

Long Term Plan 2024-2034

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Q1

Long Text

Summarised contents/sentiment:

We need more housing. Our area is in high demand for housing and we are not allowed to develop our land to accommodate up to 12 more properties because it is deemed class 2 highly productive land. It is not highly productive. We have to put literally tonnes of fertiliser on our property to grow anything. It is historic river land as seen by the sheer amount of rocks in it. Under the current rules, we have to pay for the pleasure to prove that it is not highly productive land. That in itself is ridiculous. We have asked the MDC as part of their consultation and we will ask you as well - work towards removing this ban to develop land.

Which option do you prefer?

Q2

Multi Choice

Option 2 (council's preferred option): Targeted mapping focussing on areas where there is urban growth pressure and/or demand for rural lifestyle subdivision.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q3

Long Text

Further from my previous comment, we could have sold sections of our property 10 times over - we were waiting for the bright line to pass. That has now passed, but not before the government put their hold on rural developments. There is not just pressure for rural lifestyle blocks, there is specific pressure for lifestyle blocks in our area.

Which option do you prefer?

Q4

Multi Choice

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Summarised comments/sentiment:

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Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

Q6

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Summarised comments/sentiment:

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Multi Choice

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Summarised comments/sentiment:

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Long Text

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Q15

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Long Text

Q16

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Option 1 (council's preferred option): Changing fee structure for water meters to 100% user pays.

Q17

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

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Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

Q19

Give us your thoughts:

Long Text

Q20

Your name

Short Text

Jack Zwart

Q21

Organisation:

Short Text

Q22

Address

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Phone number

Telephone

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Jack Zwart

Q27

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Single Checkbox

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Tick your preferred speaking session.

Multi Choice

Q29

How do you want to speak?

Multi Choice

Q30

I will speak in

Multi Choice

Q31

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Q17 Summarised comments/sentiment:

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Q18 Summarised comments/sentiment:

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Q19 Give us your thoughts:

Long Text

Water supplies for firefighting

So many of the ratepayers have land/property that they sell or wish to develop as subdivisions, yet with the demise of the 3 waters proposal now lumped with local Councils to fund it seems only right to persons wishing to gift, sell, develop for their end gain, it would seem only right the current owners provide water supplies that meet the provisions of the code of practice for firefighting water as provided in the local plan.

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This is recommended as a starting point for discussion before the media make a mess of reporting that council, or developers, failed to provide adequate resources.

Q20 Your name

Short Text

Murray Kidd

Q21 Organisation:

Short Text

Q22 Address

Short Text

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Short Text

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Email

Q25 Phone number

Telephone

Q26 E-signature

Short Text

Murray Kidd

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Murray Kidd - [REDACTED]

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Murray Kidd

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Q12

Multi Choice

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Summarised comments/sentiment:

The current lack of transport in Horowhenua creates huge barriers to participation, connection and access to services that are necessary to live. This creates inequity between those that have personal cars and those that do not, further increasing the inequality in our community. Having transport across the wider Horowhenua district will have a big impact on individual's travelling locally but also connections between the towns. With this increased movement we are sure to see increased health and wellness in our community alongside a boost in economic activity.

Which option do you prefer?

Q14

Multi Choice

Q15 Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

Q16 Which option do you prefer?

Multi Choice

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Long Text

Q18 Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

Q19 Give us your thoughts:

Long Text

Q20 Your name

Short Text Julia Atkins

Q21 Organisation:

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Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q5

Long Text

I support option 1 as it recognises the land and the water are intertwined and cannot be separated. They are part of the one system. Also this option aligns with Te Awa Tupua Act

Which option do you prefer?

Q6

Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q7

Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

Q8

Multi Choice

Option 3: A target of 110 kilometres of fencing and 240,000 plants plus two staff members.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q9

Long Text

It is essential that the work in this area is as extensive as possible

Which option do you prefer?

Q10

Multi Choice

Option 1 (council's preferred option): Whanganui public transport improvements running by the end of 2025-26.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q11

Long Text

The Tide has created a huge change in the use of public transport. This must be maintained and developed further

Which option do you prefer?

Q12

Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q13

Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

Q14

Multi Choice

Option 1 (council's preferred option): New and improved regional services.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q15

Long Text

Whanganui needs to be linked more extensively with Palmerston North and Wellington. This will help reduce fossil fuels and reduce the need for further development of roads . Can also eventually link in with developed train services

Q16

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Which option do you prefer?

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Long Text

Summarised comments/sentiment:

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Summarised comments/sentiment:

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Q20

Short Text

Your name - Marcia Amadio

Q21

Short Text

Organisation:

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Long Text

Q16 Which option do you prefer?

Multi Choice

Option 2: Continue to fund water meters from the Science budget.

Q17 Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

Q18 Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

Q19 Give us your thoughts:

Long Text

Q20 Your name

Short Text

Jamie Ryan

Q21 Organisation:

Short Text

Q22 Address

Short Text

Q23 Postcode

Short Text

Q24 Email address

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Q25 Phone number

Telephone

Q26 E-signature

Short Text

Jamie

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Give us your thoughts:

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Your name

Short Text

Nicola Patrick

Q21

Organisation:

Short Text

Q22

Address

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Nicola Patrick

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Q18 Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

Q19 Give us your thoughts:

Long Text

Q20 Your name

Short Text Haley Armstrong

Q21 Organisation:

Short Text

Q22 Address

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Option 4: No change in insurance level cover, covers inflation and revaluations only.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

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Which option do you prefer?

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Q18 Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

I do not support the proposed change of treatment of estimated investment revenue. In my view it should continue to be allocated in a manner that reduces the level of the general rate. The UAGC is a mechanism that helps to moderate the unfair outcomes of a system that relies heavily on the rateable value. Your proposed UAGC level of \$12.73 is in my opinion so low that it no longer performs any useful moderating function. The level of the UAGC should be determined having regard for the overall rates incidence. Our CV (\$1.275m) is considerably higher than your stated breakeven level. This proposed change exacerbates the huge increase we already face for passenger services (increasing from \$190 to \$325). It means our total rates are forecast to be \$1,029 which I think is unreasonably high.

Q19 Give us your thoughts:

Long Text

Q20 Your name

Short Text

Stephen Paterson

Q21 Organisation:

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Q22 Address

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Every time I see "The Tide" bus, it is either empty or has 1 or 2 people on it. I do not believe Whanganui city has the need for buses every 20 minutes on any route, let alone 40 seater buses - the population is way too small. A bus every 40 - 45 minutes would be ample and smaller buses also suitable. For rural and regional transport... Work with and help fund existing bus/shuttle service operators to provide rural and regional services with passengers 'booking a bus' online. Operators can then use a small passenger van or a larger bus based on number of bookings and pickup/dropoff passengers at designated locations. If there are no bookings in a particular area - then the bus service doesn't go there on that day - saving time and money.

Which option do you prefer?

Q12

Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q13

Long Text

See my previous comments re regional/district transport - there are existing bus/shuttle operators who provide school buses and shuttle services to Wellington airport etc... work with them and subsidise costs rather than competing against them

Q14**Which option do you prefer?**

Multi Choice

Option 2: New and improved regional services (smaller scale)

Q15**Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Long Text

See previous comments

Q16**Which option do you prefer?**

Multi Choice

Option 1 (council's preferred option): Changing fee structure for water meters to 100% user pays.

Q17**Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Long Text

Q18**Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Long Text

Support proposed changes

Q19**Give us your thoughts:**

Long Text

Overall I think Horizons do a reasonable job and there will always be challenges in delivering services that meets everyone's needs. The money waster in this plan is the proposed public transport network in towns and across the region - no doubt lots of the public wanted "The Tide" - in reality, how many of them actually use it?? Our towns are too small - we need to think differently and come up with better ideas.

Q20**Your name**

Short Text

Robyn McNeill

Q21**Organisation:**

Short Text

Q22**Address**

Short Text

Q23**Postcode**

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Telephone

Robyn McNeill

Q26

Short Text

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Long Text

Q19 Give us your thoughts:

Long Text

Q20 Your name

Short Text Sarah Bartley

Q21 Organisation:

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Short Text Sarah Bartley

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Long Text

Summarised contents/sentiment:

I really like the idea of increased bus services in the region between centres. I live in Waitārerere Beach and work in Palmerston North. If a viable bus option from Levin or Foxton to Palmerston North was available, I would use that rather than drive.

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Multi Choice

Which option do you prefer?

Q3

Long Text

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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 Horizons Regional 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 note 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.

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

41. 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.
42. 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.
43. 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.
44. 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.

45. 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.
46. 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.
47. 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.
48. 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

49. 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.
50. 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 TCC for consideration.
51. 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.
52. 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.
53. 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.
54. 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.

55. 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.
56. Perhaps the most pertinent point the PCE made, in light of Cyclone Gabrielle and the likelihood of further severe weather events, relates to stormwater management.
57. 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.
58. For these reasons and many more, Recreation Aotearoa submits that the Long-Term Plan pay much more regard to the provision and expansion of green space within Manawatu-Wanganui. 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 Manawatu-Wanganui

59. We acknowledge and thank Horizons Regional Council as the major provider of the areas sport and recreation facilities. By investing in recreation, Horizons Regional Council is helping to instil a lasting culture where active living matters. The work of Horizons Regional Council makes a real difference.
60. The Horizons Regional 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.

61. 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.
62. 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.
63. Population growth and increased demographic diversity has and will continue to place pressure on recreational infrastructure in Manawatu-Wanganui.

Specific Comments:

64. Recreation Aotearoa supports the proposed investment in Active Recreation infrastructure and services, outlined in the Draft LTP.
65. Recreation Aotearoa supports the Councils commitment to investment in active transport infrastructure. Recreation Aotearoa has long supported Active Transport initiatives across the motu. Investment in Active Transport infrastructure achieves the dual symbiotic benefit of easing congestion and making it easier for residents to integrate healthy recreational activities into their day-to-day lives.
66. Recreation Aotearoa submits its support for the investment in Play by Horizons Regional Council. Recreation Aotearoa notes that co-design kaupapa for Play infrastructure often results in a desirable bias towards less structured and informal modes of play.
67. Recreation Aotearoa cautions against deferred maintenance and upgrades of playgrounds, specifically. It is essential that investments in public toilets, walkways and connecting green spaces are also implemented.
68. We further encourage Horizons Regional Council to increase investment in the accessibility of playgrounds and parks. 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 the community currently missing out on the irrefutable benefits of being physically active.

69. Recreation Aotearoa submit on the importance of genuinely consulting and collaborating with people with disabilities and their whānau, and encourage Horizons Regional Council to undertake inclusive consultation processes within the design, development, and upgrades of the recreation and play spaces specified within the LTP.
70. 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.
71. 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.
72. 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.
73. Recreation Aotearoa cautions Horizons Regional 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 Horizons Regional Council to be patient with regard to how quickly and fully new facilities are utilised by different recreational groups.
74. 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.

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18 April 2024

Ruapehu Alpine Rescue Organisation



Manawatu/Whanganui

Support from Ruapehu Alpine Rescue Organisation for the Land Search and Rescue NZ submission to the Horizons Regional Council Long-Term Plan 2024-34. By Horizons providing financial support to the seven Land Search and Rescue groups in the Horizons region. With the purpose for assistance with equipment, training and other operational expenses over and above what the national organisation can currently provide.

Ruapehu Alpine Rescue Organisation (RARO) responds to people in need around the Ruapehu region. This is a key place for people of the Manawatu/Whanganui region with many partaking in the recreational opportunities in the area. We train and equip our volunteer members to ensure that when people are in need in steep or remote terrain in the area we can respond to them. This has been done consistently since RARO was formed in the mid 90's. Many lives have been saved in this time and even this year we have had people say that without the support of the Organisation there would have been a dramatically worse outcome from their experience.

RARO is one of seven Land Search and Rescue groups resident in the Horizons region. There is a need for equipment, training and operational expenses over and above what the national Land Search and Rescue organisation can provide. The additional support and security through a Horizons Regional Council contribution will in return support the work of local volunteers in their communities and strengthen the safety net these community-based volunteers provide. The funding will be used to support the local group and local members at a local community level.

It is costly to safely equip and train a Land Search and Rescue volunteer ready for field operations. Additionally Land Search and Rescue volunteers support the lead agency (Police or Rescue Coordination Centre) with an incident management capability. This includes a range of costly technology and equipment (i.e. computers, scanners, printers, data projectors, communication equipment, mapping software etc....).

There is an acknowledgement that Horizons Regional Council faces many challenges in a post Covid environment. A modest contribution from ratepayers will support the efforts of community-based emergency services volunteers, it will support the provision of a safety net and continue to generate positive and tangible benefits for our communities, residents and visitors.

Best regards

Conrad Smith

RARO member.

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Option 2 (council's preferred option): Targeted mapping focussing on areas where there is urban growth pressure and/or demand for rural lifestyle subdivision.

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Option 2: Whanganui public transport improvements staged, full implementation by 2028-29.

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Option 1 (council's preferred option): Wider Horowhenua district, including Levin.

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Option 2: New and improved regional services (smaller scale)

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Q16 Which option do you prefer?

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Option 2: Continue to fund water meters from the Science budget.

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If you're going to have a user pays on this then it should be user pays on other services

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Q20 Your name

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Jeremy

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Can't find right area but please forward to the correct people:-

Re proposed cycle bridge at Ashhurst over the Manawatu river. This is a huge expense and is NOT required. There is an alternative and should meet or be adjusted to meet the resource consent for the new Manawatu Tararua highway.

There is already a design in place for a track from the existing Saddle road bridge across to the new highway. This will provide access for cyclists and pedestrians, albeit a little longer. It will not provide a loop track but there are many other loop routes available to walk or ride and they don't cost \$37.1M !!

With the new highway in use, the Saddle road bridge will get minimal use and should be perfectly safe for cyclists and pedestrians - that is already planned so no changes required.

No reason has been given why a clip on cycle bridge is not practical - I and the community would be interested why this is so?? Although still a large and unjustifiable cost, I assume it would be considerably cheaper than the extra bridge

Q20 Your name

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Merv George

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Submitting on behalf of Wayne Churchouse from Tararua LandSAR. Portal#163554

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TARARUA

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Wayne CHURCHHOUSE
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Sandra Eggleton
Tararua LandSAR Chairperson

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| Q20 | Your name |
| Short Text | Joel Helliwell |
| Q21 | Organisation: |
| Short Text | Ruapehu Alpine Rescue Organisation |
| Q22 | Address |
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18 April 2024

Ruapehu Alpine Rescue Organisation

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National Park

Manawatu/Whanganui

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Kind regards

Joel Helliwell

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Q21 Organisation:

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18th April 2024

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Best regards

Peter Woodhead

RARO Member

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Q20 **Your name**

Short Text Peter Woodhead

Q21 **Organisation:**

Short Text RARO Member

Q22 **Address**

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Q21 Organisation:

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Best regards

Michael Lowe -LandSAR/RARO Member

Q1

Long Text

Summarised contents/sentiment:

Which option do you prefer?

Q2

Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

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Summarised comments/sentiment:

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Summarised comments/sentiment:

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Which option do you prefer?

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Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

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Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

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Multi Choice

Option 1 (council's preferred option): Whanganui public transport improvements running by the end of 2025-26.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q11

Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

Q12

Multi Choice

Option 1 (council's preferred option): Wider Horowhenua district, including Levin.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q13

Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

Q14

Multi Choice

Option 1 (council's preferred option): New and improved regional services.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q15

Long Text

Q16 Which option do you prefer?

Multi Choice

Q17 Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

Q18 Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

Q19 Give us your thoughts:

Long Text

Q20 Your name

Short Text Sarah Pickering

Q21 Organisation:

Short Text

Q22 Address

Short Text

Q23 Postcode

Short Text

Q24 Email address

Email

Q25 Phone number

Telephone

Q26 E-signature

Short Text Sarah Pickering

Q27 I would like to speak to my submission at a Council Hearing between 29 April 2024 and 2 May 2024.

Single Checkbox

Q28 Tick your preferred speaking session.

Multi Choice

Q29 How do you want to speak?

Multi Choice

Q30 I will speak in

Multi Choice

Q31 File upload

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Q1

Long Text

Summarised contents/sentiment:**Which option do you prefer?**

Option 2 (council's preferred option): Targeted mapping focussing on areas where there is urban growth pressure and/or demand for rural lifestyle subdivision.

Q2

Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q3

Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Do not fund work programme for integrated catchment management.

Q4

Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q5

Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 (council's preferred option): Include baseline inflation, revaluations, claim up to \$200 million per event by Horizons and up to \$500 million alongside other councils.

Q6

Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q7

Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 (council's preferred option): Return to baseline levels of service and budget 30 kilometres of fencing and 70,000 plants.

Q8

Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q9

Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Remain with current service levels.

Q10

Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q11

Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Levin-only public transport services.

Q12

Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q13

Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: New and improved regional services (smaller scale)

Q14

Multi Choice

Q15 Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

Q16 Which option do you prefer?

Multi Choice

Option 2: Continue to fund water meters from the Science budget.

Q17 Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

Q18 Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

Q19 Give us your thoughts:

Long Text

Q20 Your name

Short Text

Susan Ryan

Q21 Organisation:

Short Text

na

Q22 Address

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Q23 Postcode

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Q24 Email address

Email

Q25 Phone number

Telephone

Q26 E-signature

Short Text

S D Ryan

Q27 I would like to speak to my submission at a Council Hearing between 29 April 2024 and 2 May 2024.

Single Checkbox

Q28 Tick your preferred speaking session.

Multi Choice

Q29 How do you want to speak?

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Q30 I will speak in

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Summarised contents/sentiment:**Which option do you prefer?**

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Summarised comments/sentiment:

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Which option do you prefer?

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Summarised comments/sentiment:

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Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

Q10

Multi Choice

Option 1 (council's preferred option): Whanganui public transport improvements running by the end of 2025-26.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q11

Long Text

I'm a frequent user of the Tide bus service and have seen firsthand what an impact it makes, particularly on younger people, older people and our disabled community. Having a convenient and accessible way to get around town enables everyone to participate in the community and expanding the routes would only further improve this.

Which option do you prefer?

Q12

Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q13

Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

Q14

Multi Choice

Option 1 (council's preferred option): New and improved regional services.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q15

Long Text

Q16 Which option do you prefer?

Multi Choice

Q17 Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

Q18 Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

Q19 Give us your thoughts:

Long Text

Q20 Your name

Short Text Whitney Cox

Q21 Organisation:

Short Text

Q22 Address

Short Text

Q23 Postcode

Short Text

Q24 Email address

Email

Q25 Phone number

Telephone

Q26 E-signature

Short Text Whitney Cox

Q27 I would like to speak to my submission at a Council Hearing between 29 April 2024 and 2 May 2024.

Single Checkbox

Q28 Tick your preferred speaking session.

Multi Choice

Q29 How do you want to speak?

Multi Choice

Q30 I will speak in

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Q31 File upload

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Long Text

Summarised contents/sentiment:

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Which option do you prefer?

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Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q3

Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

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Multi Choice

Q15 Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

Q16 Which option do you prefer?

Multi Choice

Q17 Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

Q18 Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

Q19 Give us your thoughts:

Long Text

To whom it may concern:

Did you know that the seven Land Search & Rescue groups in the Horizons region need more support than what the national Land Search and Rescue organization can currently provide? That's where the Horizons Regional Council comes in. They can help out with equipment, training, and other expenses, which will make the work of local volunteers like myself, and our amazing Whanganui team even more effective. Plus, it'll make our communities safer and stronger.

It's not cheap as a volunteer for Land Search and Rescue, to ensure we're always ready to deploy. We need a lot of gear and training. We also help out with incident management. That means we need computers, communication equipment, mapping software, and more. Most volunteers like me provide and maintain our own gear, outside of the PPE provided by NZ Land Search & Rescue. That gets expensive quickly, and also stops people from being able to volunteer if they cannot afford their own basic gear.

And it's not just about backcountry search and rescue. Our volunteers also help keep young, old, and vulnerable people safe through programs like Safer Walking and Wandersearch. But we need the right equipment and resources to do it.

We know that times are tough, especially after Covid. But even a small contribution from ratepayers can make a massive difference. It'll help support emergency services volunteers and make our communities safer for everyone. Other Regional Councils have similar funds available, so I think it's only fair and equitable for volunteers in our region to receive the same support from ratepayers. It's our people who step in to help when no-one else can.

Thanks for taking my submission into account.

Kind regards,
Matt

Matt Ellingham

Land Search & Rescue Whanganui

Q20 Your name

Short Text

Matt Ellingham

Q21 Organisation:

Short Text

Land Search & Rescue Whanganui

Q22 Address

Short Text

Q23 Postcode

Short Text

Q24 **Email address**

Email

Q25 **Phone number**

Telephone

Q26 **E-signature**

Short Text Matt Ellingham

Q27 **I would like to speak to my submission at a Council Hearing between 29 April 2024 and 2 May 2024.**

Single Checkbox

Q28 **Tick your preferred speaking session.**

Multi Choice

Q29 **How do you want to speak?**

Multi Choice

Q30 **I will speak in**

Multi Choice

Q31 **File upload**

File Upload

Q1

Long Text

Summarised contents/sentiment:
Support from Ruapehu Alpine Rescue Organisation for the Land Search and Rescue NZ submission to the Horizons Regional Council Long-Term Plan 2024-34. By Horizons providing financial support to the seven Land Search and Rescue groups in the Horizons region. With the purpose of assistance with equipment, training and other operational expenses over and above what the national organisation can currently provide.

Portal#163602

Which option do you prefer?

Q2

Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q3

Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

Q4

Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

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Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q11

Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

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Long Text

Q14 Which option do you prefer?

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Q15 Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

Q16 Which option do you prefer?

Multi Choice

Q17 Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

Q18 Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

Q19 Give us your thoughts:

Long Text see attached

Q20 Your name

Short Text Peter Cheesmur

Q21 Organisation:

Short Text Ruapehu Alpine Rescue Organisation

Q22 Address

Short Text

Q23 Postcode

Short Text

Q24 Email address

Email

[REDACTED]

Q25 Phone number

Telephone

Q26 E-signature

Short Text Peter Cheesmur

Q27 I would like to speak to my submission at a Council Hearing between 29 April 2024 and 2 May 2024.

Single Checkbox

Q28 Tick your preferred speaking session.

Multi Choice

Q29 How do you want to speak?

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I will speak in

Multi Choice

Q31

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16 April 2024
Ruapehu Alpine Rescue Organisation
[REDACTED]
National Park
Manawatu/Whanganui

Support from Ruapehu Alpine Rescue Organisation for the Land Search and Rescue NZ submission to the Horizons Regional Council Long-Term Plan 2024-34. By Horizons providing financial support to the seven Land Search and Rescue groups in the Horizons region. With the purpose of assistance with equipment, training and other operational expenses over and above what the national organisation can currently provide.

Ruapehu Alpine Rescue Organisation (RARO) responds to people in need around the Ruapehu region. This is a key place for people of the Manawatu/Whanganui region with many partaking in the recreational opportunities in the area. We train and equip our volunteer members to ensure that when people are in need in steep or remote terrain in the area we can respond to them. This has been done consistently since RARO was formed in the mid 90's. Many lives have been saved in this time and even this year we have had people say that without the support of the Organisation, there would have been a dramatically worse outcome from their experience.

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Yours sincerely,
Peter Cheesmur,
RARO Training Coordinator.

Q1

Long Text

Summarised contents/sentiment:

Horizons relationships with all community members should be respectful and mana enhancing.

Q2

Multi Choice

Which option do you prefer?

Option 2 (council's preferred option): Targeted mapping focussing on areas where there is urban growth pressure and/or demand for rural lifestyle subdivision.

Q3

Long Text

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Concern that land being converted from pastoral to forestry isn't being recognised. (only urban fringes). Any land use change that is a move from highly productive use of good soils to a less productive one should be addressed in the LTP. Pastoral, arable and horticulture users should be identified as Primary users, changes to forestry should require economic, social, and environmental consenting pathways as the impacts are greater than urban sprawl for many rural communities.

Q4

Multi Choice

Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Do not fund work programme for integrated catchment management.

Q5

Long Text

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Integrated Catchment Management already exists through land managers and the FMUs already in operation. The Tararua has been paying a targeted rate for river management for the past 5 years – due to a lack of reporting it is unclear how effective this funding has been across the region. Ie Horizons have not engaged with the river management group established on a regular basis. Many Tararua farmers have been contributing to the Manawatu River Leaders Accord Funding within rates - how effective is this integrated catchment management is debateable as most of resourcing appears to be directed to iwi empowerment. On neighbouring farms this has slowed down the actioning of individual farm consents due to 2 iwi now also needing to give their approvals for individual farmers prior to consents being granted, this has led to extra costs being imposed on the applicants.

Q6

Multi Choice

Which option do you prefer?

Option 3: Claim up to \$500 million per event alongside other councils.

Q7

Long Text

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Those who benefit pay. When we have a weather event in Tararua hills there is no support/insurance to help us with reinstating our assets, hence should be the same for others. If farmers or homeowners in cities such as Palmerston North expect Horizons to maintain the river banks to protect their assets they should fund this.

Q8

Multi Choice

Which option do you prefer?

Option 1 (council's preferred option): Return to baseline levels of service and budget 30 kilometres of fencing and 70,000 plants.

Q9

Long Text

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Freshwater activity. Non essential. If right thing to be doing it will get done as was seen in programmes such as Dairy Accord. Processors are now incentivising programmes such as the New Zealand Farm Assurance Plus (NZFAP) and community groups and iwi have established nurseries etc to support further plantings.

Q10

Multi Choice

Which option do you prefer?**Summarised comments/sentiment:**

No comment

Q11

Long Text

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| Q12 | Which option do you prefer? |
| Multi Choice | |
| Q13 | Summarised comments/sentiment: |
| Long Text | no comment |
| Q14 | Which option do you prefer? |
| Multi Choice | |
| Q15 | Summarised comments/sentiment: |
| Long Text | <p>Option 3. No new service. We can not continue to expect subsidised public transport. I do not support the Tararua being rated \$10.63 per \$100,000 of capital value for public transport in 2025/26. (Pg 41 of doc) This would have a large impact on landowners who will receive no benefit from this service as due to distance will be unable to access the service. In the past essential banking services etc have necessitated much of these services, but it is now more common for goods and services to be accessed online.</p> <p>I support the current targeted support for services such as Bush St John to provide transport to medical and hospital appointments. For Tararua I expect private providers to return when new highway is open.</p> |
| Q16 | Which option do you prefer? |
| Multi Choice | Option 1 (council's preferred option): Changing fee structure for water meters to 100% user pays. |
| Q17 | Summarised comments/sentiment: |
| Long Text | <p>All water users should be required to measure and monitor – including all urban households.</p> <p>The annual fee of \$750 is excessive for monitoring a metered charge when most are linked into existing telemetrics.</p> |
| Q18 | Summarised comments/sentiment: |
| Long Text | <p>I support UAGC being 30% as this is reflective of all ratepayers receiving benefits from these services.</p> <p>As a region where much of the income is derived from primary producers the presumption that we can afford 30% + rates increases annually is misplaced and will drive further land conversions if farmers can not envisage a profitable future and confidence to invest in new technologies and infrastructure.</p> <p>I have little confidence in revenue discussions when Horizons were unable to include Sept 2023 QV values for our Tararua region until a week before submissions closed. Using the 2020 valuations has meant many locals are unaware of the impacts this years rates demands will now have on their small businesses</p> |
| Q19 | Give us your thoughts: |
| Long Text | <p>Too much PR spin.</p> <p>How many are employed within organisation could be a starter to see if it's meaningful investments being made. Rushing through water targets / farm plans etc shows Horizons are happy to waste money and resources enforcing rules that as signalled will change.</p> <p>It would be great if we had a Council that was prepared to lead constructive programmes that lead to efficient outcomes we all want by using partnerships such as SLUI. Extra staff and another layer of iwi participation aren't required as our focus should be on the doing.</p> |
| Q20 | Your name |
| Short Text | Sally Dryland |
| Q21 | Organisation: |
| Short Text | As an individual rate payer |
| Q22 | Address |
| Short Text | |
| Q23 | Postcode |
| Short Text | |

Q24 **Email address**

Email

Q25 **Phone number**

Telephone

Q26 **E-signature**

Short Text Sally Dryland

Q27 **I would like to speak to my submission at a Council Hearing between 29 April 2024 and 2 May 2024.**

Single Checkbox

Q28 **Tick your preferred speaking session.**

Multi Choice

Q29 **How do you want to speak?**

Multi Choice

Q30 **I will speak in**

Multi Choice

Q31 **File upload**

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Q1

Long Text

Summarised contents/sentiment:

Submitting on behalf of Carl Knight from Field Operations, Land Search and Rescue. Portal #163606

Q2

Multi Choice

Which option do you prefer?

Q3

Long Text

Summarised comments/sentiment:

n/a

Which option do you prefer?

Q4

Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q5

Long Text

n/a

Which option do you prefer?

Q6

Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q7

Long Text

n/a

Which option do you prefer?

Q8

Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q9

Long Text

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Which option do you prefer?

Q10

Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q11

Long Text

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Which option do you prefer?

Q12

Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q13

Long Text

n/a

Which option do you prefer?

Q14

Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q15

Long Text

n/a

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| Q16 | Which option do you prefer? |
| Multi Choice | |
| Q17 | Summarised comments/sentiment: |
| Long Text | n/a |
| Q18 | Summarised comments/sentiment: |
| Long Text | n/a |
| Q19 | Give us your thoughts: |
| Long Text | |
| Q20 | Your name |
| Short Text | Carl Knight |
| Q21 | Organisation: |
| Short Text | Land Search and Rescue |
| Q22 | Address |
| Short Text | |
| Q23 | Postcode |
| Short Text | 4894 |
| Q24 | Email address |
| Email | |
| Q25 | Phone number |
| Telephone | |
| Q26 | E-signature |
| Short Text | Carl Knight |
| Q27 | I would like to speak to my submission at a Council Hearing between 29 April 2024 and 2 May 2024. |
| Single Checkbox | |
| Q28 | Tick your preferred speaking session. |
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17 April 2024

From:

Carl Knight,

[REDACTED]

Field Operations,
Land Search and Rescue,
Palmerston North.

There are seven Land Search and Rescue groups serving their communities in the Horizons Regional Council catchment area. The contribution we are seeking is \$ 7,000.00 per group per annum. The total support sought comes to a total of \$ 49,000.00 per annum. Ideally the financial support is made available under public safety support as part of an ongoing 3-yearly grant cycle connected to the Long-Term Plan process.

The support of \$ 49,000.00 per annum requires a contribution of around \$ 0.45 per ratepayer per year.

The financial support we are seeking for the seven groups in the Horizons region is to cover equipment and training needs that the national organisation cannot cover plus operational expenses like subscriptions for communication devices, internet, insurance, registrations, power bills, fuel etc... The support from Horizons would go directly to the seven groups in the region. The national organisation would do all annual accountability and administration related to the financial support.

Personal note.

We are volunteers.

Every year my colleagues and I are called out to help people in distress, locate missing or lost persons, and return them safely to their whānau. As my wife can attest to, at least 50% of these deployments take place at ungodly hours, in darkness and bad weather. We go when aerial assets are grounded. We cheerfully operate right through the hours of darkness to safely assist, rescue or recover.

These deployments can be into urban, suburban, rural or wilderness environments.

My colleagues and I largely provide our own equipment, use our own vehicles, get the job done and worry about out of pocket expenses, etc. after the fact.

It costs \$3,500 to fully equip an average Land Search and Rescue field team member.

Unfortunately, we do not have sufficient funds to fully equip our volunteers and many provide their own equipment.

In addition, on average, it costs around \$1,200 a year to provide training to a volunteer over the length of their Land Search and Rescue career. [Source New Zealand Land Search and Rescue 2022-2023 Annual Report]

We give up family time, many have to take annual leave to perform their role.

We don't do this for any sort of glory, our operations go largely unreported and unsung.

In 2022-2023, nationally there were 456 Search and Rescue Operations (SAROP), safe guarding some 1359 persons with 43 fatalities. We got around 96% of those individuals to safety alive. [Source New Zealand Land Search and Rescue 2022-2023 Annual Report]

Our volunteer service is incredibly good value to the rate payer and with funding, we will gladly continue our service to the community.

Regards,

- Carl Knight.