

## Long Term Plan 2024-2034

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Q1

Long Text

**Summarised contents/sentiment:**

Community Outcomes

20 to 40% increase in rates from changing the rating burden to those with higher capital values will lead to reduced economic activity and councils' long-term ability to fund infrastructure and services leading to a less vibrant community. You must understand the burden you are putting on farmers who are not currently viable in our area

**Which option do you prefer?**

Q2

Multi Choice

Option 3: Targeted mapping focussing on land surrounding all existing urban areas (cities, towns, villages).

**Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Q3

Long Text

option 3: is to investigate land surrounding all urban areas to stop the spread of lifestyle blocks taking out good farming land. You need farmers in our area to support existing urban areas

**Which option do you prefer?**

Q4

Multi Choice

**Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Q5

Long Text

**Which option do you prefer?**

Q6

Multi Choice

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

**Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Q7

Long Text

No change until consulted on a case-by-case basis with the river and drainage schemes committees and ratepayers

**Which option do you prefer?**

Q8

Multi Choice

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

**Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Q9

Long Text

Option 1: we need to save costs and not have aspirational idealism as our incentive

**Which option do you prefer?**

Q10

Multi Choice

**Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Q11

Long Text

**Which option do you prefer?**

Q12

Multi Choice

**Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Q13

Long Text

**Which option do you prefer?**

Q14

Multi Choice

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

**Q15 Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Long Text Users should pay

**Q16 Which option do you prefer?**

Multi Choice

**Q17 Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Long Text make sure that the money taken should only cover the cost of the direct consent and not include an aspirational slush fund for interpretation and research. This should be funded from the general rate

**Q18 Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Long Text We do not support the funding policy change apportioning horizons investment revenue to the UAGC instead of the general rate resulting in a decrease of the UAGC by 77% and an increase in the general rate by 27%. This will mean large increases for most rural properties. Well above current inflation.  
We believe policy changes of this magnitude should have greater consultation opportunities than just through the LTP process.  
We do not believe that local and regional councils have a role in determining who amongst their property owners has the greatest or least ability to pay rates.  
We do not support the change of funding differentials from the drainage schemes until the proposed infrastructure review has been carried out

**Q19 Give us your thoughts:**

Long Text The LTP has significant rating changes proposed, shifting the rating burden from one rating group to another. We do not believe that local and regional councils have a role in determining who amongst their property owners has the greatest or least ability to pay rates.  
We do not believe the short consultation period as required by the LTP is a sufficient consultation period for the magnitude of the proposals and believe Horizons has been remiss in not holding forums and meetings to discuss proposals.

**Q20 Your name**

Short Text Sarah Brown

**Q21 Organisation:**

Short Text Brown land Holdings Ltd

**Q22**

Short Text

**Q23 Address**

Short Text

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Email

**Q25 Email address**

Telephone

**Q26 Phone number**

Short Text

**Q27 E-signature**

Single Checkbox Sarah Brown

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

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**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?

Q2

Multi Choice

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

Q3

Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

Q4

Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment: Which option do you prefer?

Q5

Long Text

Summarised comments/sentiment: Which option do you prefer?

Q6

Multi Choice

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

Q7

Long Text

Which option do you prefer?Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q8

Multi Choice

Q9

Long Text

Q10

Multi Choice

Q11

Long Text

Q12

Multi Choice

Q13

Long Text

Q14


Multi Choice

Q15

Long Text

<b>Q16</b>	<b>Which option do you prefer?</b>
Multi Choice	
<b>Q17</b>	<b>Summarised comments/sentiment:</b>
Long Text	
<b>Q18</b>	<b>Summarised comments/sentiment:</b>
Long Text	
<b>Q19</b>	<b>Give us your thoughts:</b>
Long Text	
<b>Q20</b>	<b>Your name</b>
Short Text	James Stewart
<b>Q21</b>	<b>Organisation:</b>
Short Text	Stewart Dairylands Limited
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Short Text	
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Short Text	J Stewart
<b>Q27</b>	<b>I would like to speak to my submission at a Council Hearing between 29 April 2024 and 2 May 2024.</b>
Single Checkbox	Yes
<b>Q28</b>	<b>Tick your preferred speaking session.</b>
Multi Choice	
<b>Q29</b>	<b>How do you want to speak?</b>
Multi Choice	In-person
<b>Q30</b>	<b>I will speak in</b>
Multi Choice	English
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Stewart Dairylands Ltd

[REDACTED]

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This is a submission on Horizons Regional Council Draft Long Term Plan 2024-34.

The specific provisions of the proposal that this submission relates to and the decisions we seek from Council are as below.

We are deeply concerned about the proposed rates increases in the draft LTP. We note that for our rates through the online property rates search that our rates are to rise by 20%

We do not support the funding policy change apportioning horizons investment revenue to the UAGC instead of the general rate resulting in a decrease of the UAGC by 77% and an increase in the general rate by 27%. This will mean large increases for most rural properties. Well above current inflation.

We believe policy changes of this magnitude should have greater consultation opportunities than just through the LTP process.

We urge the Council to keep rates increases as low as possible, and certainly no higher than the current indexed rate of inflation (January 2024 CPI = 4.7%<sup>1</sup>).

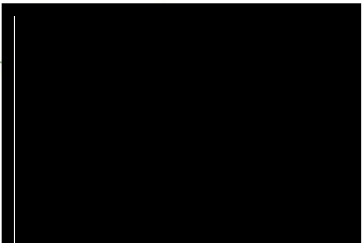
We are concerned about general spending driving the Reserve Bank to make further increases in the Official Cash Rate ('OCR'), as many farmers are struggling with high interest payments.

We urge the Council to recognise the inflation situation and cut expenditure of these 'nice-to-haves', rather than choosing to increase rates. This is certainly what we as farmers have to do.

We believe policy changes of this magnitude should have greater consultation opportunities than just through the LTP process.

We do not believe that local and regional councils have a role in determining who amongst their property owners has the greatest or least ability to pay rates.

James Stewart, Debbie Stewart, Dave Stewart, Jan Stewart  
Stewart Dairylands



Q1

Long Text

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

Q2

Multi Choice

Option 3: Targeted mapping focussing on land surrounding all existing urban areas (cities, towns, villages).

**Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Q3

Long Text

no more lifestyle blocks on productive land

**Which option do you prefer?**

Q4

Multi Choice

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

**Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Q5

Long Text

**Which option do you prefer?**

Q6

Multi Choice

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

**Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Q7

Long Text

consult with river and drainage groups and ratepayers

**Which option do you prefer?**

Q8

Multi Choice

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

**Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Q9

Long Text

save costs and no idealism

**Which option do you prefer?**

Q10

Multi Choice

Option 3: Remain with current service levels.

**Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Q11

Long Text

**Which option do you prefer?**

Q12

Multi Choice

Option 2: Levin-only public transport services.

**Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Q13

Long Text

**Which option do you prefer?**

Q14

Multi Choice

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

**Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Q15

Long Text

user pays

**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

funded from general rates

**Q18****Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Long Text

no support for the funding policy change apportioning horizons investment revenue to the UAGC instead of the general rate increases the general rate with large increases for rural properties above inflation LTP process needs consultation regional councils should not have a role in determining who amongst their property owners has the greatest or least ability to pay rates

**Q19****Give us your thoughts:**

Long Text

LTP rating changes shifting the rating burden from one rating group to another without sufficient consultation period for the magnitude of the proposals ,Horizons should have had more meetings to discuss the proposals .

**Q20****Your name**

Short Text

Merv Avery

**Q21****Organisation:**

Short Text

Federated Farmers

**Q22****Address**

Short Text

**Q23****Postcode**

Short Text

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Telephone

**Q26****E-signature**

Short Text

Merv Avery

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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**

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Q1

Long Text

**Summarised contents/sentiment:**

More public transport for ALL of Whanganui, thank you very much.

Q2

Multi Choice

**Which option do you prefer?**

Option 1: Targeted mapping on acute urban growth growth pressure areas only.

Q3

Long Text

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

Option 1 (council's preferred option): 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 3: A target of 110 kilometres of fencing and 240,000 plants plus two staff members.

Q8

Multi Choice

**Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Q9

Long Text

**Which option do you prefer?**

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

Q10

Multi Choice

**Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Q11

Long Text

**Which option do you prefer?**

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

Q12

Multi Choice

**Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Q13

Long Text

**Which option do you prefer?**

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Q14

Multi Choice

**Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Q15

Long Text



<b>Q16</b>	<b>Which option do you prefer?</b>
Multi Choice	Option 2: Continue to fund water meters from the Science budget.
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Long Text	
<b>Q18</b>	<b>Summarised comments/sentiment:</b>
Long Text	
<b>Q19</b>	<b>Give us your thoughts:</b>
Long Text	
<b>Q20</b>	<b>Your name</b>
Short Text	David Pate
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Short Text	Whanganui Positive Activists
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Multi Choice

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**Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Q5

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**Summarised comments/sentiment:**

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Long Text

**Which option do you prefer?**

Q8

Multi Choice

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**Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Q9

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

**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

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

Adjusting the funding depending on where the the drainage schemes are more required does seem like a better idea.

**Q19**

**Give us your thoughts:**

Long Text

not at this time

**Q20**

**Your name**

Short Text

Anne Bernard-Bennett

**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

Anne Bernard-Bennett

**Q27**

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Single Checkbox

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**Tick your preferred speaking session.**

Multi Choice

**Q29**

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Multi Choice

**Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Q3

Long Text

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Multi Choice

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Long Text

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**Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Q7

Long Text

**Which option do you prefer?**

Q8

Multi Choice

Option 2: A target of 80 kilometres of fencing and 160,000 plants plus one staff member.

**Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Q9

Long Text

Protecting our environment / improving fresh water supplies doesn't seem like something we should cut back on.

**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

Yes please! Can one of the eventual services please run to Durie Hill. This proposal would lead to better social, economic and climate outcomes due to better access to jobs, services and social events.

More frequent services across city will mean people without cars, or unable to drive or who choose not to, will be able to safely get around to more places. This includes young people and older people. The only reason I don't bus at the moment is there isn't one that service's my neighbourhood.

The huge increase in ridership since Nga Raruu The Tide shows that if the service is provided, people will use it.

**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

Yes please! This proposal would lead to better social, economic and climate outcomes due to better access to jobs, services and social events:

- more people able to commute to Palmerston North (one service a day is not always at a convenient time for people's work schedules, reducing personal costs as well as climate impact, improving job and university opportunities)
- more frequent services across city will mean people without cars, or unable to drive or who choose not to, will be able to safely get around to more places. This includes young people and older people.

- I travel semi-regularly to Wellington to see friends and family and for social events, and it would be wonderful to be able to make that journey on cheaper, more frequent public transport, that doesn't require driving to Waikanae. (as we did during the Women's Football World Cup last year)  
The huge increase in ridership since Nga Raruu The Tide shows that if the service is provided, people will use it.

**Q14 Which option do you prefer?**

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

**Q15 Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Long Text Yes please! his proposal would lead to better social, economic and climate outcomes due to better access to jobs, services and social events:  
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**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 This seems like a good idea to more equitably share the burden of cost, with those with more expensive houses paying more. But it can lead to unintended consequences if those with higher priced houses are facing high increases in mortgage costs, or who have owned for a long time and seen their house price rise through 'no fault' of their own.  
I probably err more to the side of equitably sharing the burden of cost. ie. the Council's preferred option. But would not object if others feedback saw it go the other way.

**Q19 Give us your thoughts:**

Long Text

**Q20 Your name**

Short Text Kathryn Stewart

**Q21 Organisation:**

Short Text

**Q22 Address**

Short Text

**Q23 Postcode**

Short Text

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**Q26** E-signature

Short Text K S Stewart

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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:**

Ngāti Rangi submission form, Horizons Regional Council

This submission has been developed by the operational arm, Ngā Waihua o Paerangi Trust, for Te Tōtarahoe o Paerangi Trust.

The vision statement for Ngāti Rangi is: "Kia mura ai te ora o Ngāti Rangi nui tonu ki tua o te 1,000 tau. Ngāti Rangi continues to vibrantly exist in 1,000 years." This vision statement means Ngāti Rangi intends to thrive and prosper for a thousand years and beyond. It is a testament to our role and responsibility to be active tāngata tiaki for our environment to ensure our descendants in 1,000 years have clean water, fresh air, and healthy land.

In the Relationship Agreement signed on 13 March 2010 between Ngāti Rangi and Horizons a number of principles were tabled which underpin the relationship, namely:

Kia karioi te noho - We are here forever

The Ngati Rangi relationship to the land of our ancestors ensures our connection to the land and other natural resources. Because of this relationship we must protect our interest for the future generations. Ngati Rangi continues to maintain a close relationship to the environment and believe that any users of natural resources in our rohe must have a relationship with tangata whenua.

Kia mana ai nga korero tupuna - Maintaining ancestral teachings

Key to Ngati Rangi is the principle of maintaining the teaching of our ancestors which include:

- Caring for people;
- Protecting the environment from unsustainable use; and
- Maintain the tikanga of our ancestors.

Kia anga whakamua mo apopo - Future focus

In upholding the two principles articulated above, the final principle relates to ensuring a positive future for the generations to come. Therefore any decision made and relationships established by Ngati Rangi must be cognisant of its impact on the coming generations and providing positive opportunities for them.

Our vision provides the overall framework for this submission. We recognise and support the socio-economic health and wellbeing of local communities, and the sustainable production of kai. Our first concern however is the long-term health, maintenance and improvement in the quality of our air, water, and whenua.

We support better services for our environment, our waterways (in particular Te Waiū o Te Ika), cultural engagement and transport for our community. We support a fairer user pays rating system that does not socialise costs for businesses. We also support rates subsidies for those who provide positive benefits to our environment and community.

Q2

**Which option do you prefer?**

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.

Q3

**Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Long Text

Responding to legislative requirements – level of service for highly productive land

Option 2: We understand the concern that highly productive areas may be lost to urban development. Mapping these areas may encourage needed urban development to instead be concentrated in less productive land.

We would however be concerned in case developers then target areas of high environmental value, or areas bordering high environmental value. We would like to therefore add a requirement that

- the environmental value of land in areas where there is urban (and rural) growth pressure also be mapped.

Q4

**Which option do you prefer?**

Multi Choice

Option 1 (council's preferred option): Fund work programme for integrated catchment management.

Q5

**Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Long Text

Planning for the future – an integrated catchment approach

Option 1: We certainly support an integrated catchment approach. Both the Whanganui and Whangaehu Rivers have special protection as integrated wholes under deeds of settlement.

For Ngāti Rangi a framework for the Whangaehu catchment was negotiated as part of the Ngati Rangi settlement. The Te Waiū-o-Te-Ika framework includes:

- statutory recognition for the awa, in the form of Te Mana Tupua o Te Waiū-o-Te-Ika
- intrinsic values for the awa, Ngā Toka Tupua o Te Waiū-o-Te-Ika

- a river entity, called Ngā Wai Tōtā o Te Waiū
- a strategy for the catchment, called Te Tāhoratanga (to be developed by Ngā Wai Tōtā)
- a human voice for the awa, called Te Punga Tupua, to interact with Ministers on behalf of the awa.

As part of our integrated catchment approach, we are concerned over the present system of allocating allowed abstraction from the Whangaehu and its tributaries. Ngāti Rangi have an agreement with Genesis whereby they allow some of the flow to bypass the Wahianoa Aqueduct and flow into four of the tributaries. This acknowledges te mana o te wai; the intrinsic value of the water flow into the Whangaehu River.

This water, which we got back through years of painstaking negotiation, should be allowed to flow unimpeded from the river to the sea. Our hard-earned water supplied upstream should not then be taken away from us by other consent users downstream simply because there is more water available. This is what integrated catchment management should look like on the Whangaehu and other catchments.

**Q6 Which option do you prefer?**

Multi Choice

**Q7 Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Long Text

Increase to river management insurance

We would point out the importance of preventing extreme weather events and thus requiring extra insurance in the first place. Extreme weather events are brought about not only by global climate change but by floods and slips caused by deforestation, and by poor urban design. These are all events that Horizons can eliminate or mitigate through its policies and procedures.

Building resilience to climate change, as described in the supporting information needs to be accompanied by measures that will slow down its effects, or even reverse climate change.

**Q8 Which option do you prefer?**

Multi Choice

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

**Q9 Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Long Text

Reduced levels of service for freshwater activity

Option 3. We support this option, with the addition of user pays charging.

Fencing and riparian planting are incredibly important as a means of protecting the environment from contaminants caused by primary industries. Horizons have particular concern over faecal coliforms, nutrients and silt. These contaminants are brought about mostly by animal farming, though other primary industries such as horticulture and forestry also play a part. As guardians of Te Waiū-o-Te-Ika, this is one of our areas of concern.

We consider that instead of privatising gains and socialising losses as in the present rating allocation, that extra rates be levied against properties that contribute the most to freshwater contamination. This will fund the extra 110km of fencing, the 240,000 plants and the two fulltime equivalent staff members required.

We would also like you to consider rates rebates for those property owners who go beyond what the law requires in funding their own fencing or planting. This will provide a financial incentive to improve the environment, and a financial dis-incentive to degrade it.

**Q10 Which option do you prefer?**

Multi Choice

Option 3: Remain with current service levels.

**Q11 Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Long Text

Increased levels of service for public transport – Whanganui improvements

Option 3. We have chosen this option, not because we have anything against Whanganui, but because the urban and more populated areas of Whanganui, Papaioea, Manuwatu and Horowhenua are already (comparatively) well served by public transport. This includes the proposed electric bus service to Ashurst.

Although the proposed plan provides options for Ruapehu District, with an additional cost to rates of 0.2%, it is very scarce on detail.

We need better train and bus transport options to the nearest main centres (Taihape, Taumarunui, Whanganui, Papaioea). This could possibly be partly managed by a shuttle from Waikouru to Ohakune/Raetihi to meet buses travelling down Highway 1 from Auckland to Wellington, plus funding into regional train journeys.



At the very least, it would be helpful to subsidise local shuttles to be used for health emergencies, taking people to hospitals and health centres in places like Taihape, Raetihi and Taumaranui. While there is a health shuttle provided between Raetihi and Whanganui, it travels at fixed times which is both inflexible and uncomfortable for our elderly who would prefer not to be waiting all day for an appointment that doesn't align with an early shuttle service. A shuttle that would take passengers to and from our Ngāti Rangi health centre in Ohakune would also be useful. Until such time as there is more agility in the system arrangement, Ngā Waihua o Paerangi has accessed its own funding to help provide transport options for our community. This is at significant cost and means that in effect the iwi is subsidising local government to address the evident gaps.

**Q12 Which option do you prefer?**

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

**Q13 Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Long Text New services for Horowhenua

Option 1. We would also like to see more improved public transport in our most isolated areas, where public transport for those with no access to private motor cars is more of a necessity.

**Q14 Which option do you prefer?**

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

**Q15 Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Long Text New and improved regional services

Option 1. As explained above, improved regional services for isolated areas such as ours are vital.

**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 Charging fee structures for water meters

Option 1. This is the fairest option. The properties that require large amounts of water should pay the entire fee for procuring it and not socialise costs. We also note that the allowed water take from the Wahianoa, Tokiahuru, Makahikatoa and Tomowai Rivers downstream of the Wahianoa Aqueduct, and the Whangaehu River downstream of the confluence of these tributaries should be adjusted to allow for the extra volume of water returned to Ngāti Rangi by Genesis (see our response to an integrated catchment approach).

**Q18 Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Long Text Revenue and financing policy

Proposed changes to the use of investment revenue

Horizons use revenue from investments to offset rates. Currently, ratepayers whose properties have higher capital value get greater benefit from this revenue.

One proposal is to use revenue from investments to reduce fixed charges, not rates charges that vary with capital value. This means those with less expensive properties (\$842K) will pay more. This seems a more equitable distribution of the rating burden.

Proposed changes to the way Horizons funds some of its activities

One proposal is to change the rating differential to pay for drainage schemes for low lying land. There are eleven drainage schemes for low lying land, which helps it become more productive. At present these are 80% funded by rates from affected properties, and the other 20% from general rates. The idea being that there is benefit to the region as a whole to have this productive land protected.

Horizons wants to make a higher proportion user pays (90%). This would be a fairer solution. An even fairer one would be to make it 100% should all be user pays, since the general population do not benefit from someone else's productive property being protected from floods. Like all businesses, farmers and growers should be paying to protect their own revenue streams.

Farmers and growers, like all businesses, contribute positive externalities by providing employment. This would be better addressed by providing rates or tax subsidies to all business based on their number of employees, rather

than their type of business. No local or central government agencies are supporting this as far as we are aware.

Other funding changes

The changes in the use of revenue from investments and rates differential for drainage are only two examples provided in this section. In all other instances we support options that give effect to our summarised content/sentiment.

**Q19 Give us your thoughts:**

Long Text

Additional commentary

Support for science and environmental knowledge:

This is one of the proposals under consideration. We support the extra staff required for science, cultural and environmental knowledge. This should include more funding for tangata whenua engagement. This is in keeping with Horizon's policy of 'becoming better treaty partners'. Ngāti Rangi for example have environmental and cultural knowledge that would be a useful resource. We would suggest, however, that the focus should not be on compensation to Horizons for engagement processes; but should be in providing specific resource to enable Ngāti Rangi to facilitate specific contractors for cultural, scientific and environmental knowledge.

Staffing required for freshwater farm plans should be funded from applicants, not general rates. Applicants should not be externalising compliance costs. The same applies to staffing for consent processing, compliance monitoring, and enforcement. Projects that provide positive externalities to the region (eg renewable energy, social housing) could apply to have some or all of these costs waived.

**Q20 Your name**

Short Text

Helen Leahy

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Short Text

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Helen Leahy

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Multi Choice

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Which option do you prefer?

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Multi Choice

Option 3: Remain with current service levels.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q11

Long Text

Prefer no rates increase.

Which option do you prefer?

Q12

Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q13

Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

Q14

Multi Choice

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

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q15

Long Text

**Q16** Which option do you prefer?

Multi Choice

**Q17** Summarised comments/sentiment:

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**Q18** Summarised comments/sentiment:

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**Q19** Give us your thoughts:

Long Text

**Q20** Your name

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Community Outcomes

20 to 40% increase in rates from changing the rating burden to those with higher capital values will lead to reduced economic activity and councils' long-term ability to fund infrastructure and services leading to a less vibrant community.

Question 2: level of service for highly productive land

option 3: is to investigate land surrounding all urban areas to stop the spread of lifestyle blocks taking out good farming land

Question 3: Planning for the future

No suggestion

Question 4: Updates to our operational areas - increase to river management insurance

No change until consulted on a case-by-case basis with the river and drainage schemes committees and ratepayers

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Wanganui only question

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Horowhenua only question

Question 8: New and improved regional services

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We do not support the funding policy change apportioning horizons investment revenue to the UAGC instead of the general rate resulting in a decrease of the UAGC by 77% and an increase in the general rate by 27%. This will mean large increases for most rural properties. Well above current inflation.

We believe policy changes of this magnitude should have greater consultation opportunities than just through the LTP process.

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We do not support the change of funding differentials from the drainage schemes until the proposed infrastructure review has been carried out

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magnitude of the proposals and believe Horizons has been remiss in not holding forums and meetings to discuss proposals.

**Q2 Which option do you prefer?**

Multi Choice Option 3: Targeted mapping focussing on land surrounding all existing urban areas (cities, towns, villages).

**Q3 Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Long Text

**Q4 Which option do you prefer?**

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

**Q5 Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Long Text

**Q6 Which option do you prefer?**

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

**Q7 Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Long Text

**Q8 Which option do you prefer?**

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

**Q9 Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Long Text

**Q10 Which option do you prefer?**

Multi Choice Option 3: Remain with current service levels.

**Q11 Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Long Text

**Q12 Which option do you prefer?**

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**Q13 Summarised comments/sentiment:**

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Multi Choice

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Andrea Buchanan

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**Summarised contents/sentiment:**

I take it the listing is not in priority order. If our region's ecosystems are healthy, the quality of our community wellbeing and resilience etc will all follow.

Enabling transport is important and rather than merely "effective" transport networks, I would like to see the Horizons doing more to shift us into a regionally integrated transport network on secure rail infrastructure. Native bushcover and sound freshwater management may do much to improve resilience and weaken the case for having to increase spending on insurance.

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:****Which option do you prefer?**

Option 1 (council's preferred option): Fund work programme for integrated catchment management.

Q4

Multi Choice

**Summarised comments/sentiment:**

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Long Text

Essential as climate change and increased heavy rain and irregular weather patterns will impact catchment stability.

**Which option do you prefer?**

Q6

Multi Choice

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

**Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Q7

Long Text

Spend money on work in the catchment to improve resilience now.

**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

Better long-term resilience spend than spending on insurance.

**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

Encourage people out of petrol vehicles and improve access for those without a driver licence.

**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

Ideally urban growth is concentrated along public transport routes. Improve local and regional rail services.

**Which option do you prefer?**

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Multi Choice

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

**Q15**

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**Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Rail preferable. As a bus and train (when available) user, rail services more comfortable and accessible.

**Q16**

Multi Choice

**Which option do you prefer?**

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Long Text

**Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Water is a scarce resource. There needs to be a free base-line household allocation.

**Q18**

Long Text

**Summarised comments/sentiment:**

I support using investment income and reduction in the UAGC as more equitable.

**Q19**

Long Text

**Give us your thoughts:**

Climate change work and collaboration across the region needs to continue with urgency.

**Q20**

Short Text

**Your name**

Marion Sanson

**Q21**

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Sustainable Whanganui Trust

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Marion Barbara Sanson

**Q27**

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**Q28**

Multi Choice

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<b>Q16</b>	<b>Which option do you prefer?</b>
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Long Text	Please find my submission attached and a letter referred to in my submission.
<b>Q20</b>	<b>Your name</b>
Short Text	Matthew Currie
<b>Q21</b>	<b>Organisation:</b>
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Chair and Councillors of Horizons Regional Council

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Dear Rachel Keedwell and Councillors

**Information request – Horizons Regional Council intentions to provide for vegetable production when implementing the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020 (NPS-FM)**

Thank you for the recent Te Uru Kahika Progress Report on regional planning implementation of the NPS-FM. I am pleased to see steady progress is still being made towards notifying your plan no later than December 2024, despite the challenges outlined in the report.

Among other issues, this summer's extreme weather has highlighted the importance of a wide geographic distribution of fresh vegetable production so that New Zealanders can continue to access healthy food options at a reasonable cost. The resilience of our food system will no doubt continue to be tested as the effects of climate change gain severity.

There is uncertainty as to how plans currently in development under the NPS-FM will enable continuity for vegetable growing and expansion of the domestic supply in line with future growth of New Zealand's population. New Zealand's population is forecasted to grow 8% between 2023 and 2033.<sup>1</sup>

I am therefore requesting information on Horizons Regional Council's intentions to provide for vegetable production in your region through your NPS-FM freshwater management planning instruments (land and water plans). Please include the rationale for your approach.

The information provided should include details about any mechanisms the Council is developing that enable:

- vegetable growers to practice crop rotation, moving their production (and associated discharges) from one property to another – for example allowing a grower to lease land in different properties within a freshwater management unit;

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<sup>1</sup> StatsNZ projections 2022 - 2073 - available at [https://www.stats.govt.nz/information-releases/national-population-projections-2022base2073/#:~:text=New%20Zealand's%20population%20\(5.13%20million,and%205.85%20million%20in%202033.](https://www.stats.govt.nz/information-releases/national-population-projections-2022base2073/#:~:text=New%20Zealand's%20population%20(5.13%20million,and%205.85%20million%20in%202033.)

- an expansion of the total area of production – noting this will almost certainly lead to an increase in Nitrogen-related discharges, and potentially other discharges, from new land brought into vegetable production.

In addition, please also provide information about your intentions regarding the use or otherwise of section 3.33 of the NPS-FM , including considerations referred to in NPS-FM section 3.33(3)(c).

I would like to keep the reporting burden to a minimum. My expectation is that the information will be brief, but specific enough to understand whether and how the Council is intending to provide for the matters outlined above.

I acknowledge that the first report date is too early in plan development for specific details on possible plan provisions and understand any proposals need to be thoroughly tested with your community. However, please respond with your intended approach on the basis of currently available knowledge. If the Council has any queries about what reporting is required, please contact Bryan Smith through email [bryan.smith@mfe.govt.nz](mailto:bryan.smith@mfe.govt.nz) or phone 027 5183327.

My request is in accordance with section 27 of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA). The first report is required by **19 May 2023**, with reporting to continue on annual basis until 19 May 2025, with a view to capturing any further decisions and their rationale made in the intervening period. Officials will follow up with Council staff after reports are received should any clarification be needed.

I appreciate the sensitivities involved in this early phase of your regional freshwater management planning process. The information will not be shared beyond the cross-agency project team (Ministry for Environment and Ministry for Primary Industries officials), except where needed to meet statutory requirements, such as under the Official Information Act 1982.

Yours sincerely

Hon David Parker  
**Minister for the Environment**

## Submission to HRC LTP

Matthew Currie



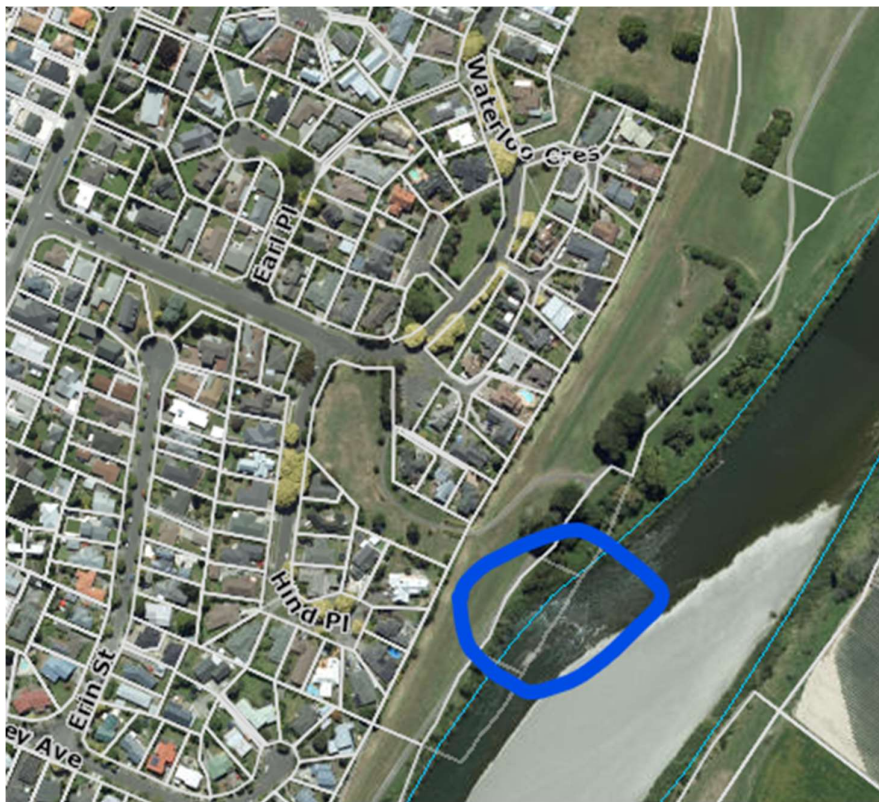
To whom it may concern,

I support the need for increases to rates, however rate increases need to be coupled with ever increasing scrutiny of the spending to ensure value for money for taxpayers.

Are the following issues being adequately funded in the LTP?

### Manawatu River Erosion

The screenshot shows the location of what appears to be significant weak point in the stop bank, which could lead to a breach in a major flood event, which would prove disastrous for PN. Is improving this stop bank funded in the LTP? For when? It should be completed asap. It is noted that nearby downstream was recently improved.



### Rural-residential lot sizes

Currently the minimum lot size for on-site septic disposal is 5000m<sup>2</sup>. In many circumstances this could be reduced where the soil type is suitable for a smaller septic field and/or there are smaller dwellings. Currently a resource consent is required for a lot size less than 5000m<sup>2</sup>. PNCC have a 5000m<sup>2</sup> minimum lot size to align with HRC minimum lot size. Is there a way HRC

could collaborate more closely with local councils to facilitate smaller minimum lot sizes in district plans? This could help increase density in the rural-residential zone and promote more efficient use of land. Is there any funding allocated to review this?

#### Public transport costs

Whilst it is nice to see nice new electric buses around PN, it is very noticeable how often they have very few passengers. Is there a rigorous review system in place to track the cost/benefit of these buses, say cost per passenger kilometre, and/or cost per passenger trip. Just because something is 'nice to have' does not necessarily mean it is good value for money for the taxpayer. Is there funding for this type of ongoing review of public transport value for money?

#### Growing land – letter from the minister for the environment

Approximately 12 months ago the minister for the environment sent a letter to HRC (attached) which included this:

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- an expansion of the total area of production – noting this will almost certainly lead to an increase in Nitrogen-related discharges, and potentially other discharges, from new land brought into vegetable production.

My request is in accordance with section 27 of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA). The first report is required by **19 May 2023**, with reporting to continue on annual basis until 19 May 2025, with a view to capturing any further decisions and their rationale made in the intervening period. Officials will follow up with Council staff after reports are received should any clarification be needed.

What progress has been made on this, and is the work required adequately funded? There is a current live problem that One Plan does not allow rotation to be practised, and the land available for vegetable production is decreasing, rapidly in some areas. One Plan allows for the expansion of vegetable production if a RC for a change of use is obtained, but this is not economically viable due to the extreme nitrogen use restrictions. To obtain consent for a change of use for vegetable growing may mean only being able to use 25% of a farm to stay within Nitrogen limits as assessed by Overseer. From our experience Overseer is completely unsuitable as a regulatory tool for nitrogen use in vegetable growing. The correct method would be independently audited, industry best practice.

I would like to be heard at the hearing.

Yours sincerely,

Matthew Currie.

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Submitting on behalf of Paula Snowden from National Public Health.

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22 April 2024

**Health New Zealand**  
Te Whatu Ora

Horizons Regional Council  
11 Victoria Avenue  
Palmerston North 4410

Tēnā koe,

## Horizons Regional Council Long-term Plan 2024–34

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a written submission on your Long-term Plan 2024–34 (LTP).

Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora, National Public Health Service – MidCentral has statutory obligations under the Pae Ora Act 2022 Section 14 (1)(k) and the Health Act 1956 to improve, promote and protect the health of people and communities within the Horizons region. Of particular focus for Health NZ is embedding Te Tiriti o Waitangi (Te Tiriti) as its foundation toward improving health outcomes for Māori.

The feedback being sought on the Long-term Plan 2024–34 aligns to Health NZ's commitment towards healthier and more resilient communities by reducing inequities and promoting good health, particularly for Māori, Pacific peoples and disabled people.

Please find Health NZ's submission attached.

For any clarification regarding the submission, please contact Gillian Anderson,

[REDACTED]

Ngā mihi,

**Paula Snowden**

Ngāpuhi ki Whāingaroa

**Regional Director, Te Ikaroa Central Region**

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## Key Health and Wellbeing Considerations for the Horizons Regional Council Long-term Plan 2024–34

Health NZ acknowledges the consultation document sought feedback on seven key choices. We have comments on two of these key choices: Public Transport Improvements; and Integrated Catchment Management. In addition, we wish to take this opportunity to comment on air quality monitoring.

### Air Quality Monitoring

Health NZ's vision for healthy urban development is Pae ora – healthy futures for all.<sup>1</sup> Pae ora is a holistic concept that includes three interconnected elements: Mauri ora (healthy individuals), Whānau ora (healthy families) and Wai ora (healthy environments). These three elements are mutually reinforcing and strengthen improvements in health outcomes over time. By recognising likely patterns and requirements of future communities, we can use planning and urban development to anticipate and respond to the health, wellbeing and equity needs of Aotearoa populations in the most effective way.<sup>2</sup>

New knowledge is being gained around the significant effects of air pollution on human health. The burden of disease attributable to air pollution is now estimated to equal other major global health risks such as unhealthy diet and tobacco smoking, and air pollution is now recognised as the single biggest environmental threat to human health.<sup>3,4, 5</sup>

It is noted that air quality testing currently occurs in Taihape and Taumarunui. Health NZ is not aware of any recent screening surveys to assess the need for other air monitoring sites in the MidCentral area. Health NZ suggests it would be timely to assess additional sites for the likelihood of regular transgressions against the standard. Such information could then determine the appropriateness of ongoing regular monitoring, depending on the results from screening surveys.

Health NZ would like to offer assistance with scoping suitable locations for testing. One such location could include Woodville, noting:

- When travelling over the Tararua ranges to Woodville on a cool morning, an inversion layer trapping polluted air around the township is visible.
- Tararua District Council sees Woodville as its key growth area and ties this growth into the opening of Te Ahu a Turanga – Manawatū Tararua Highway. The planned growth is for urban and industrial development.<sup>6</sup> This highway will connect the western side of the Tararua Range with the eastern and the increasingly significant Te Utanganui – Central New Zealand Distribution Hub in Palmerston North.
- Vehicular traffic through Woodville, especially from the transportation sector, has the potential to increase.

### Public Transport Improvements

Health NZ is supportive of Public Transport Option 1 which provides bus services in the Tararua District from Masterton and Dannevirke to Palmerston North, noting that there is no existing public transport in this District. This option also increases bus services from Marton and Whanganui to



Palmerston North, and from Whanganui to Waikanae where there is a connection via rail to Wellington.

Health NZ supports increasing the capacity of the public transport network. It will reduce the number of cars on the road, increase use of active transport and decrease emissions, which are key contributors to reducing the impact of climate change. Climate change is the biggest health threat facing humanity.<sup>3,4</sup> It is increasingly affecting the health, equity and livelihoods of our communities and changing the environment we live in.

Health NZ would like to compliment Horizons Regional Council (HRC) on the implementation of an all-electric bus fleet in Palmerston North. Health NZ understands the new bus service is contracted out and needs to be bedded in, assessed and reviewed for real alternative solutions created to patch any holes that may be identified in service delivery. Health NZ appreciates that HRC is listening to community voices and open to bespoke solutions that meet the needs of the Palmerston North community. This includes those who are especially less mobile and rely on the bus service to get to services and for social connection.

## **Integrated Catchment Management**

Health NZ supports Option 1 to fund a work programme for integrated catchment management. This holistic approach, viewing catchment management as part of an interconnected system, fits with Pae ora and the interconnected elements. Health NZ, through the National Public Health Service, would like to be a member of catchment management groups.

## **Summary**

Health NZ would like to summarise the key recommendations:

- That HRC undertakes an air quality screening programme (including Woodville) to reassess the need for permanent monitoring sites (in addition to the current Taumarunui and Taihape sites). Health NZ would like to offer help with this scoping work.
- Support of Transport Option 1 which improves the regional public transport network in the Horizons Region.
- To be part of, and contribute to, catchment management groups.

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Submission

Horizons Long Term Plan

I wish to reserve speaking rights at the hearing.

I note a proposed shift in the rating base onto rural areas and businesses.

I have rural property that has a proposed Regional Council Rate increase of close to 32% in one 12 month period.

I served a period on the Chamber of Commerce for the Palmerston North City.

During that time we commissioned a survey that determined that the greatest driver of economic activity by far was agriculture/food production.

Basic economics say that if you strangle your economic base you will then watch everything else collapse.

A long term plan should be securing a regions future not destroying it.

By shifting the rates burden onto the industry that is essential for supplying the economic resources for the rest of the community to thrive is short sighted.

Agriculture/Food production is currently in an economic crisis due to poor export prices, severe cost inflation , and future costs/restrictions on production due to climate change initiatives.

By proposing a 77% reduction in the UAC and increasing the general rate, the effect will be detrimental to the Long Term viability of many rural businesses and therefore the towns.

The reality is that the proposals should be to increase the UAC thereby taking pressure off those who need respite.

20.4 - 2024

## Proposed rating differential changes for Drainage Schemes

The proposal to move the rate take higher in rural areas is unbelievable.

Towns and cities are afforded the greatest protection.

Towns and cities expanding hard surface increase not only the rate but also the speed that the water enters the river and drainage systems.

This is apparent in my region of Kairanga

I own and drain water into the Burkes Drain and the Oroua River.

The volume and speed that water arrives is much greater than in the past

This is because of expanding hard surface and expansion of Feilding and Palmerston North

The effect of this is that my drainage is slowed affecting crops at critical times and the greater volumes overtops berm land and spillways at a more regular intervals also either destroying crops or pasture.

Also a flood diversion north of Feilding created to save parts of Fielding in flood conditions loads extra pressure on the Oroua downstream.

I cant believe that the proposal is to make me pay more .

I have been part of the local liason committee for my drainage scheme but note there have been no meetings called for 2 years.

Locals that have lived through every event in the last 60 years have amassed a large amount of corporate knowledge of water flows and levels and drainage systems that support the regions economy.

This resource should not be sidelined

The costs is infinitesimal but the benefit vast.

Maori and Old Farmers stay for a long time .

Staffers come and go.

Richard Green

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Submitting on behalf of Daniel Jacques from Department of Conservation. Portal #163731

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19 April 24

Daniel jacques

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**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

Daniel Jacques

Biodiveristy ranger Department of Conservation

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**Submitter: Bevan Claridge**

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**Submit: Assess insurance increases on a scheme-by-scheme basis through liaison committees and AGMs and leave the current insurance % with corporate instead of loading all onto river and drainage schemes.**

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## SUBMISSION TO THE HORIZONS REGIONAL COUNCIL

LONG TERM PLAN 2024

By Dr R. H. Hoskins

### **Topic: Funding for The Manawatu Estuary Ramsar Site**

**My Background:** I have owned a property at Foxton Beach for over 34 years and have lived permanently at the above address for over 30 years. My qualifications include an Honours Degree in Zoology, a qualification in Botany, a Doctorate in Geology, and a post-graduate diploma in Library and Information Studies. I am a member of the Manawatu Estuary Trust, The Manawatu Estuary Management Team, Save Our River Trust, and Wildlife Foxton Trust. At my own expense I have done voluntary work removing exotic weeds for 35 years at Foxton Beach, in the Ramsar Site as well as the coastal foredunes. Two other people assist me. We have spent over 600 hours on this task in 2023.

### **MY REQUEST**

As one of the three statutory managers of the Ramsar site (Horowhenua District Council, **Horizons Regional Council**, and the Department of Conservation) responsible for the care of the Ramsar Site. Whilst both the Horizons Regional Council, and the Department of Conservation allocate annual funds, the problem is that these institutions fail to see why they should increase their allocation if the Horowhenua District Council is NOT allocating funds. It should be appreciated that the Horowhenua District Council does spend money on the Ramsar Site, but that money comes from unallocated funds.

Another frustration for the Regional Council is the lack of progress on the Horowhenua District Council stormwater consent in the area. It would be a shame if these were the reasons That Horizons reject increasing funding.

A lack of adequate funding is a great disincentive to the volunteers who give of their **free** time and work tirelessly to maintain or improve the Manawatu Estuary Ramsar Site. These volunteers see the problems first-hand, can provide solutions that need to be implemented but these volunteers cannot afford to fund these solutions themselves. The Manawatu Estuary Management Team is currently working hard to update the Manawatu Estuary Management Plan. Targets are impossible to set or achieve without an appropriate budget.

These are tough times, economically and with climate change, but the fauna, flora and environment have no voice and should not be forgotten.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit to the Long Term Plan.

**Please, continue the encouragement your staff have already given us that will allow us to expand our work with the Manawatu Estuary Management Team for the benefit of the fauna, flora and environment.**

Dr R. H. Hoskins

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I support the expansion to The Tide bus service and extending it to and from Palmerston North etc  
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Option 1 (council's preferred option): Whanganui public transport improvements running by the end of 2025-26.

**Summarised comments/sentiment:**

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I support the expansion to The Tide bus service and extending it to and from Palmerston North etc  
David Alexander  
Whanganui

**Which option do you prefer?**

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Multi Choice

**Summarised comments/sentiment:**

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**Which option do you prefer?**

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**Q16 Which option do you prefer?**

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**Q17 Summarised comments/sentiment:**

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Long Text

**Q19 Give us your thoughts:**

Long Text

**Q20 Your name**

Short Text David Alexander

**Q21 Organisation:**

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**Q22 Address**

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Short Text David Alexander

**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

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Q1

Long Text

**Summarised contents/sentiment:**

You will note references made to Horizons Regional Council(HRC) in the attachment which are relevant to Horizons.

In addition, there are several items that came up during SORT discussions that we believe relate to activities within the HRC Long Term Plan Consultation Document 2024-2034 and these are referred to below.

Before doing so however, we would like to raise the need to be reassured that Horizon's Regional Council are supportive of the efforts being made by Foxton's Save our River Trust to increase the volume and velocity of water flow through the Manawatū River Loop (Piriharakeke) at Foxton. As you are aware our Trust has been actively engaged for over two decades in activities associated with improving Piriharakeke and the river verge to the Foxton township. We are keen to understand where HRC see themselves in these efforts.

**Which option do you prefer?**

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Multi Choice

**Summarised comments/sentiment:**

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**Q18** Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

**Q19** Give us your thoughts:

Long Text

**Q20** Your name

Short Text Robin Hapi

**Q21** Organisation:

Short Text Save Our River Trust

**Q22** Address

Short Text

**Q23** Postcode

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**Q24** Email address

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**Q25** Phone number

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Monique Davidson  
Chief Executive  
Horowhenua District Council  
Private Bag 4002  
Levin 5540  
Tēnā Koe Monique,

Save our River Trust  
Foxton

13 November 2023

### **Introduction**

The following submissions are made on behalf of Foxton's Save Our River Trust (SORT) to ensure the aspirations of SORT members are considered by Horowhenua District Council (HDC) as the tri-annual review of the 20 year plan for the period 2024-2044 plan is under consideration.

Our submissions are also provided in the context of the initiative underway to hold community planning sessions in Te Awahou/Foxton to enable our community to contribute towards the development of a community plan.

We anticipate that these messages and others from our community will be repeated in person by SORT members attending the Community Planning Sessions on 20 November.

### **Background**

SORT was incorporated as a Charitable Trust in October 2004 to carry out aims associated with the restoration and conservation of the Manawatu River and in particular the Manawatu River Loop at Foxton (Piriharakeke). Our aims include recognising the relationship of Tangata Whenua with the Manawatū River and their role as Kaitiaki, promoting awareness of the plight of our part of the Manawatū river environment and working with others to advance our aims.

SORT has been active as a group of volunteers in advancing these aims and in that regard has contributed towards the removal of weeds, restoring our river verge, planting of native species, establishing the Piriharakeke walkway, wetland development, commissioning various reports and obtaining a long-term consent to continue carrying out restorative work. While the town verge is important in terms of activities that are visible to our community and visitors our driving objective is to achieve a durable solution to the current degradation, siltation and water quality challenges suffered by our community since the disastrous efforts by Government to mitigate the effects of flooding for the benefit of upstream parties.

While the then Minister of Works admitted responsibility in 1949 for "righting the wrongs" the botched efforts remain largely unaddressed despite a 1953 Commission of Enquiry acknowledging that central Government had made a mistake which it needed to address.

We acknowledge the efforts undertaken by HDC in their work with SORT in recent years. There has been considerable improvement achieved through our joint efforts. However, much remains to be done if our part of the Manawatū river is to be restored to the central role it once played as a viable system contributing to the cultural, recreational, economic, and social future of Te Awahou/Foxton.

### **The Tasks Ahead.**

SORT members are supportive of the cooperation and collaboration we enjoy with Council members and staff. We would like to see that continue with further benefits accruing to our community.

SORT is supportive of a collaborative approach involving HDC/HRC our community Board and other groups committed to ensuring the best outcomes for our community. From the perspective of SORT members, we wish to advance the following.

1/. The priority for SORT is to achieve a long-term durable solution to the lack of water volume and velocity through the upper entrance to our river loop. The siltation and growth of invasive weeds that has occurred is having severe and damaging effects. SORT is working with professional consultants to determine what such a solution might look like. This has been an extremely challenging work programme as the degradation that has been visited upon our extension of the river has been considerable. We will be encouraging the continued collaboration of HDC and HRC in advancing this major SORT project to a beneficial solution.

2/. The restoration of the river verge with our township remains high in our work programme. We urge both Councils to continue to provide support, funding, and leadership in ensuring a systematic upgrading of the balance of the verge to match the work undertaken by HDC with the help of the Provincial Growth Fund (Shovel ready Projects) which was enabled through the wise use of the Consent obtained by SORT from HRC. Collaboration with HRC for the next phase will be encouraged.

3/. Work is progressing on re-establishing the Piriharakeke walkway following the felling of the trees at the site containing the refuse station. As part of this project SORT will undertake a community project to spread the lime on a newly defined track. We will need to work together with HDC to ensure all- weather access along the walkway and in particular a means of bridging that part of the walkway from the old pump shed and the current Off the Loop site. This will assist in providing an all-year community recreational amenity.

4/. A joint effort between the staff of both Councils and SORT to access funding to remediate the leachate at times visible at Kings Canal adjacent to the refuse station entrance is also necessary. Members of SORT have been concerned at the health and safety implications of such a deep, open drain in an area often frequented by children and members of our community. It has been proposed that funding through the Land Remediations relief fund may be an avenue to pursue in the wider context of the old dump site being adjacent to our water way. We are working with HDC staff to advance this work stream and will look to involve HRC.

5/. Our support for the continuation of the Foxton Futures Group remains. We note and endorse the intention to widen the representation on this group to include other interests essential for the ongoing viability of our community. While the sustainability of Foxton's Manawatū River Loop (Piriharakeke) is central to our future it is important that we have a comprehensive community development approach through Foxton Futures for the benefit of all members of our community.

### **Conclusion**

SORT members have considered the content of this submission over a lengthy period to ensure our views are included in Councils consideration of the tri-annual refresh of the 20-year 2024-2044 Long Term Plan. While much of the content may not be new for Council, we believe it necessary to participate in this process and promote the views of SORT for your consideration. Please note we wish to be heard on this public submission.

Robin Hapi CNZM  
Chair  
Save our River Trust

Q1

Long Text

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

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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

Preserve productive land for feeding the people

**Which option do you prefer?**

Q4

Multi Choice

Option 1 (council's preferred option): Fund work programme for integrated catchment management.

**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): Include baseline inflation, revaluations, claim up to \$200 million per event by Horizons and up to \$500 million alongside other councils.

**Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Q7

Long Text

Makes sense to minimise risk for not much more rates impact than other options

**Which option do you prefer?**

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Multi Choice

Option 2: A target of 80 kilometres of fencing and 160,000 plants plus one staff member.

**Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Q9

Long Text

Let's not lose forward momentum

**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 is a wonderful service and an asset to Whanganui. Please don't listen to the angry minority who have an unhealthy obsession with opposing public transport. It's great to travel into town without worrying about traffic or parking. The bus drivers are all friendly and the buses are clean and comfortable. We're lucky to have Anthonie Tonnon advocating for our community and I hope the lessons from Whanganui will lead to more public transport options across the region.

**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

Connect the Horowhenua to other places and it'll benefit everyone

**Which option do you prefer?**

Q14

Multi Choice

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

<b>Q15</b>	<b>Summarised comments/sentiment:</b>
Long Text	Yes! Would love to move around the region without a car. More commuters would bus Whanganui to Palmerston North if there was more than 1 trip each day.
<b>Q16</b>	<b>Which option do you prefer?</b>
Multi Choice	Option 1 (council's preferred option): Changing fee structure for water meters to 100% user pays.
<b>Q17</b>	<b>Summarised comments/sentiment:</b>
Long Text	Consent holders should pay the costs related to their business, ratepayers shouldn't subsidise them
<b>Q18</b>	<b>Summarised comments/sentiment:</b>
Long Text	
<b>Q19</b>	<b>Give us your thoughts:</b>
Long Text	Would be great to see greater resources towards enforcement of air quality standards - burning rubbish is a massive issue in urban and rural Whanganui. I can't believe anyone is allowed to do do in 2024
<b>Q20</b>	<b>Your name</b>
Short Text	Kate
<b>Q21</b>	<b>Organisation:</b>
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<b>Q22</b>	<b>Address</b>
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Short Text	Kate
<b>Q27</b>	<b>I would like to speak to my submission at a Council Hearing between 29 April 2024 and 2 May 2024.</b>
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Q16	Which option do you prefer?
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Q19	Give us your thoughts:
Long Text	See attached
Q20	Your name
Short Text	Grace Mazengarb
Q21	Organisation:
Short Text	Ruapehu LANDSAR
Q22	Address
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20 April 2024

LandSAR Ruapehu

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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

The seven groups resident in the Horizons region have needs 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....).

The support from Horizons Council will provide invaluable resources to better equip or groups and improve overall capacity. Providing support to young, old and vulnerable people in our communities through the Safer Walking and Wandersearch programs also requires specialist equipment and resources and in return provides assurance and care in our communities.

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

Grace Mazengarb (Chair Person)

  
[REDACTED]

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**Q16 Which option do you prefer?**

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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

Submission: Horizons Long Term Plan 2024-34  
Email to submission to haveyoursay@horizons.govt.nz

Submitter: Mellisa Brown

Submit: Leave Horizons commercial income offsetting the general rate, not change to offsetting the UAG

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Submit: Assess insurance increases on a scheme-by-scheme basis through liaison committees and AGMs and leave the current insurance % with corporate instead of loading all onto river and drainage schemes.

**Q20 Your name**

Short Text

Mellisa Brown

**Q21 Organisation:**

Short Text

**Q22 Address**

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M. Brown

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Q20	Your name
Short Text	Alice Williamson
Q21	Organisation:
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Submitter: Alice Williamson    Your name here

The proposed rate increase for our farm is 30% for no added benefit, according to Horizons it is to make it fairer is a joke, fairer for who.

It is assumed that those with farms are in a better position to pay, that is unethical and reeks of socialism.

With rampant inflation, high interest rates and poor commodity prices many farmers will be struggling to show a profit. So please consider your community before you cut them off at the knees

**Submit: Leave Horizons commercial income offsetting the general rate, not change to offsetting the UAG**

**Submit: Leave drainage scheme differentials the same 80% scheme, 20 general rates until the infrastructure scheme reviews are carried out next year.**

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<b>Q19</b>	<b>Give us your thoughts:</b>
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<b>Q20</b>	<b>Your name</b>
Short Text	Michael Bird
<b>Q21</b>	<b>Organisation:</b>
Short Text	
<b>Q22</b>	<b>Address</b>
Short Text	
<b>Q23</b>	<b>Postcode</b>
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**Submitter: Michael Bird**

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**Q1**

Long Text

**Summarised contents/sentiment:**

We ask the Horizons Regional Council to retain the integrity of the total Manawatu River flow

**Which option do you prefer?**

**Q2**

Multi Choice

**Summarised comments/sentiment:****Q3**

Long Text

**Which option do you prefer?**

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**Q16 Which option do you prefer?**

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**Q18 Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Long Text

**Q19 Give us your thoughts:**

Long Text

Please see attached doc - Unsure if person wishes to speak in person or zoom or which language...

**Q20 Your name**

Short Text

Kathryn Lane

**Q21 Organisation:**

Short Text

Manawatu Estuary Trust

**Q22 Address**

Short Text

**Q23 Postcode**

Short Text

**Q24 Email address**

Email

**Q25 Phone number**

Telephone

**Q26 E-signature**

Short Text

Kathryn Lane

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

Single Checkbox

Yes

**Q28 Tick your preferred speaking session.**

Multi Choice

**How do you want to speak?**

**Q29 I will speak in**

Multi Choice

English

**Q30**

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# SUBMISSION

## Horizon Regional Council    Long Term Plan 2024-2034

### Organisation Details

Manawatu Estuary Trust

### Contact Details

Request to speak    Yes

Manawatu Estuary Trust is a registered charity formed in 2001 by people from the surrounding region with the aim of conserving the estuary for its biodiversity. The Trust advocates for the preservation and enhancement of the Manawatu Estuary by protection, Education, Facilities, Research , Eco-tourism, and Co Operation with other like minded organisations.

The future of the flora and fauna biodiversity within the Manawatu Estuary is being jeopardised by over use and over reach of access into the foreshore and dune formed areas. As each complements the other in their geo-formation, it is vital that redress is implemented so as to stop future destruction and imbalance.

Concerning the Foxton Beach Resource consent application for storm water discharge, we ask that the consultation process is open to community representation for fundamental estuary protection.

We ask the Horizons Regional Council to retain the integrity of the total Manawatu River flow

We tender our submission which , in our view, does not require any extension of budget, only control within existing margins of care and responsibility.



Q1

Long Text

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

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**Q17****Summarised comments/sentiment:**

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**Q18****Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Long Text

Please see my comments in the next section.

**Q19****Give us your thoughts:**

Long Text

I just want to note that our personal increase of rates by 35.57% is horribly high, about \$5000 of this is specifically the increase for the 'Makerua Mangaore Pump' cost. We live on the edge of Shannon. Shannon urban addresses seem to have a rates decrease of a few percent (about \$40). I have read and understood why this has happened but with our main rates bill increase being almost \$8000, this really is too much. I note the document says average of 12.5% w.r.t. the drainage scheme moving to 90:10 from 80:20, plus the average Horowhenua proposed increase of 11.24% (added makes 23.74%, still well lower than 35.57%). So, I am guessing some people will be super happy with their rates bills (those with slight reductions or low increases) especially in the climate of local council rates due to increase about 15% but others, like ourselves with a 35.57% increase, not so happy. Whilst in general I support targeted rates and user pays to certain extents I think a transition to this over a few year period would ease the burden on those not able to afford to pay their rates.

**Q20****Your name**

Short Text

Sharon Williams

**Q21****Organisation:**

Short Text

Mishar Ltd

**Q22****Address**

Short Text

**Q23****Postcode**

Short Text

**Q24****Email address**

Email

**Q25****Phone number**

Telephone

**Q26****E-signature**

Short Text

Sharon Williams

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Single Checkbox

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Multi Choice

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

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**Q20 Your name**

Short Text

Valerie De Feo

**Q21 Organisation:**

Short Text

RARO - Ruapehu Alpine Rescue Organisation

**Q22 Address**

Short Text

**Q23 Postcode**

Short Text

**Q24 Email address**

Email

**Q25 Phone number**

Telephone

**Q26 E-signature**

Short Text Valerie De Feo

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22 April 2024

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Best regards

Valerie De Feo  
RARO volunteer

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<b>Q19</b>	<b>Give us your thoughts:</b>
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Short Text	George Renshaw
<b>Q21</b>	<b>Organisation:</b>
Short Text	
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Submission: Horizons Long Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter: George Renshaw - Rural Landowner

Submit: Leave Horizons commercial income offsetting the general rate, not change to offsetting the UAG

Submit: Leave drainage scheme differentials the same 80% scheme, 20 general rates until the scheme reviews are carried out next year.

Submit: Assess insurance increases on a scheme-by-scheme basis through liaison committees and AGMs and leave the current insurance % with corporate instead of loading all onto river and drainage schemes.

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**Summarised comments/sentiment:**

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**Q18**

**Summarised comments/sentiment:**

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**Q19**

**Give us your thoughts:**

Long Text

Would be so convenient to have a better bus network connecting whanganui

**Q20**

**Your name**

Short Text

Sarah

**Q21**

**Organisation:**

Short Text

**Q22**

**Address**

Short Text

**Q23**

**Postcode**

Short Text

**Q24**

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Email

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Telephone

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Short Text

Sarah

**Q27**

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Single Checkbox

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# Puka tono Submission form

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YOUR SAY

Have your say! Our consultation document highlights specific areas of our business that we are seeking community feedback on. We also welcome feedback on any other areas of our business and have left space on page 7 for additional comments. The information that supports the consultation document is available at [haveyoursay.horizons.govt.nz](https://haveyoursay.horizons.govt.nz), our service centres and local libraries.

An electronic version of this form can be found at [haveyoursay.horizons.govt.nz](https://haveyoursay.horizons.govt.nz).

Please include your name, main contact phone number, full address, postcode, and email address on the last page of this form, and indicate whether you would like to speak to your submission (in either English, Māori or New Zealand Sign Language) at a Council Hearing between 29 April 2024 and 2 May 2024.

**Note:** submissions are public information and will be published in the resulting Council report which may be made available to media and the general public. Contact details will be kept confidential.

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## Te anga rautaki Strategic Framework

Our strategic framework outlines our vision, four strategic priorities and six community outcomes which will help us keep our eye on the big picture, especially when planning for the ten years ahead. We welcome your feedback on our strategic framework which has been shared in detail on page 6 of the consultation document.

Summarised comments/sentiment:





For the following items, please tick the box that best suits your preference.

2

### Issue 1: Responding to legislative requirements – level of service for highly productive land

For more information on this topic, refer to page 26 of the consultation document.

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#### Option 1

Targeted mapping focussing on acute urban growth pressure areas only.

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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 3

Targeted mapping focussing on land surrounding all existing urban areas (cities, towns, villages).

  
PREFERRED  
OPTION

Summarised comments/sentiment:

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3

### Issue 2: Planning for the future

For more information on this topic, refer to page 29 of the consultation document.

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#### Option 1 - Council's preferred option

Fund work programme for integrated catchment management.

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#### Option 2

Do not fund work programme for integrated catchment management.

  
PREFERRED  
OPTION

Summarised comments/sentiment:

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For the following items, please tick the box that best suits your preference.

4

### Issue 3a: Updates to our operational areas – increase to river management insurances

For more information on this topic, refer to page 32 and 33 of the consultation document.

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#### 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.

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OPTION

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#### Option 2

Claim up to \$200 million per event by Horizons.

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#### Option 3

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

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#### Option 4

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

Summarised comments/sentiment:

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5

### Issue 3b: Updates to our operational areas – reduced levels of service for freshwater activity

For more information on this topic, refer to page 34 and 35 of the consultation document.

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#### Option 1 - Council's preferred option

Return to pre-Jobs for Nature funding levels of service and budget 30 kilometres of fencing and 70,000 plants.

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OPTION

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#### Option 2

A target of 80 kilometres of fencing and 160,000 plants plus one staff member.

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#### Option 3

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

Summarised comments/sentiment:

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For the following items, please tick the box that best suits your preference.

6

### Issue 3c: Updates to our operational areas – increased levels of service for public transport – Whanganui improvements

For more information on this topic, refer to page 36 and 37 of the consultation document.



#### Option 1 - Council's preferred option

Whanganui public transport improvements running by the end of 2025-26.

PREFERRED  
OPTION



#### Option 2

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



#### Option 3

Remain with current service levels.

#### Summarised comments/sentiment:

I specifically moved to Whanganui  
because it had at least adequate public transport.  
I currently live alone and drive a car but  
this will not always be possible

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### New services for Horowhenua

For more information on this topic, refer to page 38 and 39 of the consultation document.



#### Option 1 - Council's preferred option

Wider Horowhenua district.

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OPTION



#### Option 2

Levin only public transport services.

#### Summarised comments/sentiment:

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For the following items, please tick the box that best suits your preference.

8

### New and improved regional services

For more information on this topic, refer to page 40 and 41 of the consultation document.



**Option 1 - Council's preferred option**  
New and improved regional services.

  
**PREFERRED  
OPTION**



**Option 2**  
New and improved regional services (smaller scale).

#### Summarised comments/sentiment:

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due to the number of senior citizens  
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For more information on this topic, refer to page 42 and 43 of the consultation document.



**Option 1 - Council's preferred option**  
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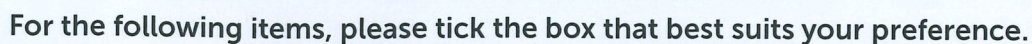
  
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**Option 2**  
Continue to fund water meters from the Science budget.

#### Summarised comments/sentiment:

Seniors on their own struggle to pay rates  
etc. It would be good at least with water to  
only pay what we use



## Revenue and Financing Policy

For more information on this issue, refer to page 47 and 48 of this document and page 247 of the Supporting Information.

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**Additional comments:**

Along with the issues we have listed above, we welcome your feedback on all areas of our business.

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by **5pm, 22 April  
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## Ngā pitopito matawhaiaro

### Contact details

Name: .....

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Address: ..... Postcode: .....

Email: ..... Phone: .....

Signature: ..... Date: .....

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☐ Whanganui - 29 April - afternoon (1:15pm - 3:15pm, in person only)

☐ Palmerston North - 1 May (1:00pm - 8:00pm) ☐ speak to my submission in-person ☐ by Zoom

☐ Palmerston North - 2 May (9:30am - 12:30pm) ☐ speak to my submission in-person ☐ by Zoom

☐ Palmerston North - 2 May (1:15pm - 5:00pm) ☐ speak to my submission in-person ☐ by Zoom

**I will speak in:**

☐ English ☐ Māori ☐ New Zealand Sign Language

Signature: .....