

Long Term Plan 2024-2034

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Q1

Long Text

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

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Summarised comments/sentiment:

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Which option do you prefer?

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Which option do you prefer?

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Multi Choice

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

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q11

Long Text

Improved services to the Whanganui East and Springvale areas will allow greater access to sport and recreational facilities (Wembley Park, Springvale Park) for our surrounding suburbs. This is especially important for our lower socio economic households and our disability community. Quality Access is vital for these groups to improve opportunities and experiences to stay active and connected.

Which option do you prefer?

Q12

Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q13

Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

Q14

Multi Choice

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

Q15 Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

Many of our RSO's and professional development opportunities are based out of Palmerston and Wellington. By improving access more of our community will have the option to attend regional events. This would mean less cars on the roads and reduce congestion of arterial routes in and out of our larger regional centres. It would also reduce emissions and encourage a more environmentally way to travel for the surrounding regions.

Q16 Which option do you prefer?

Multi Choice

Q17 Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

Q18 Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

Q19 Give us your thoughts:

Long Text

Q20 Your name

Short Text

Jodie Brunger

Q21 Organisation:

Short Text

Sport Whangnau

Q22 Address

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Q23 Postcode

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Q24 Email address

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Q26 E-signature

Short Text

Jodie Brunger

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

Single Checkbox

Q28 Tick your preferred speaking session.

Multi Choice

Q29 How do you want to speak?

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Q1

Summarised contents/sentiment:

Long Text

Customer is in office, entering on her behalf

Q2

Which option do you prefer?

Multi Choice

Q3

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

N/A

Q4

Which option do you prefer?

Multi Choice

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Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

N/A

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Multi Choice

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Summarised comments/sentiment:

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N/A

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Which option do you prefer?

Multi Choice

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Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

N/A

Q10

Which option do you prefer?

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

Q11

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

Whanganui East needs more frequent time running to town, would like something like the TIDE on Whanganui East side

Q12

Which option do you prefer?

Multi Choice

Q13

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

N/A

Q14

Which option do you prefer?

Multi Choice

Q15

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

N/A

Q16	Which option do you prefer?
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Q17	Summarised comments/sentiment:
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Long Text	N/A
Q19	Give us your thoughts:
Long Text	N/A
Q20	Your name
Short Text	Suzanne
Q21	Organisation:
Short Text	
Q22	Address
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Q23	Postcode
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Q24	Email address
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Q25	Phone number
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Q26	E-signature
Short Text	Suzanne Bilercerk
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Q1 Summarised contents/sentiment:

Long Text

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

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

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Q7 Summarised comments/sentiment:

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Q8 Which option do you prefer?

Multi Choice

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Q9 Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

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Q13 Summarised comments/sentiment:

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Q14 Which option do you prefer?

Multi Choice

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Q15 Summarised comments/sentiment:

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:

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Q19 Give us your thoughts:

Long Text

Q20 Your name

Short Text

Quinn Hemingway

Q21 Organisation:

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Q22 Address

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Q26 E-signature

Short Text

Q. Hemingway

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Q1

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

Which option do you prefer?

Q2

Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

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Which option do you prefer?

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Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

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Long Text

Q19 Give us your thoughts:

Long Text

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Q20 Your name

Short Text

Tony Brindle

Q21 Organisation:

Short Text

Ruapehu Alpine Rescue Organisation

Q22 Address

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Q23 Postcode

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Telephone

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Tony Brindle

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19 April 2024

Tony Brindle

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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

Tony Brindle -

RARO member.

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Q1

Long Text

Summarised contents/sentiment:

Agree with the strategic direction. Often it seems like the changes we need to make collectively are too big for any of us to make a real impact on the future, but I think it is important to our communities that we know that we can all make a difference, bit by bit, we have to be thinking long-term but acting now.

Which option do you prefer?

Q2

Multi Choice

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

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q3

Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

Q4

Multi Choice

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

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q5

Long Text

I don't think the current river management scheme is fit for purpose. I think catchment management is a better way forward however what we don't need is a whole lot of meetings and no action, or money tied up in bureaucracy rather than doing the work on the ground. Also I believe the key to change is incentivizing not enforcing, and auditing.

Which option do you prefer?

Q6

Multi Choice

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

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

I think that this programme now has real momentum, the farmers and landowner's are on board, if farmers can't get the subsidy's then it becomes economically very difficult. It would be great to see this continuing to be delivered at it's current level so landowner's can plan their planting without having to go into a waiting list type scenario. It would be preferable to see this funding come from central government.

Which option do you prefer?

Q10

Multi Choice

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

Summarised comments/sentiment:

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Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

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Multi Choice

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Summarised comments/sentiment:

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Long Text

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Which option do you prefer?

Multi Choice

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Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

Q18

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

If I understand this correctly this will see rates rise at a considerably higher rate for farmers with large landholdings. I think there has to be some caution here as value of land does not equate to income, this is putting more pressure on at a time when the profit margins on land are decreasing. Also do the higher rates equate fairly in the services received, are people with more land receiving more services from horizons, or just helping to subsidise other rate payers?

Q19

Give us your thoughts:

Long Text

Q20

Your name

Short Text

Q21

Organisation:

Short Text

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Address

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Kelly Glasgow

Q27

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Tick your preferred speaking session.

Multi Choice

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Q1

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Summarised contents/sentiment:

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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?**

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

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 3: Remain with current service levels.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q11

Long Text

ratepayers should not run intercity service. intercity already have a service 4 times a day to P/N.
Reasonable prices

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 ratepayers should not run intercity service. intercity already have a service 4 times a day to P/N.
Reasonable prices

Q16 Which option do you prefer?

Multi Choice

Q17 Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

Q18 Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

Q19 Give us your thoughts:

Long Text

Q20 Your name

Short Text Owen Thompson

Q21 Organisation:

Short Text

Q22 Address

Short Text

Q23 Postcode

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Short Text Owen Thompson

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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, our service centres and local libraries.

An electronic version of this form can be found at 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.

1

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.

PREFERRED
OPTION

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Option 3

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

Summarised comments/sentiment:

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.

PREFERRED
OPTION

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Option 2

Do not fund work programme for integrated catchment management.

Summarised comments/sentiment:



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:

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.



PREFERRED
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:



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.

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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.

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Option 3

Remain with current service levels.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

RATEPAYERS SHOULD NOT RUN INTER CITY
SERVICE. INTERCITY ALREADY HAVE A
SERVICE 4 TIMES A DAY TO P/N.
& PRICES RESONABLE.

7

New services for Horowhenua

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

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Option 1 - Council's preferred option

Wider Horowhenua district.

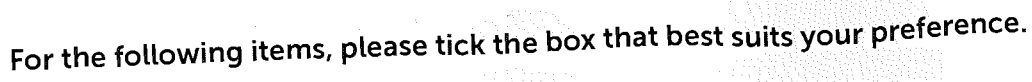
**PREFERRED
OPTION**

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Option 2

Levin only public transport services.

Summarised comments/sentiment:



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:

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Private Bag 11025, Manawatū Mail Centre, Palmerston North
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YOUR SAY

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

Ngā pitopito matawhaiaro

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Organisation: RATEPAYER

Address: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Signature: [REDACTED]

☐ 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.

☐ Whanganui - 29 April - morning (9:30am - 12:30pm, in person only)

☐ 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: [REDACTED]

Q1

Long Text

Summarised contents/sentiment:

I think relationships and partnerships are fine but the issues are physical and very needed right now. I think there should be an emphasis on fixing the problems in the rivers such as the Ohura river which keeps flooding the roads. What is resilience if we are not even coping with the upkeep. While its great to prepare there should be focus on preventive maintenance.

Integrated catchment management is fine as long as we are able to afford to actually fix the problems in our area. Ruapehu pay massive amounts of rates but what do we really see in work done in the area.

What public transport in Ruapehu? I cant even take my family up our own mountain as its too expensive with private shuttles.

Which option do you prefer?

Q2

Multi Choice

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

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q3

Long Text

We need people to move out of the cities and into more rural areas as well as our smaller villages. It would be great to see our small towns vibrant again. With the \$g network, work from home jobs are available. The lack of houses should be looked into for tiny homes and composting toilet systems

Which option do you prefer?

Q4

Multi Choice

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

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q5

Long Text

I support an open resource consent for the entire Matière and Ohura region within the Ruapehu district. The river continually floods the road, meaning our children cant get to school , we cant get to town and emergency services are trapped on the wrong side. We need helicopters to remove people in an emergency because the willows have blocked the stream. A small issue but can not be fixed because of red tape rather than cost,

Which option do you prefer?

Q6

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

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big events are more and more likley now. best to be covered.

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

why would you reduce mitigation of flood prone areas while also preaching resilience and preparedness as well as insurance for the same event.

more fencing and planting may help protect flood prone areas from an even worse time.

Which option do you prefer?

Q10

Multi Choice

Option 3: Remain with current service levels.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q11

Long Text

Q12**Which option do you prefer?**

Multi Choice

Option 2: Levin-only public transport services.

Q13**Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Long Text

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

Fuel is a nightmare so any kind of public transport for Ruapehu would be an ideal gain for the area.

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

i support the reduction in the UAGC charge.

seeing as there are zero schemes that actually affect us in the Ohura region i support the 90/10split as it seems that we are paying for everyone to be worked on but us.

Q19**Give us your thoughts:**

Long Text

i would like to ask why a 3 bedroom new build home in Ohura is being hit with the section 36 administration tax for having a septic tank. while this seems to be purely an admin cost, why do our neighbors who have septic tanks that are 50 years old not have to pay any fees? When will older style tanks need to be replaced and how will they manage this with the new rules tightening and costing so much to replace.

With RD Council ruling out the water meter possibility, why is Horizons broadly advertising theirs? Will you be putting water meters on houses where RDC will not ? RDC cannot afford to upkeep the local water treatment plant as the creek they draw the town water from keeps becoming too turbid in rainstorms. Is there anything Horizons will be doing to help the township gain clean water?

The road from Ohura to Taumarunui continually floods due to well known low spots on the road which are overcome by a nearby river that needs willows clearing. Despite massive community support and effort there has been nothing done to stop the common flood issues. We need open resource consents for the entire stretch of the rivers around us so work can be done all the way down to avoid just creating another choke point and more flooding.

Q20**Your name**

Short Text

Sophie Stockbridge

Q21**Organisation:**

Short Text

Q22**Address**

Short Text

Q23**Postcode**

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Q24**Email address**

Email

Q25 **Phone number**

Telephone

Q26 **E-signature**

Short Text sophie stockbridge

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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**

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Q31 **File upload**

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Q1

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we need a continual resource consent for the region so they can actually come clear the farmland willows.

Which option do you prefer?

Q2

Multi Choice

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

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q3

Long Text

more people should be moving in to the small towns to bring people back to the rural lands. there are plenty of abandoned and empty homes in the country. we should be helping families into them and helping to do them up.

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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Summarised comments/sentiment:

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Which option do you prefer?

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make it cheaper for those of us with smaller less grand homes. we are the ones who are feeling the pinch. im sure the millionaire farmers could just sell off a paddock or two to fund thier rates.

Q19 Give us your thoughts:

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we need a continual resource consent for the region so they can actually come clear the farmland willows.

i think the 1 in 200 year flood requirements for new builds is becomming ridiculous. it is flooding in the desert in dubai and taking million dollar houses out in auckland - but i need to put a caravan up 1 meter in the air if i want to live in Ohura.,

time to rethink our rules on small dwellings, moveable dwellings, compost toilets and wastewater in general,. we need to accomodate more small spaces for people downsizing.,

Q20 Your name

Short Text

Justin Stockbridge

Q21 Organisation:

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Horizons Long term plan consultation

Focus on increased levels of service for public transport

Implementing regional services e.g. to Taranaki by 2026-27

It's great to see the results of the regional public transport review, come through as options in the draft long term plan. As a resident of Taranaki district who would like to travel both to Palmerston North, Wellington and the Hawke Bay, I am really excited to see these plans being made. For avoidance of doubt I am fully in support of a new regional service to Taranaki, option 1 is better. But I would take anything over nothing at all.

The main concern that I have really is that the Council's plans rely quite heavily on getting funding from Waka Kotahi to fund up to 50% of the Regional services (e.g. Taranaki). I think this assumption needs to be revisited.

The draft GPS on Land transport was pretty clear that public transport funding would not only decrease overall, but would also need to demonstrate value for money e.g. enabling economic growth and productivity. While we might be able to demonstrate this in a locally relevant way, it's probably not going to be as big as say a new service in Auckland that just by way of location- can get a higher volume of people through and therefore contribute more to the GPS goals (which by the way, I disagree with the draft GPS currently). We are competing for funding with much larger regions.

This GPS is not going to set us up for the low emissions transport future we need, and in fact will likely take us backwards in that regard. Given that, we need to be really smart about how we try and build public transport capacity in the region to provide people with good quality alternatives.

My main recommendation is that Council create some sub-scenarios for Waka Kotahi funding and see what that does to either of the options for the new regional services. What we ideally want is something that is affordable, reliable and trustworthy as a service and something that can weather the changing dynamics of transport policy by various Governments.

I realise that the other areas are also getting new services, but if there was a really strong prioritisation activity that had to occur, I think that areas with no services at all like Taranaki should get higher priority than additional services in other areas. It's not a compromise I really want to make, there should be enough public transport investment to get decent capacity across the whole region. But the funding situation is going to deteriorate over the next 5-10 years so we need to start planning for that.

I have some specific questions and thoughts belows

I support both options for Taranaki, ideally option 1, but option 2 if there's significant lack of funding from Waka Kotahi.

Option 1

Costs

It's great to have an indication of costs over time. For the final long term plan it would be good to know why the costs are so lumpy and if anything can be done to smooth that investment overtime? Ratepayers

on fixed incomes would appreciate this quite a lot, and there are increasingly a lot of those rate payers here in Taranaki.

This option may want to be reworked to show the funding impact for a lower level of funding from Waka Kotahi, and what other funding options there are for the proposed service.

The recent draft GPS on land transport was pretty clear that funding for public transport would go down, and would require more costs benefit analysis (skewed towards providing benefits to economic growth and productivity). I think this is very shortsighted of the Government, but in terms of helping manage expectations over the next 10 years and trying to get this service delivered, it might be a good idea to think of some other ways to get these services funded.

Advantages and disadvantages

In reference to the above it would be good to understand what the cobenefits are of providing these services, and quantified if possible. It would be really beneficial both for the potential users of said services and the wider Horizons community, to start hearing the storey that you have been told by all the submitters previously on the regional transport review.

This could focus on key co-benefits such as: improved access to essential amenities, improved access to employment, support reduction in greenhouse gas emissions, reduce traffic congestion, improve road safety outcomes and anything else. Understanding cobenefits will be very helpful for any business cases put forward as well.

Option 2

Costs

It would be good to see here exactly how the service will be smaller. E.g less buses, smaller buses, less frequent buses. So we know what the proposed rates impact is getting us in terms of investment.

Again its unclear why there is such a big cost in the first year and then its lumpy the rest of the years.

Again it would be good hear to indicate an alternative cost and funding options if 50% of funding cannot come from Waka Kotahi. I unfortunately think the council is being abit too optimistic on this point (for both this and option 1).

Both options

Contribution from fares

Across both options, in the final long term plan there should be an indication of the level of farebox recovery expected across each option. For ease of understanding it would be great if there were little pie charts that showed %rates, %Waka kotahi funding and % farebox recovery. Some people will find it difficult to support these services if they are not sure whether they can afford them on a daily/weekly basis.

Again the draft GPS on land transport was clear that farebox recovery should increase. However generally (and I think this is supported by evidence), that when fares go up people are less likely to use public transport. If the pricing isn't right on these new services, theres a risk people will not consider the service as a transport option, despite otherwise being interested.

Some ideas are outlined below in no particular order.

Making PT an attractive offer

Are there other things that can be done to bring down the cost of running the buses over the life of the long term plan, or make them a more attractive option?

- Are electric buses over the long term a cost effective investment due to not needing expensive fuel and less moving parts to break? Also contributing to co-benefits mentioned above
- Can the buses have wifi?
- Maybe they are smaller and grow overtime as patronage grows e.g. Nelson has small shuttle/bus options during offpeak hours.
- Regular 'fun' services- e.g. \$2 trips every saturday to encourage people to try the bus
- Do they go at really useful times, have some kind of priority in key routes and have nice facilities for people to wait at?
- Marketing budget to make sure people can discover its a good option
- Integrated ticketing, e.g. I have a snapper card for wellington PT and it would be great to be able to use the same ticketing system for both.
- How can you work with TDC or other locally trusted advocates to enable them to be champions of the service, on this side of the hill. Having trusted local advocates would be really useful for helping convince people its a good idea to go on the bus.
- Can the buses take bikes, scooters, wheelchairs, prams and other mobility related items?

Feeder services

I think feeder services are a great idea and would be really useful, I go to Woodville quite a bit and its easy enough to get there on the bus! So that would be excellent. I feel quite a few people would really appreciate feeder services between the towns in Tararua. Especially if some of them could connect up to Masterton at some point.

Other ideas- shift freight to rail and reduce roading costs.

Trucks are very heavy and severely damage the roading network in Tararua, its common knowledge their RUCs dont cover the damage created. If we could get even some of them to put their freight onto the rail network, we would be able to save that money and spend it on public transport instead. Waka kotahi will not have that incentive though as the rail network, public transport and walking and cycling is being defunded and there is a brand new shiny 'Pothole prevention fund'. However at the local level, there is an incentive to shift where the funding is utilised because people have asked you for new and additional public transport services. Perhaps Horizons could work with the District councils in the region to promote rail freight and save the money for where its really needed.

This is a really tricky situation, but I am eternally optimistic that we can make something work even if initially its not exactly we wanted. Something is better than nothing.

Thankyou

Letisha Nicholas

Tararua District resident and ratepayer.

Q1

Long Text

Summarised contents/sentiment:

It needs to be easier to have a tiny home and a compost toilet as well as waste water systems in townships that do not have town septic systems.

there needs to be easy approved alternatives that are not \$20,000 to install. we have poeple living in tents. we need to be helping our elderly into small safe homes with approved systems that they can do easily on a budget.

Which option do you prefer?

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i support cheaper rates for those on small scale operations

Q19 Give us your thoughts:

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we need a resource consent for the entire Ohura/Matiere region so the floods stop shutting the roads every week.

Q20 Your name

Short Text

Sue Moore

Q21 Organisation:

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See attached

Q20 Your name

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Patric Klups

Q21 Organisation:

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Ruapehu Alpine Rescue Organisation

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18 April 2024

Patric Klups

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Manawatu/Whanganui

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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

Patric Klups -

RARO Volunteer.

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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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Long Text

Based on receiving funding from Waka Kotahi. Failure to secure the required funding would mean we could hopefully drop back to option 2 if need be. If rates rises can be offset in another way that would be good too.

We need to encourage our community to use public transport - we already have some outstanding bus drivers, if we can expand services it will mean more connections across the city. Connecting Springvale to Whanganui East would be a huge advantage for those who participate in sport and active recreation in terms of the use of Wembley but also the Splash Centre, Whanganui East pools, and the stadiums.

Which option do you prefer?

Q12

Multi Choice

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

Summarised comments/sentiment:

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

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I think this would be an asset to the public transport system. In the sport, active recreation and wellbeing sector, there are opportunities to connect on a cheaper and more sustainable level with our Regional Sports Organisations who are often situated in the Wellington region. This will benefit our community by improving our relationships and capabilities through Personal Development workshops etc.

More people having access to beaches is also a win as active recreation opportunities are often limited by transport and costs involved. This impacts wellbeing in an holistic sense.

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Q19 Give us your thoughts:

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Q20 Your name

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Dinelle Saunders

Q21 Organisation:

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Sport Whanganui

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Makenzie McKay

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This is a submission on the following proposed plan:
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MY SUBMISSION IS

Introduction

Te Ao Tūroa Environmental Centre

Te Ao Tūroa Environmental Centre (TATEC) contributes to upholding kaitiakitanga on behalf of Rangitāne o Manawatū iwi (Rangitāne). We promote the health and well-being of our people, the environment, wāhi tapu and taonga by forming positive relationships and partnerships with local councils, government agencies, private developers, and the wider community. TATEC undertakes ecological and cultural monitoring projects, restoration of waterways through planting, weed and pest control, and initiatives to reduce plastics in waterways. We engage in planning processes, including local policy reviews, town planning and resource consenting.

We are part of Best Care (Whakapai Hauora) Charitable Trust, which includes a collective of health services run by our iwi. We deliver a Rangitānenuirawa model of Environmental Management and have developed a means to identify and measure outcomes in resource management sought by Rangitāne using Te Ara Whānau Ora (the Whānau Ora Pathways Framework). Whānau Ora was originally developed by our esteemed kaumātua Sir Mason Durie and Dame Tariana Turia, who applied it to our health-focused services.

Rangitāne o Manawatū

Rangitāne ancestors arrived in Aotearoa aboard the Kurahaupō waka over 30 generations ago. Whatonga was a captain of the waka and is the eponymous ancestor whom we, the people of Rangitāne, trace our lineage. He settled in the Heretaunga area (Hawke's Bay) and explored a large part of Aotearoa. Rangitāne was the grandson of Whatonga, whose descendants occupy the Manawatū and other areas of the lower North Island and the top of the South Island today. At the turn of the 19th Century, Rangitāne and Rangitāne whānaunga had held mana over nearly the entire drainage basin of the Manawatū Awa for many hundreds of years.

Life centred around the awa, its tributaries, lakes, and wetlands, which came to shape the worldview and values system of our iwi today.^{1,2} Our worldview is based on the holistic principle that all elements are interconnected. Ecosystems within our environment rely on many elements, both physical and spiritual, at many scales to function effectively. When one part of that system is interrupted, disturbed, or impacted, Te Ao Māori becomes imbalanced, affecting its functionality, which in turn influences the health and well-being of that environment and us as people.

Whakapapa (our genealogy) and mātauranga Māori (our traditional and contemporary knowledge) inform our understanding of, and connection to the environment. Every part of the environment has a common genealogy descending from a common ancestor. The principal ancestor is Io Matua Te Kore (the parentless one), who existed in Te Kore (the realm of potential being). Then descended Ngā Pō (the many nights), Ranginui, and Papatūānuku (Sky Father and Earth Mother). The separation of Rangi and Papa by their children brought forth Te Ao Mārama (the world of light in which we live). This whakapapa places us as descendants of the environment they inhabit. It reinforces our identity and a deep connection to our lands.

¹ McEwen, J.M. (1986). *Rangitāne: A tribal History*. Reed Books: Auckland.

² Wai 182, *Rangitāne o Manawatū*. Tanenuiarangi Manawatū Incorporated Office of Treaty Settlements.

This mātauranga links us to the world, creating an inseparable bond and a responsibility to protect the environment from misuse. We have affirmed mana whenua in Aokautere for hundreds of years, thus have a deep connection to the life-giving resources of the land and waters of the Manawatū area. Kaitiakitanga is the inherent obligation and responsibility we have as Tangata Whenua of this area, to nurture and protect, restore, and enhance the mauri of our environment for future generations.

Traditional entry to the Manawatū interior was gained by paddling and poling waka along the Manawatū Awa. At each major river bend, a permanent or seasonal village or pā existed within our history.^{3,4} The awa linked hapū (family groups) together to form who we are, now known as Rangitāne o Manawatū. We are a collective of six different hapū. Hapū members work closely together and each hapū has a representative on the Rangitāne o Manawatū Settlement Trust. This collaboration forms one avenue of mandate for Rangitāne as an iwi authority.^{5,6}

Summary

Rangitāne o Manawatū have a statutory area of interest which covers 440,000ha of the Manawatū plains and associated maunga. It encompasses the Manawatū Awa and tributaries including (but not limited to) the Mangahao, Tokomaru, Oroua, Pohangina, and the Rangitīkei Awa, Pukepuke Lagoon, and Makurerua Swamplands which are within the Manawatū-Whanganui Region (Horizons). Our area of interest also includes Palmerston North, Fielding, Ashhurst, Himatangi, Sanson, Waituna West, Kimbolton, Apiti, Rangiwhia, Umutoi, Tokomaru, Shannon and Foxton townships, among others. The statutory area of interest is identified in **Error! Reference source not found..**

³ Taylor & Sutton (1999). *Inventory of Rangitāne Heritage sites in Palmerston North City, 1999*. Palmerston North City Council.

⁴ Tanenuiarangi Manawatū Inc (1999). *Rangitāne Mahinga Kai Project*. Palmerston North.

⁵ Treaty of Waitangi Claims: Wai 182 the Manawatū Claim. Retrieved on June 1st, 2021, from <https://www.tmi.maori.nz/Treaty.aspx>

⁶ Rangitāne o Manawatū: Deed of Settlement documents (2021). Retrieved on June 1st, 2021, from <https://www.govt.nz/browse/history-culture-and-heritage/treaty-settlements/find-a-treaty-settlement/Rangitāne-o-Manawatū>



Figure 1. Rangitāne o Manawatū Statutory Area of Interest

As Tangata Whenua under Te Tiriti o Waitangi, and as Te Tiriti partners to Horizons, Rangitāne are required to be informed early of planning and/or developments within our statutory area of interest. This is especially necessary for activities that may affect the mauri of the Manawatū Awa, our special wāhi tapu and ngāhere areas.

Under the 2024 – 34 Long-Term Plan (LTP) Horizons have developed a strategic framework which is inclusive of four strategic priorities and six community outcomes⁷:

⁷ Horizons Regional Council 2024 – 34 Long-Term Plan Consultation Document, Page 6

Strategic Priorities

1. Building resilience to the impacts of climate change;
2. **Strengthening partnerships with Tangata whenua;**
3. A holistic approach, from the mountains to the sea (integrated catchment management); and
4. Connecting people and place through effective public transport connections.

Community Outcomes

1. Our regions communities are vibrant and empowered;
2. **Our regions relationship with iwi and hapū are respectful and mana-enhancing;**
3. Our regions ecosystems are healthy;
4. Our region has effective transport networks;
5. Our regions economy is thriving and environmentally sustainable; and
6. Our regions communities are resilient to the impact of natural hazards and climate change.

We expect Horizons' to fully honour their obligations as a Te Tiriti partner, and to take strong and meaningful steps towards its strategic policy '*Strengthening partnerships with Tangata whenua*' and its community outcome of '*Our regions relationship with iwi and hapū are respectful and mana-enhancing*'. From Rangitāne viewpoint, Horizons still have a long way to go in giving effect to this partnership at both a governance and operational level.

The High Court has extracted principles from Waitangi Tribunal and Supreme Court decisions to incorporate into the resource management context. These help to define our rights and expectations for achieving Horizons 2024-2034 LTP strategic priorities and community outcomes, they include:

- Partnership;
- Mutual obligation to act reasonably and in good faith;
- Active protection⁸;
- Mutual benefit⁹;
- Development¹⁰; and
- Rangatiratanga¹¹

⁸ Under the principle of active protection, the Crown has an obligation to actively protect Māori interests. This principle may also require applicants to investigate alternative options which do not affect Māori relationships with resources.

⁹ The principle of mutual benefit incorporates enabling aspects for both Māori and non-Māori.

¹⁰ The principle of development requires the Treaty to be adapted to modern, changing circumstances.

¹¹ The principle of rangatiratanga recognises iwi and hapū rights to manage resources or kaitiakitanga over their ancestral lands and waters.

THE SPECIFIC PARTS OF THE PROPOSAL THAT MY SUBMISSION RELATES TO ARE

PARTNERSHIPS, GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP

GOVERNANCE & IWI RELATIONSHIPS

In 2021, Horizons resolved to establish Māori constituencies, with the first Māori wards introduced in 2022; a northern ward, Raki, and a southern ward, Tonga, including two Māori Ward Councillors. This inclusion provides a positive introduction to achieving fairer representation of Māori for their communities and ensuring greater Māori participation and input into Horizons decision making processes. Another example of positive Horizons-Māori/iwi partnership is through the Tangata Whenua Group which sits on the Climate Action Joint Committee (CAJC) drawing on both Māori and Western worldviews to work together in response to climate change. We know that this current government is seeking to overturn these wards and we expect Horizons to resolve to send submission to oppose this legislation. We also expect the Chair of Horizons and the Maori Councillors to speak at the select Committee in opposition to this bill as well.

Recurrent, and repeated instances of poor communication and engagement with our staff has caused degradation to the relationship between Rangitāne and Horizons at the day-to-day decision-making level and at times, invalidated Rangitāne o Manawatū as Tangata Whenua. We do not feel that our Rangitānenuirawa and kaitiakitanga are being considered or included in decision-making, management, restoration and monitoring over our lands, waters, and taonga to a sufficient degree. Further Council-wide education of obligations under Te Tiriti and hiring staff that have a solid foundation in mātauranga Māori is required to develop a strong and authentic relationship going forward.

One of Council's four strategic priorities is '*Strengthening partnerships with Tangata whenua*'. True partnership is not simply providing Rangitāne with opportunities to 'assist' or the 'informing' of information, rather it entails cooperation and mutual benefit. Rangitāne hold intricate knowledge of their rohe and mātauranga can be extremely valuable in informing and enhancing planning, policy, and operational outcomes in the region. We have a well-functioning and growing taiao¹² team that are ready to assist Horizons in day-to-day decision making that is best for taiao, best for community and promotes the partnership. A shift is required in mindsets from Horizons so that we are not looked at as slowing progress, rather good partnerships actually promote smoother pathways.

We support the '*Strengthening partnerships with Tangata whenua*' strategic priority and look forward to working towards a respectful and mana-enhancing relationship with Horizons.

How We Expect this Priority to Be Addressed

- Engagement with Rangitāne is regular and meaningful; before significant investment, and occurs early in the initiation and/or planning stages;
- All initial/early enquiries & engagements are sent to our Te Ao Tūroa Environmental Centre Manager, Alana Nuku: [A \[REDACTED\]](#)

¹² Environment

- Council ensures early involvement of Rangitāne in any major project that is of particular importance, including initiation, planning & execution. This will require Council Staff to talk to us on a more regular basis to understand ‘importance’ to us;
- Prioritise the *Cultural Confidence Programme* for Council Staff to increase their knowledge and understanding of Te Tiriti o Waitangi and te taiao from a Māori lens;
- Ensure new staff hired have good understanding of Te Tiriti o Waitangi and mātauranga Māori;
- Be open to have staff on secondment in our organisation; and
- Have procurement processes that provide opportunities for Iwi and Maori business to undertake work to exercise their kaitiakitanga in their whenua and support our uri¹³ to reconnect with their whenua and awa.

IMPLEMENTATION OF PARTNERSHIP HEALTH CHECK AND THE COMMENCEMENT OF ADDITIONAL ROLES

In the first year of this Long-Term Plan, Horizons seek to undertake an independent ‘*Te Tiriti Partnership Health Check*’. *Te Tiriti Partnership Health Check* should be inclusive of not only Horizons’ views on the health of their partnerships but also include iwi views (within Horizons’ area). We would like to feed into recommendations for improvement as your te tiriti partner. We would also like the opportunity to review and comment on any action plans which emanate from the *Health Check*.

Horizons also seeks to create an additional role with the first year of the Long-Term Plan to improve iwi and hapū engagement. One is not enough. It is important to consider a diversity of whakapapa throughout this role; iwi stand independent to one another and therefore may have different views, expectations, or tikanga when it comes to their whenua. With a large number of iwi throughout the region, it would be strongly advantageous to ensure diversity of whakapapa within this Team. Having existing skills in te taiao and Resource Management is also important. There must be iwi representation on such a panel to give effect to te tiriti.

Both initiatives support Horizons’ strategic priority of ‘*Strengthening partnerships with Tangata whenua*’.

Our Expectations

- Incorporate Rangitāne (and other iwi) views into *Te Tiriti Partnership Health Check*;
- Ensure a diversity of whakapapa on the Māori engagement team, in particular for new hires; and
- Have iwi representation on the interview panel.

RANGITĀNE O MANAWATŪ IWI ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

Our *Iwi Environmental Management Plan (IMP)* was launched in 2021¹⁴. The plans framework sits within Rangitānenuirawa, Whānau Ora and Te Mana o te Wai which are frameworks of importance to our iwi, any change to national legislation is irrelevant to our frameworks. The IMP represents Rangitāne 450+ years of kaitiakitanga of our rohe and sets out our priorities regarding kaitiakitanga in our rohe. The IMP has been

¹³ Descendants, relatives, successors.

¹⁴ Rangitāne o Manawatū Iwi Environmental Management Plan 2021.

presented to Horizons, but despite this, remains absent from the Horizons Regional Council website. This is totally unacceptable. The IMP must be considered by Horizons when preparing or updating their regional plan and policy statements.

The Whānau Ora framework sets out seven outcome areas that can be applied in any setting, to achieve improvements over the short-, medium-, and long-term. Rangitāne mātauranga understands the health and well-being of people are intrinsically linked to the health of te taiao. This understanding brought about the aspiration to deliver the Whānau Ora outcomes framework within a planning context – merging the contemporary health and environmental disciplines.

Whānau Ora allows for iterative decision-making with outcomes that support an indigenous world view. The approach emphasises aspiration-based decision-making in planning, rather than the traditional focus on bottom lines and impact. Rangitāne provide a traffic light assessment within the framework on how well we think Councils are achieving the outcomes we are seeking. As a consequence of the poor engagement Horizons has had with Rangitāne, majority of the areas of the framework identify Horizons **does not** give effect to the outcomes we seek.

Our Expectations

- Ensure urgent publication of the IMP on the Horizons Regional Council website;
- Advise us how it has been socialised in Horizons and how it will be applied;
- Advise us how staff will be educated in applying it to their mahi; and
- Consideration of the IMP must be taken into account when preparing or updating regional plan & policy statements. We expect to engage in an ongoing basis about this across all policy planning.

CLIMATE CHANGE & INTEGRATED CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT

Climate change and its impacts on our communities are one of the most pressing issues facing the region and is highlighted within Horizons' strategic priority '*reducing risk and building resilience of communities, the economy and the environment*'. Horizons outline an aspiration within the 2024 – 34 Long-Term Plan to take a more holistic approach (integrated catchment management) to delivering outcomes in respect to the environment: working towards a more interconnected system from the mountains to the sea. Horizons have proposed two options within the Long-Term Plan¹⁵; to fund a work programme for integrated catchment management, or not to fund a work programme for integrated catchment management.

Rangitāne o Manawatū are in strong support of: *Option 1 – Fund work programme for integrated catchment management* and we must be actively, not tokenistically, a part of that work programme. Rangitāne worldview is based on the holistic principle that all elements are interconnected. Whakapapa and mātauranga Māori inform our understanding of, and connection to the environment, and this whakapapa places us as descendants of the environment they inhabit. It reinforces our identity and a deep connection to our lands.

Extreme weather events are increasing in frequency and intensity with significant impacts to be experienced disproportionately by Māori and lower-income groups within the region. Rangitāne hold particular interest in the Awapuni, Takaro and Highbury suburbs within Palmerston North. As a disproportionately affected area

¹⁵ Horizons Regional Council 2024 – 34 Long-Term Plan Consultation Document, Page 30

prone to flooding with the highest Māori populations with Palmerston North, more attention must be given to the likely impacts of a significant weather events and mitigation. At the same time, we also need to provide more housing for our people so our Māori community can grow and not become disconnected as a result of climate change and natural hazards. It is recommended that ongoing programmes to widen the Mangaone Stream stop banks in lower sections would assist in the reduction of severe impacts caused by extreme weather events, including investment in planting riparian margins and developing wetlands in the upper catchment to hold back water.

Our Expectations

An integrated catchment management programme must:

- Meaningfully and properly reflect the role of Tangata Whenua and thus Rangitāne in planning, design, and implementation of this programme to ensure Rangitāne mātauranga is considered and applied, with particular intensive engagement with us on issues in relation to Palmerston North;
- Prioritise funding applications that will move stop banks back in the lower Mangaone Stream to create more capacity in the system and prioritise riparian planting and wetland creation in the Upper Mangaone Catchment to hold water back;
- Consideration of the IMP must be taken on a day-to-day basis;
- Work collaboratively with PNCC in this space for the betterment of our whenua and waterways;
- Align with Rangitāne o Manawatū understanding of Te Mana o te Wai; and
- Will work with wai instead of against it.

CATCHMENT OPERATIONS

FRESHWATER AND PARTNERSHIPS

Te Mana o te Wai is a fundamental concept underpinning the National Policy for Freshwater Management 2020 (NPS-FM), where the NPS-FM directs all aspects of freshwater management to give effect to Te Mana o te Wai. Under Te Mana o te Wai, Councils must actively involve Rangitāne in decision-making to give effect to the concept as required by Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the Rangitāne o Manawatū Claims Settlement Act (2016)¹⁶.

Horizons must include objectives, policies, and methods within plans to promote positive effects, and avoid, remedy, or mitigate adverse effects, of development on the health and well-being of water bodies, freshwater ecosystems, and receiving environments. In doing so, they must adopt an integrated approach, ki uta ki tai¹⁷, as required by Te Mana o te Wai, recognising the interconnectedness of the whole environment, from the mountains and lakes, rivers, lagoons, estuaries to the sea, and recognise interactions between freshwater, land, waterbodies, ecosystems, and receiving environments.

Our Te Mana o te Wai Statement is:

¹⁶ Rangitāne o Manawatū Claims Settlement Act (2016)

¹⁷ The recognition and management of the interconnectedness of the whole environment, from the mountains, springs and lakes, down to rivers to hāpua (lagoons), groundwater, wāhupū (estuaries) and to the sea.

'The most significant quality that flows through wai is mauri. The mauri is generated throughout the catchment and is carried through the connected tributaries, groundwater, wetlands, and lagoons. It is the most crucial element that binds the physical, traditional, and spiritual elements of all things together, generating, nurturing, and upholding all life, including that of Rangitāne o Manawatū. The health and well-being of Rangitāne is inseparable from the health and well-being of wai. The Manawatū Awa, its catchment, tributaries and connections, wetlands and lagoons are taonga and valued for the traditional abundance of mahinga kai and natural resources' ¹⁸.

Our Te Mana o te Wai objectives must be taken into account by Horizons I and can be viewed within the *Rangitāne o Manawatū Iwi Environmental Management Plan 2021*.

We also believe:

- The main stem of the Manawatū Awa is an Outstanding Waterbody;
- That Māori freshwater values and mātauranga need to be better provided for through Oranga Wai; and
- That people with special mātauranga skills should sit on advisory panels for example in the water allocation space, where currently only western science skills sit on the expert advisory panel.

Despite Government's signalled intention to replace/repeal the NPS-FM, Rangitāne expect Horizons to uphold and respect the values and objectives under our Rangitāne Te Mana o te Wai statement as a te tiriti partner and continue an integrated approach, ki uta ki tai, to restore and enhance the mauri of our wai. We support lodgement of the Oranga Wai plan change as soon as practicable.

Horizons' Freshwater and Partnerships team work to improve aquatic habitat (fish passage and riparian management) in partnership with us in our rohe and water quality (including stream fencing, riparian planting, advice on constructed wetlands and other interventions) and coordinates the Manawatū River Leaders Forum and Te Apiti Governance Group. Key projects for this team include Jobs for Nature projects, Regional Water Quality Improvements, and Manawatū River Water Quality Improvement. Don't do these projects in isolation of us, we have a right to be at the table.

As discussed in the introduction to this submission, TATEC contributes to upholding kaitiakitanga on behalf of Rangitāne; and through the promotion of the health and well-being of our people, the environment, wāhi tapu and taonga, undertakes ecological and cultural monitoring projects, restoration of waterways through planting, weed and pest control, and initiatives to reduce plastics in waterways. Rangitāne must see opportunities for TATEC to partner with the Freshwater & Partnerships Team where appropriate through early engagement during the initial planning stages of projects; specifically, where the Manawatū Awa and tributaries are concerned; Stop seeing us as a contractor and see us at the Tangata Whenua exercising our kaitaki over our whenua and waterways which we have done for over 500 years.

Our Expectations

¹⁸ *Rangitāne o Manawatū Iwi Environmental Management Plan 2021. Page 24.*

- Align planning, policy & operations with Rangitāne understanding of Te Mana o te Wai and Whānau Ora;
- Ensure early and continual engagement with Rangitāne during the initiation, planning and/or policy stage to ensure the Manawatū Awa, its catchment, tributaries and connections, wetlands and lagoons are taonga and valued;
- Prioritise improvement of water quality in the Manawatū Awa, its catchments & tributaries, especially the Mangaone Stream; and
- Positive engagement with TATEC, providing opportunities for partnership in operations of key importance to Rangitāne o Manawatū. Let's do the mahi together.

BIODIVERSITY AND BIOSECURITY

Horizons' Biodiversity Partnerships programme has a goal of '*Empowering communities to reconnect with and improve biodiversity*', which includes the support of Icon Sites (Te Āpiti Manawatū Gorge, Kia wharite predator control, Bushy Park, Pūkaha Mt Bruce and Manawatū Estuary and Tōtara Reserve Regional Park). A significant component of this programme is to support the regional economy through management of pests that can impact on production.

TATEC contributes to upholding kaitiakitanga on behalf of Rangitāne and through the promotion of the health and well-being of our people, the environment, wāhi tapu and taonga. We would like to see opportunities to build a mana-enhancing and mutually beneficial relationship within Horizons' Biodiversity Partnerships Programme that supports outcomes under the IMP.

Our Expectations:

- Strengthen relationship and partnership between Horizons' and TATEC within the Biodiversity space.
- Bring forth a commitment to the LTP budget for resourcing tangata tiaki¹⁹ to work alongside Horizons operational functions. This will promote our kaitiakitanga over our Manawatū Awa, wāhi tapu, and ngāhere spaces. We are not contractors.

SCIENCE AND STRATEGY

INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGY

Infrastructure must be able to withstand population growth, urban development, resilience to climate change and natural hazards, whilst maintaining essential services in demand. Horizons' Infrastructure Strategy outlines the current condition of Horizons' River and Drainage Scheme assets and includes the approach to managing existing assets and planning for future developments and/or upgrades to existing developments²⁰. It is our position that we must be involved early and consistently to ensure mātauranga is included appropriately and our aspirations and values are provided for. We would also like these programs to respond to our concerns.

¹⁹ Kaitiaki, Guardian. Includes the process and practices of protecting and monitoring the environment (Kaitiakitanga)

²⁰ Horizons Regional Council 2024 – 34 Long-Term Plan Consultation Document, Page 50

As a part of the Infrastructure Strategy, Horizons will be conducting a regional flood vulnerability assessment to assess the relative risk in the towns within the region. Rangitāne expect early engagement in discussions of these assessments in order to fulfil our obligations of complete kaitiakitanga over our lands, water and taonga. We are very concerned about the flooding risk in western Palmerston North, the location of our iwi infrastructure, our Māori community and our vulnerable communities. We would like to work with Horizons to respond to this risk. We see the need to also work with PNCC collaboratively in this space.

Additionally, Rangitāne o Manawatū have interests in gravel as a resource and its management. Our awa are dynamic in their behaviour and we must work with wai, not against it. Excessive extraction of gravel from our awa risks the starvation of sediment required to uphold the mauri of our wai. We support the Oroua and Pohangina planning programs that seek a more sustainable management regime for the future, we need a similar approach for the main stem of the Manawatū Awa. For too long, commercial charlatans have made money out of Awa and it's a disgrace.

Horizons have identified seven key long-term infrastructure issues within the Long-Term Plan which considers options and preferred responses to these issues under *'Table 1: Key Infrastructure Issues for the 2024 – 54 Infrastructure Strategy, preferred responses, some of the advantages and disadvantages and the impact on the Long-term Plan'*²¹. The key issues have been identified as:

1. Affordability of River Management and Flood Protection Activity;
2. Responding to the impact of climate change and natural disasters;
3. Delivering capital programme works to increase resilience to climate change impacts;
4. Planning for financial implications of natural hazard events;
5. Maintaining existing assets and understanding our asset condition and maintenance requirements;
6. Achieving environmental, regulatory, and other performance expectations; and
7. Merging the River Management and Flood Protection Activity into an integrated catchment management approach.

These are issues that directly affect us. We are first line responders for our community in emergency situations and have responsibility to advocate for investment to protect our most vulnerable people. We are responsible for ensuring a Māori voice can be heard in decision making and investment because ultimately it is our Māori community and lower socio-economic community that will suffer the most as a result.

Our Expectations

In response to the key issues as above mentioned, our position is:

- A regional assessment of relative flood vulnerability is conducted in partnership with us with special focus to the current infrastructure, or lack thereof, within disproportionately affected areas around Palmerston North;

²¹ Horizons Regional Council 2024 – 34 Long-Term Plan, *'Table 1: Key Infrastructure Issues for the 2024 – 54 Infrastructure Strategy, preferred responses, some of the advantages and disadvantages and the impact on the Long-term Plan'*. Page 21 – 26.

- Ensure equitable development of assets for flood protection for areas which are not included within the Capital Programme, e.g. communities in Ashhurst;
- Prioritise an 'integrated catchment management' approach (prioritising green solutions and giving rivers room to move), ki uta ki tai, when making decisions on future capital programme updates & development of assets;
- Ensure connection across council programs (for example the Biodiversity Programme) to areas of greatest risk and disproportionately affected areas, to increase resilience and reduce risk;
- Ensure early and continual Rangitāne engagement when developing, reviewing & conducting maintenance where the Manawatū Awa and its tributaries are involved;
- Rangitāne support the development of an Integrated Catchment Management Project & expect to sit with Horizons Regional Council in the initiation, planning and implementation stages adequately resourced of this to ensure inequities for Māori do not become perpetuated in planning;
- Facilitate resources to investigate a 'room for river' approach for River Scheme Management for the Mangaone Stream;
- Facilitation for resources should include iwi engagement to ensure the protection of the mauri of our Awa;
- We want to work with Horizons to develop a model whereby the income from gravel extraction is tagged to help improve the environment and to support to build up the capacity for our environmental team;
- Iwi businesses should not have to pay for gravel, it's our te tiriti right to be able access it in a sustainable way. It's a disgrace that third parties have made millions out of our Awa then left it in a poor state;
- We want notification of every piece of mahi happening in our Awa and want to work with Horizons around how that can happen. RMA notifications are no good; and
- Bring forth a commitment to the LTP budget for resourcing Tangata Tiaki to work alongside Horizons operational functions. This will promote our kaitiakitanga over our Manawatū Awa, wāhi tapu, and ngāhere spaces. We are not contractors we are the tangata whenua and Horizons has a te tiriti obligation to work with us.

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE & REPORTING

Horizons seek to introduce the following new roles to the Science and Environmental Reporting Team²²:

2024-25	Three new roles to support work programmes around wetlands, lakes, estuaries, and community science. <i>*One of those roles should sit with us which we hold the contract for.</i>
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²² Horizons Regional Council 2024 – 34 Long-Term Plan Consultation Document. Page 24.

2025-26	Three new roles to ensure legislative requirements regarding wetland mapping under the NPSFM & additional support to the biodiversity and biosecurity work. <i>*One of these roles should sit with us and we hold the contract for.</i>
2026 -27	Additional roles to support the development and implementation of mātauranga Māori and monitoring.

Implementation of additional roles, not just within Horizons, but funded by Horizons and sitting with us, to support the development and implementation of mātauranga Māori and monitoring should be either earlier prioritised or implemented alongside the roles to support work programmes & legislative requirements as to ensure the protection of Rangitāne aspirations and values in line with the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi, Rangitāne o Manawatū Settlement Act (2016), and objectives under the IMP. We think all people being hired for roles within Council should have a minimum competency in Te Tiriti and understanding mātauranga.

Our Expectations

- Prioritise earlier implementation of additional roles within Horizons to support the development and implementation of mātauranga Māori and monitoring;
- Horizons funds roles to sit with us to grow the te tiriti partnership; and
- We obtain support from horizons to organise a transfer of powers under section 33 of the Resource Management Act to monitor our taiao.

TRANSPORT AND REGIONAL SERVICES

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Horizons deliver a range of emergency management services across the region; Horizons are the Administering Authority for the Manawatū-Whanganui Civil Defence Emergency Management Group (CDEM) which is made up of eight local authorities in the region. Responsibilities also include staffing the Group Emergency Coordination Centre.

Rangatiratanga, a principle extracted by the High Court from the Waitangi Tribunal and Supreme Court decisions and incorporated into the Resource Management context, recognises iwi and hapū rights to manage resources or kaitiakitanga over their ancestral lands and waters.

Our Expectations

- Horizons support Te Hotu Manawa O Rangitāne o Manawatū marae to further develop their emergency response systems and enable their delivery, recognising that Māori are the best service providers for Māori;

- Rangitāne have a representative on Horizons Emergency Response & CDEM teams, training, and delivery. This person can then help coordinate joint emergency response systems and training in Palmerston North;
- Rangitāne hold a chapter in Civil Defence and Emergency Plans; and
- We participate in Civil Defence and Emergency Training operations with Horizons teams.

TRANSPORT PLANNING AND SERVICES.

Rangitāne strongly support the implementation of a network of shared use pathways (SUPs) developed in partnership with us across the region to connect communities, connect people back to the environment, and to encourage more sustainable modes of transport which will support community well-being, safety and equitable access to transport and infrastructure. We favour the alignment of SUPs with waterways because of the powerful reconnection to the place and wai this brings to people.

Our Expectations

- Prioritise support for those implementing SUP's that connect communities throughout the region;
- Involve Rangitāne in the design and development;
- Draw on Rangitāne experience delivering SUPs in partnership for the benefit of our communities and cultural reconnection to wai;
- Involve Iwi businesses in the procurement opportunities of projects in this space; and
- Prioritise support for alignment of SUPs with waterways.

I SEEK THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATION OR DECISION FROM THE HORIZONS REGIONAL COUNCIL

Amend and retain the 2024 - 34 Long-Term Plan based on the reasons and expectations set out in my submission.

I wish to be heard in support of this submission.

This submission has been sent to Horizons Regional Council by email to haveyoursay@horizons.govt.nz



Danielle Harris O.N.Z.M, LLB, PGDipBusAdmin
Chief Executive Officer

Date: 19 April 2024

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This is a submission on the following proposed plan:
Horizons Regional Council Long Term Plan 2024-34

MY SUBMISSION IS

Introduction

Te Ao Tūroa Environmental Centre

Te Ao Tūroa Environmental Centre (TATEC) contributes to upholding kaitiakitanga on behalf of Rangitāne o Manawatū iwi (Rangitāne). We promote the health and well-being of our people, the environment, wāhi tapu and taonga by forming positive relationships and partnerships with local councils, government agencies, private developers, and the wider community. TATEC undertakes ecological and cultural monitoring projects, restoration of waterways through planting, weed and pest control, and initiatives to reduce plastics in waterways. We engage in planning processes, including local policy reviews, town planning and resource consenting.

We are part of Best Care (Whakapai Hauora) Charitable Trust, which includes a collective of health services run by our iwi. We deliver a Rangitānenuirawa model of Environmental Management and have developed a means to identify and measure outcomes in resource management sought by Rangitāne using Te Ara Whānau Ora (the Whānau Ora Pathways Framework). Whānau Ora was originally developed by our esteemed kaumātua Sir Mason Durie and Dame Tariana Turia, who applied it to our health-focused services.

Rangitāne o Manawatū

Rangitāne ancestors arrived in Aotearoa aboard the Kurahaupō waka over 30 generations ago. Whatonga was a captain of the waka and is the eponymous ancestor whom we, the people of Rangitāne, trace our lineage. He settled in the Heretaunga area (Hawke's Bay) and explored a large part of Aotearoa. Rangitāne was the grandson of Whatonga, whose descendants occupy the Manawatū and other areas of the lower North Island and the top of the South Island today. At the turn of the 19th Century, Rangitāne and Rangitāne whānaunga had held mana over nearly the entire drainage basin of the Manawatū Awa for many hundreds of years.

Life centred around the awa, its tributaries, lakes, and wetlands, which came to shape the worldview and values system of our iwi today.^{1,2} Our worldview is based on the holistic principle that all elements are interconnected. Ecosystems within our environment rely on many elements, both physical and spiritual, at many scales to function effectively. When one part of that system is interrupted, disturbed, or impacted, Te Ao Māori becomes imbalanced, affecting its functionality, which in turn influences the health and well-being of that environment and us as people.

Whakapapa (our genealogy) and mātauranga Māori (our traditional and contemporary knowledge) inform our understanding of, and connection to the environment. Every part of the environment has a common genealogy descending from a common ancestor. The principal ancestor is Io Matua Te Kore (the parentless one), who existed in Te Kore (the realm of potential being). Then descended Ngā Pō (the many nights), Ranginui, and Papatūānuku (Sky Father and Earth Mother). The separation of Rangi and Papa by their children brought forth Te Ao Mārama (the world of light in which we live). This whakapapa places us as descendants of the environment they inhabit. It reinforces our identity and a deep connection to our lands.

¹ McEwen, J.M. (1986). *Rangitāne: A tribal History*. Reed Books: Auckland.

² Wai 182, *Rangitāne o Manawatū*. Tanenuiarangi Manawatū Incorporated Office of Treaty Settlements.

This mātauranga links us to the world, creating an inseparable bond and a responsibility to protect the environment from misuse. We have affirmed mana whenua in Aokautere for hundreds of years, thus have a deep connection to the life-giving resources of the land and waters of the Manawatū area. Kaitiakitanga is the inherent obligation and responsibility we have as Tangata Whenua of this area, to nurture and protect, restore, and enhance the mauri of our environment for future generations.

Traditional entry to the Manawatū interior was gained by paddling and poling waka along the Manawatū Awa. At each major river bend, a permanent or seasonal village or pā existed within our history.^{3,4} The awa linked hapū (family groups) together to form who we are, now known as Rangitāne o Manawatū. We are a collective of six different hapū. Hapū members work closely together and each hapū has a representative on the Rangitāne o Manawatū Settlement Trust. This collaboration forms one avenue of mandate for Rangitāne as an iwi authority.^{5,6}

Summary

Rangitāne o Manawatū have a statutory area of interest which covers 440,000ha of the Manawatū plains and associated maunga. It encompasses the Manawatū Awa and tributaries including (but not limited to) the Mangahao, Tokomaru, Oroua, Pohangina, and the Rangitīkei Awa, Pukepuke Lagoon, and Makurerua Swamplands which are within the Manawatū-Whanganui Region (Horizons). Our area of interest also includes Palmerston North, Fielding, Ashhurst, Himatangi, Sanson, Waituna West, Kimbolton, Apiti, Rangiwhia, Umutoi, Tokomaru, Shannon and Foxton townships, among others. The statutory area of interest is identified in **Error! Reference source not found..**

³ Taylor & Sutton (1999). *Inventory of Rangitāne Heritage sites in Palmerston North City, 1999*. Palmerston North City Council.

⁴ Tanenuiarangi Manawatū Inc (1999). *Rangitāne Mahinga Kai Project*. Palmerston North.

⁵ Treaty of Waitangi Claims: Wai 182 the Manawatū Claim. Retrieved on June 1st, 2021, from <https://www.tmi.maori.nz/Treaty.aspx>

⁶ Rangitāne o Manawatū: Deed of Settlement documents (2021). Retrieved on June 1st, 2021, from <https://www.govt.nz/browse/history-culture-and-heritage/treaty-settlements/find-a-treaty-settlement/Rangitāne-o-Manawatū>



Figure 1. Rangitāne o Manawatū Statutory Area of Interest

As Tangata Whenua under Te Tiriti o Waitangi, and as Te Tiriti partners to Horizons, Rangitāne are required to be informed early of planning and/or developments within our statutory area of interest. This is especially necessary for activities that may affect the mauri of the Manawatū Awa, our special wāhi tapu and ngāhere areas.

Under the 2024 – 34 Long-Term Plan (LTP) Horizons have developed a strategic framework which is inclusive of four strategic priorities and six community outcomes⁷:

⁷ Horizons Regional Council 2024 – 34 Long-Term Plan Consultation Document, Page 6

Strategic Priorities

1. Building resilience to the impacts of climate change;
2. **Strengthening partnerships with Tangata whenua;**
3. A holistic approach, from the mountains to the sea (integrated catchment management); and
4. Connecting people and place through effective public transport connections.

Community Outcomes

1. Our regions communities are vibrant and empowered;
2. **Our regions relationship with iwi and hapū are respectful and mana-enhancing;**
3. Our regions ecosystems are healthy;
4. Our region has effective transport networks;
5. Our regions economy is thriving and environmentally sustainable; and
6. Our regions communities are resilient to the impact of natural hazards and climate change.

We expect Horizons' to fully honour their obligations as a Te Tiriti partner, and to take strong and meaningful steps towards its strategic policy '*Strengthening partnerships with Tangata whenua*' and its community outcome of '*Our regions relationship with iwi and hapū are respectful and mana-enhancing*'. From Rangitāne viewpoint, Horizons still have a long way to go in giving effect to this partnership at both a governance and operational level.

The High Court has extracted principles from Waitangi Tribunal and Supreme Court decisions to incorporate into the resource management context. These help to define our rights and expectations for achieving Horizons 2024-2034 LTP strategic priorities and community outcomes, they include:

- Partnership;
- Mutual obligation to act reasonably and in good faith;
- Active protection⁸;
- Mutual benefit⁹;
- Development¹⁰; and
- Rangatiratanga¹¹

⁸ Under the principle of active protection, the Crown has an obligation to actively protect Māori interests. This principle may also require applicants to investigate alternative options which do not affect Māori relationships with resources.

⁹ The principle of mutual benefit incorporates enabling aspects for both Māori and non-Māori.

¹⁰ The principle of development requires the Treaty to be adapted to modern, changing circumstances.

¹¹ The principle of rangatiratanga recognises iwi and hapū rights to manage resources or kaitiakitanga over their ancestral lands and waters.

THE SPECIFIC PARTS OF THE PROPOSAL THAT MY SUBMISSION RELATES TO ARE

PARTNERSHIPS, GOVERNANCE AND LEADERSHIP

GOVERNANCE & IWI RELATIONSHIPS

In 2021, Horizons resolved to establish Māori constituencies, with the first Māori wards introduced in 2022; a northern ward, Raki, and a southern ward, Tonga, including two Māori Ward Councillors. This inclusion provides a positive introduction to achieving fairer representation of Māori for their communities and ensuring greater Māori participation and input into Horizons decision making processes. Another example of positive Horizons-Māori/iwi partnership is through the Tangata Whenua Group which sits on the Climate Action Joint Committee (CAJC) drawing on both Māori and Western worldviews to work together in response to climate change. We know that this current government is seeking to overturn these wards and we expect Horizons to resolve to send submission to oppose this legislation. We also expect the Chair of Horizons and the Maori Councillors to speak at the select Committee in opposition to this bill as well.

Recurrent, and repeated instances of poor communication and engagement with our staff has caused degradation to the relationship between Rangitāne and Horizons at the day-to-day decision-making level and at times, invalidated Rangitāne o Manawatū as Tangata Whenua. We do not feel that our Rangitānenuirawa and kaitiakitanga are being considered or included in decision-making, management, restoration and monitoring over our lands, waters, and taonga to a sufficient degree. Further Council-wide education of obligations under Te Tiriti and hiring staff that have a solid foundation in mātauranga Māori is required to develop a strong and authentic relationship going forward.

One of Council's four strategic priorities is '*Strengthening partnerships with Tangata whenua*'. True partnership is not simply providing Rangitāne with opportunities to 'assist' or the 'informing' of information, rather it entails cooperation and mutual benefit. Rangitāne hold intricate knowledge of their rohe and mātauranga can be extremely valuable in informing and enhancing planning, policy, and operational outcomes in the region. We have a well-functioning and growing taiao¹² team that are ready to assist Horizons in day-to-day decision making that is best for taiao, best for community and promotes the partnership. A shift is required in mindsets from Horizons so that we are not looked at as slowing progress, rather good partnerships actually promote smoother pathways.

We support the '*Strengthening partnerships with Tangata whenua*' strategic priority and look forward to working towards a respectful and mana-enhancing relationship with Horizons.

How We Expect this Priority to Be Addressed

- Engagement with Rangitāne is regular and meaningful; before significant investment, and occurs early in the initiation and/or planning stages;
- All initial/early enquiries & engagements are sent to our Te Ao Tūroa Environmental Centre Manager, Alana Nuku: [REDACTED]

¹² Environment

- Council ensures early involvement of Rangitāne in any major project that is of particular importance, including initiation, planning & execution. This will require Council Staff to talk to us on a more regular basis to understand ‘importance’ to us;
- Prioritise the *Cultural Confidence Programme* for Council Staff to increase their knowledge and understanding of Te Tiriti o Waitangi and te taiao from a Māori lens;
- Ensure new staff hired have good understanding of Te Tiriti o Waitangi and mātauranga Māori;
- Be open to have staff on secondment in our organisation; and
- Have procurement processes that provide opportunities for Iwi and Maori business to undertake work to exercise their kaitiakitanga in their whenua and support our uri¹³ to reconnect with their whenua and awa.

IMPLEMENTATION OF PARTNERSHIP HEALTH CHECK AND THE COMMENCEMENT OF ADDITIONAL ROLES

In the first year of this Long-Term Plan, Horizons seek to undertake an independent ‘*Te Tiriti Partnership Health Check*’. *Te Tiriti Partnership Health Check* should be inclusive of not only Horizons’ views on the health of their partnerships but also include iwi views (within Horizons’ area). We would like to feed into recommendations for improvement as your te tiriti partner. We would also like the opportunity to review and comment on any action plans which emanate from the *Health Check*.

Horizons also seeks to create an additional role with the first year of the Long-Term Plan to improve iwi and hapū engagement. One is not enough. It is important to consider a diversity of whakapapa throughout this role; iwi stand independent to one another and therefore may have different views, expectations, or tikanga when it comes to their whenua. With a large number of iwi throughout the region, it would be strongly advantageous to ensure diversity of whakapapa within this Team. Having existing skills in te taiao and Resource Management is also important. There must be iwi representation on such a panel to give effect to te tiriti.

Both initiatives support Horizons’ strategic priority of ‘*Strengthening partnerships with Tangata whenua*’.

Our Expectations

- Incorporate Rangitāne (and other iwi) views into *Te Tiriti Partnership Health Check*;
- Ensure a diversity of whakapapa on the Māori engagement team, in particular for new hires; and
- Have iwi representation on the interview panel.

RANGITĀNE O MANAWATŪ IWI ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

Our *Iwi Environmental Management Plan (IMP)* was launched in 2021¹⁴. The plans framework sits within Rangitānenuirawa, Whānau Ora and Te Mana o te Wai which are frameworks of importance to our iwi, any change to national legislation is irrelevant to our frameworks. The IMP represents Rangitāne 450+ years of kaitiakitanga of our rohe and sets out our priorities regarding kaitiakitanga in our rohe. The IMP has been

¹³ Descendants, relatives, successors.

¹⁴ Rangitāne o Manawatū Iwi Environmental Management Plan 2021.

presented to Horizons, but despite this, remains absent from the Horizons Regional Council website. This is totally unacceptable. The IMP must be considered by Horizons when preparing or updating their regional plan and policy statements.

The Whānau Ora framework sets out seven outcome areas that can be applied in any setting, to achieve improvements over the short-, medium-, and long-term. Rangitāne mātauranga understands the health and well-being of people are intrinsically linked to the health of te taiao. This understanding brought about the aspiration to deliver the Whānau Ora outcomes framework within a planning context – merging the contemporary health and environmental disciplines.

Whānau Ora allows for iterative decision-making with outcomes that support an indigenous world view. The approach emphasises aspiration-based decision-making in planning, rather than the traditional focus on bottom lines and impact. Rangitāne provide a traffic light assessment within the framework on how well we think Councils are achieving the outcomes we are seeking. As a consequence of the poor engagement Horizons has had with Rangitāne, majority of the areas of the framework identify Horizons **does not** give effect to the outcomes we seek.

Our Expectations

- Ensure urgent publication of the IMP on the Horizons Regional Council website;
- Advise us how it has been socialised in Horizons and how it will be applied;
- Advise us how staff will be educated in applying it to their mahi; and
- Consideration of the IMP must be taken into account when preparing or updating regional plan & policy statements. We expect to engage in an ongoing basis about this across all policy planning.

CLIMATE CHANGE & INTEGRATED CATCHMENT MANAGEMENT

Climate change and its impacts on our communities are one of the most pressing issues facing the region and is highlighted within Horizons' strategic priority '*reducing risk and building resilience of communities, the economy and the environment*'. Horizons outline an aspiration within the 2024 – 34 Long-Term Plan to take a more holistic approach (integrated catchment management) to delivering outcomes in respect to the environment: working towards a more interconnected system from the mountains to the sea. Horizons have proposed two options within the Long-Term Plan¹⁵; to fund a work programme for integrated catchment management, or not to fund a work programme for integrated catchment management.

Rangitāne o Manawatū are in strong support of: *Option 1 – Fund work programme for integrated catchment management* and we must be actively, not tokenistically, a part of that work programme. Rangitāne worldview is based on the holistic principle that all elements are interconnected. Whakapapa and mātauranga Māori inform our understanding of, and connection to the environment, and this whakapapa places us as descendants of the environment they inhabit. It reinforces our identity and a deep connection to our lands.

Extreme weather events are increasing in frequency and intensity with significant impacts to be experienced disproportionately by Māori and lower-income groups within the region. Rangitāne hold particular interest in the Awapuni, Takaro and Highbury suburbs within Palmerston North. As a disproportionately affected area

¹⁵ Horizons Regional Council 2024 – 34 Long-Term Plan Consultation Document, Page 30

prone to flooding with the highest Māori populations with Palmerston North, more attention must be given to the likely impacts of a significant weather events and mitigation. At the same time, we also need to provide more housing for our people so our Māori community can grow and not become disconnected as a result of climate change and natural hazards. It is recommended that ongoing programmes to widen the Mangaone Stream stop banks in lower sections would assist in the reduction of severe impacts caused by extreme weather events, including investment in planting riparian margins and developing wetlands in the upper catchment to hold back water.

Our Expectations

An integrated catchment management programme must:

- Meaningfully and properly reflect the role of Tangata Whenua and thus Rangitāne in planning, design, and implementation of this programme to ensure Rangitāne mātauranga is considered and applied, with particular intensive engagement with us on issues in relation to Palmerston North;
- Prioritise funding applications that will move stop banks back in the lower Mangaone Stream to create more capacity in the system and prioritise riparian planting and wetland creation in the Upper Mangaone Catchment to hold water back;
- Consideration of the IMP must be taken on a day-to-day basis;
- Work collaboratively with PNCC in this space for the betterment of our whenua and waterways;
- Align with Rangitāne o Manawatū understanding of Te Mana o te Wai; and
- Will work with wai instead of against it.

CATCHMENT OPERATIONS

FRESHWATER AND PARTNERSHIPS

Te Mana o te Wai is a fundamental concept underpinning the National Policy for Freshwater Management 2020 (NPS-FM), where the NPS-FM directs all aspects of freshwater management to give effect to Te Mana o te Wai. Under Te Mana o te Wai, Councils must actively involve Rangitāne in decision-making to give effect to the concept as required by Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the Rangitāne o Manawatū Claims Settlement Act (2016)¹⁶.

Horizons must include objectives, policies, and methods within plans to promote positive effects, and avoid, remedy, or mitigate adverse effects, of development on the health and well-being of water bodies, freshwater ecosystems, and receiving environments. In doing so, they must adopt an integrated approach, ki uta ki tai¹⁷, as required by Te Mana o te Wai, recognising the interconnectedness of the whole environment, from the mountains and lakes, rivers, lagoons, estuaries to the sea, and recognise interactions between freshwater, land, waterbodies, ecosystems, and receiving environments.

Our Te Mana o te Wai Statement is:

¹⁶ Rangitāne o Manawatū Claims Settlement Act (2016)

¹⁷ The recognition and management of the interconnectedness of the whole environment, from the mountains, springs and lakes, down to rivers to hāpua (lagoons), groundwater, wāhupū (estuaries) and to the sea.

'The most significant quality that flows through wai is mauri. The mauri is generated throughout the catchment and is carried through the connected tributaries, groundwater, wetlands, and lagoons. It is the most crucial element that binds the physical, traditional, and spiritual elements of all things together, generating, nurturing, and upholding all life, including that of Rangitāne o Manawatū. The health and well-being of Rangitāne is inseparable from the health and well-being of wai. The Manawatū Awa, its catchment, tributaries and connections, wetlands and lagoons are taonga and valued for the traditional abundance of mahinga kai and natural resources' ¹⁸.

Our Te Mana o te Wai objectives must be taken into account by Horizons I and can be viewed within the *Rangitāne o Manawatū Iwi Environmental Management Plan 2021*.

We also believe:

- The main stem of the Manawatū Awa is an Outstanding Waterbody;
- That Māori freshwater values and mātauranga need to be better provided for through Oranga Wai; and
- That people with special mātauranga skills should sit on advisory panels for example in the water allocation space, where currently only western science skills sit on the expert advisory panel.

Despite Government's signalled intention to replace/repeal the NPS-FM, Rangitāne expect Horizons to uphold and respect the values and objectives under our Rangitāne Te Mana o te Wai statement as a te tiriti partner and continue an integrated approach, ki uta ki tai, to restore and enhance the mauri of our wai. We support lodgement of the Oranga Wai plan change as soon as practicable.

Horizons' Freshwater and Partnerships team work to improve aquatic habitat (fish passage and riparian management) in partnership with us in our rohe and water quality (including stream fencing, riparian planting, advice on constructed wetlands and other interventions) and coordinates the Manawatū River Leaders Forum and Te Apiti Governance Group. Key projects for this team include Jobs for Nature projects, Regional Water Quality Improvements, and Manawatū River Water Quality Improvement. Don't do these projects in isolation of us, we have a right to be at the table.

As discussed in the introduction to this submission, TATEC contributes to upholding kaitiakitanga on behalf of Rangitāne; and through the promotion of the health and well-being of our people, the environment, wāhi tapu and taonga, undertakes ecological and cultural monitoring projects, restoration of waterways through planting, weed and pest control, and initiatives to reduce plastics in waterways. Rangitāne must see opportunities for TATEC to partner with the Freshwater & Partnerships Team where appropriate through early engagement during the initial planning stages of projects; specifically, where the Manawatū Awa and tributaries are concerned; Stop seeing us as a contractor and see us at the Tangata Whenua exercising our kaitaki over our whenua and waterways which we have done for over 500 years.

Our Expectations

¹⁸ *Rangitāne o Manawatū Iwi Environmental Management Plan 2021. Page 24.*

- Align planning, policy & operations with Rangitāne understanding of Te Mana o te Wai and Whānau Ora;
- Ensure early and continual engagement with Rangitāne during the initiation, planning and/or policy stage to ensure the Manawatū Awa, its catchment, tributaries and connections, wetlands and lagoons are taonga and valued;
- Prioritise improvement of water quality in the Manawatū Awa, its catchments & tributaries, especially the Mangaone Stream; and
- Positive engagement with TATEC, providing opportunities for partnership in operations of key importance to Rangitāne o Manawatū. Let's do the mahi together.

BIODIVERSITY AND BIOSECURITY

Horizons' Biodiversity Partnerships programme has a goal of '*Empowering communities to reconnect with and improve biodiversity*', which includes the support of Icon Sites (Te Āpiti Manawatū Gorge, Kia wharite predator control, Bushy Park, Pūkaha Mt Bruce and Manawatū Estuary and Tōtara Reserve Regional Park). A significant component of this programme is to support the regional economy through management of pests that can impact on production.

TATEC contributes to upholding kaitiakitanga on behalf of Rangitāne and through the promotion of the health and well-being of our people, the environment, wāhi tapu and taonga. We would like to see opportunities to build a mana-enhancing and mutually beneficial relationship within Horizons' Biodiversity Partnerships Programme that supports outcomes under the IMP.

Our Expectations:

- Strengthen relationship and partnership between Horizons' and TATEC within the Biodiversity space.
- Bring forth a commitment to the LTP budget for resourcing tangata tiaki¹⁹ to work alongside Horizons operational functions. This will promote our kaitiakitanga over our Manawatū Awa, wāhi tapu, and ngāhere spaces. We are not contractors.

SCIENCE AND STRATEGY

INFRASTRUCTURE STRATEGY

Infrastructure must be able to withstand population growth, urban development, resilience to climate change and natural hazards, whilst maintaining essential services in demand. Horizons' Infrastructure Strategy outlines the current condition of Horizons' River and Drainage Scheme assets and includes the approach to managing existing assets and planning for future developments and/or upgrades to existing developments²⁰. It is our position that we must be involved early and consistently to ensure mātauranga is included appropriately and our aspirations and values are provided for. We would also like these programs to respond to our concerns.

¹⁹ Kaitiaki, Guardian. Includes the process and practices of protecting and monitoring the environment (Kaitiakitanga)

²⁰ Horizons Regional Council 2024 – 34 Long-Term Plan Consultation Document, Page 50

As a part of the Infrastructure Strategy, Horizons will be conducting a regional flood vulnerability assessment to assess the relative risk in the towns within the region. Rangitāne expect early engagement in discussions of these assessments in order to fulfil our obligations of complete kaitiakitanga over our lands, water and taonga. We are very concerned about the flooding risk in western Palmerston North, the location of our iwi infrastructure, our Māori community and our vulnerable communities. We would like to work with Horizons to respond to this risk. We see the need to also work with PNCC collaboratively in this space.

Additionally, Rangitāne o Manawatū have interests in gravel as a resource and its management. Our awa are dynamic in their behaviour and we must work with wai, not against it. Excessive extraction of gravel from our awa risks the starvation of sediment required to uphold the mauri of our wai. We support the Oroua and Pohangina planning programs that seek a more sustainable management regime for the future, we need a similar approach for the main stem of the Manawatū Awa. For too long, commercial charlatans have made money out of Awa and it's a disgrace.

Horizons have identified seven key long-term infrastructure issues within the Long-Term Plan which considers options and preferred responses to these issues under *'Table 1: Key Infrastructure Issues for the 2024 – 54 Infrastructure Strategy, preferred responses, some of the advantages and disadvantages and the impact on the Long-term Plan'*²¹. The key issues have been identified as:

1. Affordability of River Management and Flood Protection Activity;
2. Responding to the impact of climate change and natural disasters;
3. Delivering capital programme works to increase resilience to climate change impacts;
4. Planning for financial implications of natural hazard events;
5. Maintaining existing assets and understanding our asset condition and maintenance requirements;
6. Achieving environmental, regulatory, and other performance expectations; and
7. Merging the River Management and Flood Protection Activity into an integrated catchment management approach.

These are issues that directly affect us. We are first line responders for our community in emergency situations and have responsibility to advocate for investment to protect our most vulnerable people. We are responsible for ensuring a Māori voice can be heard in decision making and investment because ultimately it is our Māori community and lower socio-economic community that will suffer the most as a result.

Our Expectations

In response to the key issues as above mentioned, our position is:

- A regional assessment of relative flood vulnerability is conducted in partnership with us with special focus to the current infrastructure, or lack thereof, within disproportionately affected areas around Palmerston North;

²¹ Horizons Regional Council 2024 – 34 Long-Term Plan, *'Table 1: Key Infrastructure Issues for the 2024 – 54 Infrastructure Strategy, preferred responses, some of the advantages and disadvantages and the impact on the Long-term Plan'*. Page 21 – 26.

- Ensure equitable development of assets for flood protection for areas which are not included within the Capital Programme, e.g. communities in Ashhurst;
- Prioritise an 'integrated catchment management' approach (prioritising green solutions and giving rivers room to move), ki uta ki tai, when making decisions on future capital programme updates & development of assets;
- Ensure connection across council programs (for example the Biodiversity Programme) to areas of greatest risk and disproportionately affected areas, to increase resilience and reduce risk;
- Ensure early and continual Rangitāne engagement when developing, reviewing & conducting maintenance where the Manawatū Awa and its tributaries are involved;
- Rangitāne support the development of an Integrated Catchment Management Project & expect to sit with Horizons Regional Council in the initiation, planning and implementation stages adequately resourced of this to ensure inequities for Māori do not become perpetuated in planning;
- Facilitate resources to investigate a 'room for river' approach for River Scheme Management for the Mangaone Stream;
- Facilitation for resources should include iwi engagement to ensure the protection of the mauri of our Awa;
- We want to work with Horizons to develop a model whereby the income from gravel extraction is tagged to help improve the environment and to support to build up the capacity for our environmental team;
- Iwi businesses should not have to pay for gravel, it's our te tiriti right to be able access it in a sustainable way. It's a disgrace that third parties have made millions out of our Awa then left it in a poor state;
- We want notification of every piece of mahi happening in our Awa and want to work with Horizons around how that can happen. RMA notifications are no good; and
- Bring forth a commitment to the LTP budget for resourcing Tangata Tiaki to work alongside Horizons operational functions. This will promote our kaitiakitanga over our Manawatū Awa, wāhi tapu, and ngāhere spaces. We are not contractors we are the tangata whenua and Horizons has a te tiriti obligation to work with us.

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE & REPORTING

Horizons seek to introduce the following new roles to the Science and Environmental Reporting Team²²:

2024-25	Three new roles to support work programmes around wetlands, lakes, estuaries, and community science. <i>*One of those roles should sit with us which we hold the contract for.</i>
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²² Horizons Regional Council 2024 – 34 Long-Term Plan Consultation Document. Page 24.

2025-26	Three new roles to ensure legislative requirements regarding wetland mapping under the NPSFM & additional support to the biodiversity and biosecurity work. <i>*One of these roles should sit with us and we hold the contract for.</i>
2026 -27	Additional roles to support the development and implementation of mātauranga Māori and monitoring.

Implementation of additional roles, not just within Horizons, but funded by Horizons and sitting with us, to support the development and implementation of mātauranga Māori and monitoring should be either earlier prioritised or implemented alongside the roles to support work programmes & legislative requirements as to ensure the protection of Rangitāne aspirations and values in line with the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi, Rangitāne o Manawatū Settlement Act (2016), and objectives under the IMP. We think all people being hired for roles within Council should have a minimum competency in Te Tiriti and understanding mātauranga.

Our Expectations

- Prioritise earlier implementation of additional roles within Horizons to support the development and implementation of mātauranga Māori and monitoring;
- Horizons funds roles to sit with us to grow the te tiriti partnership; and
- We obtain support from horizons to organise a transfer of powers under section 33 of the Resource Management Act to monitor our taiao.

TRANSPORT AND REGIONAL SERVICES

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Horizons deliver a range of emergency management services across the region; Horizons are the Administering Authority for the Manawatū-Whanganui Civil Defence Emergency Management Group (CDEM) which is made up of eight local authorities in the region. Responsibilities also include staffing the Group Emergency Coordination Centre.

Rangatiratanga, a principle extracted by the High Court from the Waitangi Tribunal and Supreme Court decisions and incorporated into the Resource Management context, recognises iwi and hapū rights to manage resources or kaitiakitanga over their ancestral lands and waters.

Our Expectations

- Horizons support Te Hotu Manawa O Rangitāne o Manawatū marae to further develop their emergency response systems and enable their delivery, recognising that Māori are the best service providers for Māori;

- Rangitāne have a representative on Horizons Emergency Response & CDEM teams, training, and delivery. This person can then help coordinate joint emergency response systems and training in Palmerston North;
- Rangitāne hold a chapter in Civil Defence and Emergency Plans; and
- We participate in Civil Defence and Emergency Training operations with Horizons teams.

TRANSPORT PLANNING AND SERVICES.

Rangitāne strongly support the implementation of a network of shared use pathways (SUPs) developed in partnership with us across the region to connect communities, connect people back to the environment, and to encourage more sustainable modes of transport which will support community well-being, safety and equitable access to transport and infrastructure. We favour the alignment of SUPs with waterways because of the powerful reconnection to the place and wai this brings to people.

Our Expectations

- Prioritise support for those implementing SUP's that connect communities throughout the region;
- Involve Rangitāne in the design and development;
- Draw on Rangitāne experience delivering SUPs in partnership for the benefit of our communities and cultural reconnection to wai;
- Involve Iwi businesses in the procurement opportunities of projects in this space; and
- Prioritise support for alignment of SUPs with waterways.

I SEEK THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATION OR DECISION FROM THE HORIZONS REGIONAL COUNCIL

Amend and retain the 2024 - 34 Long-Term Plan based on the reasons and expectations set out in my submission.

I wish to be heard in support of this submission.

This submission has been sent to Horizons Regional Council by email to haveyoursay@horizons.govt.nz

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**Danielle Harris O.N.Z.M, LLB, PGDipBusAdmin
Chief Executive Officer**

Date: 19 April 2024

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

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

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Which option do you prefer?

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

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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.

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Which option do you prefer?

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

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Which option do you prefer?

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

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Which option do you prefer?

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

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Which option do you prefer?

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

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

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I support the proposed policy changes for 2024.

Q19 Give us your thoughts:

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Q20 Your name

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Carla Donson

Q21 Organisation:

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Carla Donson

Q27 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.

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Which option do you prefer?

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Option 2: Levin-only public transport services.

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Which option do you prefer?

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

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Which option do you prefer?

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

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Summarised comments/sentiment:

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Which option do you prefer?

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

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I would like to see earlier delivery of these services if possible. The Tide was able to be successfully set up quickly.

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I sometimes have to travel from Whanganui to Wellington for work and having a public transport service through to Waikanae to connect into the train network would be a great additional travel option. It would also be good longer

term for Horizons to look at connecting regional bus services from Whanganui through to Hawera (timed to link with the existing Hawera to New Plymouth service as well) to connect South Taranaki to the city better.

Q16 Which option do you prefer?

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

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Rob Carr

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The AFKP Trust congratulates Horizons Regional Council on the production of the draft plan consultation document and we note our general agreement with the approach taken and the priorities identified. However, we wish to submit that the specific issue of the rapidly spreading pest plant *Phragmites karka* needs to be addressed in the LTP and urgent action taken to educate the public it exists, and increase efforts to understand how to eradicate or contain this pest. It is our submission that this pest plant has the potential to jeopardise and undermine aspects of the vision, 1, 2, & 3 strategic priorities community outcomes identified in the Strategic framework for the LTP. (pages 7-10)

Which option do you prefer?

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

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Which option do you prefer?

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Summarised comments/sentiment:

These need to be increased to the maximums as this weed is known to compromise maintenance activities and block channels. Both increase risks to land, property, and infrastructure in flooding incidents.

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Which option do you prefer?

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Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

We are recommending there be an increase in spending to fresh water jobs for nature type activity with a changed focus to include activities targeted at *Phragmites karka* management. This can be supported financially under Option one page 8 points 3 & 4.

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Bessie Nicholls

Q21 Organisation:

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Bessie Nicholls

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Single Checkbox

Yes

Q28 Tick your preferred speaking session.

Multi Choice

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

Multi Choice In-person

Q30 **I will speak in**

Multi Choice English

Q31 **File upload**

File Upload https://haveyoursay.horizons.govt.nz/download_file/408



Have your Say

Horizons Regional Council Long Term Plan consultation 2024

Awahuri Forest Kitchener Park Trust submission

Contact details

Bessie Nicholls- Trustee

Awahuri Forest Kitchener Park Trust

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Signature

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Date 20/04/2024

I would like to speak to my submission in person

Preferred speaking sessions in order

1. Palmerston North- 2nd May 9.30 am to 12.30pm
2. Palmerston North- 2nd May 1.15pm to 5.00pm
3. Palmerston North- 1st May 1.00 pm to 8,00pm

**Background pages 2-6, - The submitting entity, the plant Phragmites Karka,
ecosystems spread, ecosystem destruction processes, Research and development**

LTP Consultation issues 7-10

Awahuri Forest Kitchener Park Trust submission to the Horizons Regional Council 2024-34 Long- term Plan (LTP)

The AFKP Trust congratulates Horizons Regional Council on the production of the draft plan consultation document and we note our general agreement with the approach taken and the priorities identified.

However, we wish to submit that the specific issue of the rapidly spreading pest plant *Phragmites karka* needs to be addressed in the LTP and urgent action taken to educate the public it exists, and increase efforts to understand how to eradicate or contain this pest. It is our submission that this pest plant has the potential to jeopardise and undermine aspects of the vision, 1, 2, & 3 strategic priorities community outcomes identified in the Strategic framework for the LTP. (pages 7-10)

Awahuri Forest/Kitchener Park Trust the submitting entity

Awahuri Forest Kitchener Park Trust (AFKP Trust) is charitable Trust and the Council Controlled organisation of Manawatu District Council responsible for care and restoration of the listed ScenicA reserve Awahuri Forest Kitchner Park (AFKP) just outside of the Manawatu town Feilding.

For four years the AFKP Trust has been battling and researching management methods to control the rapid invasion and forest destruction from *Phragmites karka*. In the last two years this research effort has been supported with a grant contribution \$80 thousand dollars from Horizons Regional council spread over two years. This grant comes to an end in June 2024. (2 months away). We have been looking at the impact of the plant, its structure, propagation processes, geographical spread, diverse ecosystem behaviours, along with mechanisms of spread and researched plant control methods. (Safe disposal of *Phragmites karka* plant materials has not yet been focused on)

As the original AFKP Trust pre Horizons support trials started to indicate we potentially had a mechanism to assist in managing this weed in sensitive sites we partnered with MPI and then Kauwhata iwi to support management of scaled up delivery. They have now developed into a skilled front line management team as well. This team has been integral to being able to scale up into larger trial sites.

The R&D delivery then expanded this summer to activities outside of the contracted R&D. We have used the R&D knowledge plus Kauwhata delivery teams to support the

local Horizons River engineer with paid contracted work to try to manage the stream bed of the Makino up and down stream of AFKP. The Makino stream has significant continuous infestations of stop banks. This prevents the engineers from doing visual stop bank integrity checks putting the integrity at risk. Unfortunately, the stop banks are not the only part of the infestation. The channel itself is being compromised in areas as this weed builds land, *Phragmites karka* now clearly an existing flood management issue for the region.

***Phragmites karka*. The plant**

Background

The plant is a robust, herbaceous, perennial grass producing somewhat woody reeds that can be 1-10 metres tall and reeds 15-25mm in diameter from an extensive, creeping rhizome. Above the ground the plant can produce large areas of densely compacted reed growth that exclude most other plants and below the ground a mass of intertwined and rapidly expanding rhizomes choking and starving other herbaceous root structures. It is believed 25%-30% of the plant only is visible above ground.

In NZ the plant was first noted and identified at Tangimoana estuary in 2006. At that site it was already very well established indicating it had been present for some time and was not a recent introduction to that ecosystem. Initially in 2006 it was confused with the similar plant *Phragmites australis* which is a National Interest Pest plant managed by Biosecurity New Zealand under the National Interest Pest Responses programme. To this day in contrast *Phragmites karka* is not a listed weed nationally or in any region except Auckland where it was identified to be present in around 2011.

In AFKP there was a rapidly expanding reed engulfing and choking mature trees, covering the streambanks, and creating huge patches of an impenetrable monoculture across the forest. It was formally identified in 2019 as *Phragmites Karka*. Until MPI biosecurity formally identified it we were being informed by Horizons it was either a bamboo or the reed *Arundo donax*.

In AFKP the plant has rapidly spread from the banks of the Makino stream into the reserve and adjoining land. The spread is a result of two mechanisms the first being the rhizome can grow up to 7 meters a year. This is plant expansion. The second and potentially the most devastating mechanism for infestation is because AFKP floods naturally as it is a lowland/wetland forest on a flood plain. Any broken piece of rhizome or reed from the waterways can establish new plants so long as moisture is available. **A significant portion of the Horizons region is also lowland and flood plains therefore, when tracking downstream water borne infestations, we also need to consider flood plain management to identify infestations and risk areas.**

The failure to acknowledge this plant as a weed is a contributory factor to the increased recent spread of the weed. No one knows what it is. Many think it is bamboo. No prevention activities or awareness raising for many years has allowed unchecked and unrecorded expansion to the point it is potentially well past eradication and containment is going to be a significant highly expensive challenge for the region and eventually the whole of NZ.

Phragmites karka Ecosystems and spread

The damage being done to large swathes of our environment within the Horizon Region is obvious and significant. *Phragmites karka* is now found from Whanganui city down into Kapiti in upper Greater Wellington region. It is found in multiple ecosystems; - Streams, rivers, bogs, drains, wetlands, forests, paddocks/farmland, roadsides/verges, urban properties, sand dunes and in the last 18 months it is now appearing on the beaches from Whangaehu River estuary down to Foxton. It is found in salt, brackish and fresh water sites. It is also found in non-water sites. This weed only needs a fragment of reed or rhizomes and some moisture to establish and when established it can and does survive in dryer pieces of land as well as water.

The Auckland Region also has *Phragmites karka* infestations. They are to date the only region who have listed this a weed in their region and have had a weed management plan in to manage this weed since 2012.

The Auckland infestations are not water borne. As this weed flowers very infrequently and to date no viable seed has been found in NZ we know this weed only spreads through vegetative processes. Auckland spread can only be presumed to be human activity sourced. In Horizons Regions infestations are predominantly water borne, but increasingly as awareness is being spread numbers of isolated non waterway sites are being found. We can only conclude from the random sites in Horizons region and Auckland situation this weed spread is both water borne and a result of human activity. Some sites indicate this spread is from contaminated soil and river shingle being used in infrastructure activities.

In summary in the Horizons Region there is an estimated 63 kilometres in three river systems contaminated by *Phragmites karka*. In addition, there is an estimated 50km of coastline plus approximately 20 random unconnected sites across the region. The biggest concern in the river systems is the Makino/Oroua infestation has the furthest inland source of infestation. We believe this has now spread 33 kilometres downstream and is now only 8 kilometres from the Manawatu River confluence. If the information we have been given about this infestation being 3.5 Kms long in 2015 we potentially have a significant issue looming with its spread into the Manawatu River. (over 3km Spread per year)

Ecosystem destruction processes and risks

Because *Phragmites karka* is so adaptable, spreads rapidly is resilient in multiple environments and ecosystems its global risks are significant. It is causing economic harm in our waterways now that will only increase that will only increase in time.

The tall impenetrable swathe of weeds obscures the banks of waterways. River and stream sides and channels cannot be inspected for integrity and repair work. Because *Phragmites karka* has the tendency build land it is now encroaching into channels in at least two waterways. Emergency work needs to be done to try and clear this before winter rains and high flows of our streams and rivers start.

The water spread down the Makino into the Oroua is now only about 8km before the Manawatu River confluence spillways and floods mitigation work is at risk from this weed. Once in the Manawatu River the RAMSAR site at Foxton is at risk. The RAMSAR site is also at increasing risk of seashore infestations being swept in during storms surges etc. What is the impact ultimately be on this site and our other environmental activities within NZ?

Road sides infestations expand into drains and verges. In some road side sites new reeds are piecing the roadside shingle. In one site reeds were noted to pierce the tar seal itself. Can this weed destabilise our roads adding to the roading infrastructure costs.

AFKP a ScenicA reserve is still at risk of being destroyed along with any other waterside reserves and swampland becoming contaminated and destroyed.

Infested stop banks are also spreading infestations into farm lands. In most instances this is being unnoticed as livestock eat the new shoots. But the rhizomes continue to expand across the paddocks unhindered. What ultimately is the cost to the farmer. Will his/her land be devalued at some point in the future. Paddocks have also randomly been infested, by we think, contaminated materials being introduced through infrastructure activities.

Urban back yards have infestations were concrete slabs and paths are being lifted, broken and destroyed. Lawns and gardens are also being infested and householders are clearing and removing materials and dumping in local composts etc. It is known one dwelling has had *Phragmites karka* grow up through its floorboards into the home itself from infestations that have come onto their land from the nearby stream. (Less than 10M from the channel)

Private land whether being rural or urban is mandated to be the responsibility of the land owner. In the case of *Phragmites karka* infestation some land owners could start asking questions about where the accountability really sits if there is undisputable

evidence the spread has come from public land under the responsibility of the councils regional and local and no one being given any information of risk from this weed.

Because this is not a listed weed not many people even know this is a weed frequently confusing it with Bamboo. This means infrastructures contractors are seemingly transporting this without being aware either on machinery or in contaminated soils and river shingle. Private citizens have cut and removed phragmites to use as pea and tomato stakes etc in their gardens. Home owners have taken phragmites to the local transfer stations with other compostable materials. We do not yet know if regular composting methods kill the rhizomes. We think not at this stage based on our work and international experience.

Research and Development to date.

Over the first two years of unsupported R&D AFKP had a series of small plot experimentations in trying to Manage *Phragmites karka*. Two very non-traditional methods showed some promise and had led to the possibility that there may be a management method that could be looked at for more serious larger site trials. Over the last two years with the \$80 thousand dollars grant support from HRC the AFKP Trust has refined this into a relatively effective, although highly expensive, control methodology. This method known as snip and drip is designed for the sensitivities of the AFKP sites and waterways and water infected ecosystems across Horizons region. **We are very aware of the magnitude of existing infestations and potential costs to manage *Phragmites karka* through this snip and drip method across all waterways is prohibitive and intensely labour intensive.** We need to take the concepts behind this refine with more cost-efficient methodology.

Since 2012 Auckland region has used more traditional cut and spray techniques with toxic chemicals, we cannot use in most of our sensitive water borne infested ecosystems. They have over this long intervention period shown the weakening of the infestation and achieved containment but, need to continue this process two to three times a year. There is a possibility from Auckland's experience and the new techniques used in AFKP could create a two-stage process that works and is less cost prohibitive. Stage one is weakening the plant then to use snip and drip to eradicate the plant. This why the R&D needs to continue for at least another four years and the gains made to date must not be lost.

Phragmites karka is not a listed weed under the Horizons or greater Wellington regions. Nor is it acknowledged Nationally as a weed. The biodiversity community and public have no information on the *Phragmites karka* weed, or understanding of the risks and in some instances in ignorance are contributing to the spread. To start awareness AFKPT initiated a media campaign and hosted a workshop for targeted parties on 25th March. This submission is one of the outcomes recommended from that workshop. This

submission is also part of the raising awareness campaign that has been initiated with two media articles already in the public arena.

Our firm view is that the Horizons Regional Council has a very limited time opportunity to contain this plant before impacts and control costs will overwhelm their proposed Council's values, strategic priorities and community outcomes.

Specific comments on the issues highlighted in the plan.

1. Legislative requirements.

The draft LTP document states that HRC is required to draft a revised Regional Pest Management Plan by September 2027 and \$650,000 plus staff time during the life of the LTP is identified for this action.

It is our understanding that the legislation does **not** require an action of this extent. Under S.100c of the Biosecurity Act 1993 the Council's current plan does not terminate until 2037. S.100d of the Act requires Council to initiate a review of the Plan should it not have been reviewed as a whole more than 10 years previously. The Act is silent on the time frame to **complete** a review.

The National Policy Direction for Pest Management 2015 requires that "intermediate outcomes" for individual pest management programmes be identified in the Plan and that timeframes be identified for those outcomes. We suggest that, before a full review of the plan is started, Council should review the progress towards the intermediate outcome for each pest subject. This would be an essential precursor to the completion of a full review before 2037.

In our opinion the staged review of progress to intermediate outcomes, commenced before 2027, would satisfy S.100d of the Act and could be undertaken largely "in house". The proposed \$650,000 could then be better applied to addressing the threat of *Phragmites karka*. A full review of the Pest Management Plan could then be finalised in the period 2035 -2037.

2. Recommendations

Option one

We submit that Council should utilise \$440,000 of the funds plus staff time identified in the table on page 23 of the proposed plan for the following actions;

1. \$120,000 to maintain the research and development programme initiated by the AFKP Trust for a further 24 months to consolidate the research outcomes and until a more long-term solution is found plus:- (Includes Kauwhata and MPI arrangements.)
 2. \$20,000 to disseminate the research outcomes to other Councils and Bio-Security NZ and to promote the adoption of *Phragmites karka* as a National Interest Pest Plant by Bio-Security New Zealand.
 3. \$100,000 to support River Management work to remove/reduce infestations of *Phragmites karka* from critical and effected flood control infrastructure.
 4. \$200,000 to establish an eradication programme for *Phragmites karka* in sites where downstream spread is highly likely and community outcomes are directly threatened.
 5. Staff time to develop small-scale pest management plans for *Phragmites karka* in each of the affected major catchments in the Region (Manawatu, Makino, Oroua, Rangitikei, Whangaehu and coastlines.)
- Cost internal

Option two

Horizons utilise \$320,000 of the fund and support AFKP Trust **with** \$60k per year for the next two years through the biodiversity funds to continue the current research programme and scale up trials in partnership with Kauwhata and MPI.

This would also be in conjunction with this Horizons taking the steps 2-5 in option one

(In time this research will hopefully be integrated into a wider national approach and not be lead by a community environmental group)

To wait to 2037 to address this under the Horizons weed management plan is too late in our view. We have declining levels of recovery and management the longer we leave this. We have observed localised expansion and spread to new ecosystems e.g. 50 kilometres of beaches and coastlines and if, as we believe the spread down the Makino/Oroua in 9 years is has been 28 kilometres' is true we need to have some immediate remedial processes and practises in place. The longer we leave this the greater increase in risks, and environmental costs to objectives.

Other increased Risks and Increased Costs in relation to the Consultation Document points

a. Question 2 -Issue 1= Responding to legislative requirements -level of Service for highly productive land. Page 27 consultation document

Whatever choice is selected for mapping highly productive land and urban dwellings need to be protected. *Phragmites karka* is already encroaching onto productive land and urban spaces. No work has been done to understand or define what these impacts may or may not be as these encroachments and impacts increase over time. E.G will productive land be devalued in the future because of *Phragmites Karka* infestations. Will the farmer have to be responsible for land devaluation and potential restricted land use caused by something they currently know nothing about and have no control over when the contaminated sources are adjacent rivers and stream. Is the urban house holder responsible for their land and property devaluation as *Phragmites karka* invades their property destroying gardens paths etc and even growing up through their homes. The Horizons Council policy, like most councils, is they are not responsible for private land and property, but will they be held accountable in the future if it is evident they contributed through inertia and silences to the public having devalued properties. It raises the issue is Horizons being a good neighbour by being silent.

b. Question 3-Issue 2 =Planning for the Future. Page 30 Consultation Document

Reduce all riparian planting and fencing spend to the lowest level possible and specifically target where supported activities take place. All riparian planting and fencing are at risk in waterways that are adjacent to or downstream of *Phragmites karka* infestations. *P. karka* has no respect for fences and creates monocultures that replace any indigenous plantings. It does not enhance native flora and fauna life cycles and blocks channels. Any riparian plantings becoming infested with *P.Karka* are wasted investment for all parties. To date three of the four significant water way infestations are in the lower reaches of the rivers. One the Makino/Oroua is at this point the waterway that has the greatest risk to new riparian plantings and this risk extends to the lower Manawatu. If any other water way becomes infested it creates the same risks to riparian planting and fencing activities compounded by adjacent productive land becoming impacted.

Note for the Makino infestation, that includes the Oroua river, and potentially lower Manawatu River, Moutoa floodgates and spill way and the Manawatu Estuary RAMSAR site. We have also recently observed fragments of the plant establishing on the high

tide beach line suggesting that the plant will be able to spread into sand dune wetlands as well. Downstream spread is exacerbated during flood events as mobilised rhizome and reed fragments will be distributed well away from normal water channels, or into previously uninfected paddocks and wetlands.

c. Question 4-Issue 3a =Update to our operational areas- increase to river management insurances.

These need to be increased to the maximums as this weed is known to compromise maintenance activities and block channels. Both increase risks to land, property, and infrastructure in flooding incidents.

d. Question 5 -Issue 3b =Updates to our operational areas -reduced levels of service to freshwater activity Page 34 of Consultation document

We are recommending there be an increase in spending to fresh water jobs for nature type activity with a changed focus to include activities targeted at *Phragmites karka* management. This can be supported financially under Option one page 8 points 3 &4.

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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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My personal perspective on the transport proposals for the long term plan is that option 1 would give by far the best outcome. I am legally blind, live alone and have been using the outer Castlecliff bus service as my primary means of transport to the city for the past twenty five years. While the current service is adequate and allows me to do things like visiting my elderly mother who lives at Kowhainui rest home by changing to the St John's bus from town, I'm sure a more frequent service particularly to that area would make rest home visiting for people who no longer drive but have family members living in care a much more flexible and viable option. Personally I would like to see more late services, especially Saturdays when so many community and entertainment events go well beyond 4 pm which is currently the last bus from town which means for some people they either don't attend or are faced with a fairly prohibitive taxi fare which to the outer parts of town are still considerable even with a mobility card discount. As for Sundays I think any modern city should be able to offer its residents some form of public transport option albeit maybe at a reduced level to other days. Thankyou for the chance to express my views

Regards
Dave Hessel

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

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Dave Hessel

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David Rex Hessel

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19th April, 2024

LandSAR Ruapehu
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Support from Ruapehu LandSAR for the Land Search and Rescue NZ submission to the Horizons Regional Council Long-Term Plan 2024-34.

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....).

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.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

Peter Panton

Secretary / treasurer

Ruapehu LandSAR

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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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It's vital not to lose productive land to building or much reduced agricultural use.

Which option do you prefer?

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

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From the whio to the godwits - the management of catchments including the Whanganui and the Manawatu must be managed in a sustainable, co-ordinated way.

Which option do you prefer?

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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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No insurance cover would be enough for the whole of a catastrophic event, but it needs to be as comprehensive as financially feasible.

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

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This work is essential to continue - still unfenced and unplanted riparian areas to protect, and wetlands to nurture and increase. Given the government's rollback on protection for nature, this work has become even more important.

Which option do you prefer?

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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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The Tide is great, my daughter's family uses it a lot. Personal plea, please extend to Delhi Ave!!! And while not budgeted for, the reinstatement of a passenger rail service from New Plymouth-Whanganui-Wellington, and a branch line using the Longburn line to Palmerston North, would be tremendous. My Whanganui daughter and family, and public transport advocate from Whanganui, Anthonie Tonnon, all strongly support this.

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

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Wider, more frequent connections between Levin, Waitarere, Shannon and Foxton including the beach would be great for workers, students, shoppers and people visiting friends and family. A regular extension to Otaki and Waikanae connecting with metro rail services, and to Palmerston North, would make it much easier to get Wellington and PN - quite a few people working in, or visiting for various reasons, in Wellington now drive to Waikanae to go to the capital.

Q14**Which option do you prefer?**

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

Q15**Summarised comments/sentiment:**

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My sentiments covered in comments in previous sections.

One to add though - I don't know the current status of the Capital Connection under the new government but the planned increase to the frequency needs to be carried through. Manawatu, Horowhenua and Kapiti would all benefit greatly from a similar quality of service to the Wairarapa line.

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

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This is a clear, concise and easy feedback form - and explanatory sections. Thank you staff and councillors.

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Janice Swanwick

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19 April 2024

Nico Fournier

RARO - Ruapehu Alpine Rescue Organisation



As a volunteer and committee member for the Ruapehu Alpine Rescue Organisation, I want to support the Land Search and Rescue NZ submission to the Horizons Regional Council Long-Term Plan 2024-34 to provide financial support to the seven Land Search and Rescue groups in the Horizons region.

Across the country, each \$1 funded by the national government provides a \$606 return through our volunteers and organisation, illustrating the incredible value in investing in Search and Rescue.

The Ruapehu region 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.

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....).

Horizons Regional Council undoubtedly faces financial challenges in a post Covid environment. Yet a modest contribution from ratepayers will support the efforts of community-based emergency services volunteers with a 606 to 1 return, and support the provision of a safety net for our communities, residents and visitors when doing what they love in the Manawatu/Whanganui region.

Best regards

Nico Fournier

RARO volunteer and Committee member

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I believe that Horizons should be educating people to clear gutters and storm water drains. This would be an on going matter.

This time of the year April and May the leaves of trees are falling. Educate people telling them that there is a lot of goodness in leaves, leaves that should go in compost bins at different layers. Another way is to trench the leaves. By the time spring arrives they would be broken down and rotted. Over winter worms come up and eat this taking them down to eat.

Leaves that are no good the compost bins -

Black walnut: this tree contains juglone which can stunt growth in other plants.

Horse chestnut: This tree contains esculin which can cause stomach issues.

Oak: These are very acidic and some do not grow well in acid environments and also contain high levels of lignin.

Holly: Also contains a high level of lignin, and also is lower in other nutrients so the resulting compost will not be beneficial.

Eucalyptus: contains allelopathic chemicals which inhibit the healthy growth of other plants.

Activators for composts are few and horse manure also Blood & Bone. Horse manure which is weathered and dry is excellent. Commercial activator can be purchased.

Governments spend a lot of money but spend little on getting rid of much. Deciduous leaves that can be used in several ways, Mulching

is an excellent way.
also Bamboo, Flax or Cabbage is best to avoid
due to either the length of time they take to
decompose or because they may contain
chemicals that are harmful to other plants.
I think for new suburbs planting of ever-
greens that flower most of the year is far better.
There are three things in life that we cannot
get away from:-

James Death and Rubbish so we have
to make rubbish work for us
Maybe the Local Government Commission
would be interested in this idea for distribution
around the country

Yours faithfully,
Alistair Cameron

19/4/24

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

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Option 3: Remain with current service levels.

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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, our service centres and local libraries.

An electronic version of this form can be found at 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.

1

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.



PREFERRED
OPTION

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Option 3

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

Summarised comments/sentiment:

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.



PREFERRED
OPTION

☐

Option 2

Do not fund work programme for integrated catchment management.

Summarised comments/sentiment:



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.



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.



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:

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.



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:



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.



Option 2

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



Option 3

Remain with current service levels.



**PREFERRED
OPTION**

Summarised comments/sentiment:

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.



Option 2

Levin only public transport services.



**PREFERRED
OPTION**

Summarised comments/sentiment:



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.

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Option 1 - Council's preferred option

New and improved regional services.



**PREFERRED
OPTION**

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Option 2

New and improved regional services (smaller scale).

Summarised comments/sentiment:

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.

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Option 1 - Council's preferred option

Changing fee structure for water meters to 100% user pays.



**PREFERRED
OPTION**

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Option 2

Continue to fund water meters from the Science budget.

Summarised comments/sentiment:



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

10

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:

Probably a good idea to change
investment revenue to off set UAGC
from general rate.

Additional comments:

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

I would love to see a rule, where if a previous land owner has spent time, money & chemicals to get rid of plant pests, especially goose, that a subsequent owner is obliged to deal with the subsequent regrowth that always occurs, especially goose, & not allow the land to be covered with that plant pest again.

HAVE
YOUR SAY

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.**

- Our preferred option is for submissions to be made online at **haveyoursay.horizons.govt.nz**
- Or, by emailing your submission to **haveyoursay@horizons.govt.nz**
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, Manawatū Mail Centre, Palmerston North
- Or, by dropping it off to one of our service centres in Whanganui, Woodville, Marton and Palmerston North

Ngā pitopito matawhaiaro

Contact details

Name: A. Jones

Organisation:

Address:

Email:

Signature:

- ☐ 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.

☐ Whanganui - 29 April - morning (9:30am - 12:30pm, in person only)

☐ 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:

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?

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Multi Choice

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Q13

Long Text

Q14

Multi Choice

Q15

Long Text

Q16 Which option do you prefer?

Multi Choice

Q17 Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

I am generally in favour of the user pays principle, but only if the fee charged is fair. In our case, with 8 consented bores, this will result in a massive cost increase. I do not see how Horizons can justify a fee of \$6000 for monitoring these consents which are all on one farm. Do we see Horizons here?... very infrequently and not for long, so the bulk of that cost will be someone's office time I presume. Now that is a lot of office time! And I guess the telemmetry costs something to install but once installed, maintenance appears to be minimal. Originally we were told that the consent fees largely went to research..... what has happened so that research is apparently subsidising monitoring?

Q18 Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

Q19 Give us your thoughts:

Long Text

Q20 Your name

Short Text

Bruce Cave

Q21 Organisation:

Short Text

Seafield Dairy P/s

Q22 Address

Short Text

Q23 Postcode

Short Text

Q24 Email address

Email

Q25 Phone number

Telephone

Q26 E-signature

Short Text

Bruce Cave

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

Single Checkbox

Q28 Tick your preferred speaking session.

Multi Choice

Q29 How do you want to speak?

Multi Choice

Q30 I will speak in

Multi Choice

Q31

File upload

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Q1

Long Text

Summarised contents/sentiment:

I want to just have my say about all the trees on my street with really big seeds that are so annoying. They block gutters and are a hindrance for prams and Walkers on the foot path. There have been previous complaints and petitions about this but it would be really good if they were removed once and for all.

This is Bendigo Street.

Thank you

Q2

Multi Choice

Which option do you prefer?

Q3

Long Text

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

Q4

Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q5

Long Text

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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Summarised comments/sentiment:

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Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

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Multi Choice

Q15 Summarised comments/sentiment:

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Q16 Which option do you prefer?

Multi Choice

Q17 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 Bethany Wilson

Q21 Organisation:

Short Text

Q22 Address

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Q23 Postcode

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Short Text Bethany Wilson

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Summarised contents/sentiment:

The Manuwatū-Whanganui region needs greater connectivity. Please improve transport and create an affordable, low emissions way to travel between Wellington and Whanganui

Q2

Multi Choice

Which option do you prefer?

Q3

Long Text

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

Q4

Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

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Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

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Summarised comments/sentiment:

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Which option do you prefer?

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Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

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Which option do you prefer?

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Multi Choice

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

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q11

Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

Q12

Multi Choice

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

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q13

Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

Q14

Multi Choice

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

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q15

Long Text

Q16 Which option do you prefer?

Multi Choice

Q17 Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

Q18 Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

Q19 Give us your thoughts:

Long Text

Q20 Your name

Short Text
Linda Joy

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
Linda

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Q28 Tick your preferred speaking session.

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

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

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Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

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Which option do you prefer?

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Summarised comments/sentiment:

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Which option do you prefer?

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Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

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Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

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Summarised comments/sentiment:

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Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

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

Q14

Multi Choice

Q15 Summarised comments/sentiment:

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

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Long Text

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Vincent Mangiante

Q21 Organisation:

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