community by the Tenant”. As a 100% community-led incorporated society we rely on HCC forgiving our rent. This allows us to provide an affordable and accessible space for all members of our community.

Petone Community House is a vital community space, which supports on average 24,000 people each year. Our Petone Community House whānau provide essential healing and learning services and the House itself provides a safe and comfortable space for these services. We have over 50 regular rōpū, and an average of 150 bookings per month. Some of our regular House whānau include:

- Citizens Advice Bureau – providing free community advice.
- Recreate – education and holiday programmes for teens with disabilities.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotics Anonymous and Alateen.

- Shakti - provides women's development, empowerment and domestic/family violence intervention, prevention and awareness for families of Asian, African and Middle Eastern origin.
- Te reo Māori immersion courses.
- NZ Sign Language courses.
- Midwife support groups and Otago Polytechnic Midwifery classes.
- Chinmaya Mission – providing children's cultural learning.
- 13 counsellors and psychologists.
- Dynamite Music Classes for children.

As well as our regular House whānau, we have over 100 casual rōpū which book PCH on an as needs basis. In 2022/2023 50 rōpū were new to PCH and many of these have become regular House whānau.

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Due to their diversity of needs, our House whānau require autonomous access to a safe and confidential space on weekends, evenings and early mornings. PCH is uniquely positioned to offer this.

Representatives of Petone Community House Inc attended the April 17th Long-Term Plan 2024 -2034 drop-in session at War Memorial Library. During this session we were told:

- There is no timeline for changes to leases. Conversations will start when individual leases come up for renewal.
- There are no physical proposals or documents which outline a plan for leases, other than the information on Page 10 of the LTP Consultation Document.
- There are no plans to change how the Community Houses are run.
- There are no plans to divest the Community House assets.
- HCC wants Houses to stay community-led and aligned with community needs and wants.
- There may be cases where HCC reviews spaces that are being used very infrequently and see whether activities can be hosted in a community space that is used regularly.
- Lease decisions will be made together with the Houses, rather than HCC making decisions and telling Houses what has to happen.
- The potential 30% increase in leases is not definite and HCC will talk to Houses individually to set up a plan and talk about what is possible.

Petone Community House Inc. feedback on the Long-Term Plan 2024-2034:

- As affected parties, we wish to be fully and meaningfully engaged at the start of any and all discussions in regard to any and all matters pertaining to Petone Community House.
- We want PCH to remain as a community-led asset with Council financial support as it currently is (ie: the lease rent is 100% forgiven).
- We want the governance and operations structure of PCH to remain as is.
- We want our future lease agreement to remain for 36 months.
- We want our future lease agreement to require 12 months' notice in writing for any changes to the lease agreement by Council.
- We want the house and the land to remain as is so it can be used and enjoyed by the community as a community asset.
- We also support free parking in Petone as parking availability is a key component to the accessibility of PCH for our House Whanau. We do not want paid parking in Petone at all.
- We also support restoration of the Petone Wharf as a heritage asset, visitor and tourist attraction. We do not want the Petone Wharf demolished.

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In conclusion, any changes to how Petone Community House is funded, accessed, run and managed affects our community house whānau. Therefore, full community partnership between HCC and PCH and clear and meaningful consultation with PCH and PCH communities is paramount.

The vital voice of the community must be heard and we support this open and ongoing kōrero. Thank you for this opportunity to give our feedback on the Long-Term Plan 2024-2034. Please acknowledge receipt and acceptance of this LTP feedback.

We would like to speak to this feedback.

78. Sally-ann Moffat

Kia Ora

I am submitting my 2024 - 2034 Long Term Plan Feedback in an email as I am concerned that the wording used in the survey provides an unwanted bias through leading questions, limited options for answers and 'choices' that offer the same outcome.

Before I begin my feedback I'd like to say thankyou to everyone doing the mahi of gathering the feedback. I appreciate the opportunity to 'Have My Say'.

Firstly, the Survey itself. I request that surveys in the future offer open ended questions to be able to elicit neutral responses. I would like HCC to not indicate in surveys which option they prefer. This is leading the end user.

Petone Wharf:

I support the prioritisation, the restoration and protection of the Petone Wharf as a heritage asset of benefit to all New Zealanders. I do not support its demolition.

Petone Parking:

I support free parking to continue in Petone. I do not support paid parking in Petone in any form.

Petone Library:

I do not wish to see the Petone Library significantly altered. Simply made fit for purpose. Petone already has a heart/a city centre, and the less that HCC interferes with the current layout and footprint of Petone the better. It is one of the most successful suburbs in its current state.

Managing Our (Community) Assets:

I request that our community houses and community spaces (true Community assets) continue as they currently do with financial support from Council: Leases not to be increased but remain 100% forgiven, rents not to be increased, Governance to be community-led. Centres to be run individually by the community and for the community that they are part of.

I request that Community Houses and spaces are recognised as true community assets judged for their true value: being of benefit and of service to the community, not by their limited ability to generate an income.

I request that Community House & venue lease agreements are to remain (or be extended to) for 36 months.

I request that lease agreements for our Community Houses and spaces to require 12 months' notice in writing for any changes to the lease agreement by Council.

I request that our Community houses and community spaces with their land attached to them to remain as community assets so it can be used and enjoyed by the community it belongs to.

If any of the above is to be altered in any way, full and meaningful engagement with the affected community is a necessity.

I wish to speak to this submission.

79. Robbie Schneider

767 HCC-119172156 - Robbie Schneider

Are you submitting as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

Organisation/Business/Iwi

What is the name of the organisation that you represent?

Jackson Street Program - Board Member

Would you like to present your feedback direct to councillors at a 10 Year Plan consultation hearing? In person or through Zoom?

Yes

Would you like to be kept informed about the outcome of Hutt City Council's public consultation process on the 10 Year Plan via email?

Yes

What is your preferred option for how we invest in water services for the next 10 years?

I have no preference.

Please share any comments you would like to add about the water services.

I do not see the need for metered water and would like to see all available funding and energy directed towards pipe renewals, fixing the leaks, and water infrastructure. This option has not been provided or considered - why ?

What is your preferred option for how we divert food and green organics waste from landfill?

I have no preference.

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding waste and landfill.

Would prefer to see this contracted out to private entities.

What is your preferred option for implementing a rates remission policy to help low-income homeowners?

Option 2

What is your preferred option for undertaking work on the three Petone assets – the library building, the grandstand and the wharf?

I have no preference.

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding the three Petone assets.

Agree with \$5M on Petone Library refurbishment. Agree with Demolish of Petone Wharf. Suggest wharf materials are offered to the public as their own memorial. No memorial display needed. Petone Rec - Demolish and re-build with grandstand and seating.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's proposed future approach to managing assets.

Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments on our Assets review?

A \$78 M spend on Assessment and rollout of universal smart water meters is an obscene waste of rate payer money when we already know that 40% of the water does not reach the household. Use the \$78M (or \$75M) into Fixing up the pipes and infrastructure. \$60.4M on Cycleway when we have a new cycleway in place and the Te Ara Tupua Petone to Ngauranga walkway opening soon needs further explanation before any funding is committed. Commit these funds to our water infrastructure instead. \$45.87M on Eastern Hutt Road resilience would also be better spent on fixing our ageing water infrastructure.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's proposed updates to our fees and charges? e.g. increases to parking fees and to fees for the Silverstream landfill

Neither agree nor disagree

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's revised development contributions policy.

Agree

Do you have any comments on our Development Contributions Policy?

The method of how you have come to these calculations is unclear in this document. I agree in principal that Developers have a one-off cost for new developments but am unable to comment on whether this level of increase is fair and reasonable.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's Infrastructure Strategy.

Disagree

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's Reserves Investment Strategy.

Strongly disagree

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the approach outlined in Council's Financial Strategy to enable the delivery of our priorities and progress investment in basic infrastructure.

Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments on our Financial Strategy?

I don't agree with the proposed spending on less than necessary projects. We need to stick to the essentials in these difficult times.

Given the increased cost pressures on our work as well as the current economic climate, do you agree that a total rates revenue increase in 2024-2025 of 16.9% after growth is reasonable?

Disagree

Please share any further comments you would like to add.

I disagree with the proposed paid parking in Petone. If you are seeking additional revenue why is there no proposed paid parking for NaeNae, Stokes Valley, Eastbourne and other parts of the city ? Businesses are struggling enough as it is without added weight of losing customers due to paid parking.

Please rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the general direction that we are taking for this draft 10 Year Plan.

Disagree

Please explain the reason for your response.

The document seems to be slanted and has not taken in to consideration the wider implications on residents and business. There is nothing that I can see in this 10 year plan that supports, or encourages economic growth or business stimulation.

80. John Donnelly

914 HCC-123174403 - John Donnelly

Are you submitting as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

Organisation/Business/Iwi

What is the name of the organisation that you represent?

Jackson Street Programme

**Would you like to present your feedback direct to councillors at a 10 Year Plan consultation hearing?
In person or through Zoom?**

Yes

**Would you like to be kept informed about the outcome of Hutt City Council's public consultation
process on the 10 Year Plan via email?**

Yes

What is your preferred option for how we invest in water services for the next 10 years?

I have no preference.

Please share any comments you would like to add about the water services.

Its unbelievable no previous Councillors or officers had a repair and replacement plan. Now we have a problem, we need to fix the leaks to prevent water loss, and then plan replacement over a suitable timeframe to avoid future losses. Spending money on water meters is less important than allocating this spending on fixing leaks. Why pay to put in water meters when 40% of water is being lost.

What is your preferred option for how we divert food and green organics waste from landfill?

Option 2

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding waste and landfill.

If necessary to do this, for reducing methane emissions and land fill, if at all, this can be delayed 3 years and added to the next LTP planning process.

What is your preferred option for implementing a rates remission policy to help low-income homeowners?

Option 2

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding rates remission.

There will be people on fixed income in need of support. Who should pay this? Maybe central Govt through tax credits. The consequence of such large rates increases is more defaults. Council is directly responsible for the large increases, above wage increases, therefore is responsible for defaults.

What is your preferred option for undertaking work on the three Petone assets – the library building, the grandstand and the wharf?

I have no preference.

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding the three Petone assets.

Refurbish the library If the wharf can be repaired for the \$6.0 million demolish costs budgeted, and no extra costs are incurred in the meantime, let the save the wharf group come up with this proposal. Petone Rec Ground - Provide a stand with changing rooms and some covered seating.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's proposed future approach to managing assets.

Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments on our Assets review?

The council has the worst record of managing assets. In fact, with water, it has totally failed to manage.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's proposed updates to our fees and charges? e.g. increases to parking fees and to fees for the Silverstream landfill

Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments on our proposed updates to our fees and charges?

Paid parking in Petone will see shoppers head to free parking in the mall and big box, which is free, and often covered. This will see 230 business fail and capital and jobs lost. Foolish and short sighted beyond imagination. Increasing dump fees again will see people dumping on the side of the road.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's revised development contributions policy.

Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments on our Development Contributions Policy?

Increasing development contributions on the valley floor by \$38,000 will move the pain for infrastructure to housing affordability. An increase of this proportion will mean new housing stock is unaffordable. You will be forcing our children and growing population to buy where housing is lower cost. Which wont be Lower Hutt. Most likely further afield, such as the Horowhenua. Further affied means greater transport emissions if work in in Wellington and / or Lower Hutt.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's Infrastructure Strategy.

Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments on our Infrastructure Strategy?

Fix water leaks soonest. Delay all other spending other than core spending by at least 3 years, through to the next edition of the 2027 LTP.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's Reserves Investment Strategy.

Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any comments on our Reserves Investment Strategy?

Don't know enough about this plan.

Do you have any comments on our Financial Strategy?

You are proposing increasing rates 16.9 % when the average wage increase is 3%. That means you are asking people to pay an extra 13.9% of their income to what the current crop of officers and councilors think is a good idea. And you repeat this taking of rate payers personal income for the next 10 years, far in excess of wage growth. Why would anyone support this.

Given the increased cost pressures on our work as well as the current economic climate, do you agree that a total rates revenue increase in 2024-2025 of 16.9% after growth is reasonable?

Strongly disagree

If you do not agree that the proposed rates revenue increase is reasonable, which areas of Council function and service delivery do you believe could be reduced in order to enable a lower rates increase, and why?

Fix water and provide cores services only. Pause all other spending for the next three years. Within the next 3 years we should see interest rates reduce, putting money back in people's pockets, and the new Govt will hopefully be on track to balancing the national books and a better economy.

Please share any further comments you would like to add.

There are many "nice to haves" in the LTP. IF there was a major event, such as an earthquakes, how would local Govt re-prioritize spending. Given the servers state of the national and local economy, this is how the LTP should be re cast for the next 3 years. EG - spending \$60 million on more bike ways (\$6 million per year) when cyclists can bike on any road, is foolish.

Please rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the general direction that we are taking for this draft 10 Year Plan.

Strongly disagree

Please explain the reason for your response.

There are far too many nice to haves, that are increasing paid for by rates increases above wage increases. This needs to stop.

81. Nik Zangouropoulos

Submission on Hutt City Council Long Term Plan 2024-2034

From: Nik Zangouropoulos – Building Owner, Jackson Street, Petone and Chair of Jackson Street Programme

1. Unrestrained Spending

The ratepayers of Hutt City are facing extremely large increases in their rates bills in the next one, three and ten years. It is apparent that a significant part of this is related to deferred expenditure on infrastructure that is now “coming home to roost”. We support this proposed infrastructure expenditure.

While there is an obvious and compelling case for this spending, that is not the case for the balance of proposed spending, where there is more flexibility and choice.

The table below summarises the Council's proposed expenditure for a significant part of the non-infrastructure budget – employee costs.

HCC Employee Costs				
Activity	2023/24	2024/25	Change	Underlying
Water Supply	-	-	-	
Wastewater	-	-	-	
Stormwater	-	-	-	
Solid Waste	254	328	29.1%	24.6%
Sustainability & Resilience	936	977	4.4%	-0.1%
Regulatory Services	9,556	11,690	22.3%	17.8%
Transport	2,047	2,722	33.0%	28.5%
City Development	1,679	1,958	16.6%	12.1%
Community Partnering	4,125	4,103	-0.5%	-5.0%
Open Spaces, Parks, Reserves	969	1,097	13.2%	8.7%
Connectivity, Creativity, Learning & Recreation	9,330	10,603	13.6%	9.1%
Governance, Statutory & Partnerships	1,148	1,403	22.2%	17.7%
Corporate Services	15,329	17,723	15.6%	11.1%
Total Identified from LTP Document	45,373	52,604	15.9%	11.4%

When one accounts for the 4.5% assumption for wage increases, there is a proposed 11.4% increase in underlying employee costs (i.e., ostensibly the net change in staff numbers). The growth is largely across the board – there are two categories that are not increasing, but there are eight categories that are increasing by between 8.7% and 28.5%.

Central government is currently implementing cuts of 6.5% to 7.5% to its baseline costs, and most of the private sector is dealing with sinking or flat budgets, or in the very best case, only small increases. An overall increase of 15.9% and an increase of 11.4% net of wage increases is impossible to understand in this climate.

The JSP fully understands that some areas need attention e.g., the consenting team has obviously faced some serious pressures in the past year, and/or some employee expenditure may have offsetting revenue. These cases, however, account for only a small share of the overall increase which is spread across most council activities.

2. Restrained Spending – Behave Like Your Ratepayers

The council is justifying its expenditure on the proposed benefits that the expenditure will generate. The majority of Hutt City households, businesses and organisations (i.e., ratepayers) could do the same thing. They could identify expenditure that would produce long term benefits. The only difference is that they would run out of money or risk going out of business before the benefits arrived.

The Council doesn't face those realities – instead it chooses to spend other peoples' money, only because it can. The alternative is to behave like the rest of us, who do not have the power to get more money from our employer or charge our customers more. We have to cut our cloth accordingly, we have to live within our means, we have to restrain and ration our spending. It is wrong that the Hutt City Council should not only ignore the everyday challenges facing its ratepayers, but in the process compound those very challenges by heaping unnecessary financial burdens on top of them.

3. Choice and Impact

The proposed rates increase of almost 50% in the next three years combined with proposed paid parking and other fee increases would kill some Petone businesses. If these proposed changes go ahead, while Council spending increases in the insensitive and unjustifiable manner proposed here, you can imagine what Petone retailers and residents will think of the Hutt City Council – its councillors and its officers.

Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission, **I would like to make an oral submission in relation to the above at the hearing that considers the Draft Long Term Plan.**

Nik Zangouropoulos. Chair, Jackson Street Programme

30 April 2024

82. Shane Legarth

1030 HCC-123176788 - Shane Legarth

Are you submitting as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

Organisation/Business/Iwi

What is the name of the organisation that you represent?

Bea DnD Games

**Would you like to present your feedback direct to councillors at a 10 Year Plan consultation hearing?
In person or through Zoom?**

Yes

**Would you like to be kept informed about the outcome of Hutt City Council's public consultation
process on the 10 Year Plan via email?**

Yes

What is your preferred option for how we invest in water services for the next 10 years?

I have no preference.

Please share any comments you would like to add about the water services.

I understand this is a long term and inherited problem. I also understand that this situation must be remedied as quickly as possible. However, I fail to understand the suggestion of spending millions of dollars on water meters when 40% of water is lost in the pipe network.

What is your preferred option for how we divert food and green organics waste from landfill?

Option 2

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding waste and landfill.

While I understand the need to reduce our emissions, I strongly believe the cost of this should be deferred until after the water network has been fixed

What is your preferred option for implementing a rates remission policy to help low-income homeowners?

Option 2

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding rates remission.

The size of the rates increase, couple with the current economic environment, will lead to more people in hardship and more defaults. I feel it would be better to look at where reductions in spending can be made - ie the 5.9 million on organic waste proposed, a reduction in councils new staff spending etc. It has been explained to me by councillors that every one million dollar in spending equates to a 1% rise in rates...

What is your preferred option for undertaking work on the three Petone assets – the library building, the grandstand and the wharf?

I have no preference.

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding the three Petone assets.

Library: Refurbish the library as it is a community venue. Wharf: The community desire for the wharf is incredibly strong. More options need to be looked at concerning this. Petone Recreation Ground grandstand: Can the reports and detailed costings on the strengthening be shared so a better informed decision can be made.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's proposed future approach to managing assets.

Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments on our Assets review?

The council seems to be tone deaf to the needs and wants of its rate payers (and voters). The community feedback on the wharf is an example. The central hutt businesses pain from paid parking and lack of development is another.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's proposed updates to our fees and charges? e.g. increases to parking fees and to fees for the Silverstream landfill

Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments on our proposed updates to our fees and charges?

Paid parking in Petone: By councils own admission this will result in a 20% drop in parking. A 20% reduction in parking will close a large number of Jackson St businesses and result in a huge number of job losses. this is on top of the disruption that Jackson St will encounter from the water upgrade. You heard to public meetings the pain that central hutt businesses experienced from the paid parking and the ongoing decline that they face. Petone is a destination area and to be honest one of the biggest drawcards for people out of Lower Hutt to the region. Surely commonsense states that harming one of the biggest draws to your area is simply not a good idea? The full modeling from council is needed to understand the councils logic - for example will there be a further reduction in parking in already paid parking areas?

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's revised development contributions policy.

Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments on our Development Contributions Policy?

This will directly impact housing affordability. - which should be core focus of local government as it is with central government. Further to this , if housing affordability is more impacted how does the councils modeling take this into account with a reduction in new builds? A 10% drop here for example is a nightmare scenario for councils budget,

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's Infrastructure Strategy.

Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments on our Infrastructure Strategy?

Focus on the water network and delay other spending until this long ongoing, urgent situation is fixed.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's Reserves Investment Strategy.

Disagree

Do you have any comments on our Reserves Investment Strategy?

I feel that the councils spending needs to be significantly looked at - this is an acceptable additional spend when council has much more significant and urgent projects to be addressed (ie water). Also a question for council. If people have to pay to park to access green areas, how many people do you think will?

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the approach outlined in Council's Financial Strategy to enable the delivery of our priorities and progress investment in basic infrastructure.

Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments on our Financial Strategy?

I live and work in the Hutt. I look at councils overall plan with some disbelief. At a time when the economy is struggling, where everywhere (including central government) is cutting costs and reducing staff numbers, our council plans to significantly increase its spend and staff numbers, all while asking us to be happy that it is not an above 30% rates increase. . . . I come back again to Councilors stating that every one million dollars of increased spending equates to a 1% rise in rates. Can council please explain in detail the next year's \$8.4million extra spending on personnel - a number and fact which concerns and alarms a lot of your ratepayers and flies in the face of actions from central government and businesses. The size of the increases in rates over the next ten years will greatly add to your rate payers (and therefore voters) abilities to live in our city. Your ratepayers already have significant insurance increases, and low wage growth and the burden you are proposing to place upon us all and the damage you plan to do to the lifeblood of your city (the businesses) is astounding. Council needs to take measure of its actions and engage in better consultation with its ratepayers and take into account the consequences of its actions.

Given the increased cost pressures on our work as well as the current economic climate, do you agree that a total rates revenue increase in 2024-2025 of 16.9% after growth is reasonable?

Strongly disagree

If you do not agree that the proposed rates revenue increase is reasonable, which areas of Council function and service delivery do you believe could be reduced in order to enable a lower rates increase, and why?

Focus on the urgent and required spend s (ie water) and delay other new spending initiatives until the economy has recovered. It has been stated by councilors that the LTP is reviewed every three years, so prudence states that council should take the needs of its ratepayers into account and follow this course of action.

Please rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the general direction that we are taking for this draft 10 Year Plan.

Strongly disagree

Please explain the reason for your response.

The plan does not take into account the core needs or finances of your ratepayers (who are your stakeholders and voters). The consultation should have each area of spending laid out clearly with all modeling and information and showing how each individual initiative and project impacts our rates.

83. Hellen Swales



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2nd of May 2024

Submission on the Long-Term Plan 2024 – 2034 for Hutt City Council

Water Services

Given the two options that council have put up water meters would be mandatory in a time when it could be viewed as a nice to have. Happy to support that all new builds have universal water meters installed but believe that if water meters to be installed from 2024-2025 and take six years to install then target the new builds first and look to push the rest of the city post the first three years. But investing in the renewals and leaks and capital expenditure on the wastewater systems first.

Rates Relief

Whilst this is a nice to have there will be many in the community that won't qualify but will be in as much need of assistance. Where is the assistance for the businesses that find themselves in similar situations as a resident. They don't even qualify for a government handout. The challenge at present for most small businesses especially hospitality and retail are their reserves are already at a critical point where many have stopped paying themselves a salary and many are considering do I stay or do I close

the business. Unlike the ever-increasing business that are setting up in their residences and don't pay a business rate. HOW IS THAT FAIR ?

Petone Assets

It is a pity that the two options that have be put to the community don't allow us to put our own suggestions forward. We certainly support the investment in the Petone Library as we see this as critical in the offering to the local residents and the Historical repository is an amazing asset to the community.

We also support the investment of the\$ 6 million to demolish the wharf but see this as a nice to have and when we weigh this up against the community needs which should be the focus of Business as usual looking after the basic infrastructures surely, we could push the demolish of the wharf past the first three years.

With regards to the Petone Rec Grandstand we support the option given in Option 2 with the investment of \$4.8m on the grandstand. Withy an economic overlay when considering these two options we feel the suggestions we have made give the businesses a better return on investment of rates funding.

Managing our Assets

We would like to caution the approach here with regards to some of the community assets. Whilst we support and welcome the investment in the Petone library we would not like to see the possible sale of the Petone Community House. We often field enquiries from councillors and other services that require a certain amount of anonymity with regards to the delivering of their services to the community which I don't see a community hub out of a shared library space would offer. Happy to collective group a couple of close by community houses but not to sell them off.

Development Contributions

We understand that as a council you want to ensure there is affordable housing for the community and there needs to be a burden carried by the developers in meeting the stressors put on the infrastructure in the city. But when we look at the distribution of cot across the city we challenge whether the matrix used is a fair and equitable split.

Infrastructure Strategy

There is no denying that a significant amount of funding is needed for the three water services need to be delivered for the city and this we support but is a need to go as far as investing in the installation of water meters when the community is finding it very difficult the moment in that their disposable income is shrinking. When decisions are being made do, I pay my rates or pay my increased insurance policy or buy little

johnny his much-needed pair of shoes? We would ask that the council look at the Business as usual that needs to be investment in the high priority need for the community and push out the wants and nice to haves for at least three years.

Financial Strategy

We have some concerns about this strategy that talks about delivering council services in an efficient and cost effect away but whilst savings have been made, we don't think that you have looked hard enough at want can be differed but have just look at cuts. We believe there are projects can be deferred.

In short we don't agree with some of the things that the council are wanting to introduce in this Long Term Plan:

- Paid parking in Petone. We have attached a petition that has been supported by businesses, local residents and shoppers who come to Petone because we don't have paid parking. Our businesses have gone through enormous stressors since the onsite of COVID and the many compliances legislation since that has been handed down by central government. Climate events have affected our hospitality industry with the disruption and rising costs of products then we have all been affected by the huge insurance cost.
- We are also very aware of the increase in home occupation which is getting a free ride and we as business and residence are supporting. How is that fair? Has council ever looked at this equity?

We would welcome the opportunity to speak to our submission.

Regards

Hellen Swales

Coordinator

Jackson Street Programme Inc.

84. Raewyn Hailes

836 HCC-121173083 - Raewyn Hailes

Are you submitting as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

Organisation/Business/Iwi

What is the name of the organisation that you represent?

CCS Disability Action

Would you like to present your feedback direct to councillors at a 10 Year Plan consultation hearing? In person or through Zoom?

Yes

Would you like to be kept informed about the outcome of Hutt City Council's public consultation process on the 10 Year Plan via email?

Yes

What is your preferred option for how we invest in water services for the next 10 years?

Option 1

What is your preferred option for how we divert food and green organics waste from landfill?

Option 2

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding waste and landfill.

Like the wider population, many disabled people are keen to play their part in reducing the impact of waste and plastics on the environment. However, we would like to highlight that there are a number of significant accessibility barriers for disabled people wishing to avoid single-use plastics and recycle and reduce their waste responsibly. These include: • a lack of educational information in accessible formats about recycling and alternatives; • physical and sensory barriers to being able to identify and sort items for recycling; • difficulty finding suitable affordable and accessible alternatives for many every-day single-use items (for example, many re-useable coffee cups are difficult to get the lids on and off compared to single-use coffee cups); • many products that are subsidised for disabled people (for example, continence pads) are not re-useable. Waste Strategy should highlight the need for recycling and reusing disability aids, and mobility devices and proposes that the disability community is supported and resourced to set up such a scheme. A take back scheme could be implemented for disposal of batteries. There are concerns that without proactive engagement with the disability community, they will be negatively impacted by the policy responses that aim to minimise waste, which will result in disabled people being further marginalised as a group.

What is your preferred option for implementing a rates remission policy to help low-income homeowners?

Option 1

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding rates remission.

CCS Disability Action supports the right of disabled people to have good lives. As disabled people increasingly express the desire to live as independently as possible, participate and contribute to, their community it is critical that Hutt City Council recognises the vital role they play in enabling this to happen. Planning processes

and operational activities should be able to demonstrate that all community member's requirements are considered and catered for. NZ is in the midst of a housing crisis with many people living in houses that are detrimental to their health and whether home owner or tenant people with disability are adversely impacted by the rates increase.

What is your preferred option for undertaking work on the three Petone assets – the library building, the grandstand and the wharf?

Option 1

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's proposed future approach to managing assets.

Agree

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's proposed updates to our fees and charges? e.g. increases to parking fees and to fees for the Silverstream landfill

Agree

Do you have any comments on our proposed updates to our fees and charges?

We would like to acknowledge the retention of no fees for disability dogs.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's revised development contributions policy.

Neither agree nor disagree

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's Infrastructure Strategy.

Agree

Do you have any comments on our Infrastructure Strategy?

An important part of the infrastructure strategy should be improving accessibility. Access and accessibility in the context of this submission, means people's ability to use environments and services on an equal basis with others. We recommend, Hutt City Council engage and partner with disabled people to ensure equitable and inclusive transport options and to prioritise work to upgrade the infrastructure, especially in areas where bus stops force people to disembark onto grass. With electric modes of transport on the exponential rise, the need for walkways and cycleways to have specific areas, and a standardised understanding of what is a walkway and what is a cycleway, is important. It is crucial to understand the distinct difference between a walkway and a cycleway, as joining the two together, leads to an unsafe mode of travel. For example, electric modes are quiet and quick, which is dangerous when using the same path as a pedestrian who may be blind or have low vision or hearing impaired. Future proofing the walkways and cycleways, to ensure that electric modes of transport are planned for will benefit all residents and visitors to Hutt City. The Pedestrian Network Guide produced by Waka Kotahi is a resource that is useful when considering Active Travel investment and Infrastructure that supports electric modes of transport. Many of the barriers disabled people face are easy and relatively inexpensive to fix. What is required is a combination of expert knowledge and creative thinking. Expert knowledge is required from professionals and from disabled people themselves who face these barriers every day. Collaborative partnerships between professionals and disabled people are a great way to develop creative solutions. Accessibility is an on-going goal rather than a set of minimal standards to be complied with. There is always room for improvement, especially as new and innovative approaches are constantly being developed. Tupua Horo Nuku shared path development should include consultation and

collaboration with the disability community. Universal smart water meters will impact on the financial viability of low income families. Currently 39.4% of people with disabilities (aged 15 to 64) are currently employed and of those who are employed 25% are underemployed. All increases to day to day living expenses brings further financial deprivation.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's Reserves Investment Strategy.

Agree

Do you have any comments on our Reserves Investment Strategy?

We note that 52% of respondents to Recreation Aotearoa access survey reported there is a range of public activities and events that they would like to participate in but are currently unable to because of inaccessibility. We stress the importance of genuinely consulting and collaborating with people with disabilities, professional accessibility consultants within design and development to prove improved access in reserves and green spaces.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the approach outlined in Council's Financial Strategy to enable the delivery of our priorities and progress investment in basic infrastructure.

Neither agree nor disagree

Given the increased cost pressures on our work as well as the current economic climate, do you agree that a total rates revenue increase in 2024-2025 of 16.9% after growth is reasonable?

Disagree

If you do not agree that the proposed rates revenue increase is reasonable, which areas of Council function and service delivery do you believe could be reduced in order to enable a lower rates increase, and why?

Council to continue to provide essential services and remediation work on water and infrastructure. The nice to have's be kept to a minimum and managed within budget. The disparity of income for people with disability compared to their peers shows that the current cost of living is causing extreme financial hardship. The increases proposed are not achievable for many.

Please rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the general direction that we are taking for this draft 10 Year Plan.

Neither agree nor disagree

85. Merran Bakker

Hutt City Council Long Term Plan 2024-2034 Submission

I live in Petone.

This is an individual submission.

I wish to speak to my submission.

Introduction:

I acknowledge the work that has gone into creating this 10-year plan and the challenges faced by balancing large infrastructure needs with the community's ability to fund these through rates. However, I also point out that there is little background detail for respondents to understand how the 'achievements' of the past three years match up to the targets that were set for that period. It would be helpful to have more concrete key performance indicators and results available so residents could see where rates are going.

My personal experience has led me to be concerned that money has been wasted by council in some areas. One example is in the re-sealing of Britannia Street, where I live. This was initially done a few years ago, but immediately began to break down due apparently to the poor quality of the asphalt supplied. The remedial work has been just as poor, leading to a rough surface that continues to break down. Other streets in Petone seem to have similar issues. If the work had been done to a higher quality surely it would last longer, thus ultimately saving money.

Another more significant example is the work done with a series of consultants on walking and cycling links between The Esplanade and Jackson Street, and the

Magic Triangle – Avalon, Naenae and Taita. Whilst I and others attended workshops as volunteers, council staff and consultants were no doubt paid to participate. There were acknowledged deadlines for completing these projects if Government money was to be accessed –but despite voiced intentions none of this work has started and little or no government funding is now available.

Water Services:

I am keen to see the maximum affordable amount spent efficiently to remedy the poor state of our water infrastructure. My preference is for **Option 2** in the consultation document, so that the pipes are renewed, and the burden of repairs doesn't fall on future generations. Let's not only catch up on leaks but make genuine progress fixing this.

I approve of water meters so that ratepayers can know their usage. An incentive for individual households would be that if they use less than the average amount, their costs could be less than the current targeted water rate. I note that the Draft LTP has not adjusted the targeted water use over 10 years to account for the positive impacts of water metering. The suggested water consumption target of up to 385 litres per resident per day is far more than the national average of around 229 litres and over three times as much as Auckland users. If leaks are mended and meters installed, I would like to see a much more ambitious target for water use. Over time this should reduce the need for capital expenditure.

Food and Green waste collection service:

I am in favour of the Council setting up a food and green waste collection service as I believe it will divert compostable material from the landfill. It will be

important that this change is well informed by what will really work for residents; for example, the size of bins and frequency of collection will matter in changing behaviour. It seems good to move to a less frequent rubbish collection if food and green waste collection is weekly and the bins are large enough to take a reasonable amount of material.

Rates rebates:

As the Government already pays a rates rebate, I am not in favour of the council extending this at a time when finances are already stretched.

Petone assets:

I disagree with all the council options for Petone assets. Lumping the three assets together into two choices in the consultation document does not enable good analysis of either what the community wants or what is best for each of these structures.

Petone Wharf:

I note that the council's 2023 Heritage Inventory Report recommends retention of the wharf, based on its historic and social values. **Please do not demolish Petone Wharf if it can be repaired for a similar sum to that proposed for demolition.** The wharf is a significant landmark for Petone Beach and a community asset for walking, fishing and enjoyment of the harbour.

Petone Library:

I disagree with spending more than necessary on repairs to the Petone library. I believe the sums allocated in the choices given are approximations based on a maximum total spend of under \$20 million dollars. What would be better for Petone is to take time to build a business case based on what the community wants, rather than imposing some sort of 'hub'. It is not clear what the currently mould affected parts of the building can best be used for, so I ask

the Council to take more time to explore options and explain them to the community, whilst allocating at least some maintenance funding into the budget.

Petone Recreation Ground Grandstand:

I am not in favour of the grandstand being demolished.

Transport:

I agree with all the points made by Hutt Cycle Network, of which I am a member. If climate change goals are to be realised there needs to be more focus on getting people out of cars. I am disappointed in the unambitious goals for improving the cycling network. Reducing speeds and paying for parking are two low-cost ways to make way for mode shift. Smaller interventions can also help awareness of the presence of cyclists. Here are some examples:

- keeping up with cycle marking on roads (for example the Ewen Bridge, and Waione Street).
- continuing to improve directional signs for walking and cycling. For example quiet streets marked as 'safe route to...'
- providing more quality cycle stands at destinations, such as local shopping centres

To change behaviour, people need incentives as well as deterrents.

Although public transport is managed by greater Wellington Regional

Council, encouraging its use could be another way for the council to

work towards mode shift. Perhaps as well as decarbonising the council's fleet, the council could provide incentives for all its staff to use trains and buses instead of cars. It would be great to see this modelled!

Parking meters:

I urge the council not only to introduce paid parking in Petone but to consider the whole city in the light of intensification of housing. An example is in my neighbourhood of Britannia Street, where on-street parking is about to be challenged when twelve three-bedroomed units are occupied, by owners who

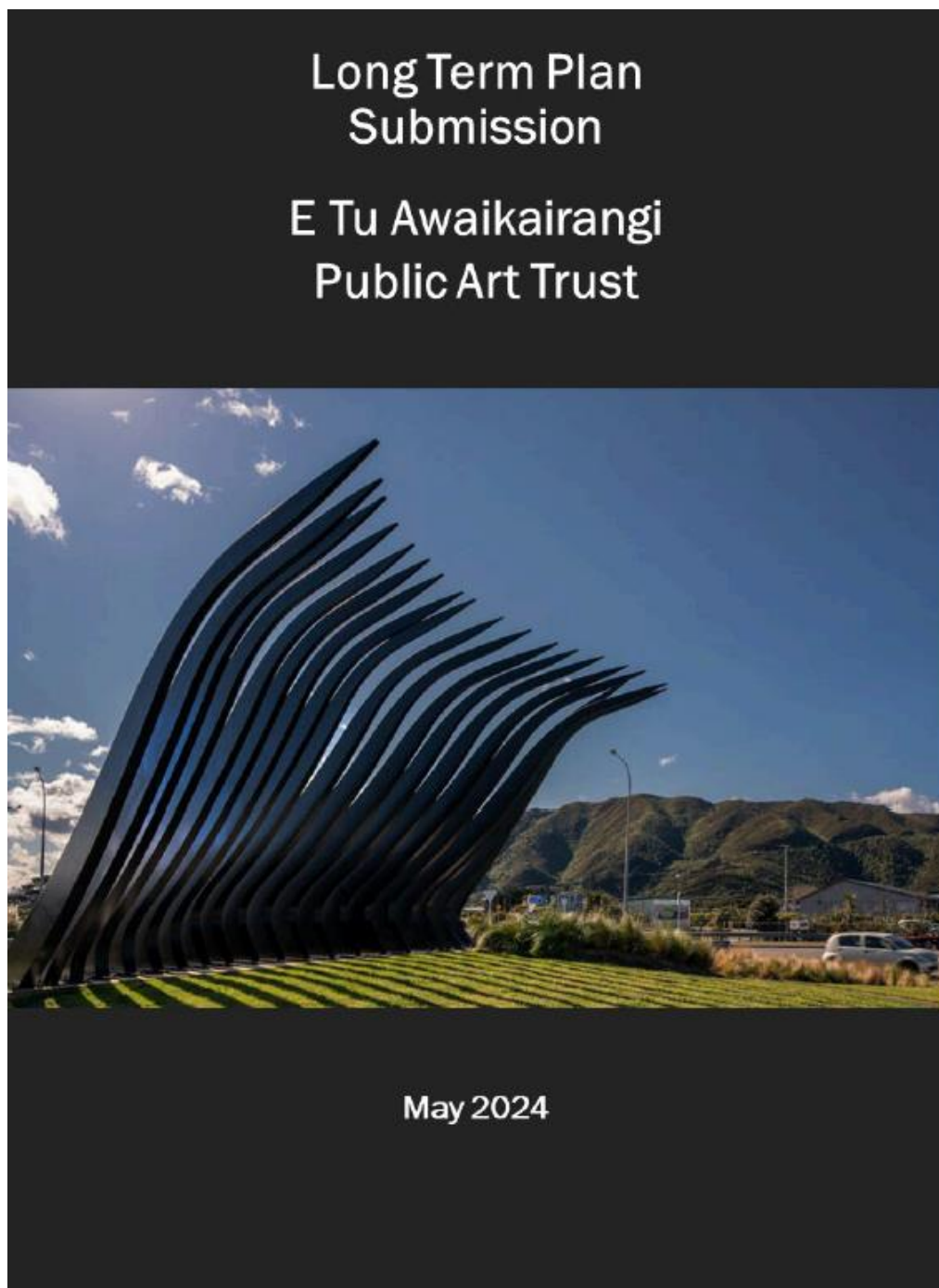
will likely have one to two cars per unit. A strategy of having residents parking zones, paid by a modest annual fee, combined with strict time-limited free parking zones for schools, churches and businesses could be a way of dealing with parking in the crowded areas of high-density housing. Petone's smaller streets are dominated by parked cars, many all day by commuters, who should pay per day perhaps by coupon parking as in Wellington. As with water metering, paying for the privilege should have a way of focussing people on the city's assets and services they are using.

Summary:

My message to the Council is this:

- please fix our water infrastructure fully as soon as possible
- don't demolish Petone Wharf or Grandstand or waste money on the library – but keep it as a good local library.
- work on disincentives for motor vehicle congestion and pollution while putting more emphasis on mode shift.

86. Ian Pike



TEN YEAR PLAN SUBMISSION OF E TU AWAKAIRANGI HUTT PUBLIC ART TRUST

1. E Tu Awakairangi Hutt Public Art Trust has been the Council's delivery agent for public art in Hutt City, since its formation in 2007.
2. The Trust's vision is an exciting city with public art that celebrates our people, history, environment, and diversity, and encourages curiosity and wonder. The Trust aims to inspire and connect people through public art. Creative cities do well and attract population and business.
3. Trustees can remind Councillors of the role they have played and some of their past contributions over the last 15 years to public art in the City:
 - a. "Lightwing" at Seaview roundabout;
 - b. "Smiling Windmills" and "T-Rex" at Avalon Park;
 - c. "Cube 4" at Hutt Park;
 - d. "Elevating Worm" at Stokes Valley;
 - e. "Fallen Robot" outside Dowse Art Museum;
 - f. Carved stones from Griffins factory on bank of Waiwhetu stream; and
 - g. "Big Man" outside Hutt Hospital.



4. The Trust is conscious of the City's current financial position. E Tu's Chair met the Head of Arts & Culture for Hutt City some weeks ago and they agreed it was not appropriate for the Trust to seek Council funding for the next two -three years.
5. The Trust sees this as a hiatus in the ten-year plan and our request is to receive Council funding again from 2027.
6. E Tu has a number of installations underway.
 1. Work with a recycling theme outside the "Remakery" cafe and community centre in Waiwhetu Road.
 2. We are about to install a public artwork called "GRAND" outside the premises of the Irish Society in Raroa Road. The artist wanted the work to remain in Hutt City. The work was originally created for and displayed at the Dowse.
 3. We are about to project some light-based works onto suitable large walls in the city.
 4. The Trust is also working with the Riverlink team and hope to use our funding as seed capital for public artworks for Riverlink. We hope to assist Len Hetet with some existing works we own for a project he plans.
7. The Trust is a charity. All trustees provide their time free of charge and the Trust has no administration expenses. Our small team brings together a combination of commitment, experience and expertise in issuing expressions of interest, procurement, project management, stakeholder management and iwi liaison, landscape design and engineering. Funds obtained are used only for public art works and the presentation of those works.
8. Council's draft Arts and Culture Framework references the work undertaken by the Trust in stating that the Council's collection includes 'contemporary artworks that have been donated by E Tu Awakairangi, an independent sculpture trust that has received grants from council' (p9).
9. As a recognised partner of Council, the Trust would like to continue to work under Council's Arts and Culture Framework and offer its arts expertise for future developments and projects.
10. The independent charity status we have has allowed us to supplement Hutt City Council funding with contributions in kind valuing many thousands of dollars. This added value comes via our strong relationships with manufacturers and installers across the City as well as more direct fund-raising activities.
11. In conclusion, we seek inclusion in the ten-year plan from 2027 onwards, after an entirely appropriate present hiatus.
12. E Tu Trustees would be pleased to talk to this submission and wish to be heard as part of Council's Long Term Plan oral submission process.

87. Kathryn Martin

1057 HCC-123177226 - Kathryn Martin

Ethnicity

Canadian

Are you submitting as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

Individual

**Would you like to present your feedback direct to councillors at a 10 Year Plan consultation hearing?
In person or through Zoom?**

Yes

**Would you like to be kept informed about the outcome of Hutt City Council's public consultation
process on the 10 Year Plan via email?**

Yes

Do you live in Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai Lower Hutt?

Yes

Do you own or rent the home you live in?

Own

Which suburb do you live in?

Stokes Valley

What age group do you belong to?

35-44 years

What is your preferred option for how we invest in water services for the next 10 years?

Option 1

Please share any comments you would like to add about the water services.

I would like to see our water system taken care of. Unfortunately, it's impossible for the average household to afford an additional \$3,400 a year in rates to meet the second option. I think there needs to be more support for localised water in home water tanks to take some pressure off the overall system, and to build resilience.

What is your preferred option for how we divert food and green organics waste from landfill?

Option 1

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding waste and landfill.

I fully support the move to collect food and green waste. I think this is an important part of the city's climate action, as well as environmental stewardship and public education. While I compost at home and therefore would be paying for a service I would not use, I am happy to pay an amount to ensure this service exists for the greater good.

What is your preferred option for implementing a rates remission policy to help low-income homeowners?

Option 1

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding rates remission.

I'm glad to see this policy being proposed. I think it shows compassion. There are a lot of people not doing well, and I hate to think of people choosing rates over food on the table.

What is your preferred option for undertaking work on the three Petone assets – the library building, the grandstand and the wharf?

Option 1

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding the three Petone assets.

The libraries across Lower Hutt are extremely valuable to the community. I use them all the time. Petone Library has a wonderful "town square" feeling you talk of. I would be wary of another Stokes Valley library - it's a poor, chaotic design. But I do agree the library needs more than a patchwork job. The wharf I am not attached to. I support demolition. I think there's no need for such an elaborate building at the Rec ground. A simple toilets, hanging room and some seating is fine. I'd prefer the second option here for this particular point.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's proposed future approach to managing assets.

Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any comments on our Assets review?

The attachment is too vague for me to build an opinion. I would have appreciated examples.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's proposed updates to our fees and charges? e.g. increases to parking fees and to fees for the Silverstream landfill

Agree

Do you have any comments on our proposed updates to our fees and charges?

I'm happy to see landfill charges go up, and makes sense for all the consents. I disagree with parking charges and with any increases for small children, eg the pool. For lots of families struggling, I wouldn't want to create any barrier to healthy, wholesome activity.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's revised development contributions policy.

Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any comments on our Development Contributions Policy?

The attachment is very confusing. I'm not sure what the main points are.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's Infrastructure Strategy.

Agree

Do you have any comments on our Infrastructure Strategy?

I support cycleways and reliable, frequent public transport. I support walkable neighbourhoods designed with people rather than cars in mind. I appreciate climate change being taken seriously. I strongly oppose building new subdivisions by cutting down forests or cementing over open land. We need to build up, not out.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's Reserves Investment Strategy.

Agree

Do you have any comments on our Reserves Investment Strategy?

I cannot overemphasize the importance of our protection of, and connection to, nature. I fully support policy that means more land is in reserves and not built upon. I also fully support any help to tangata whenua to heal their connection to the land of their ancestors. I support initiatives that help build community connections in natural settlements. Please stop selling off reserve land to developers (eg, Highbury Grove in Stokes Valley).

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the approach outlined in Council's Financial Strategy to enable the delivery of our priorities and progress investment in basic infrastructure.

Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any comments on our Financial Strategy?

A bit too much for me to wrap my head around.

Please rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the general direction that we are taking for this draft 10 Year Plan.

Agree

Please explain the reason for your response.

The plan looks like a good balance. I think the priorities are right (healthy environment, community connection, sound infrastructure). It's just about delivery where things get hairy.

88. Denis Hulston

1103 HCC-123177904 - Denis Hulston

Ethnicity

New Zealand European

Are you submitting as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

Individual

**Would you like to present your feedback direct to councillors at a 10 Year Plan consultation hearing?
In person or through Zoom?**

Yes

**Would you like to be kept informed about the outcome of Hutt City Council's public consultation
process on the 10 Year Plan via email?**

Yes

Do you live in Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai Lower Hutt?

Yes

Do you own or rent the home you live in?

Own

Which suburb do you live in?

Petone

What age group do you belong to?

65-74 years

Please share any comments you would like to add about the water services.

Priority must be to fix significant water leaks which are notified to council. Water meters are an expensive distraction. Much work can be done to improve services without the cost of installing meters. The 2.6 billion option resulting in approx \$65 per week increase would be unaffordable for me as a rate payer.

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding waste and landfill.

Green waste and domestic waste should be reduced. Our household has compost and worm farms for household and green waste. Investigate assisting households to address their waste on site, rather than through curb-side disposal eg. fund worm farms for households.

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding rates remission.

Rate relief for low income requiring assistance is desirable. Council's role should be to lobby Central Government to increase the Central Government rebate to a more realistic level, and be part of Government provision of affordable housing and relief for those on low incomes.

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding the three Petone assets.

1. Both of these options are for demolition of the wharf, which is inappropriate. Consultation and feedback requires retention of the wharf as an option. It is a significant cultural and historical asset to our community, which was used by many residents and visitors prior to being locked up. Alternative options and retaining the wharf are required.
2. Refurbish the Library. It is a significant asset to the Petone community. The plan options are biased to demolition of significant assets to the Petone community, rather than genuine consultation around retention options.

Do you have any comments on our Assets review?

Agree with the need to review, provided green space and assets remain and integral part of community well-being and a healthy community. The council propensity to see demolition as an option (Petone assets) needs to be re-focused to adequate maintenance and planned long-term management.

Do you have any comments on our Development Contributions Policy?

Option 1 favoured - development growth funds growth. Priority for council should be on provision and maintenance & upgrading of existing services to existing residences. Growth should not be rate payer funded.

Do you have any comments on our Infrastructure Strategy?

Investment in and upgrading of ailing infrastructure should be a priority for the present and the future. This investment has been deferred for too long. Minimise cost burdens to residents with appropriate borrowing over the long term. Ensure good public transport is a primary part of our infrastructure, minimising congestion on the Petone Esplanade, discouraging us of private vehicles.

Do you have any comments on our Reserves Investment Strategy?

Reserves and nature spaces are a critical part of a healthy environment and need to be available to residents and preserved, rather than shut off as some of our build facilities have been.

Please share any further comments you would like to add.

Significant rates increases are unsustainable and therefore unrealistic for many households. Alternative sources of funding rather than reliance on rates is required.

89. Karen Clansey

Hutt City Council Long Term Plan Submission

Mail from after hours box

Name: Karen Clansey

Email address
or Phone No:

I live in/work in/visit Petone

I disagree with all of the Council options for Petone assets.

I want Petone Wharf repaired and being used because:

of its historic significance and the absolute need to return it to its recreational use prior to closure. Once all the walkways are joined up the wharf's usage should not be underestimated.

I do not agree with the Hutt City Council options to demolish Petone Wharf for around \$6M because:

there is an ideal way of repairing it for the same cost by a local firm, using internationally proven methods. What could be better than that? Stop this tunnel vision of destruction and start thinking outside the box. The option to use a local firm, could very easily lead to solutions for other tear-down proposals.

~~I do not~~ ^{do} wish to speak to Councillors about my submission.

(A Council officer will contact you to arrange a time for you to present by Zoom or face to face at the Long-Term Plan hearings to be held 15 to 17 May 2024).

Email to: haveyoursay@huttcity.govt.nz.

Drop your submission off: at your local library or neighbourhood hub.

Post it: Long Term Plan Freepost 100039 Private Bag 31912 Lower Hutt 5040

90. John Roper

Hutt City Council Long Term Plan 2024-2034 Submission

Name:

JOHN ROPER

Email address:
or Phone No:
☒ I live in/work in/visit Petone

☐ I disagree with all of the Council options for Petone assets.

I want Petone Wharf repaired and being used because:

(please tick beside all the statements you agree with)

- ☒ • It's historic and offers people a lot of different activity opportunities.
- ☒ • We need to stop pulling down structures that a community enjoys.
- ☒ • It has always been the most used wharf in the Hutt.
- ☒ • Council should listen and do the right thing.
- ☒ • Once it's gone it will never be back. Some history should be treasured.

I do not agree with the Hutt City Council options to demolish Petone Wharf for around \$6M because:

(please tick beside all the statements you agree with)

- ☒ > None of the options for Petone assets should be agreed to.
- ☒ > I'd rather see \$6M spent on restoration.
- ☒ > There are now faster and more cost effective ways to repair the wharf, and potentially the grandstand as well.
- ☒ > Some things should stay as is. The wharf is very important to Petone.
- ☒ > With some basic remedial work we can again enjoy it as it is.

I do/don't wish to speak to Councillors about my submission.

(A Council officer will contact you to arrange a time for you to present by Zoom or face to face at the Long-Term Plan hearings to be held 15 to 17 May 2024).

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91. Bruce Anderson

797 HCC-120172444 - Bruce Anderson

Ethnicity

New Zealand European

Are you submitting as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

Individual

Would you like to present your feedback direct to councillors at a 10 Year Plan consultation hearing? In person or through Zoom?

Yes

Would you like to be kept informed about the outcome of Hutt City Council's public consultation process on the 10 Year Plan via email?

Yes

Do you live in Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai Lower Hutt?

Yes

Do you own or rent the home you live in?

Own

Which suburb do you live in?

Naenae

What age group do you belong to?

65-74 years

What is your preferred option for how we invest in water services for the next 10 years?

Option 2

Please share any comments you would like to add about the water services.

I only tick either of Options 1 or 2 on the understanding that maximum effort will be put into ensuring equity in water charging when meters are installed. Equity to me means basically that income and numbers living in each dwelling should be taken into account in the charging regime. I was told by a Councillor that Kapiti has done a good job on this, and HCC should do at least as well.

What is your preferred option for how we divert food and green organics waste from landfill?

Option 1

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding waste and landfill.

It's not just about reducing landfill, it's also about moving towards a more circular economy. It would be good if those of us who already recycle most or all of our green "waste" were able to opt out or pay less, but I suspect that this would be a complex problem, with possibly unexpected and/or negative outcomes.

What is your preferred option for implementing a rates remission policy to help low-income homeowners?

Option 1

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding rates remission.

Financial pressures on most households can only get worse over the next decade, as our whole-system crisis deepens, major weather events increase, supply chains are more disrupted, and social dislocation increases. The Council/other ratepayers should use every possible avenue to support lower income households.

What is your preferred option for undertaking work on the three Petone assets – the library building, the grandstand and the wharf?

Option 1

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding the three Petone assets.

My personal preference is choosing a better general community hub (which supports a wider range of community-building activities) over a better sports ground.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's proposed future approach to managing assets.

Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any comments on our Assets review?

Getting the balance right between Council and community provision of community services is always tricky. Community groups wax and wane in their capacity to manage and effectively use assets, and the Council needs to be aware of, and cater for, this, as a larger, better funded, central organisation. The model of ongoing Council ownership of numerous assets, sharing or delegating management to community groups, is a good one to ensure long term financial stability combined with local vitality, as long as the Council retains the linkages and awareness of the levels of use of the asset (without being/becoming a heavy-handed contract manager). The review work needs to take this into account, and not simply become the Council's version of the Government's habit of offloading responsibility without concomitant medium-term resourcing.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's proposed updates to our fees and charges? e.g. increases to parking fees and to fees for the Silverstream landfill

Don't know

Do you have any comments on our proposed updates to our fees and charges?

While I am strongly in favour of increasing parking fees, and possibly others as well, it is difficult to reach a considered view when I cannot find, even at a high level, your basis and criteria for charging/changing fees. The basis I am most interested in is "where is the balance between private and club/public good for this activity being consented/used" and the criterion I would like to see used is "the further down the scale of

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private good, the closer to full cost recovery". Scanning the 56 pages of fees, it looks like most if are based on full cost recovery, which may be appropriate, but the logic is not given.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's revised development contributions policy.

Don't know

Do you have any comments on our Development Contributions Policy?

I do not have the knowledge to comment usefully in this area.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's Infrastructure Strategy.

Don't know

Do you have any comments on our Infrastructure Strategy?

You say a reasonable amount about the impacts of climate change on infrastructure, but some of it is cloaked as a contingency, rather than inevitable (see, for example, p32). And I see little about HOW you will respond in a sustainable way - featuring the Eastern Bays pathway as an example of your response tells us nothing about the likely lifespan and protective value of the project. I couldn't find anything about preparing for retreat - which is inevitable. You are spending very large amounts on infrastructure in the areas which in 100 years will be under water or so vulnerable to storm surge as to be unusable for land based accommodation and activity. Have you done any comparative analyses on the viability and costs of retreat?

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's Reserves Investment Strategy.

Agree

Do you have any comments on our Reserves Investment Strategy?

It looks good, with worthy principles, analysis, and planned projects, but presumably has been developed within a set of financial limits which are invisible, so it is hard to tell what might be done with more (eg from reprioritising) or less (eg from diversion to other/emergency/damage repair) funds available.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the approach outlined in Council's Financial Strategy to enable the delivery of our priorities and progress investment in basic infrastructure.

Agree

Do you have any comments on our Financial Strategy?

My only concern is that I can find no discussion of contingencies - within the next ten years we will almost certainly experience one or two (or more) major events of the scale of the 2022 storms/flooding/slips. If there is borrowing, funding or operational capacity set up to cope with these, I couldn't find it.

Given the increased cost pressures on our work as well as the current economic climate, do you agree that a total rates revenue increase in 2024-2025 of 16.9% after growth is reasonable?

Agree

797 HCC-120172444 - BRUCE ANDERSON

Please rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the general direction that we are taking for this draft 10 Year Plan.

Agree

Please explain the reason for your response.

I agree subject to the comments made in sections above. The main points that concern me are: - ensuring that water metering/useage costs are shared equitably, and maximum relief is given to lower income households. - ensuring that assets held for community use are not lightly disposed of, under the guise of "giving" to the community. - uncertainty about the level of investment you will make in maintenance and restoration under the reserves strategy. - uncertainty about the strength of your strategy in relation to key climate risks and inevitabilities, primarily preparation for retreat (versus major infrastructure spend in areas likely to be inundated/stranded), and factoring in preparation for and response to likely major disruptions eg from major weather events. Thank you for this opportunity to submit.

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92. Bruce Chase

A founding member of Fraser Park Sportsville.

30/04/2014

Avalon Rugby Club

Fraser Park

Re: demolition of soccer and cricket buildings

I'm writing this letter on behalf of the Avalon Rugby Club committee and its supporters.

The news that the demolition of the above buildings is of grave concern. Avalon Rugby club is not only concerned of the effect it will have on the cricket, soccer clubs and other codes but also the direct impact on the Rugby Club.

Due to the unfulfilled promise of the then Council to provide a weights gym as part of the Sportsville facility. Avalon and Lower Hutt Football club (Founding member) were able to collaborate and agree to share the old football club facility to house a weights gym i.e. the building that is being assigned for demolition.

The gym has been a great asset to not only both clubs but to the:

- Phoenix Academy Football Club
- Taita College Rugby teams
- Naenae College Rugby Teams
- Other Fraser Park Sportsville members
- Miscellaneous members of community who have sought permission to use it, via Avalon Rugby Club

Approximately 50 persons per day use the gym or a minimum of 350 visits per week .

If both buildings are fully demolished what is the councils plans to provide alternative location of the weight gym, considering that there is no alternative and suitable space available at the FPS building.

Please note that the weights gym requires weight bearing flooring, sufficient changing and showering facilities, suitable access, and security. The current building has the appropriate requirements needed. Both soccer and rugby clubs invested funds to make it fit for purpose.

The planned demolishing of buildings will impact access to alternative changing rooms and toilets when FPS is closed or at full capacity.

Noting that the only changing rooms and toilets apart from the FPS facility available would be the "Noddy House" would be insufficient for what is Wellington Regions largest sporting park. There have been many times where FPS changing rooms and the Noddy House have been used to full capacity. This occurs when rugby and soccer teams are scheduled to play at the same time. (Including matches on the artificial turf).

At times there may be other activities such as squash tournaments, and F45 scheduled which adds to congestion of facilities of FPS. During the month of December Samoan Kilikiti tournament is held at Fraser Park the ability to access the changing rooms at the old football club building is important because the FPS toilets are normally unavailable during the month of December.

Furthermore, demolishing of the two buildings will minimize storage options for FPS founding members. Storage is already at a premium. Currently the Taita Cricket Club uses the old cricket club building to store their wicket covers and

other equipment. Both Boxing and Thai clubs also use the building for storage and are based at the old club building.

Avalon Rugby would appreciate it if there were plans to relocate or replace the weights gym, if so, what is the detail. Understanding that there has been no consultation with Avalon Rugby Club.

Is the Council able to explain as to why the demolishing of the Soccer and Cricket buildings is to contribute positively to the community knowing that both buildings are being fully utilised.

Other questions Avalon Rugby Club have.

- a. Are there plans to replace the demolished changing rooms on park
- b. What evidence does the council have that the buildings are no longer required?
- c. Additional indoor training space to replace the soccer facility, noting the indoor space at Ricoh is stretched and could not accommodate extra volume and may not be fit for purpose for other codes.
- d. Are there plans to replace storage facilities for cricket and softball.
- e. Are there plans to relocate GBH Boxing and Thai Boxing club who current use the old Taita Cricket club.
- f. What is the cost of demolishing?

Yours sincerely

Bruce Chase

Avalon Rugby Club

93. Nicholas Jacques O'Kane

1028 HCC-123176767 - Nicholas Jacques O'Kane

Ethnicity

New Zealand European

Are you submitting as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

Individual

**Would you like to present your feedback direct to councillors at a 10 Year Plan consultation hearing?
In person or through Zoom?**

Yes

**Would you like to be kept informed about the outcome of Hutt City Council's public consultation
process on the 10 Year Plan via email?**

Yes

Do you live in Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai Lower Hutt?

Yes

Do you own or rent the home you live in?

Own

Which suburb do you live in?

Waterloo

What age group do you belong to?

35-44 years

What is your preferred option for how we invest in water services for the next 10 years?

Option 2

Please share any comments you would like to add about the water services.

This is an area I feel strongly about. The unfortunate reality is that the council has over previous years, possibly decades grossly underinvested in water infrastructure. However we cannot turn back the clock. When we consider the options we must consider what choices the council will face when drawing up Long term plan 2034. The claim is made that choosing opting 2 is "unaffordable". However it will not get easier to afford the necessary work with time. The risk with option 1 if chosen is that a future council will have to propose even more steep increases in rates beyond those already proposed. Another danger is increased political pressure to amalgamate Hutt City with Wellington City and the loss of autonomy for Hutt City. Some may hope that the government may bail out the water services. Wishful thinking is not a strategy and we must be prepared for the possibility this will not happen. We must ask ourselves the question, will we fix past mistakes and repair the water network to health, or kick the can down the road to another council/generation? I do not like the later option

What is your preferred option for how we divert food and green organics waste from landfill?

Option 2

What is your preferred option for implementing a rates remission policy to help low-income homeowners?

Option 1

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding rates remission.

Option 1 is relatively cheap (compared to some other proposals in the long term plan) but could have a big impact on some people who are desperate

What is your preferred option for undertaking work on the three Petone assets – the library building, the grandstand and the wharf?

Option 1

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding the three Petone assets.

I have not and will probably not use Petone wharf. However I do understand that it is a much valued community asset by the people of Petone and am reluctant to demolish. Perhaps it can be mothballed (not reopened but not demolished and kept in its current state) until council finances improve. I do support holding a referendum at the next local election in the Petone Community Board area of a targeted rate to fund full strengthening and restoration of the wharf, with if a majority of voters approve the restoration it be funded 50% from the targeted rate and 50% from general rates. I do also feel that demolishing the wharf should be done very reluctantly as once gone it is gone forever, and ideally such a momentous decision should be made by all Hutt City residents, not just 11 of them. If no referendum in the Petone Community Board area as I suggested above then one can be held citywide on whether to demolish or restore the wharf at the next council election

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's proposed future approach to managing assets.

Neither agree nor disagree

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's proposed updates to our fees and charges? e.g. increases to parking fees and to fees for the Silverstream landfill

Agree

Do you have any comments on our proposed updates to our fees and charges?

I do support the increase to parking fees as an incentive for people to use public transport and also to raise revenue for the council.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's revised development contributions policy.

Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments on our Development Contributions Policy?

I do have very strong feelings here I disagree with the "growth should pay for growth" policy and instead believe that the costs of population growth should be spread across all households/residents, not just new ones. More growth benefits existing residents as it provides extra vibrancy to the city and extra economic activity (more jobs etc.). The benefits of growth are not captured entirely by new residents and thus neither should the costs. If the development contributions in Hutt City are increased compared to those in neighbouring cities (such as Wellington, Porirua and Upper Hutt) an increased share of the regions population growth will occur in those cities instead of Hutt City. As someone who wants Hutt City to be more vibrant with more bars, cafes etc. I consider this a bad thing and consider that the council should try and maximise the share of the population growth over the next 30 to 40 years that will occur in Hutt City. Second some of that growth is from existing residents moving to new homes (think adult children who have grown up in Hutt City whose parents have paid rates their entire lives, who are able to buy/build their own house). While abolishing existing development contributions would probably increase rates to more than the community could accept (especially if option 2 for the water services is also adopted) I strongly oppose increasing them. We must also ask who really pays for the development contributions. In theory the property developer. While they pay some of the cost some will be passed on by them to the sellers of the new houses, thus the buyers of new housing units will pay a large share. Given the cost of existing homes is determined in large part by the cost of constructing new ones it will increase the prices of all houses on the market, not just the new ones. The flow on effects will fall on young people disproportionately (as well as Maori and other ethnic minorities) who do not own homes, and further enrich those who do own their own homes (disproportionately old Pakeha people) at their expense. In short it functions in effect as a tax on the poor to benefit the rich. We must consider there the negative impact of such a policy on increasing the wealth gaps within our community and decreasing social cohesion (decreased social cohesion has all kinds of negative effects. Consider here the negative impact of increased housing unaffordability (which is bad enough already) on our community, especially on non-homeowners, with increased poverty, mental health and related conditions, inability to afford to start and raise a family (thus contributing to aging population issues), and also increased emigration to Australia and elsewhere (weakening family bonds and forcing expensive trips to see family abroad). We should also consider the impact on rents. Some of the impact of the increased development contributions will be absorbed by property developers instead of the buyers of new homes. However that is not good news, arguably worse than if the entire cost was passed onto buyers. As it will mean fewer houses get built. And we already have a housing shortage. And the cost of that shortage falls most of the poorest most vulnerable members of our society (again disproportionately, young and either of Maori heritage or members of other ethnic minority groups). While not all the problems of housing affordability/high rents are caused by council development contributions they make the problem worse not better (by reducing housing supply). The only way we can get out of the housing crisis long term is by increasing, not reducing the supply of new housing to match demand and this involves reducing, not increasing the cost of building and developing new houses. We must also consider the timing of this proposed increase. At present the building sector is in a very rough patch due to recent increases in interest rates and a lot of building companies are under real financial stress due to the changed economy. Increasing development contributions now will compound the damage. If there are to be increases it should wait for 2-3 years until interest rates decrease to minimise the damage. Lastly we must look at where they are increasing and where we want more growth. It is desirable that we maximise the share of the city's population growth that occurs on the valley floor due to proximity to commercial centres (the CBD and Petone) and public transport links (the railway lines in particular). The fact that the development contributions will be increased the most and be the highest in the valley floor area will shift growth in the city (in new dwellings and thus population) away from the valley floor and work against this aim (and also cause increased driving thus more congestion and carbon emissions). If the council does wish to raise revenue through increased development contributions it can readjust its policy to split the council into two areas for the purpose of development contributions, urban and rural with the same rate applying across all urban areas of the city so that the increase does not occur disproportionately on the valley floor area.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's Infrastructure Strategy.

Strongly Agree

Do you have any comments on our Infrastructure Strategy?

I strongly support the cross valley connections/link project being built and glad to see funding for it included in the long term plan

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's Reserves Investment Strategy.

Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any comments on our Reserves Investment Strategy?

No opinion here. Did not have the time to read and review this policy

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the approach outlined in Council's Financial Strategy to enable the delivery of our priorities and progress investment in basic infrastructure.

Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any comments on our Financial Strategy?

I have made my comments on the increased development contributions earlier

Given the increased cost pressures on our work as well as the current economic climate, do you agree that a total rates revenue increase in 2024-2025 of 16.9% after growth is reasonable?

Agree

If you do not agree that the proposed rates revenue increase is reasonable, which areas of Council function and service delivery do you believe could be reduced in order to enable a lower rates increase, and why?

Do we need so many pools? Could some of the opening hours for some of the not frequently used outdoor pools be reduced? The revenue gained by entry fees often falls well short of the cost of maintaining and operating the pools

Please share any further comments you would like to add.

The rate increase is very high, even compared to inflation (more than double the inflation rate). But we must bite the bullet and accept the costs needed as money cannot be created by magic

Please rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the general direction that we are taking for this draft 10 Year Plan.

Disagree

Please explain the reason for your response.

I very strongly disagree with the increased development contributions. I also feel the proposed option 1 for water services falls well short of what is needed. But apart from these two main areas of disagreement do feel the overall plan is very good and like it

94. Marian Whitney Melhuish

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Are you submitting as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

Organisation/Business/Iwi

What is the name of the organisation that you represent?

Lower Hutt Transition Towns

**Would you like to present your feedback direct to councillors at a 10 Year Plan consultation hearing?
In person or through Zoom?**

Yes

**Would you like to be kept informed about the outcome of Hutt City Council's public consultation
process on the 10 Year Plan via email?**

Yes

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's Reserves Investment Strategy.

Strongly Agree

Do you have any comments on our Reserves Investment Strategy?

I agree with the strategy, but wish to widen it as described in a page sent separately to HaveYourSay.

95. Michael Yates

Lower Hutt City AFC *"Fostering the Development of Our Players"*

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- Clubs community reach- 912 children aged 5-17
- Club Junior Membership- 325
- The club currently runs 17 Junior Teams catering for our 325 junior members from the ages of 6 through to 17.
- We currently work with a number of low decile schools in our local catchment area offering free weekly football coaching and healthy lifestyle sessions and a further four via New Zealand Football in Schools Programme.

- With support from a local business we are promoting healthy lifestyles through both football and fundamental movement skills, hydration and nutrition aiding the mental and physical wellness of those who need it most in our community.
- Potential reach – 5,624 (Excluding intermediate and Secondary) This includes 10 Decile 1 and 2 Level Schools.
- We also operate a highly successful First Kicks programme designed for those aged 4-6 who are getting their first taste of the sport.
- LHCAFC is Involved also in two other community programmes, “The journeys programme” and the “Football for all programme”

The Journey’s programme.

The Journey’s programme hosts local 10-17 year olds and acts as a new shop-window to local sports clubs.

“We hope to create a new pit stop on the sporting pathway where our young people can develop their confidence and competence prior to formal participation.

Through partnership with local schools, we will work to identify those students that have been excluded from physical activity (for whatever reason) or those that might respond strongly to our project. Those tamariki / rangatahi are then invited, free of charge to the Ricoh Sports centre from 330-5pm, three days a week for a revolving daily menu of co-designed sports offerings led by BGI but supported by the clubs inhabiting Fraser Park Sportsville founding member clubs. Transport support from school to the venue will be offered so as to remove the barrier.

Boys and girls institute are engaged as key delivers as they are an energetic group of young adults, (who we know our tamariki / rangatahi respond to) and they possess youth work skills which is valuable in understanding the contexts that our excluded young people come from and ensuring that the Journeys environment is safe and nurturing.

In many of the communities of our city, the traditional sports-system is either out of the reach of our young people, or just not meeting local needs. The Taita community is one of New Zealand’s most underserved- the raft of social and economic problems faced by the area manifest upon its sports organisations and present as challenges of equity to those organisations and individuals”

Football For All.

Football For All, is a community-based diversity project led by Football For The Community Development Trust in association with the Wellington Phoenix, launched in Wellington in 2020.

Football For All is targeted at refugee families and recent immigrants to the Wellington region and is specifically targeted at families and communities where inclusion is especially important. A specific area of focus is the Muslim community following the events of March 2019.

The programme aims to foster inclusivity, participation and well-being by using sport as a vehicle to help our communities particularly from former refugee and migrant communities to interact with our wider community and build on what we are already doing for our Muslim communities.

It also supports youth and their families - who may not otherwise have the opportunity to experience and engage with sport - to attend Wellington Phoenix matches and link with the football family. Wellington Phoenix will oversee the project and use its youth development expertise.

Football For All will 'scholarship' 50 children between the ages of five and 17 from ethnic communities into their local football clubs: the programme will pay club subscriptions, all uniform costs, while the football boots have been generously supplied by Wellington Phoenix's footwear partner, New Balance.

Crucially, the aim is to have these children integrated into existing teams, not create new teams exclusively from the communities themselves. Community coordinators have been selected in conjunction with local community groups and the local football clubs in association with Capital Football to ensure we are getting the best people with the right skill sets to execute the programme.

The entire programme will be independently reviewed under a University-sponsored analysis to ensure we can maximise any learnings. The project has been built in consultation with local community groups as listed. They are specialists in the area, and much of the decisions making (eg selecting the local community facilitators) will be made by those within the communities themselves. The project will also help these communities rebound from the restrictions of Covid19 and facilitate some return to normal for their youth.

It offers employment for five community leaders to be coordinators. By fully funding participation, local clubs will benefit from the subscriptions and thereby contribute to their infrastructure costs and keeping those facilities operational.

Football For All is facilitated by Football For the Community Development Trust (FCDT), a Charitable Trust set up to facilitate children from recent immigrant and low socio-economic communities so they can participate in the beautiful game. FCDT's primary funding partner is the Lloyd Morrison Trust.

FCDT Chair David Clarke said the project was a joint effort from many different organisations from around Wellington.

"Football for the Community Development Trust has brought together an amazing group of like-minded groups who want to use football to foster inclusion and diversity in our region.

"The Trustees are extremely grateful to the Lloyd Morrison Trust who is the primary funder and corporate partner New Balance who generously donated the football boots for all the participants.

“We have started with 50 young players this year, but we want to grow this to over 150 in Wellington and then, funding permitting, see how many more young people we can bring into the programme.”

At A Glance

- Football for All launched on 12 June 2020
- 50 participants aged between 5-17 years
- Local football clubs include Lower Hutt AFC, Stokes Valley, Onslow, North Wellington, Wellington United, Karori, Western Suburbs, Miramar, Seatoun
- Primary funder: Lloyd Morrison Trust. Boot supplier: New Balance NZ. Football club coordination role: Capital Football
- Community organisations involved: Change Makers Refugee Forum, International Muslim Association of New Zealand (overseeing the Wellington regions Mosques), Multicultural Councils of Porirua, Wellington City, Lower Hutt and Upper Hutt, Red Cross New Zealand, Wellington Interfaith Council, Sport Wellington, Ignite Sport, Oranga Tamariki, New Zealand Police, Human Rights Commission and the Wellington region's City Councils





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3 May 2024

Feedback on the draft plan – Managing assets.

To Whom it may concern,

In regard to the gym that our club currently owns and operates at Fraser Park which has been earmarked for demolition, we met with Andrea Blackshaw and Arthur Nelson recently to discuss the possibility of the divesting of the asset to our club, we were told that this could be a possibility for our club if we could meet certain requirements as laid out by the HCC, EG building compliance, earthquake strength etc. We formally requested information

from the council on what would be required, via Andrea, who informed us that the assets team at the HCC were working on this, and we would have a response by the end of this week, we still have no response from the council on this matter. In lieu of no response from the HCC we feel we must present our case in the form of this submission in the hope there will be due consideration given to the retention and divesting of the gym and also the south end changing room weights gym.

We would like the opportunity to speak on this submission at the council meeting – Please advise that is possible and what date the meeting will be on.

Our reasons for the gym retention are as follows.

The gym is currently used by our 350 junior members (3yrs – 15yrs) and 150 senior members (youth to masters) on a regular basis during the in season and the off season, we also use this gym for our “Football for All Programme” which seeks to assist families who may be new to this country or may be struggling financially to play football. We run our girls only , NZF approved, Fantails club which gives footballing opportunities to girls from 6yrs to 12 years who have not played football previously.

We have shared this facility over the last three years with numerous sports organisations such as Naenae soccer club (150 members) and more recently with Stokes Valley football club (250 members) Xtreme Hip hop (60-100 members) and Hutt Valley Softball, this gym is used extensively and is a huge factor in allowing us to connect with local community giving people within the Hutt Valley area greater access to football, sport and skills coaching along with the promotion of healthy lifestyles, hydration and nutrition aiding the mental physical wellness of those that need it most in our community and giving the community the opportunity to develop, amongst other things respect and Inclusion, safe participation Initiatives and it also allows our club to drive Increased involvement for and participation in sport and active community activities across all demographics in our local community.

The other matter is around the space which is at the southern end of the gym (also earmarked for demolishing) which between LHCAFC, Avalon Rugby Club and the Wellington Phoenix academy has been repurposed as a weights gym, with weights equipment which was surplus to requirements when the Naenae pool was closed, this has been a great collaboration between the three clubs and is certainly in the spirit of the collaboration that was expected when Fraser Park Sportsville was conceived. This facility is also being used by local college rugby teams and other Fraser Park Sportsville users.

Part of this building is also used for storage for Taita Cricket.

As you can see these two buildings are extensively used by the local community and we cannot see where the current activities will be housed in or around Fraser Park, any thought that the activities and users will be housed at the Ricoh Centre is pure fantasy, as the facility is at capacity, furthermore there is no weights gym, noting that when the founding

members clubs agreed to be part of FPS there was supposed to have been a weights gym at the facility.

The demolition of the changing rooms will also result any a severe lack of changing facilities for the grounds users with four rugby pitches and four football pitches, which may have up to three games each on a Saturday there simply won't be enough changing room facilities. Fraser park is the biggest of its kind in the Wellington region and is such an asset to our local community any reduction in amenities at this park, in our opinion, will have detrimental Impact on sport participation in our local community.

I would like to have added more to this submission, but as I say we had been waiting on the council on information regarding the divesting of the assets mentioned, so wanted to leave the submission to the last minute in case we got a response from the council.

Our club would also like to register our support to GBH boxing in their retention of the old Taita Cricket clubrooms, these guys are doing stellar work in the community with our youth, we feel they should be able to continue their work in what is now a safe space for our youth.

Yours Sincerely.

Mike Yates

Treasurer

Lower Hutt City Association Football and Sports Club Inc.

96. Sally Ann Smith

344 HCC-100163792 - SALLY ANN SMITH

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Ethnicity

New Zealand European

Are you submitting as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

Individual

**Would you like to present your feedback direct to councillors at a 10 Year Plan consultation hearing?
In person or through Zoom?**

No

**Would you like to be kept informed about the outcome of Hutt City Council's public consultation
process on the 10 Year Plan via email?**

Yes

Do you live in Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai Lower Hutt?

Yes

Do you own or rent the home you live in?

Own

Which suburb do you live in?

Kelson

What age group do you belong to?

55-64 years

What is your preferred option for how we invest in water services for the next 10 years?

Option 1

Please share any comments you would like to add about the water services.

Why do we need water meters? Maybe in hotels, motels, and boarding places but not private homes.

What is your preferred option for how we divert food and green organics waste from landfill?

Option 1

What is your preferred option for implementing a rates remission policy to help low-income home-owners?

Option 1

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344 HCC-100163792 - SALLY ANN SMITH

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding the three Petone assets.

I feel VERY strongly about the wharf, please please DO NOT demolish the wharf. I will not answer this question because of this!

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's proposed future approach to managing assets.

Neither agree nor disagree

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's proposed updates to our fees and charges? e.g. increases to parking fees and to fees for the Silverstream landfill

Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments on our proposed updates to our fees and charges?

people are already struggling with bills etc so why put up parking fees.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's revised development contributions policy.

Neither agree nor disagree

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's Infrastructure Strategy.

Agree

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's Reserves Investment Strategy.

Agree

Do you have any comments on our Reserves Investment Strategy?

You need to save Petone pier, that should be high up. It is SO important to everyone. Especially for me and my mental health. It could be a huge investment for everyone and tourists too.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the approach outlined in Council's Financial Strategy to enable the delivery of our priorities and progress investment in basic infrastructure.

Disagree

Do you have any comments on our Financial Strategy?

Rates are already pretty high, why raise them every year. You need to loosen the slack around our necks!

Given the increased cost pressures on our work as well as the current economic climate, do you agree that a total rates revenue increase in 2024-2025 of 16.9% after growth is reasonable?

Strongly disagree

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344 HCC-100163792 - SALLY ANN SMITH

If you do not agree that the proposed rates revenue increase is reasonable, which areas of Council function and service delivery do you believe could be reduced in order to enable a lower rates increase, and why?

Look we are struggling already with our mortgage, bills, etc, it'd be nice to have some help or even put rates down. We cant go on like this.

Please rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the general direction that we are taking for this draft 10 Year Plan.

Disagree

Please explain the reason for your response.

It just looks like you've already decided that Petone pier is going even though we STRONGLY disagree, and rates will be going up up up until we end up living in our cars.

97. Karen Arraj-Fisher

HCC Long-Term Plan 2024-2034 Consultation

Karen Arraj-Fisher

I do wish to speak to Councillors about my submission

PETONE ASSETS

Library: I agree with option 2

It would be amazing to have a new purpose-built facility, however, **I don't believe we actually need a new building:**

- with a very good refurbish of the existing building, the whole building will be able to be used
- a change in the floor layout, especially the atrium area, could give the library more space
- the heritage centre needs to stay in Petone but it could be in a different part of the Petone Library building and it could show some fantastic displays
- there is a need for at least 2 more toilets inside the building
- I don't believe there needs to be lots of meeting rooms in the library building as the Petone Community House is across the road from the Library and has different sized rooms for hire

I believe this could save millions of dollars, which could then go towards other Petone assets.

Wharf: I don't agree with either option

I want to see Petone Wharf being repaired so that it can be used again.

I can't see the point of spending a minimum of \$6 million to demolish it when all the options to repair it haven't been explored yet. My perception is that the Council Officers have had a narrow-focus and have not investigated all the options to repair the wharf.

One of those options they could have explored before the Long-Term Plan Consultation Document went out is actually based in Petone.

What really irks a lot of people is that the Hutt City Council rebuilt a wharf in Rona Bay a number of years ago when it was decided by Council that their wharf would not be rebuilt (how did that happen?!), which set back the timing for the Petone Wharf to be refurbished. How is this fair?

Grandstand: I don't agree with either option

I want to see Petone Grandstand strengthened so it can be used again.

Another Petone asset has been neglected for many years to the point where Council Officers recommend it be demolished. Again, my perception is one of narrow focus by Council Officers. For many years (I think it's 6 or 7 years) there have been "enter at your own risk" signs on the grandstand, and many a time the grandstand has been fairly packed with people all entering at their own risk. We have done this because we support sport clubs in Petone (or schools for sports day, etc, etc) – it's the best view from there, plus shelter from bad weather. We've been told for many years that the roof needed strengthening but have never seen any action from Council on this. Suddenly, in the middle of the 2023 rugby season, the seating part of the grandstand was closed after the Council got new information.

If the whole seating section collapsed in an earthquake, surely the changing room facilities would crush under its weight? Funny how the changing room facilities are allowed to stay open, with the players + referees (including Mayor Barry) using them every week!

I'd like to see more options for strengthening the roof and leaving the seating as it is. This could be done in conjunction with Petone sports clubs such as the Petone Rugby Club.

We also need to see investment in the state of the actual fields – the grounds need to be fit for purpose no matter what the weather is like. In 2023, some Premier 1 rugby games couldn't be played at Petone Rec because of terrible drainage – this should not happen in this age of ground technology and advancement.

PARKING CHARGES IN PETONE

I don't agree with this

I have worked on Jackson Street for nearly 11 years – here are some of my observations:

- Jackson Street is the main street in a suburb. 90% of Jackson St businesses are small, unique, owner-operator businesses.
- Jackson Street is not in a CBD where hundreds or thousands of office workers use it during the day
- Monday to Friday the main users of Jackson Street's historic + commercial precinct are older (retired) people, mums & bubs, and WelTec students – there is not a lot of foot traffic
- Saturday and Sunday are the main days that most businesses on Jackson St make their money for the week as people from all around the Wellington region come out to shop and eat
- No parking charges is one of the drawcards attracting people to shop, eat and use services on Jackson St
- No parking charges is one of the drawcards attracting businesses to open on Jackson St

Why I believe parking on Jackson Street and the Britannia St Carpark should stay free:

- After Covid, the cost of living crisis, and people being cautious due to a downturn in the economy, any further costs could be the difference between coming to Petone or going to another area which has free parking (e.g. Queensgate, big box retail, Upper Hutt, Kapiti Coast, etc)
- It's hard enough for small businesses to compete with big box retail and malls who have their own large and free carparking areas – this is not a fair-playing field.
- This leads onto - why is the Council not proposing paid parking throughout the Lower Hutt area? Why not the other suburbs who have shopping areas?
- Many people who usually come to Petone to shop, eat and use our services have told me they will not come anymore. Many coming from Wellington due to loss of parking spaces (cycle lanes), or paid parking going in their suburbs, or both (e.g. Karori).
- Businesses have told me they will have to lose staff (some employ 1 or 2 people), move to another suburb, go online only, or worse still close altogether.

Additional funding collected from Petone parking could be used to make improvements and upgrades to transport infrastructure on Jackson Street:

- This sounds like a bribe
- There is no evidence or assurance given that this will definitely be used for the betterment of Jackson St, and it may be that no money is spent on Jackson St at all!

All parking on Jackson Street – from Cuba Street to the Hutt Road intersections – is time limited (10 minutes, 30 minutes or 1 hour) between 9am-5pm. Traffic wardens are seen on Jackson St nearly every day. ***How much revenue does the Council get from traffic tickets issued on Jackson St every year?*** I imagine it's quite a lot.

I believe that the Council needs a dedicated traffic warden for Jackson Street + the 3 Council-owned Petone carparks only. The warden needs to walk the length of the commercial precinct issuing tickets for those who have overstayed their time, not go up and down side streets issuing tickets for lapsed registrations, etc – another warden can do that if need be.

98. Mike Fisher

HCC Long-Term Plan 2024-2034 Consultation

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your Long Term Plan. I would like to focus on the issues that face Petone in particular.

Petone Wharf

It will come as no surprise to you that I am fully in favour and supportive of efforts to retain Petone Wharf. The consultation document in presenting two wharf options interspersed with options for the library and grandstand has left a confusing smorgasbord that I know has left many residents confused.

It seems that right until the last day of consultation more details were emerging in response to questions raised during the consultation process on the wharf and the other Petone issues under discussion. This hardly makes for a fully informed consideration and debate on these treasured Petone assets.

It is ridiculous to spend \$6 million (or will it be an even greater amount?) to demolish the wharf and replace it with some token memorial. If money had been spent on adequate maintenance and the wharf situation addressed in a timely manner by previous Council administrations, we would not find ourselves in this position. Every effort should be made to explore alternative restoration options, and the Council should take into account the clear feelings of not just local residents, but the wider community that have been expressed in submissions, social media, and a very visible community walk to the wharf.

I can only say again, **SAVE OUR WHARF!**

Petone Library

As an avid user of Petone Library, it would be great to see an enhanced library building that makes better use of the Britannia Street frontage and layout, as well as updating vital maintenance. This has been raised over the years in numerous workshops. Certainly revitalised room space for community use, heritage displays, and staff areas is needed, however, I do not want to see a duplication of the Petone Community House facilities.

Petone Grandstand

As with many buildings in the Wellington region that have been assessed for earthquake standards, there seems to be variation in engineers reports and earthquake ratings. For most people, the existing grandstand with a new light-weight roof, provision of the same amount of seating, and perhaps some updated changing rooms will be perfectly adequate, and spectators just want to see progress rather than an empty grandstand.

Paid Parking in Petone

The extension of paid parking to Petone in any form is a very detrimental move to consider in the current economic environment. Both in terms of the impact on retailers, their staff, and the many people who travel to Petone, both from Hutt City and further afield, the imposition of a seven-day a week parking charge could be the final straw, that deters them from visiting, spending their dollars, or continuing in business.

Should paid parking be introduced, there could well be a side-effect with drivers attempting to find free parks in already crowded narrow side-streets. There is also the question of inequality in that the parking charges have been indiscriminately applied to some parts of Petone and not others, and equally not in other suburban shopping areas of Hutt City.

There is no guarantee that any revenue raised would be spent on Jackson Street.

Simply put, this is not the right time to consider paid parking.

I wish to speak to my submission.

99. Iuri Lima

970 HCC-113167911 - Iuri Lima

Ethnicity

Brazilian European decendent

Are you submitting as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

Individual

**Would you like to present your feedback direct to councillors at a 10 Year Plan consultation hearing?
In person or through Zoom?**

Yes

**Would you like to be kept informed about the outcome of Hutt City Council's public consultation
process on the 10 Year Plan via email?**

Yes

Do you live in Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai Lower Hutt?

Yes

Do you own or rent the home you live in?

Own

Which suburb do you live in?

Waiwhetū

What age group do you belong to?

35-44 years

What is your preferred option for how we invest in water services for the next 10 years?

Option 1

Please share any comments you would like to add about the water services.

I prefer that companies that makes 1m+ in net profit to be taxed proportionally to fund the water projects

What is your preferred option for how we divert food and green organics waste from landfill?

I have no preference.

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding waste and landfill.

I'd prefer that money to educate and incentive people to preserve more native trees forest, reduce waste and damage to the environment caused by weed killer, erosion from lack of plants, reduce risk of landslides and so on. Also incentive and education on composting. Keep it as local as possible, reduce emissions from trucks and costs associated with logistics.

What is your preferred option for implementing a rates remission policy to help low-income homeowners?

Option 1

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding rates remission.

Where the funding for the remission will come from? What are the options?

What is your preferred option for undertaking work on the three Petone assets – the library building, the grandstand and the wharf?

Option 1

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding the three Petone assets.

- Stop cutting trees and bush from shore line. - re-establish native first along the walkway. The bush provide protection from wind and rain for regular users. Recreation ground wish list: - Good calisthenics equipments

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's proposed future approach to managing assets.

Disagree

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's proposed updates to our fees and charges? e.g. increases to parking fees and to fees for the Silverstream landfill

Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any comments on our proposed updates to our fees and charges?

Charge the wealthy and big profitable companies to fund city requirements instead of continuously leaning on working class to fund everything for all classes

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's revised development contributions policy.

Strongly Agree

Do you have any comments on our Development Contributions Policy?

Strongly agree ONLY If Option 1 to funding development by developers!

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's Infrastructure Strategy.

Neither agree nor disagree

Do you have any comments on our Infrastructure Strategy?

- cycle lanes - Connect hutt river trail with cycle lanes to multiple key parts of the city. E.g: Te Whiti park to hutt river trail via Whites Line. This would greatly improve moving by bike with existing infrastructure and attract more people to cycling

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's Reserves Investment Strategy.

Strongly Agree

Do you have any comments on our Reserves Investment Strategy?

- Less sport unused useless sport fields with environment damaging grass. - More forest pockets - include decent calisthenics equipment on existing sport fields and along Petone beach

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the approach outlined in Council's Financial Strategy to enable the delivery of our priorities and progress investment in basic infrastructure.

Strongly Agree

Do you have any comments on our Financial Strategy?

I understand that the investment is inevitable, but residential tax payers are on the limit of affordability. At this pace 90% of current home owners will fall behind mortgage and rates. The city has to be looked after, but more burden on the working class as default, the ends cannot meet, there is a limit. The money has to come from the actual wealthy people, families and companies. They have the biggest ever money surplus available, while we are all struggling.

Given the increased cost pressures on our work as well as the current economic climate, do you agree that a total rates revenue increase in 2024-2025 of 16.9% after growth is reasonable?

Disagree

If you do not agree that the proposed rates revenue increase is reasonable, which areas of Council function and service delivery do you believe could be reduced in order to enable a lower rates increase, and why?

I don't agree on financing coming from the struggling class. However, reducing services is not a good option, by once again, affecting working class, which will lead to a never ending spiral. Again, services are mostly good and should be maintained, but funded by the surplus capital of the wealthy.

Please share any further comments you would like to add.

Consider tax wealth option for funding more and better services to all.

Please rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the general direction that we are taking for this draft 10 Year Plan.

Agree

Please explain the reason for your response.

In general the council is doing the best it can, with what it have. Hutt City is great, but could be even better with some simple changes that could do much greater for the environment.

100. Penny Martell

779 HCC-120172261 - Penny Martell

Ethnicity

New Zealand European

Are you submitting as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

Individual

**Would you like to present your feedback direct to councillors at a 10 Year Plan consultation hearing?
In person or through Zoom?**

No

**Would you like to be kept informed about the outcome of Hutt City Council's public consultation
process on the 10 Year Plan via email?**

Yes

Do you live in Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai Lower Hutt?

Yes

Do you own or rent the home you live in?

Own

Which suburb do you live in?

Maungaraki

What age group do you belong to?

45-54 years

What is your preferred option for how we invest in water services for the next 10 years?

Option 1

Please share any comments you would like to add about the water services.

I firmly believe that water should be free, as we have artesian water under the Hutt Valley. Meters should be used only to detect unusual use or leaks. Unfortunately in the Kapiti Coast, where I also own a house, we pay for water on top of very high rates. In my case well over half of that cost is a daily charged rate, not even the water that I use. There is no rates rebate, this is just added on to already high rates and it's unfair!

What is your preferred option for how we divert food and green organics waste from landfill?

Option 2

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding waste and landfill.

I'm not prepared to pay any more than what we already are. If green waste will cost no more, then go for it! Otherwise, it's a no.

What is your preferred option for implementing a rates remission policy to help low-income homeowners?

I have no preference.

What is your preferred option for undertaking work on the three Petone assets – the library building, the grandstand and the wharf?

Option 2

Please share any comments you would like to add regarding the three Petone assets.

Refurbish the wharf and grandstand. Make the grandstand usable! I.e. not locked! Refurbish library. Absolutely NO more apartments on Britannia St!

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's proposed future approach to managing assets.

Disagree

Do you have any comments on our Assets review?

Recreation grounds are public and should not have to be booked unless you are doing something large scale.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's proposed updates to our fees and charges? e.g. increases to parking fees and to fees for the Silverstream landfill

Disagree

Do you have any comments on our proposed updates to our fees and charges?

No parking charges in Petone! That's an absolute no-no. Other things look reasonable.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's revised development contributions policy.

Don't know

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's Infrastructure Strategy.

Neither agree nor disagree

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's Reserves Investment Strategy.

Don't know

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the approach outlined in Council's Financial Strategy to enable the delivery of our priorities and progress investment in basic infrastructure.

Neither agree nor disagree

Please rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the general direction that we are taking for this draft 10 Year Plan.

Disagree

Please explain the reason for your response.

It looks like we need rates increases. However, this draft plan is not just suggesting rates increases, but also paying for water, paying more for waste, paying for parking in Petone, while cutting funding for small but important things like the Hutt Science kit funding - education is our future!

101. Ailsa Webb

Hutt City Council Long Term Plan 2024 – 2034 Submission

Name: Ailsa Webb



Kia ora

I am the Deputy Principal at Wilford School

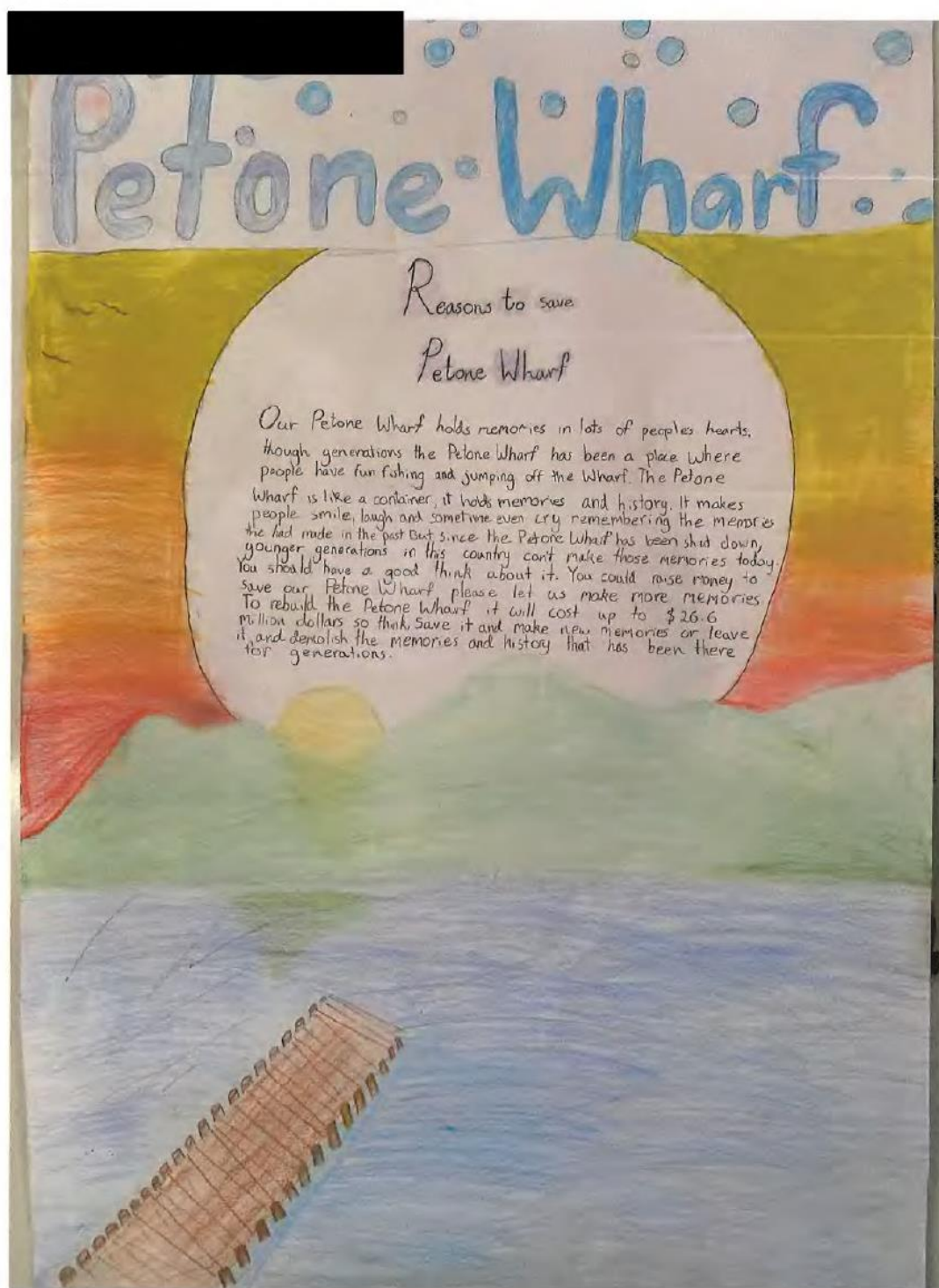
Year 7 and 8 students at Wilford School decided they wanted to find out more about Petone Wharf and then to help Save Petone Wharf.

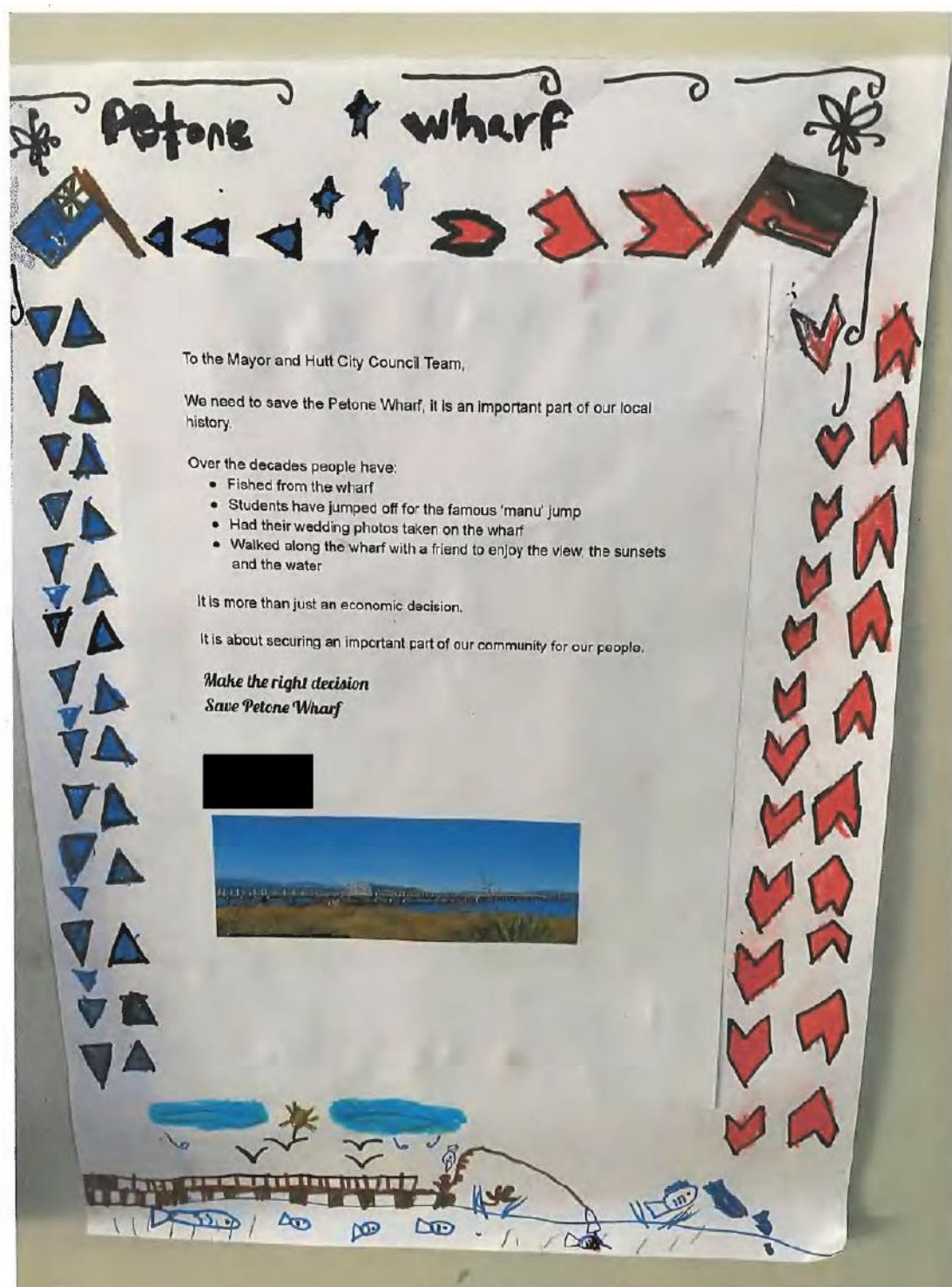
They all live in Petone and enclosed are photocopies of their submissions – some individual and some joint or group pieces of work. They wish to speak and will bring their original work on the day.

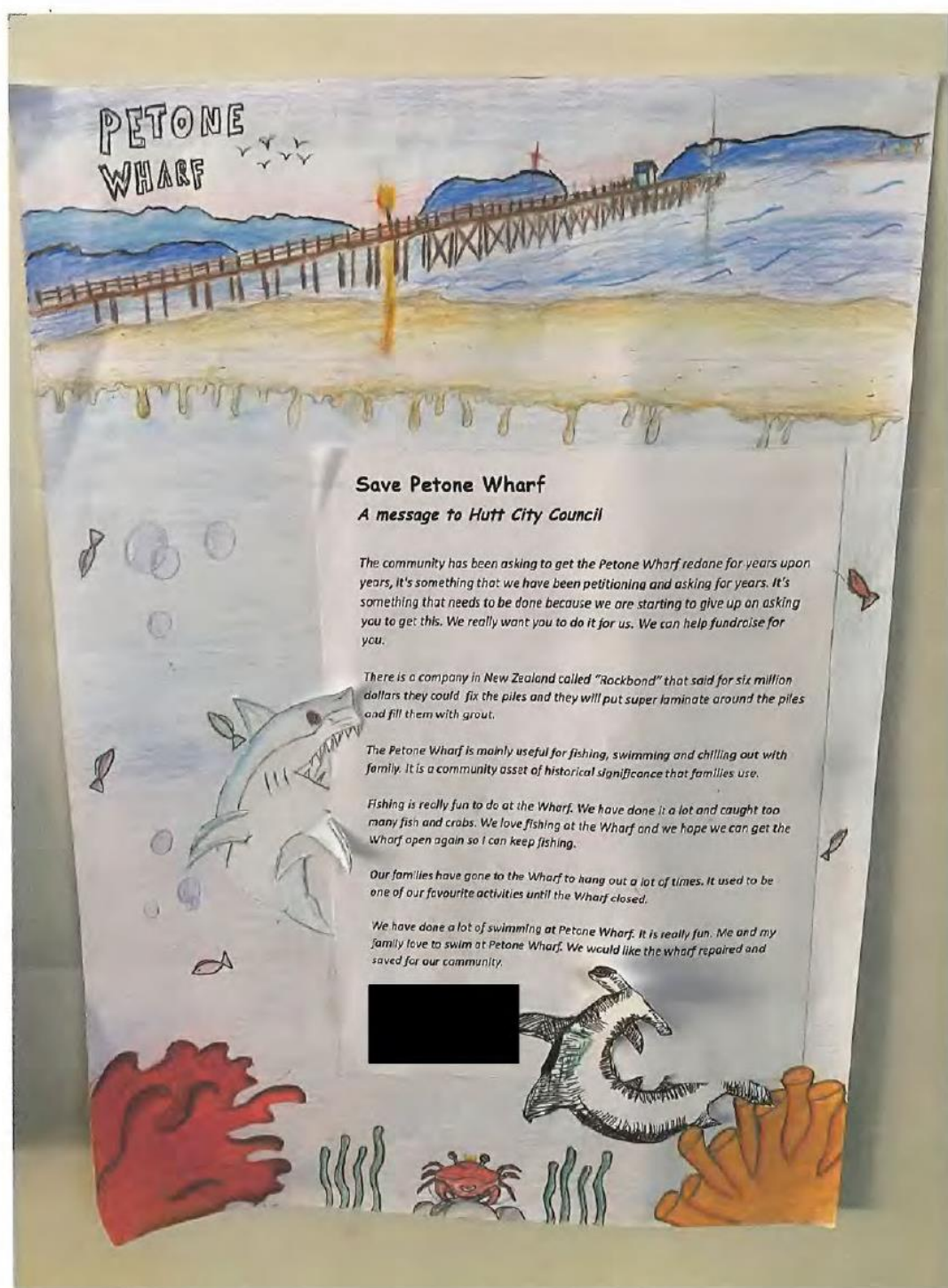
As we will be a group we would appreciate having a ten minute speaking slot and around 11.30 on Thursday 16th May would be the best time for us to do this. However, we would make any time between 11am and 12.30 that day work.

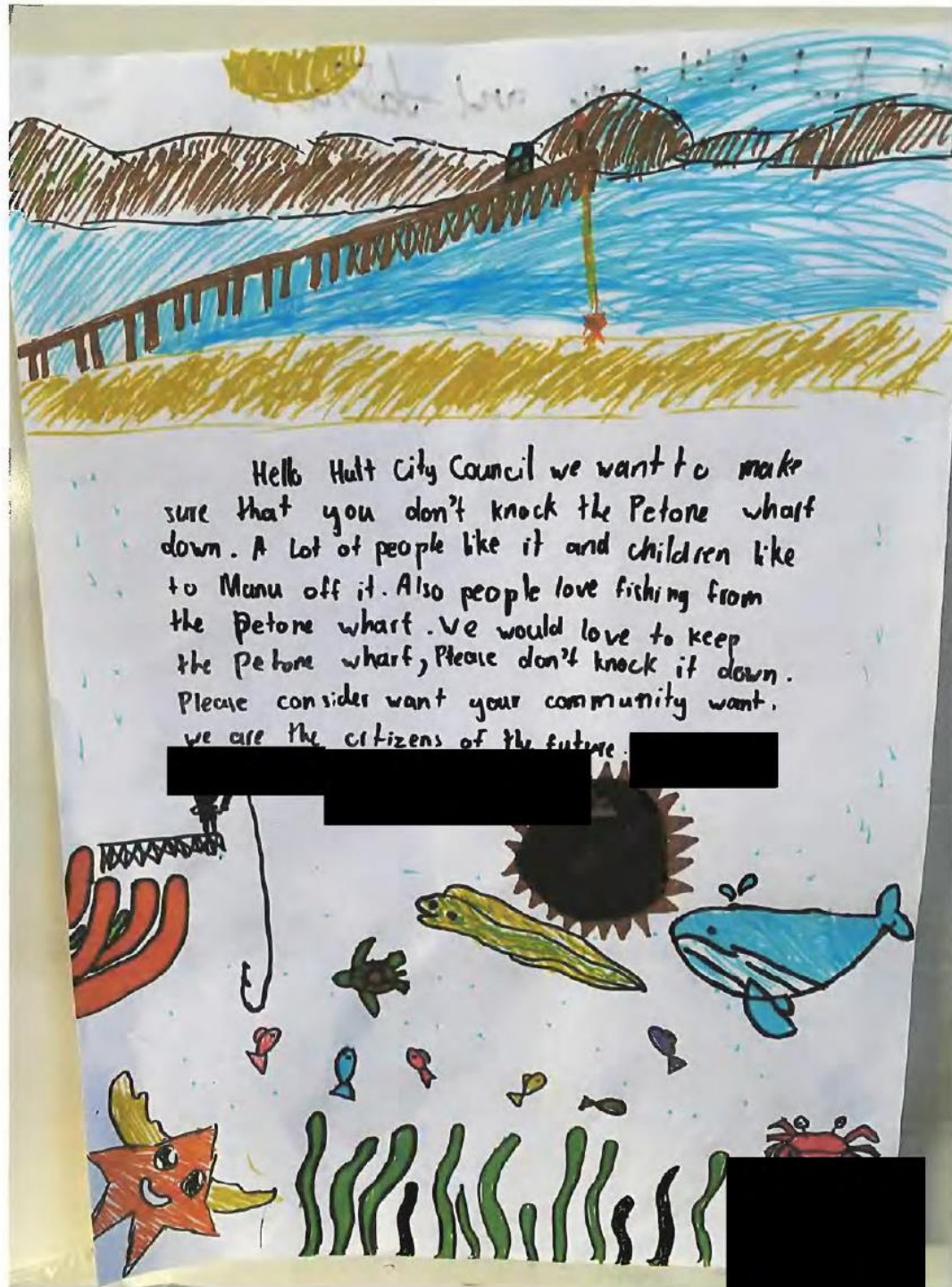
Ngā mihi

Ailsa Webb









Hello Hutt City Council we want to make sure that you don't knock the Petone wharf down. A lot of people like it and children like to Manu off it. Also people love fishing from the Petone wharf. We would love to keep the Petone wharf, Please don't knock it down. Please consider what your community want. we are the citizens of the future.



Petone Wharf

The case for saving the Wharf...

To the Mayor and the Council

Hello my name is Carter. I'm 11 and I'm going to explain a few reasons why we should save Petone Wharf. I am really sad about how you guys said on a lot of public platforms that it would take a couple months to repair the wharf that was way back in 2021. Now it's almost the middle of 2024 and nothing has been done to it.

Petone Wharf is an historical monument that has been in Wellington since 1909. That is a period of 115 years. That's a long time to just destroy it. It's like the Eiffel Tower, if a piece broke off it they would repair it, because its historical. You don't just destroy something worth so much to a lot of people, it's where many of us as New Zealanders like myself grew up and now it's just been sitting neglected and unmaintained for a long time. It's such a big and beautiful identity in Petone to just destroy it when it should have been maintained. Your failure to look after it doesn't justify it being demolished.

The wharf is located in a beautiful spot for fishing. You can fish crabs, snappers, Kawai and many more species. I have been fishing on that wharf and caught a lot of fish. It's a great place because fishing for crabs helps to maintain the wharf because it reduces the number of these little critters attacking the posts of the wharf. So, fishing up crabs helps the wharf stay alive for longer so people and animals can enjoy the wharf. It's the second biggest wharf in New Zealand and we can't keep leaving it there unmaintained for any longer. Something needs to be done soon, because if we do nothing it will slowly rot away and fall down.

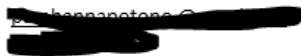
We don't need to completely change the super laminate. We could consider using a new technology called "PileMedic" which puts super laminate around the deteriorated piles and fills the gap with grout. There is a company in New Zealand called "Rockbond" and they said they could do it for 6 million dollars and that is much less than 21 million dollars. However, it is still expensive, so we could plan it so that we repair the Wharf slowly and do it stage by stage over time.

There are so many people petitioning to save our Petone Wharf, trying to get money. You can get a lot of people and groups to fundraise for you. You can fundraise because you know it's a good cause. Most people in Petone and across Wellington who want the Wharf to be fixed. Yes, there is Days Bay but as a student you need to get your parents to take you or a friend or take a bus. That's not all that easy when you want to go in the middle of Summer when your parents just want to chill at home. The Council can just ask people to fundraise. Ask the community! The population of Petone can help out and fundraise for you and the Wharf.

My question to the Council: why have we neglected the wharf for so long? As I said earlier, we (the community) can fundraise for you. It's something that you have been saying "oh, we can't get the money right now" for THREE YEARS. That's a very long time to keep that story up. Our future generation should be able to get the pleasure of jumping off the wharf and popping big Manus. It's one of the most fun things to do on a hot summer day, we have been petitioning and begging for years to get this wharf back. It just needs to be done.

102. Pam Hanna

Submission on Hutt City Council Long Term Plan 2024 - 2034
from Pam Hanna



This is an individual submission

I live in Petone

Q.6: Option 1 as I think Option 2 is unaffordable for ratepayers.

Q.9: None of the options and I disagree with all the options given for each of the assets.

Comments I would like to add:

Petone Library building

What does a resilient, multi-purpose building mean? And what more services? And how can more of a 'town centre' feel be created in the small space that the Library building is on, especially as there is a right of way 'thoroughfare' around part of its southern side?

Petone 2040 was developed as a spatial plan in 2017 and it has no mention of the Library as the town centre or 'heart' of Petone.

In the Character and Identity section of P2040 the Library site is in what is called the Petone Rec frame. On page 51 in Key Findings it is stated: "Although the Library and the Community House act as de facto community centres, Petone does not have a single recognised assembly place or an obvious home for its cultural activities."

Other related references include:

- Page 80 – Spatial planning principles

Reinforce Jackson Street as Heart of Petone

- Page 116

Jackson Street could be defined as the "heart" of Petone underpinning the identity of the suburb.

- P123 Petone Rec Frame

The south end of the Rec contains "programmed" spaces with a more complex character.

These adjoin a loose collection of public or semi-public buildings within the South frame. This whole area should retain a community focus

- Community facilities are retained and become more accessible

The 2023 community workshops referred to were by invite only and attended by a small number of people. Nearly all of Petone didn't know they were happening.

Rearranging funding to create \$10M to potentially deliver something in a partnership is not a good idea. Hutt City Council does not have a good history of ratepayer friendly commercial partnerships. And we have been there before with the Petone Library with what was euphemistically described as a concept, when a resource consent had already been lodged for a three storey building that included 54 apartments on the top two storeys. The proposed building reached nearly to the verandas of the businesses across from the current Library and there was no guarantee of continued public ownership of the Library, or anything.

People at the time – in a major amount of community consultation - said they really appreciated the Library and they wanted a Library rather than an all singing and dancing version of a Library. They were also not at all impressed with what they called a monster of a design in a big imposing box

My understanding is that the \$10M Option 1 for the Library is about trying to find a commercial partner rather than delivering an improved Library facility. The better option for \$10M would be to keep the current Library space, pull down problematic parts of the building and reconstruct better staff and heritage collections spaces plus a larger meeting area than is currently available, as Petone doesn't have a community hall.

Petone Wharf

When Hutt City Council consulted for its 2017-2018 Annual Plan in light of the realisation that all four wharves needed attention, the most used wharf was Petone by far, and by far on each of a daily basis, a 2-3 times a week basis, and a once a week basis.

Only 2% of the respondents wanted it removed, compared to 48% wanting to see Rona Bay removed.

Where did "demolishing the wharf addresses safety concerns of a Council structure on community, environmental and marine life" come from? Demolition would negatively affect community, environmental and marine life.

The community want to get out and walk on the wharf. Around 6000 people have signed a petition to say that. There was also a petition in 2018 to keep the whole wharf. Please get on with doing just that.

Paid Parking in Petone

The proposal is 7 days a week at \$3 an hour along the Jackson Street heritage precinct and the Library car park. A Library needs free carparks to grow children as borrowers of books as they need time to decide which books plus have a play with whatever is available, and then the often big stash needs to be transported home. The current short term carparks are needed for the pick up of requested books plus for physio and podiatry clients. Then there is the Awanui Lab that people from around the Hutt come to – because they can get a park if they come early.

There is also a statement that "The additional funding collected from Petone parking could be used to make improvements and upgrades to transport infrastructure on Jackson Street." This suggests that it is not needed to help fund projects outlined in this Long Term Plan. So why do it when it will affect all of Petone by pushing parking even more down the streets off Jackson Street.

It could also affect the historic Jackson Street precinct in terms of commercial confidence and, therefore, occupancy and that could lead to negative impacts on this important part of history.

I do not wish to speak to my submission.

103. Brian John Hill

Hutt City Council Long Term Plan 2024-2034 Submission

Name: *B.J. Hill*

Email address:
or Phone No:



*Rare but
no answer*

I live in/work in/visit Petone

I disagree with all of the Council options for Petone assets.

I want Petone Wharf repaired and being used because:

(please tick beside all the statements you agree with)

- ☒ It is an iconic landmark of the drive into Petone – of historic importance
- ☒ It is a well loved recreational facility for people of all ages
- ☒ To repair for around the cost of demolition just makes good sense
- ☒ It is an asset to the community – well loved by many
- ☒ It's an absolute no brainer

I do not agree with the Hutt City Council options to demolish Petone Wharf for around \$6M because:

(please tick beside all the statements you agree with)

- ☒ It is needed for fishing, walking, relaxing and enjoying the peace of being surrounded by water
- ☒ For that amount of money this special part of the community can be repaired
- ☒ It can be made fully useable for a comparable price so Repair – don't Demolish
- ☒ It just needs repair. Not a rebuild
- ☒ The wharf is as important as the piers The Petone wharf is an important landmark here and it needs to be repaired. It's a really loved part of our town.
- ☒ It's an important memory for far to many people, it can't go.

☒ I do/do not wish to speak to Councillors about my submission.

(A Council officer will contact you to arrange a time for you to present by Zoom or face to face at the Long-Term Plan hearings to be held 15 to 17 May 2024).

Email to: haveyoursay@huttcity.govt.nz.

Drop your submission off: at your local library or neighbourhood hub.

Post it: Long Term Plan Freepost 100039 Private Bag 31912 Lower Hutt 5040

104. Jasmina Kovacev

Presentation for Lower Hutt City Council

09.05.2024.

The proposal of 267% rates increase over 10 years (cumulative) will undoubtedly drive many people out of their homes and bankrupt them. Rates are already too high for many.

It is hard to believe that a council could even propose this.

I am aware that the globalist agenda 2030 is that, by 2030, the average citizen will own nothing, and be dependant on either the State or transnational corporations for survival.

This 10 year plan appears to be clearly aligned with that nefarious agenda.

I understand that the Council has used our future rates as collateral for not only its own profligate spending but has cross-guaranteed the debts of all councils in NZ through this mechanism. This is through the Local Government Funding Agency agreement.

This has the same end effect as using our homes themselves as collateral, as these will be sold when "owners" cannot pay exorbitant rates.

The public needs to understand that their liability for rates has been obtained by fraud. When we thought we were buying a property we were in fact sold only a paper title and a Rating Unit.

A Rating Unit is an obligation for future never-ending unlimited debt. This is the definition of debt bondage, which is by definition a form of slavery. Slavery is prohibited in all its forms by Article 8 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, to which NZ is signatory.

The Taxpayers' Union advises that 10 years ago Hutt City Council was one of the best performing councils in the country – but now it is as bad as any.

The bottom line for this 10 year plan must be that rates increases will NOT push anyone out of their own home. **From that point it is for Council to curtail all unnecessary and excessive spending.** So far we witnessed mismanaged expenditure and that is why we are in current position.

For example, how much did it cost for the new crossing on Fairway Drive, that isn't used from one hour to the next, and with an incorporated speed bump that simply obstructs traffic flow on one of the busiest streets in our City?

There was already a crossing facility there. This smacks of a woke agenda to obstruct motor vehicle travel rather than prudent expenditure of ratepayer money.

Stop spending money trying to influence the idea of “climate change”. Climate is following a natural cycle, now in its cooling phase. No amount of money is going to influence that.

Stop spending our money on “SMART Cities” and “15 minute cities”. Or on invasive surveillance technology

Stop spending money on unnecessary speed bumps everywhere and excessive number of orange road cones that are charged daily per cone.

Stop spending money on needless cycle lanes at least until water infrastructure is fixed.

Return services to user pay, involve local trades people not foreign companies. Cut middleman and white collars that are surplus.

Stop taking responsibility from us and charging us arms and legs for range of unnecessary permits. We are adults, not infants.

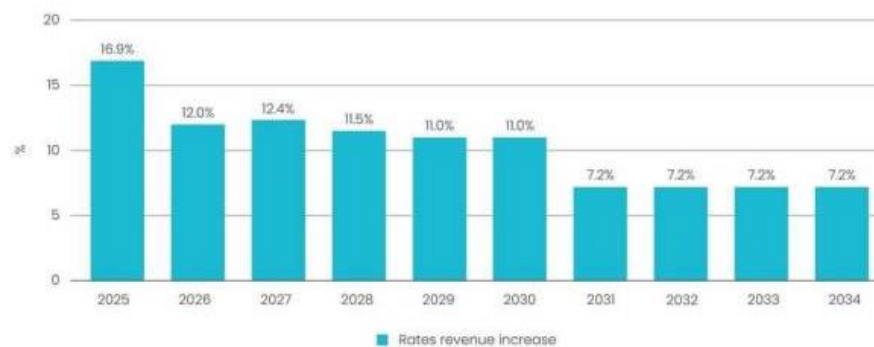
Infrastructure should be covered by Government anyway – it is why we pay tax and pay GST on all purchases. Request the money from the Government for infrastructure rebuilding not property “owners”. Owners should pay for what is happening on their property, Government needs to cover outside of the property from tax payers money.

There needs to be more transparency about spending. Public high-level accounts can hide anything.

To maintain focus, perhaps everyone who works for the Council in any capacity should have a sign permanently in a prominent place reading **“Ratepayers do not have bottomless pockets”**.

Rates

The graph here outlines the rates revenue increases proposed over the 10 years. These proposed rates increases are also the equivalent Council limit on rates as required by the Local Government Act.



After growth assumption of 11% in year 1 and 0.9% thereafter.

1. $4476 + 16.9\% = 5232.444$
2. $5232.44 + 12\% = 5860.33$
3. $5860.33 + 12.4\% = 6587.01$
4. $6587.01 + 11.5\% = 7344.51$
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6. $8152.40 + 11\% = 9049.16$
7. $9049.16 + 7.2\% = 9700.69$
8. $9700.69 + 7.2\% = 10,399.14$
9. $10,399.14 + 7.2\% = 11,147.87$
10. $11,147.87 + 7.2\% = 11,950.51$

$$4476:100=11950.51:x$$

$$X=267\%$$

Total 267% increase over 10 years

105. Megan Drayton

Please provide your full name
Megan Drayton
Are you submitting as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?
Individual
Would you like to present your feedback direct to councillors at a 10 Year Plan consultation hearing? (in person or through Zoom)?
Yes
Would you like to be kept informed about the outcome of Hutt City Council’s public consultation process on the 10 Year Plan via email?
Yes
Do you live in Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai Lower Hutt?
Yes
Do you own or rent the home you live in?
Own
age_group
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New Zealand European
Please share any comments you would like to add.
I am firmly opposed to the demolishing of Petone Wharf. This is an historical community asset that brings the community together and is a place where we can all gather as equals. Whether you are fishing, swimming, strolling, reflecting, photographing or socialising with friends - Petone Wharf is a place where we all belong. My whanau and I have many happy memories of evenings spent on the wharf, connecting with our friends and community. Once it’s gone it’s gone. Council needs to listen to the community and save Petone Wharf, repairing it for the same cost as demolition.

106. Barbara Scott

Hutt City Council Long Term Plan 2024-2034 Submission

Name: Barbara Scott

Email address:
or Phone No:

I live in Petone

I disagree with all of the Council options for Petone assets.

I want Petone Wharf repaired and being used because:

It is a well loved recreational facility for people of all ages and socio-cultural backgrounds. As a parent of 2 children, we have visited the wharf many times when it was open. It gave my children a glimpse in to other peoples ways of being and doing such as watching people fishing off the wharf and collecting kai from the piles. Many people dive for mussels around the piles and fish off the wharf to provide food for their families. Many different cultures were observed doing this along with many, including us, jumping off the wharves, doing manu's and recreational activities.

The stated cost of the demolitions matches what an independent company have costed to bring the entire wharf to a safe standard for the community to use again. If this is the case, it seems like a no-brainer to retain. The community doesn't need any embellishments of the wharf, just bring the existing structure to a safe standard.

I do not agree with the Hutt City Council options to demolish Petone Wharf for around \$6M because:

It is home to a wide range of marine life including seahorses. Removing the wharf will remove a habitat for the existing sealife.

I spoke to some people fishing along the pipe bridge, Seaview roundabout and they were in favour of retaining the wharf as an additional option for fishing. Rachel Lyttle of Stokes Valley, Lene Makavalu of Naenae and Niko Tavita of Wainuomata all fish to support their families and all stated they would love to be able to fish off the Petone Wharf again. They also share memories of learning to fish off the wharf with their families. This would help to ease some of the congestion on the foot bridge.

Speaking to some people on the day of the community walk, Shiloh mentioned she would collect mussels for her nan and her nan would also use the lower deck of the wharf to immerse herself in the ocean for hauora. Another walker, Marie Pollock 87, who grew up in Petone had come all the way from Taita to walk and wanted to keep the wharf due to it's iconic status. People identify with the wharf due to their long term family experiences. Lani from Wainuomata came to the walk with her nan and said she was there due to her memories of swimming with her nan. Paul Cummings use to fish with his dad and now lives in Christchurch and was shocked to hear of suggestion of demolition. He said "deep down I am still a Petone Boy and I love my wharf". Neemia Tialita said that it is iconic and should be left for future generations to enjoy. Anaru, 9, would like it back to fish off it and jump off it. L

Anaru's mum also spoke of the historical significance of the wharf and that she would like her younger children to be able to have the fishing and jumping experiences too. Liam, 9 also wanted to walk dogs along it and fish off it. Others I spoke to gave many examples of childhood memories and the iconic and historical nature of it.

The wharf is an icon – this is a place to take all out of town visitors. It was the spot for visitors to appreciate Petone and its place within the Hutt. Once Te Ara Tupua is operating, this will be an important stopping point for cyclists. The wharf also provides deeper access in to the Harbour without needing to have a boat. Being out there on a sunny day, a windy day or whatever kind of day is good for the wairua – the only thing comparable is being up Te Whiti or Belmont Trig which is not accessible for all ranges of mobility.

I am also against paid parking on Jackson Street as this will lead to cars being parked in adjoining residential streets.

I do wish to speak to Councillors about my submission.

107. Joe Serci

Hutt City Council Long Term Plan 2024-2034 Submission

Name: Joe Serci

Email address: joe@hrfilms.co.nz 021321054
or Phone No:

I live and work in Petone

I disagree with all of the Council options for Petone assets.

I want Petone Wharf repaired and being used because:

(please tick beside all the statements you agree with)

Petone Wharf is an essential feature of the Lower Hutt Valley. It is one of the few built pieces that adorns our coastal environment. I have met many people from different parts of the world who have appreciated the visual taonga that it provides.

It's role as a destination will be heightened with the completion of the cycleway that will connect the Hut Valley with Wellington, via State Highway Two. The construction of this new path will increase the popularity of the wharf as a destination.

The wharf is an asset, whose benefits have been undermined by a council seemingly determined to present it as expensive folly.

Given the Council has invested in both the Eastbourne and Days Bay wharves, the citizens of the Hutt and Petone areas should equally be allowed access to such an amenity.

I do not agree with the Hutt City Council options to demolish Petone Wharf for around \$6M because:

(please tick beside all the statements you agree with)

It is needed for fishing, walking, relaxing and enjoying the peace of being surrounded by water

For that amount of money this special part of the community can be repaired

It can be made fully useable for a comparable price so Repair – don't Demolish

It just needs repair. Not a rebuild

I do/ wish to speak to Councillors about my submission.

(A Council officer will contact you to arrange a time for you to present by Zoom or face to face at the Long-Term Plan hearings to be held 15 to 17 May 2024).

Email to: haveyoursay@huttcity.govt.nz.

Drop your submission off: at your local library or neighbourhood hub.

Post it: Long Term Plan Freepost 100039 Private Bag 31912 Lower Hutt 5040

108. Brent John Sellwood (Joe Serci)

Hutt City Council Long Term Plan 2024-2034 Submission

Name: Brent John Sellwood.

Email address: [REDACTED]
or Phone No: [REDACTED]

☒ I live in/work in/visit Petone

☒ I disagree with all of the Council options for Petone assets.

I want Petone Wharf repaired and being used because:
(please tick beside all the statements you agree with)

☒ It's an iconic regional asset

☒ It is part of our history and we should not be trying to knock it down

☒ Walking on it is good for people's mental health and wellbeing

☒ It gives pleasure to young and old alike and to fisher people

☒ The wharf is a big part of my memories of the Hutt and Petone, my children growing up, walking my dogs. I want it to be there for my grandchildren when they are born.

I do not agree with the Hutt City Council options to demolish Petone Wharf for around \$6M because:
(please tick beside all the statements you agree with)

- ☒ Remediation is possible for around the same amount
- ☒ This money can be spent to repair the wharf and have it available for future generations to enjoy
- ☒ There is an alternative method of repair that will work
- ☒ Petone without our wharf would be like Pisa without the leaning tower! Some things may be wonky but they are still worth saving.
- ☒ Walking to the end makes you feel like you are in the middle of the harbour – very special.
- ☒ It is a local icon and must be saved

I do/~~not~~ wish to speak to Councillors about my submission.
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109. Roger Thackery (Joe Serci)

Hutt City Council Long Term Plan 2024-2034 Submission

Name:

Roger Thackery

Email address:
or Phone No:

Mail from after hours box

☒ I live in/work in/visit Petone

☒ I disagree with all of the Council options for Petone assets.

I want Petone Wharf repaired and being used because:

(please tick beside all the statements you agree with)

- ☒ • It's historic and offers people a lot of different activity opportunities.
- ☒ • We need to stop pulling down structures that a community enjoys.
- ☒ • It has always been the most used wharf in the Hutt.
- ☒ • Council should listen and do the right thing.
- ☒ • Once it's gone it will never be back. Some history should be treasured.

I do not agree with the Hutt City Council options to demolish Petone Wharf for around \$6M because:

(please tick beside all the statements you agree with)

- ☒ ➤ None of the options for Petone assets should be agreed to.
- ☒ ➤ I'd rather see \$6M spent on restoration.
- ☒ ➤ There are now faster and more cost effective ways to repair the wharf, and potentially the grandstand as well.
- ☒ ➤ Some things should stay as is. The wharf is very important to Petone.
- ☒ ➤ With some basic remedial work we can again enjoy it as it is.

☒ I do/do not wish to speak to Councillors about my submission.

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110. Nik Zangouropoulos

Submission on Hutt City Council Long Term Plan 2024/34

From: Petone Historical Society

There are three items we wish to comment on, set out below.

1. Petone Wharf

In our submission on the HCC Draft Annual Plan 2023-24, we said:

“The Petone Wharf should have been worked on before now. It was the most used and most wanted wharf when the problems with the wharves first surfaced. Leaving work on it for another six years until 2029 is a death sentence in effect for this listed historic item.

Overall work certainly can’t wait until 2029 so a way forward is going to need to be found in next year’s Long Term Plan.”

Instead, the Council has done a turnaround, and is now asking people to comment on two options for the wharf, both of which involve its demolition.

As an organisation which is based on recognition and protection of heritage, and has tried hard to work with the Council on heritage (for example through extensive and time-consuming involvement in development of the Hutt City Heritage Policy, and responding to Council officers’ requests to provide information on items of local heritage significance), we are stunned that the Council is ignoring its statutory responsibilities under the RMA and the LGA (through its heritage policy) to retain the wharf as a listed item of heritage value, not only in its own District Plan, but also in the Greater Wellington regional plan. Further, we are surprised that the Council has the confidence to expect that it will automatically be granted consents to demolish Petone Wharf. It seems risky to proceed on the basis of that assumption, regardless of the cost. Now that there appears to be a credible and effective way of repairing the wharf at a much lower cost (similar to the cost of demolition) we urge the Council to reverse its decision and develop a programme of works to repair the wharf and meet its heritage responsibilities.

The Council’s own studies have now documented the heritage values of the wharf (WSP work, undertaken for the draft District Plan – the current listing in the operative plan did not have that backing), and similar work has been undertaken for the Greater Wellington listing. We consider the Conservation Report (Studio of Pacific Architecture and others) may have indicated that much more work than is actually necessary for retention of the wharf (rather

than full restoration to its “original” state) is required. Petone Wharf as a structure has evolved over the years, as successive uses have required its modification. We suggest that urgent work should be undertaken to open the wharf to the public for its previously-established informal uses. Over time, if a future commercial use becomes involved, further minor work may be needed. In the meantime, what is needed is sufficient work to retain the structure.

We note that the Council has progressively removed heritage fabric from the wharf without consents. We wrote to the Council about this as far back as 2018. Our request to reinstate the shed was ignored, and the gates have subsequently been removed. We consider that if basic structural work is carried out, there are groups in the community which would be prepared to help with reinstatement of the heritage fabric.

We remain completely opposed to any proposal to demolish this important heritage asset. Instead, we seek that the Council takes up any opportunity to repair the wharf, as soon as possible, on a staged basis.

2. Paid parking in Jackson St and the Library Carpark

The Jackson Street heritage precinct is one of Lower Hutt’s few “jewels” which attracts out-of-town shoppers and people seeking specific services in the Valley. As a traditional strip shopping street, it is vulnerable to any loss of occupancy at street level, which again is vulnerable to any loss of economic vitality of the commercial businesses. The street is full of history and historic buildings, which is a selling point for businesses, and also a strong basis for community engagement and pride. For the last three decades, successive Councils have recognised the importance of Jackson Street and have enabled the street to maintain and promote itself through being a special rating area. The co-operation of local property-owners in the special rating area is unusual, and is based on positive relationships with the Council.

The suggestion of installing and managing parking metres in Jackson Street and on the nearby public carpark runs entirely contrary to this careful relationship. It has the likely potential effect of undermining commercial confidence (which is low both locally and nationally in the retailing and hospitality sectors). Over time we would expect this to have a compounding negative effect on the already vulnerable retail and hospitality sector which occupies the street’s buildings. In the longer term we would expect this to result in less investment in the street’s heritage buildings. We consider that this approach also runs contrary to the Council’s heritage policy.

We ask that the Council not proceed with the proposal to install paid parking in Jackson Street or nearby.

3. Petone Recreation Ground Grandstand

When our organisation was asked to identify items to include in the review of the Hutt City Council District Plan for heritage protection, we included the Grandstand in our proposals. Although not the original Grandstand at the Rec, we considered its association with various sporting codes, and the fact that it was a rebuild of the previous grandstand carried out for the 1940 national Centennial, as well as its design, was sufficient to justify its heritage recognition and listing. Council officers working on the District Plan review agreed, and subsequently work commissioned from WSP has confirmed the Grandstand justifies heritage protection. This is indicated in the draft District Plan. At draft stage, the building has no heritage protection. However, the work done shows that it does justify such protection.

We recognise that the Council has been advised there are structural issues with the building. However, any modification to be undertaken should recognise that the building does have heritage significance and should retain as much existing fabric as possible. We would like to be consulted if changes are to be made.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. **The Petone Historical Society wishes to be heard on this submission.**

1 May 2024

111. Tom Hudig (Justin Cullen)

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Ethnicity

New Zealand European

Are you submitting as an individual or on behalf of an organisation?

Individual

**Would you like to present your feedback direct to councillors at a 10 Year Plan consultation hearing?
In person or through Zoom?**

Yes

**Would you like to be kept informed about the outcome of Hutt City Council's public consultation
process on the 10 Year Plan via email?**

Yes

Do you live in Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai Lower Hutt?

Yes

Do you own or rent the home you live in?

Own

Which suburb do you live in?

Eastern Bays (Days Bay, Lowry Bay, Point Howard, Sorrento Bay, York Bay)

What age group do you belong to?

75 years or older

What is your preferred option for how we invest in water services for the next 10 years?

Option 2

Please share any comments you would like to add about the water services.

Increase your budget even further to fix this problem even faster. This is a basic issue for council. Forget about the water meters in the meantime, get your own pipes in order first. Put the cost of water meters toward getting your own pipes in order.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with Council's proposed updates to our fees and charges? e.g. increases to parking fees and to fees for the Silverstream landfill

Strongly disagree

529 HCC-111166951 - TOM HUDIG**Do you have any comments on our proposed updates to our fees and charges?**

I do not agree with parking meters in Jackson Street. Jackson Street is a destination street due to the heritage "vibe" and wonderful eclectic shops and cafes. People come to Jackson Street as there are no parking fees, this is a draw card for the street. To say that as road users "you have to pay for parking" is ludicrous, what about the "road users" that park freely at K Mart, Pak N Save and Countdown/Woolworths, they don't pay. So why should people pay in Jackson Street? This is inequitable. Further more, many people choose to have their business in Jackson Street as there is no paid parking. As a landlord of several buildings in Jackson Street I know that some businesses are severely affected with the recession and then to take away some customers due to paid parking is perhaps another step to closing. That will affect some to go under and will cost jobs. Council will have to look closer at cutting costs further, we in business face the same problems. Rising costs of insurance, wages, cost of goods, rates, freight, etc. Businesses have made cuts far more severely than council – some business owners are happy to break even in these economic difficult times. Speak to the businesses and make further cuts to prioritise the basics like water.

Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the approach outlined in Council's Financial Strategy to enable the delivery of our priorities and progress investment in basic infrastructure.

Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments on our Financial Strategy?

It is not clear what the council costs are for example the shared path in Eastern Bays. The total cost as suggested is \$79 million. What is the contribution from Government and New Zealand Transport Agency? Similarly the same question for the "Cross Valley Link"? How much funding from Government for water pipe renewal?

Given the increased cost pressures on our work as well as the current economic climate, do you agree that a total rates revenue increase in 2024-2025 of 16.9% after growth is reasonable?

Strongly disagree

If you do not agree that the proposed rates revenue increase is reasonable, which areas of Council function and service delivery do you believe could be reduced in order to enable a lower rates increase, and why?

This increase is way beyond annual inflation rate.

Please rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the general direction that we are taking for this draft 10 Year Plan.

Strongly disagree

Please explain the reason for your response.

It is time to look even closer at your budget, just get the water pipes replaced faster, it will never be cheaper than today. The "nice to have" will have to wait for better economic times.