

## Long Term Plan 2024-2034

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**Q20 Your name**

Short Text

Craig Wills

**Q21 Organisation:**

Short Text

**Q22 Address**

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**Q23 Postcode**

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Email

**Q25 Phone number**

Telephone

**Q26 E-signature**

Short Text

C. Wills

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

Single Checkbox

**Q28 Tick your preferred speaking session.**

Multi Choice

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

Multi Choice

**Q30**

**I will speak in**

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Multi Choice

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Multi Choice

**Q17 Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Long Text

**Q18 Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Long Text

**Q19 Give us your thoughts:**

Long Text

**Q20 Your name**

Short Text Janine Trott

**Q21 Organisation:**

Short Text

**Q22 Address**

Short Text

**Q23 Postcode**

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Long Text	
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Q19	Give us your thoughts:
Long Text	Please see attached submission. No preference given for time/date to speak
Q20	Your name
Short Text	John O'Brien
Q21	Organisation:
Short Text	OB Group
Q22	Address
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Multi Choice	Palmerston North - 1 May - evening: 1pm - 8pm
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Multi Choice	English
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**Submission: Horizons Long Term Plan 2024-34**

**Submitter John Obrien:**

[REDACTED]

**OB Group:**

[REDACTED]

**Signed John O'Brien     I wish to speak to this submission**

I have properties with proposed rates increase of 34%. This is unacceptable for no increase in services

**Submit**

- Leave investment revenue offsetting the general rate.
- Assumptions and views are not a justification for reducing the UAG by 77% and increasing the general rate by 22%, with no actual data to support it.
- Leave drainage schemes funding differentials unchanged until the infrastructure review is conducted and propose changes based on data, not council chamber whims. No data has been provided to justify the change of rating, only assumption.
- Assess the increased insurance cover for river and drainage schemes on a scheme-by-scheme basis consulting through established liaison committees and scheme AGM process. Note: The council have failed by not running scheme meetings since 2022
- Do not move insurance from corporate to river and drainage schemes with the weak justification of better-focusing staff and increasing the likelihood of delivering the capital program.
- The consultation process, given the magnitude of rating changes proposed has been insufficient.

The rating increases as proposed for my properties are unaffordable for no increase in services.

Moving the ratepayer burden to those with higher capital values is unacceptable with no data to support it.

These proposals show a council out of touch. Do your job, provide data and consult before proposing sweeping changes to the rating system.

**Q1 Summarised contents/sentiment:**

Long Text

I do not support a rate increase to the level forecast, an average rate increase of 13% is not acceptable for many rate payers. The Council should look to rationalise some activities, not expand. Some of the rate increases to the farming community are proposed at over 40%, this is just not sustainable when most farming sectors are in financial trouble.

For example the Council uses the most expensive vehicle tracking system for their fleet. Other systems are available at a quarter of the price. I do not see any proposals that look to cut costs.

When financial times are hard look for better ways/more efficient of doing things.

**Q2 Which option do you prefer?**

Multi Choice

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

**Q3 Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Long Text

**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

This must be farmer led and supported, Council should not do this in isolation.

**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

Got to keep costs down.

**Q10 Which option do you prefer?**

Multi Choice

Option 3: Remain with current service levels.

**Q11 Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Long Text

Need to keep costs down, only support increase if user pays.

**Q12 Which option do you prefer?**

Multi Choice

Option 2: Levin-only public transport services.

**Q13 Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Long Text

<b>Q14</b>	<b>Which option do you prefer?</b>
Multi Choice	Option 2: New and improved regional services (smaller scale)
<b>Q15</b>	<b>Summarised comments/sentiment:</b>
Long Text	Keep costs to a minimum. Very few people observed on buses now, 1-2 per bus during during business hours.
<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	
<b>Q18</b>	<b>Summarised comments/sentiment:</b>
Long Text	Use the maximum UAGC.
<b>Q19</b>	<b>Give us your thoughts:</b>
Long Text	
<b>Q20</b>	<b>Your name</b>
Short Text	Hew Dalrymple
<b>Q21</b>	<b>Organisation:</b>
Short Text	Waitatapia Farming
<b>Q22</b>	<b>Address</b>
Short Text	
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Short Text	Hew Dalrymple
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Short Text

Judy Glenney

**Q21 Organisation:**

Short Text

**Q22 Address**

Short Text

**Q23 Postcode**

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**Q24 Email address**

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Telephone

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J Glenney

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**Q20 Your name**

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Rhona Wright

**Q21 Organisation:**

Short Text

**Q22 Address**

Short Text

**Q23 Postcode**

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R Wright

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I do not support any increase in the bus services in Wanganui, or any bus service

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Multi Choice

**Q3 Summarised comments/sentiment:**

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**Q4 Which option do you prefer?**

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Short Text  
Graham Holloway

**Q21 Organisation:**

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Short Text

Maria Kaiwhare

**Q21** Organisation:

Short Text

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Q6

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Multi Choice

Q7

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

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

Please see attached submission.

Q10

Which option do you prefer?

Multi Choice

Q11

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<b>Q20</b>	<b>Your name</b>
Short Text	Ami Coughlan
<b>Q21</b>	<b>Organisation:</b>
Short Text	Wellington Fish and Game Council
<b>Q22</b>	<b>Address</b>
Short Text	
<b>Q23</b>	<b>Postcode</b>
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# Submission on the Horizons 2024-34 Long Term Plan

## from Wellington Fish and Game Council

### *Fish and Game*

1. Fish and Game is a statutory entity established by Parliament under the Conservation Act 1987 to manage, maintain, and enhance sports fish and game birds and their habitats throughout the country. This model is unique in the world as it requires Fish & Game to manage a public resource and the habitats in which they reside for the benefit of all New Zealanders.
2. As well as the Conservation Act, Fish and Game has specific responsibilities under several other Acts of Parliament, including the Wildlife, Resource Management, Walking Access, Public Finance and Overseas Investment Acts.
3. Fish and Game receives no public money or financial support from the government. All funding is provided by freshwater anglers and game bird hunters and totals around \$11 million a year.
4. Sports fish and game birds are not the only species that Fish & Game protects with its dedicated environmental work. Its defence and restoration of rivers, lakes and wetlands, and the habitat they provide, ensures protection for endangered indigenous species like bittern, fernbirds, marsh and spotless crane, mudfish, eels and galaxiids to name just a few.
5. Fish and Game is made up of the national body (New Zealand Fish & Game Council) and 12 regional Fish and Game councils. Each council reports to the conservation minister and provides an annual report to Parliament.
6. Wellington Fish and Game Council (WFGC) is the statutory manager of sports fish and gamebird resources in the Greater Wellington region and has statutory functions to maintain, manage, and enhance habitats for these species regionally.
7. Throughout the region, WFGC devotes time, resources, and funds to try and get local government to properly protect waterways and comply with the Resource Management Act. Examples included setting minimal flow levels on the Waikanae River which have been set to meet the needs of both native and sports fish, and monitoring flood protection works to ensure diverse in-stream habitat and fish migration/passage is protected for all aquatic species.
8. WFGC have a strong focus on environmental advocacy and habitat protection. The legislative responsibility to maintain, manage and enhance the sports fish and game bird resource and their habitat encapsulates protections for all other species in this environment. Support in this multi-decade endeavour is sincerely welcomed. Ultimately, the environment supports us, and all other species. Ensuring and increasing ecosystem health will allow for everyone, everywhere, to enjoy all those species both native and introduced which we value so highly.
9. WFGC represents the interests of over 8000 license holders (sports fish anglers and game bird hunters) in the region. These recreational pursuits are part of New Zealand's



cultural heritage and are woven into the fabric of our society and ethos. These New Zealanders regularly connect with nature through their angling and hunting pursuits and recognise the value of freshwater and wild habitats. They are heavily involved in bird surveys, predator control, wetland restoration and outdoor education and are, in many cases, better informed on biodiversity issues than most outdoor recreationists. Anglers and hunters have a genuine respect for the environment learned through experience.

10. Many of these license holders are also rate payers and WFGC expects that their interests and the interests of all ratepayers in the region are fairly represented in the Long Term Plan and into the future.

WFGC welcomes the opportunity to provide feedback on the Horizons 2024-34 Long Term Plan and supports any effort by Horizons to provide better and long overdue protection for all New Zealand's biodiversity and the habitats which sustain them, and us.

We would like to be heard in support of our submission.

### *Discussion Points*

#### **Reducing fencing and planting in freshwater space**

##### **Issue 3B**

Freshwater and Partnerships Activity works with external partners to improve aquatic habitats through fish passage and riparian management, and water quality through stream fencing, riparian planting, advice on constructed wetlands, and other interventions. Funding for riparian planting and fish passage via the Jobs for Nature budget has been extended till 2025. After this, different options need to be considered, as the Jobs for Nature fund and the Horowhenua Freshwater Management Unit Water Quality Interventions Project is set to reduce the overall funding for the Freshwater and Partnerships activity by \$2.1 million.

WFGC view Horizons as a key organisation in managing freshwater health. Riparian planting and fencing are vital parts of maintaining and improving our freshwater ecosystems. Horizons LTP gives three options:

- Option 1: remove 6 staff positions to return to pre-funding staffing and decrease in fencing and riparian plans (from 160 km of fencing and 140,000 riparian plants 23-24 to 20km of stream fencing and 70,000 plants).
- Option 2: 80km of fencing and 160,000 plants – one new role
- Option 3: 100 km fencing and 240, 000 plants – two new roles

WGC support Option 3 – in that these services are necessary: the Oranga Wai project has made it clear that even with these services at full strength it is unlikely that a return to freshwater health can be achieved, so reducing planting and fencing will only allow our waters to be in a degraded state for longer.

Horizons state that there is a decreased funding allocated for stream fencing as “national regulations require stream fencing in some areas, the demand for riparian planting previously being larger than

we could co-fund, and the co-benefits to water quality and aquatic habitat enhancement” While WFGC understands these factors, (Muirhead, 2019) states that excluding stock from streams will limit inputs of sediment, nutrients, and faecal inputs daily (including in low flow, warm conditions, where people are likely to be utilising freshwater environments for recreation, food harvesting, and other activities), where riparian planting is effective primarily during high flow events. As well as this, fencing off streams will often encourage vegetation growth on buffer zones, effectively a two-for-one deal. Therefore, in the interests of making the most efficient use of resources, WFGC would like to see more of this funding allocated to fencing in the LTP.

### **Managing our regions water meter use**

Horizons has a duty to balance the community’s desire to use water resources for primary production which supports the regional economy, with a responsibility to ensure we can sustain healthy freshwater habitats and maintain them for recreational use.

WFGC would like to point out that healthy freshwater also needs to be maintained for spiritual, cultural, and food harvesting uses, among others. It is also apparent via ongoing and in some places increasing degradation of freshwater habitats that we have not yet achieved the correct balance.

To meet requirements of Ministry of Environment National Environmental Standard for water abstraction, Horizons must implement a water metering project for holders of consents who take 5 litres of water per second or more by September 2026. This project was originally to be covered within Horizons science budget. As this will negatively impact on the science Horizons can provide, it is now proposing a 100% user pays funding model of a flat fee per consented water meter location / data set. WFGC support Option 1.

### **A whole of catchment approach to our business**

Horizons is looking to integrate improved water quality, pest control, and river management. However, costs are increasing for river management schemes, and Horizons acknowledges that existing river management schemes are not fit for the future and are at times restricting.

WFGC supports Option 1: funding a new work programme to enable planning to move towards an integrated catchment management approach.

WFGC also supports support the creation of new roles for the Regulatory Management Team to increase effectiveness of consent processing, compliance monitoring, and enforcement.

WFGC would like to see Horizons adopt broader strategies within this whole of catchment approach, looking at the catchment holistically, and allowing rivers room to move, and creating floodplain wetlands to help improve water quality and attenuate flood flows. WFGC would also like to see the LTP discuss shorter term steps to make progress towards achieving these long term goals.

WFGC would like to see the Te Mana o te Wai framework expressed in the aspects of the LTP which addresses freshwater health and wellbeing.

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## Carolyn Bates Submission to Horizons LTP 2024

From: Carolyn Bates, [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	I am happy to answer questions regarding this submission.
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I write to raise my concerns regarding:

### Waterways

The apparent neglect to waterways in and around Marton, with overgrowth posing flood risks - I have concern that current maintenance schedules, eg for the Tutaenui Stream, pose a potential risk of flooding should there be significant rain.

### Transport

Your Consultation Document indicates an elevation of service, but to me lacks detail, I therefore, struggle to gauge potential benefits. I am unaware what, if any research has been completed to back up these proposed increases.

Non drivers in Marton are unable to look at employment opportunities in Whanganui with no equivalent service to the Commuter Service to Palmerston North. Anyone unable to drive for medical conditions also has issues to easily get beyond Whanganui or Palmerston North in a cost effective manner.

The Total Mobility Service is beneficial - long may it continue, I know many people who utilise the facility.

Rail Services do not stop in Marton unless there are over ten passengers, but sourcing information from KiwiRail has proven extremely difficult.

### Communications

I struggle to find information on the Horizons Website and when telephoning your telephone number, I have sometimes had a challenge with staff being unaware of how to find answers. This has been an issue to me for at least a decade, I have not found any improvement to source the answer to the same question annually. I do like the newsletters which are emailed to anyone asking for them.

### Rates

To ideally reduce or at least minimise any increase in Rates I recommend any and all opportunities are taken to secure funding from alternative sources.

### Issues Feedback

Beyond the items above, I am happy to support the preferred options of each item stated in the Consultation Document.

*If you have any queries regarding the above please feel free to call me on 021-342-524.*



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Single Checkbox

**Q28 Tick your preferred speaking session.**

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

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Summarised contents/sentiment:

See attached submission.

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.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

See attached submission.

Which option do you prefer?

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Summarised comments/sentiment:

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Summarised comments/sentiment:

See attached submission.

Which option do you prefer?

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Summarised comments/sentiment:

See attached submission.

Which option do you prefer?

Summarised comments/sentiment:

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<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	See attached submission.
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Long Text	See attached submission.
<b>Q20</b>	<b>Your name</b>
Short Text	Malcolm Frith
<b>Q21</b>	<b>Organisation:</b>
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Multi Choice	Palmerston North - 2 May - afternoon: 1.15pm - 5.00pm
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Please note that email attachments must be under 25 MB total to be received by our server. Submissions will be confirmed by an email auto reply.
- Or, by using this form, or writing us a letter, and posting it to:  
**Freepost 247615, Horizons Regional Council**  
**Private Bag 11025, Manawātū Mail Centre, Palmerston North**
- Or, by dropping it off to one of our service centres in Whanganui, Woodville, Marton and Palmerston North

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Have your say  
and let us know if  
we have got it right  
by completing this  
submission form and  
returning it back to us  
by **5pm, 22 April  
2024.**

## Ngā pitopito matawhaiaro Contact details

Name: Malcolm Frith


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

Tick preferred speaking session. We will be in touch to confirm your time.

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| <input type="radio"/> Whanganui - 29 April - morning (9:30am - 12:30pm, in person only)  |   |                               |
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I will speak in:

- ☐ English ☐ Māori ☐ New Zealand Sign Language

Signature: 

## Puka tono Submission form

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.

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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:

HAVE  
YOUR SAY





## 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.

### Option 1

Targeted mapping focussing on acute urban growth pressure areas only.

**Option 2 - Council's preferred option**

Targeted mapping focussing on areas where there is urban growth pressure and/or demand for rural lifestyle subdivision.

### Option 3

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



1. Support this, but it should also include aspects, such as land stability, flood plains, natural fall in land levels for drainage, for future proofing developments. Palmerston North has seen two recent developments approved, with the potential of flooding in a event. One of those is on the upper-Mangone flood spillway plane. What response did Horizons make in the resource consent process application for the development?

## Issue 2: Planning for the future

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

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

Fund work programme for integrated catchment management.

### Option 2

Do not fund work programme for integrated catchment management.



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

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## Revenue and Financing Policy

Council is proposing some changes to the way it funds some of its activities and to how it uses revenue from its investment activity. Examples of this include changes to the Uniform Annual General Charge (UAGC) and the funding model for Horizons' 11 river and drainage schemes. Please share your thoughts with us on our changes to the 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.

### Summarised comments/sentiment:

i don't think Horizons should be purchasing properties as land holdings or development sites as with the three property purchases on Victoria Ave and Gray St. There are lots of questions that need to be answered regarding these purchases.

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

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## 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.



### 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.

PREFERRED  
OPTION



### Option 2

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



### Option 3

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



### Option 4

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

### Summarised comments/sentiment:

It's a hard one!

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.



### 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.

PREFERRED  
OPTION



### Option 2

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



### Option 3

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

### Summarised comments/sentiment:

What options has Horizons looked at to reduce pollution entering the waterways - Rivers from urban streets such as from Palmerston North.





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 Support this based on a properly constructed round of consultation with the public regarding Bus routes and what you plan to do.*

**7 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. **PREFERRED OPTION**

☐ **Option 2**  
Levin only public transport services.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

*I Support this based on a properly constructed round of consultation with the public in those areas.*



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:

*Have you undertaken a comparison between a regional passenger train service and a bus service.*

**9 Issue 4: Changing fee structure for water meters**

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

☒ **Option 1 - Council's preferred option**  
Changing fee structure for water meters to 100% user pays. **PREFERRED OPTION**

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

Summarised comments/sentiment:



**Q1 Summarised contents/sentiment:**

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**Q2 Which option do you prefer?**

Multi Choice

**Q3 Summarised comments/sentiment:**

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I also understand that the charge the rate payer pays is based on the capital value of their property. I suggest it should be on a per household basis (UAGC Uniform Annual General Charge).  
I do not support any increase in the bus services in Wanganui.

**Q20 Your name**

Short Text

Nailsum Lopes

**Q21 Organisation:**

Short Text

**Q22 Address**

Short Text

**Q23 Postcode**

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**Q19 Give us your thoughts:**

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**Q20 Your name**

Short Text

Kay Wells

**Q21 Organisation:**

Short Text

**Q22 Address**

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**Q23 Postcode**

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Telephone

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Kay Wells

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Fabio Macbook

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Short Text

Frances Lavin

**Q21 Organisation:**

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Option 3: Remain with current service levels.

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**Q20** Your name

Short Text Jessica Irvine

**Q21** Organisation:

Short Text

**Q22** Address

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22 April 2024

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  
Richie Jacomb -  
RARO Volunteer

**Q20 Your name**

Short Text

Richie Jacomb

**Q21 Organisation:**

Short Text

Search and Rescue LANDSAR

**Q22 Address**

Short Text

**Q23 Postcode**

Short Text

**Q24**    **Email address**

Email

**Q25**    **Phone number**

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**Q26**    **E-signature**

Short Text    R.Jacomb

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**Q1 Summarised contents/sentiment:**

Long Text

I am writing to support Peter Wells submission.  
Until there has been a suitable consultation process, and concrete data to back up the proposed rate increase I feel there is not justified evidence for this increase.  
In the passed there has always been good consultation on different issues and I question why there has not been on this occasion?  
Thank You  
William Duncan

**Q2 Which option do you prefer?**

Multi Choice

**Q3 Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Long Text

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## **Submission: Horizons Long Term Plan 2024-34**

### **Submitter Peter Wells, Rural and Commercial Landowner**

My proposed rural rate increase is 30% and my commercial properties 29%. These proposals are excessive and need to be reduced.

A 77% reduction in the UAG, leading to a 27% increase in the general rate, is a major shift in the ratepayer base with no data to support the change, just stating that it is fairer, an unmeasurable comment.

The River Schemes and Drainage Schemes are being apportioned more cost, and less revenue with no consultation through their recognized channels. This is just before a major review of these schemes. This is an unacceptable proposal for schemes that have served their community for decades and disrespect the people and the detailed processes that have led to these current funding models.

### **Executive Summary**

- Leave investment revenue offsetting the general rate. Perceived fairness is not a reason for the proposed change that reduces the UAG by 77% and increases the general rate by 22%
- Leave drainage schemes funding differentials unchanged and assess through the infrastructure review with proper consultation. No data has been provided to justify the change of rating, only assumption.
- Assess the increased insurance cover for river and drainage schemes on a scheme-by-scheme basis consulting through established liaison committees and scheme AGM process. Most river and drainage schemes haven't had meetings or financials for over 2 years, which is unacceptable on its own.
- Do not move insurance from corporate to river and drainage schemes with the weak justification of better-focusing staff and increasing the likelihood of delivering the capital program.

#### **1. Revenue and Financing Policy: Moving investment income to offset UAG**

- A 77% reduction in the UAG and a 27% increase in the general rate is a significant policy funding change with only minimal consultation through LTP. Unacceptable process for a change this big!
- I can only find 2 justifications for the change in the LTP document.

- Fairness. I am not aware of a stated parameter that justifies what is fair. The investments that return this income won't have been funded by the UAG but will have been funded by the general rate.
- UAG % of total rates. The UAG under the old model was still under its allowable percentage of 30% so there is no reason to change something that meets its parameter, even though it is close.
- Chairperson Rachel Keedwell indicated at a public meeting that some on the council want to help lower-income ratepayers in our current cost-of-living crisis and this was the reason for the change. Whilst this is admirable, and the council does have a social role you also have an economic role so a move this big is not justifiable on that basis.

## **2. Drainage Schemes Proposed Rating Differential Change from 20% General Rate to 10%**

The proposed rating change assumes that 90% of the benefit of these schemes is with the landowners, not 80%.

- There is no data provided to support this, and this disrespects the people processes and consultations which has led to the 80% 20% differential.
- There has been no direct consultation with the scheme's ratepayers or committees. There is a path to consult directly as all schemes have liaison committees made up of elected ratepayers.
- The last time scheme differentials were changed was in 2007. A detailed discussion document was written, and a proper consultation process was held.
- There is an existing process that could have been used consult to these schemes through AGMs and elected liaison group committee meetings. However, these meetings have occurred since 2022 which is unacceptable.
- A major infrastructure review is proposed. It seems sensible and respectful to wait for the outcomes of the review to assess rating differential changes.
- The land area included in the Manawatu Drainage Scheme takes floodwater in a 25-year event to save Palmerston North City which enjoys 500 protections. Palmerston North City only pays for this protection through the 20% rating differential.
- Palmerston North City receives 500 years of protection from the Lower Manawatu River Scheme. A \$2m property in the city pays \$169 for this protection whilst a \$2m rural property pays \$559. 71% more and nothing toward the drainage scheme where their floodwater is diverted to.
- Palmerston North City's footprint is extending into the rural area like the recent subdivision consents issued around Whisky Creek in the Cloverlea area. Water



from this subdivision drains into Whiskey Creek which runs through my farm. Concreted area versus farmland will put more water more quickly into Whisky Creek, diminishing the effectiveness of my drainage system, but the city will pay nothing towards it.

**Get ALL the DATA to justify the rating change before you propose it, don't assume.**

**3. Increasing Insurance Cover Schemes**

- Assess on a scheme-by-scheme basis.
- There is a process for doing this through Scheme AGM's and liaison committees.
- This constitutes proper consultation.
- The infrastructure review should also help guide this.

**4. Moving insurance costs from Corporate to River and Drainage Schemes**

- The justification of better-focusing staff and increasing the likelihood of delivering the capital program for this change is an unacceptable reason.
- There will be a historical reason why the insurance cost was split between corporate and schemes.
- It would appear this is an attempt to move the cost of rating from one ratepayer group to another with no data to support it

**5. General**

The economy is in recession, especially the rural economy. Horizons need to make their expenditures match their income or increase their income to at most match inflation. There needs to be a focus on decreasing costs in these times, not just carrying on as usual and looking to the rating base for more income.

And moving the cost of rates between the rating base to favor one group is not reducing costs.

## **Summary**

A rating increase of 30% for rural and 29% for commercial property is not acceptable. The recurring theme of this submission is there is no data to support changes and consultation has been inadequate.

This LTP process is lazy, proposing significant change, with limited consultation opportunities, and overriding policies that have been historically set by more robust processes. The onus has been put onto the ratepayer to push back on changes, having no input into the proposals. The LTP process run by PNCC puts you to shame!

Throughout this LTP there has been no attempt to gather data or opinions from your river and drainage schemes. You have also failed these schemes by not having AGMs and liaison committee meetings or providing them with finances for 2 years.

These rate-shifting proposals may have long-term consequences. Unsubstantiated rate increases in a cyclic business downturn will likely result in ratepayers making poor decisions when the infrastructure review is consulted by ratepayers making kneejerk decisions, like saying schemes are too expensive and need downsizing when a long-term approach is needed.

I implore you to revisit your proposals as I have outlined and stick with the status quo until you have consulted and have proper data to support your proposals.



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

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I am deeply supportive of Option 1 in Whanganui, Horowhenua and for new and improved regional services. This will significantly enhance the convenience and accessibility of public transport across our region. An integrated network encompassing buses and rail is desirable. I am supportive of the priorities for regional services adopted at the Passenger Transport Committee on March 19 2024.

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#### **River Management**

The accumulation of material in the Mākinu Stream at the Duke Street bridge in Feilding over the years now presents a serious flooding risk to local residents. Urgent action is needed to extract this material and mitigate the risk to residents in this area.

#### **Road Safety**

I am deeply supportive of Council continuing the highly important work it is doing in this space.

### **Other public transport services**

Congratulations on the recent implementation of the higher-frequency, direct bus network in Palmerston North and Ashhurst. I have made various trips since it launched it is a massive positive improvement to the previous network. The cross-city network is comparable to networks in other cities in Aotearoa and internationally. I hope now Wi-Fi internet might be able to be installed on the network.

Council needs to continue to progress implementation of regional rural services in the Manawatū District with the Manawatū Rural Community Transport Steering Committee/Neighbourhood Support Manawatū. This is a high priority in the Regional Public Transport Plan 2022–32.

Council needs to continue working on the Lower North Island Rail Integrated Mobility project to replace the Capital Connection. An extension to Feilding and improving public transport connections to the Palmerston North railway station are essential for improving accessibility to the service and will particularly attract the Manawatū District's senior citizen population.

It is reassuring that New Zealand Transport Agency/Waka Kotahi's Requirements for Urban Buses in New Zealand (2022), mandates only zero-emission public transport buses to be purchased from July 1 2025.

I will continue to work with the Manawatū District Public Transport Governance Group to progress improvements to services in the district, including the Feilding Orbiter and Feilding–Palmerston North service.

### **Keeping public transport fares affordable**

I strongly oppose the Government ending aged-based subsidies for public transport fares from May 1 2024. My concern stems from the potential financial strain it could place on families, especially considering the already challenging economic circumstances. The proposed fares for children and youth aged 5 to 18 seem too high and could exacerbate the financial burdens faced by many families.

One-zone fares for children aged 5 to 12, when paid with a Bee Card, are set to increase to \$1.20 from being currently free, while fares for youth aged 13 to 18 are also set to rise to \$1.20 from the current rate of \$0.60. For two-zone travel, fares would double to \$2.40.

A school pupil in Feilding or Palmerston North, for example, would face a daily cost of \$2.40 or a capped weekly cost of \$9.60 for return travel to school. For a high school pupil travelling between town and city, the daily cost would be \$4.80, or \$16.80 per week capped. Considering that many families have multiple children, these expenses can quickly accumulate.

I deeply encourage Council to make these fares a little more affordable. One suggestion could be to align children and youth fares with the Community Connect fare, which is half the adult fare. In this scenario, one-zone fare travellers would pay \$2.00 per day or \$8.00 per week capped, while two-zone fare travellers would pay \$3.50 per day or \$12.25 per week capped. This adjustment would provide much-needed financial relief to families and hopefully sustain the current strong level of patronage on the Feilding Orbiter and Feilding–Palmerston North services.

I would like to speak to my submission in-person on the afternoon of May 2 2024.

Thank you for reading my submission.

Ngā mihi nui,

Mark Wasley.





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Hello Horizons Policy Team  
Please find attached my submission (6 pages) on the Draft 2024-34 LTP.  
I do wish to be heard by the Hearing Committee once venue(s) are arranged.  
My address for service is:

T J Matthews

Thank you for your assistance with this submission. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Kind regards

Tim Matthews

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# **SUBMISSION TO MANAWATU-WHANGANUI REGIONAL COUNCIL**

## **DRAFT LONG TERM PLAN 2024-2034**

This is the personal submission of Tim Matthews.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft Long Term Plan.

### **MY SUBMISSION**

#### **1.0 Fiscal Environment**

This Draft Plan seems oblivious to the financial environment in which it is expected to operate. New Zealand is experiencing a high interest rate economy which is exhibiting poor demand for its exports, while the Reserve Bank seeks to reduce demand-driven inflation by maintaining a high Official Cash Rate regime. The export economy is dominated by primary products, all of which are experiencing lower demand and lower prices against 12 months ago. In particular, the Horizons Region's sheep, wool, arable and forestry products have recorded serious drops in local prices, or export quantities, while both dairy and beef prices have been affected to a lesser degree. Despite what the Supporting Document suggests on P.29 that Agriculture Forestry & Fishing Employment at 5.5% is 9<sup>th</sup> highest measured by GDP, it is in fact the key economic enabler for the Region, which may come as a surprise to those employed in Public Administration at 13.0%!

1.1 Beef and Lamb NZ's Economic Service mid-season update for 2023-24 suggests a 54% decrease in farm profits (before tax, principal repayments, drawings, etc.) to \$62 600 per farm, and follows a 29% decrease in the previous year. This level of profitability has not been seen for two decades and mirrors the 2007-08 season. Unlike most other domestic sectors, farmers cannot pass their cost increases on to their customers, as prices are set internationally for most major exports.

1.2 The assumptions driving this plan have not factored in the new income environment that the Region finds itself in. Farmers have been forced to review their budgets 2 or 3 times already this season, and most are experiencing much higher overdrafts if their banks will lend to them. This has a knock-on effect because in survival mode farmers will pare back expenditure to the minimum to survive, which means that the servicing towns will feel this acutely, and no doubt Palmerston North six months later.

1.3 The Regional Council will not be immune to these effects. Co-funding of SLUI programmes, fresh-water planting and bio-diversity enhancement will be delayed, curtailed or abandoned by land-owners, and demand for subdivision development slowed even as some land owners will be forced to sell or lease land to meet bank demands. Jobs will be lost in towns and cashflows will take longer to bank, and rates may not be paid on time.

1.4 Council needs to put its aspirations on a shelf and budget for a community in survival mode, while recutting its cloth to suit the new operating environment. It may well find that its government-funded partners such as NZTA, MPI and Science funders may renege on previous commitments leaving projects unfunded. The new government is taking its financial position seriously and demanding significant cuts in expenditure,



and this Council needs to take heed and follow suit. It is no longer business as usual, and all non-essential expenditure needs to be paused or delayed. Planned expenditure on software, Web-sites and additional staff could well be cheaper in 12 to 24 months time, despite having to make do meantime, and new regulations and rules will take longer to develop than originally envisaged, giving more time to acquire Council capability.

- 1.5 **Recommendation: That Council cut all non-essential expenditure and delay as much other expenditure as practical to achieve savings, and avoid any rate increases across all areas of operation.**

2.0 Revenue and Financing Policy - Uniform Annual General Charge reduction

This change is silly and defies logic. In order to achieve a \$43.27 saving on a \$56.00 UAGC, ratepayers with a property CV in excess of \$842 000 will pay inordinately more than those valued less than that threshold figure. Compared to District Council rates, the Regional Council UAGC is minimal, being around 7.5 – 9% of a typical District UAGC, yet it covers general rate aspects common to all ratepayers. Further, it reduces the UAGC to around 17%, which is only half of the 30% cap of General Rates that are permitted by the Rating legislation.

- 2.1 These aspects include governance and representation, iwi engagement, community engagement and relationships costed at \$6 543 091, plus Science and Environmental reporting \$57 500 for a total of \$6 600 591(P. 210). If this is spread over 116 600 rating units (P. 222) the UAGC should be \$56.61.
- 2.2 Council has seen fit to offset investment and dividend income totalling \$5 152 557 against the UAGC only, rather than against General Rates as it has done in the past, presumably to justify a low UAGC of \$12.73 per property.
- 2.3 This would seem to contravene usual accounting conventions that say income should be matched against the expenditure that gave rise to it. In the past Council has made various investments utilising capital income from assets such as the sale of the Port of Napier shares it once held. That income should therefore be applied over all ratepayers in the proportion to which they contributed rates towards that ownership, which approximates their General rate payments rather than the number of SUIP's. This of course, has been the situation since the formation of the Manawatu Whanganui Regional Council in 1991, until the strange reversal earlier this year.
- 2.4 Arguably, this would appear a political change without basis in fact. It undermines the status of the Revenue and Financing Policy, which should be driven solely on its own merits, as is the intention of the Local Government Act (2002)'s policy framework. I contend that this change would not survive a legal challenge, and should be reversed to avoid unnecessary legal costs and political embarrassment.
- 2.5 **Recommendation: That the UAGC be set at \$56.60, being reflective of the actual costs to be met that are independent of property value and of a public good nature.**
- 2.6 **Recommendation: That the UAGC cannot be offset by revenue that is not of a uniform nature to every SUIP.**

Note: These recommendations will require consequential changes to the Draft Revenue and Financing Policy.

3.0 Integrated Catchment Policy (Issue 2 Planning for the Future P. 29 Consultation Document)

This proposal is likely to create significant debate in the catchments where current River schemes are situated, and Council needs to anticipate substantial consultation to achieve its desired outcome.

3.1 Most Schemes cover a greater or smaller proportion of their river catchments, addressing defined objectives that are relative to parts but not the whole catchment. Good examples of this are the Matarawa stream of the Whanganui River, the Makirikiri stream of the Turakina River and the Porewa stream portion of the Rangitikei River catchment.

3.2 There is likely to be resistance to changing Scheme boundaries where property owners have invested significant work and money in creating assets or vegetation control that protect or enhance their property. There will need to be considerable effort to show the value that amending an existing Scheme to include additional areas of benefit might provide.

3.3 Those with properties outside the originally defined areas of benefit, who have been charged contributor rates or who benefit indirectly, will also need convincing with rational arguments as to why they might be treated differently. This could occur, particularly if they think they might be charged extra just to improve the affordability of improvements to the more highly rated benefitting properties.

3.4 Council staff will need to clearly articulate the strengths and weaknesses, as well as the opportunities of a whole of catchment approach. A good start might be to talk to the existing catchment groups that have already been formed along many of the rivers, and noting the geographical spread or extent of each group which tend to have distinct or discrete communities of interest. A top-down edict that suits a river engineer's purposes may not work unless the relevant community agrees with it.

3.5 My comments in 1.4 above are relevant. The Council may make faster progress by delaying the "integration planning" but spending time talking to the various stakeholders, to enable those stakeholders to formulate plans that might approximate plans that Council leadership or staff are trying to achieve. Of course if those plans achieve similar or better outcomes for most at less cost, then adoption becomes easy.

4.0 Proposed Rate Increases

I have attached the proposed Horizons rate increases for the property that I own and the one I lease. Both are situated in the Rangitikei District and were revalued last August. There have been no improvements or Building Consents issued for either property, but there have been significant storm and slump damage in the past 2 years, where we have had 150% of our normal rainfall. Both properties adjoin 30 year old production pine forests which have been sold to large corporate carbon credit companies in the same 2 years, and which will no longer be harvested as originally planned.

4.1 The valuation increases and proposed Horizons rates are:

Area	CV Increase	New Rate	Rate Increase	Rate Incr Percent
493 ha	45.65%	\$2553.97	\$758.25	42.23%
530 ha	39.60%	<u>\$3717.18</u>	<u>\$933.48</u>	33.53%
Total		<u>\$6271.15</u>	<u>\$1691.73</u>	(89 lambs)

4.2 These increases are unaffordable, and driven by a temporary pulse in the carbon credit market, which evaporated shortly after the revaluation date. Subsequent government decisions are unlikely to see these capital values maintained even into the medium term future.

4.3 Many hill country farms in Rangitikei, Ruapehu, upper Manawatu and Tararua will face similar increases depending on their Revaluation Date, whereas Whanganui District may escape this carnage. Unfortunately the sample rates provided provided on P.224 of the Supporting Consultation Document do not provide this level of detail, nor do they adequately express the range of increases that are facing property owners. One has to wonder if Councillors appreciate the effects of the decisions they make from the information made available to them. **More complete sensitivity analysis should be provided as to the range of increases and decreases across the 116 000 rateable properties.**

4.4 Unfortunately the Equalised Capital Value system used to adjust valuations to reflect different valuation years, fails to correct these types of value anomaly because they use a single factor for the whole District which tends to hide the more extreme rating valuation differences which occur from time to time. This creates an unfair system that penalises some types or sectors of ratepayers, whose use of or benefit from Regional Council resources or services has not changed from the previous year. Some form of smoothing or averaging of valuations is needed to prevent these unintended wild rating swings which can affect any sector, including residential properties.

4.5 Using 3 yearly mass appraisal land valuation techniques is not a good proxy for a property's consumption of Council services, and more use of targeted rates or Uniform Annual Charges is needed to provide fairer charges. Unfortunately farm land is unique because it requires a substantial quantity of land to provide income when compared to most other businesses.

4.6 Rating reform is needed to reduce the reliance on land valuations, along with possible solutions such as the return of GST to Councils to help broaden the Council's funding base.

SUBMISSION ENDS

Rate results for [REDACTED]

Valuation No : [REDACTED]

Legal Description: [REDACTED]

**1 JUL 2023 - 30 JUN 2024**

Capital Value: 3,100,000.00  
Land Value: 2,930,000.00  
Area: 493.2511

**1 JUL 2024 - 30 JUN 2025**

Capital Value: 4,515,000.00  
Land Value: 4,320,000.00  
Area: 493.2511

Description	Units	Charge	Amount	Units	Charge	Amount
<b>General Rate</b>	3,100,000.00	0.000304920	945.25	4,515,000.00	0.00038706	1,747.57
<b>Uniform Annual General Charge</b>	1.00	56.000000000	56.00	1.00	12.72560451	12.73
<b>Drinking Water Monitoring &amp; Research</b>	1.00	1.090000000	1.09	1.00	33.21525867	33.22
<b>Sustainable Land Use Initiative</b>	1.00	44.400000000	44.40	1.00	42.80343741	42.80
<b>Old Man's Beard Control Programme</b>	1.00	36.040000000	36.04	1.00	37.40706320	37.41
<b>Whangaehu-Mangawhero Scheme - Contributor</b>	470.39	0.289000000	135.94	470.39	0.29630027	139.38
<b>Whangaehu-Mangawhero Scheme - Indirect</b>	1.00	23.910000000	23.91	1.00	24.27206164	24.27
<b>Biosecurity and Biodiversity</b>	493.25	1.054000000	519.89	493.25	1.04734245	516.60
<b>Environmental Initiatives</b>	1.00	33.200000000	33.20	0.00	0.00	0.00

<b>TOTAL RATES (GST INCLUSIVE)</b>			<b>1,795.72</b>			<b>2,553.97</b>
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Rate results for [REDACTED]

Valuation No : [REDACTED]  
Legal Description [REDACTED]

**1 JUL 2023 - 30 JUN 2024**  
Capital Value: 3,990,000.00  
Land Value: 3,570,000.00  
Area: 530.4442

**1 JUL 2024 - 30 JUN 2025**  
Capital Value: 5,570,000.00  
Land Value: 5,030,000.00  
Area: 530.4442

Description	Units	Charge	Amount	Units	Charge	Amount
<b>General Rate</b>	3,990,000.00	0.000304920	1,216.63	5,570,000.00	0.00038706	2,155.91
<b>Uniform Annual General Charge</b>	1.00	56.000000000	56.00	1.00	12.72560451	12.73
<b>Drinking Water Monitoring &amp; Research</b>	1.00	1.090000000	1.09	1.00	33.21525867	33.22
<b>Sustainable Land Use Initiative</b>	1.00	44.400000000	44.40	1.00	42.80343741	42.80
<b>Old Man's Beard Control Programme</b>	1.00	36.040000000	36.04	1.00	37.40706320	37.41
<b>Turakina - River Maintenance</b>	49.80	14.328000000	713.47	49.80	15.09662606	751.74
<b>Turakina River Scheme - Contributor</b>	329.59	0.125000000	41.20	329.59	0.13166956	43.40
<b>Whangaehu-Mangawhero Scheme - Contributor</b>	203.01	0.289000000	58.67	203.01	0.29630027	60.15
<b>Whangaehu-Mangawhero Scheme - Indirect</b>	1.00	23.910000000	23.91	1.00	24.27206164	24.27
<b>Biosecurity and Biodiversity</b>	530.44	1.054000000	559.09	530.44	1.04734245	555.56
<b>Environmental Initiatives</b>	1.00	33.200000000	33.20	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL RATES (GST INCLUSIVE)</b>			<b>2,783.70</b>			<b>3,717.18</b>