

**Long Term Plan 2024-2034**  
**Submissions #331-360**

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**Q1 Summarised contents/sentiment:**

Long Text

No environmental, social, or cultural outcomes can be achieved without a thriving local economy. A thriving, prosperous region has many choices. Punishing the region's productive sector with cost and regulation will ensure non of these outcomes are achieved. Consulting with only those who will give you the answers that you want will give only poor outcomes and division.

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

**Q5 Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Long Text

Much of this work is already been done by catchment groups. These groups have not been consulted. Surely outcomes would be better dealing with those who manage our catchments every day for much less cost. It is not the time for expensive unproven ideas.

**Q6 Which option do you prefer?**

Multi Choice

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

**Q7 Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Long Text

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

**Q8 Which option do you prefer?**

Multi Choice

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

**Q9 Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Long Text

This is non essential work at a time of downturn. If farmers are profitable, this work gets done privately without public money

**Q10 Which option do you prefer?**

Multi Choice

Option 3: Remain with current service levels.

**Q11 Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Long Text

Non essential. Public transport options are unfeasible in our widespread, relatively small population base. Where is the business case?

**Q12 Which option do you prefer?**

Multi Choice

Option 2: Levin-only public transport services.

**Q13 Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Long Text

More empty buses paid for by property owners who never see them, let alone use them

**Q14 Which option do you prefer?**

Multi Choice

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

**Q15 Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Long Text

**Q16 Which option do you prefer?**

Multi Choice

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

**Q17 Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Long Text

Large scale water users are mostly large general rate payers that subsidise much other activity. This would be another blow for the sector that underpins the economic prosperity in the region.

**Q18 Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Long Text

We do not support the lowering of the UAGC. At a time when many farmers are making financial losses, they are expected to take on more of the burden of the region's rates. We save \$132 in UAGC's against a total rise of \$1,855 year one for rates for no extra service.

**Q19 Give us your thoughts:**

Long Text

With the largest majority of area in the region being in farmland, This LTP is another step in destroying the relationship between Horizons Regional Council and rural ratepayers. Agriculture is the economic base of the region. Without a healthy economy, it is not possible to achieve the environmental, social, and cultural outcomes the Council, and we all want. There is little in this LTP to nurture or even encourage the farming sector. It adds more barriers in cost and regulation and demonstrates an underlying lack of trust against the region's rural communities. This plan is a step forward in dismantling an already fragile sector that will ensure we will NOT have a region "...where people are thriving".

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Ian and Steph Strahan

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Ian Strahan

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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:**

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**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:**

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In general I support the HPL mapping and focus, my only concern is that horizons needs to have some oversight along with local councils as to what development is appropriate for a particular parcel of land, rather than take a one size fits all approach.

**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

**Q6 Which option do you prefer?**

Multi Choice

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

**Q7 Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Long Text

I think horizons should accept the level of self insurance required, increase claim excesses, and deal with the problems when they occur.

**Q8 Which option do you prefer?**

Multi Choice

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

**Q9 Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Long Text

This is a particular good value for money programme which needs to be continued.

**Q10 Which option do you prefer?**

Multi Choice

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

**Q11 Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Long Text

**Q12 Which option do you prefer?**

Multi Choice

**Q13 Summarised comments/sentiment:**

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**Q14 Which option do you prefer?**

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**Q17 Summarised comments/sentiment:**

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horizons already has one of the highest fee structures for consents in NZ, and cannot justify such increases in costs. The regime where consent holders are seen as the easy revenue stream for horizons needs to be challenged, horizons needs to review it priorities and cut back on this type of work in line with the sentiment of the current Government. There is also confusion about what particular existing charge is going to change, and which consents it will apply to. This is such that we wonder whether this policy has really been properly explored, and has rather been seen as an easy way of increasing revenue at the cost of a few, and all of this "under the radar" so to speak.

**Q18 Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Long Text

I do not support a reduction in the proportion of rates funding derived from the UAGC. Many of horizons benefits and services are on a per population member basis and are for the benefit of all people, and so are more fairly levied on a per property basis than a per unit of property value basis, this is achieved by the current level of UAGC. The small savings for individual properties result in very large increases in the general rate for more valuable properties, which cannot be justified from a fairness of rating perspective.

**Q19 Give us your thoughts:**

Long Text

I am dismayed and concerned about the planned increase in expenditure for the Regulatory Management team. I think the whole programme needs reviewing both in the light of the Central Government changes in requirements, and the nature and complexity of consent conditions imposed needs reviewing. We have found the horizons consent conditions to be unreasonably complex and expensive to meet in comparison to conditions imposed by Taranaki Regional Council for example. If the consent requirements were reset to be simpler and less arduous, there would be less cost for consent holders and less cost for monitoring and compliance by horizons. Thus I would urge horizons to go back to the drawing board on this planned budget item, and rebuild it according to what is actually required, and reference other neighbouring councils activity in this area of operations.

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**Q2 Which option do you prefer?**

Multi Choice

**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

Issue 2: Planning for the future

I think option one, the whole catchment approach makes best sense. I support an integrated catchment for the management of our freshwater, environment and coastal areas. This also ties mirrors the Te Awa Tupua Act that supports the indivisible nature of the whenua and our freshwater.

**Q6 Which option do you prefer?**

Multi Choice

**Q7 Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Long Text

**Q8 Which option do you prefer?**

Multi Choice

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

**Q9 Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Long Text

**Q10 Which option do you prefer?**

Multi Choice

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

**Q11 Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Long Text

**Q12 Which option do you prefer?**

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

**Q13 Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Long Text

**Q14 Which option do you prefer?**

Multi Choice



**Q15 Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Long Text

**Q16 Which option do you prefer?**

Multi Choice

**Q17 Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Long Text

**Q18 Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Long Text

**Q19 Give us your thoughts:**

Long Text

**Q20 Your name**

Short Text Clare Fearnley

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**Q1 Summarised contents/sentiment:**

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HDRRA represents approximately 350 members in the Horowhenua region. In the HRC Chair's opening statement, we dispute the fact that increased cost is primarily due to inflation. (12.9% is not inflation.) We are concerned that HRC is changing its process of regulation into a new 'One Plan' when we feel the old One Plan was not complied with due to a lack of staffing. This needs to be rectified. Our answers to our questions about several studies should be to focus on the environment rather than the project.

HDRRA believe HRC has changed the direction of waterways to allow more farming which requires bigger stop banks. Because of potential global warming, HRC suggest these need to be strengthened and over-insured. Residents have paid for holes to be dug in the first place. Now you want us to jump into it by paying more rates. When does it end? It is our understanding that residential ratepayers are, in the main, paying for environmental damage in rural areas. Urban residents should not be subsidising businesses (including land/housing development and farms).

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**Q2 Which option do you prefer?**

Multi Choice

**Q3 Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Long Text

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**Q6 Which option do you prefer?**

Multi Choice

**Q7 Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Long Text

Issue 3a - Increase to River Management Insurances. Insurance is a game: the more you have, the more you worry about losing what you have. Insurance premiums are profitable for insurance company shareholders. Insurance premiums could be diverted to a locally resourced fund to be used in the event of disaster.

**Q8 Which option do you prefer?**

Multi Choice

**Q9 Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Long Text

see attached

**Q10 Which option do you prefer?**

Multi Choice

**Q11 Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Long Text

Issue 3C: Level of Service of Public Transport.  
It's a human right to have public transport in an area: Levin and Horowhenua have minimal public transport. Focusing on providing wider public transport in the Horowhenua is essential. HDRRA recommends Option 1. Horowhenua-wide public transport services would mean residents in outlying districts can get to the doctor, the shops, the central services needed by them.  
Public transport linking to an improved rail service would benefit the whole region.

**Q12 Which option do you prefer?**

Multi Choice

**Q13 Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Long Text

**Q14 Which option do you prefer?**

Multi Choice

**Q15 Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Long Text

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Issue 4: Water Meters.  
We agree that user pays 100% for the service provided at 800 locations by HRC is based on a user pays funding process. Further to a \$750 fixed annual charge, we believe bore owners should pay a charge for every litre drawn from the aquifer.

**Q18 Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Long Text

Revenue and financing policy feedback: We agree to the change to a general rate from a UAGC great.

**Q19 Give us your thoughts:**

Long Text

Centre point shareholding (p44): Shares should be sold, and the revenue gained diverted to disaster relief funding.

**Q20 Your name**

Short Text

Christine Moriarty

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Horowhenua District Residents and Ratepayers Association Inc. (HDRRA) - Chair

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**Submission of Horowhenua District Residents and Ratepayers Association Inc.  
(HDRRA)**

**Horizons Regional Council 2024-34 Long Term Plan**

HDRRA do not wish to speak to the submission

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Sustainable land use in this initiative p20. Land erosion on farms and towns, and the mapping work to do that initiative, is all the responsibility of rural landowners. A per-property SUIP for the whole region indicates that urban ratepayers are subsidising farming business. This is not equitable, and user pays principles should apply.

Regional pest management (p 23) is similar to the above where biosecurity is being financed mainly by urban ratepayers for the benefit of rural owners.

**p26: National policy statement for highly productive land 2022.**

We applaud the need for mapping to make certain that people are safe in their places of residence and not building on productive arable land.

We believe that mapping for demand of growth and rural lifestyle block subdivision is a process for land developers. By having ratepayers pay for this mapping, we are subsidising the business interests of those people who will make a taxable profit from the works. To facilitate that, HRC needs to develop a Development Contributions Policy for urban expansion, rural and lifestyle block subdivisions.

**Issue 2: Planning for the future.**

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### **Issue 3B: Freshwater Activities.**

HRC, we believe, has been conspicuous by their absence in producing and requiring resource consents and in monitoring and compliance with those resource consents for freshwater activities and the surrounding environment.

The Horowhenua region has large land areas in arable food production. Excess nutrients now flow into the waterways which add to the nutrient flow in Lake Horowhenua and subsequent pollution of Hokio stream and the Hokio Beach environment. Non-compliance or no resource consent conditions allow polluters to make profit at the expense of the environment. This in our opinion is simply not good enough.

HRC have been conspicuous in their absence from regulating HDC's stormwater run-off in both urban and rural (market garden) properties. HDRRA demands that staff use the big stick to enforce regulations.

We note that Dr Mike Joy (VUW) has stated that fencing and riparian planting around waterways from 1 m wide, are like cleaning up spilt milk with a cotton bud. How effective is that? Land management plans for all land 4 ha in area and above must have a waterways management system for all drains to protect the region's freshwater life.

### **Issue 3C: Level of Service of Public Transport.**

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Christine Moriarty

Chair HDRRA

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22 May 2024



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Q1

**Summarised contents/sentiment:**

Long Text

See attached submission.

Q2

**Which option do you prefer?**

Multi Choice

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

Q3

**Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Long Text

See attached submission.

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

See attached submission.

Q6

**Which option do you prefer?**

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.

Q7

**Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Long Text

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Q8

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Q11

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Long Text

See attached submission.

Q12

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Q13

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Long Text

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Q14

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Multi Choice

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Q15

**Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Long Text

See attached submission.

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	See attached submission.
Q18	Summarised comments/sentiment:
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Q19	Give us your thoughts:
Long Text	See attached submission.
Q20	Your name
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<p><u>To;</u></p> <p><b>Horizons Regional Council,</b></p> <p>Private Bag 11025</p> <p>Manawatū Mail Centre</p> <p>Palmerston North</p>	<p><b><u>Have your say- LTP 2024-2034</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Submission from;</u></b></p> <p>Lynne Sheridan</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p> <p>[REDACTED]</p>

1.Strategic Framework	<p>Horizon's suggestions feel abit light, my suggestions;</p> <p>Horizons' should be focused on creating healthy and resilient environments for our communities.</p> <p>By identifying and managing environmental threats to our communities.</p> <p>By building relationships and partnerships with tangata whenua, local authorities and our communities.</p>
2.Issue 1	<b>Option 3,</b> mapping around all towns, cities and villages – this is about being prepared not only for potential development but for any potential mitigations needed to support that development.
3.Issue 2	<b>Option 1,</b>
4.Issue 3a	<b>Option 1,</b>
5.Issue 3b	<b>Option 2,</b> it is important to maintain the momentum on work already done, to me this is the compromise option. The long term benefit to the region is huge by carrying out this work now.
6.Issue 3c	<b>Option 1,</b>
7.	<b>Option 1,</b>
8.	<b>Option 1,</b>
9. Issue 4	<b>Option 1,</b>
10.	<p>I would like to see several proposed options put forward so that everyone (who gives this some thought) has a common understanding of how the rating is achieved. I think providing 3 potential scenarios on how the rating could be constructed should be done. Ideally this could be carried out by hosting a separate public forum meeting for the purpose so that questions can be answered. Given the amount of money involved I think the public should be given more information. Please do this bit really well.</p> <p>What you are proposing is not very innovative it is simply changing</p>

	the percentages from what I can see. Please work with our communities on this one.
<b>11. Additional Comments</b>	<p>The impact of climate change / awful weather events, can not be understated. There needs to be a greater community awareness to ensure people are prepared for not only events, but their own future, particularly when this might mean they have to relocate. It seems to be the bit no one wants to talk about. Surely this is preparedness too!</p> <p>The issue of being more maintenance focused for some Drainage scheme is ok, but so long as there is maintenance. Landowners adjacent to drainage areas notice very well when maintenance is not done. So if Horizons are putting more focus on this area of work, please ensure it is actioned.</p>



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Long Text Please refer to attached submission

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Multi Choice

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22 April 2024

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Dear Chair and elected members,

**Manawatū District Council's submission on Horizons draft Long-term Plan 2024-34**

The Manawatū District Council (MDC) thanks Horizons for the opportunity to submit on the draft Long-term Plan 2024-34 (LTP). MDC values the good working relationship we have with Horizons. This submission focuses on those topics where we have shared interest and responsibilities.

MDC wishes to speak to this submission at the Hearing. We request to speak in-person at the Hearing in Palmerston North on 1 May. We are not available to speak on 2 May as we will be holding our own LTP hearings on that day.

**Strategic Framework**

MDC supports Horizons strategic framework.

MDC wishes to reiterate its early engagement feedback in relation to Horizons strategic priorities, as outlined below:

***"Building resilience to the impacts of climate change"***

**Feilding area flood resilience upgrades**

MDC supports the proposal to consent and complete upgrades to flood protection for the Feilding township ("Feilding area flood resilience upgrades"). We understand that Horizons has budgeted for investigations and consenting in years 1 – 2, with physical works being carried out in years 3 – 7. MDC requests that the "Feilding area flood resilience upgrade" project be retained in the final version of the LTP.

MDC notes this project has been ongoing and funded in previous Long-term Plans and has concerns around the length of time the implementation of this project has taken. MDC notes that rates for this work will have been collected for a number of years now and it is important for the residents of Feilding to see this investment occur without delay.

Our early engagement feedback noted our desire to reduce the human risk element of operating the Reid Line Floodgates. MDC notes the importance of the Reid Line Floodgates to the town of Feilding and the significance of the proactive and timely operation of the gates. To that end, MDC requests assurance from Horizons that the manual nature of the gate operation will be addressed as part of these flood protection upgrades and that these upgrades will be completed without delay.



#### Addressing flood risk at Te Arakura Road

MDC supports plans to determine and implement a solution to the flood risk at Te Arakura Road, downstream of the Feilding township, on the Ōroua River.

#### Improvements to flood carrying capacity of the Makino Stream

MDC supports Horizons proposed work to increase flood carrying capacity and erosion protection in the Makino Stream through Feilding and requests that this project be retained in the final Long-term Plan.

#### Removal of silt and gravel from beds of waterways to reduce the risk of future overtopping

MDC's early engagement feedback to Horizons included a recommendation that Horizons remove silt and gravel from the bed of the Ōroua River under the Kopane Bridge and from the Makino Stream at Duke Street, Feilding. As Horizons has noted in the caption for Figure 9 (page 34 of the LTP supporting information) the build-up of silt in the Ōroua River as a result of Cyclone Gabrielle (and previous high flow events) will have reduced the flood protection levels provided by the stopbanks.

Network resilience is identified as a key issue for the roading network in MDC's draft Transportation Activity Management Plan 2024. Elevated beds of waterways increases the risk of debris damage to bridge sub-structures during extreme weather events, as evidenced by the complete or irreparable damage to the Churchill Road bridge, the Pōhangina Valley East, and Pohangina Road bridges during Cyclone Gabrielle.

Page 39 of Horizons' LTP supporting information notes that the sedimentation of rivers remains a core issue for scheme management, including investment on an annual basis to remove sediment from rivers to create flood carrying capacity (with the lower Ōroua River downstream of Feilding provided as an example). MDC is of the opinion that addressing this issue is fundamental to effective river management and consistent with Horizons' strategic priority of *"building resilience to the impacts of climate change."*

MDC's early engagement feedback included a request that Horizons develop a framework that encourages private extraction of silt and gravel from waterways when levels exceed design capacity, to help retain the intended level of flood protection. There is no mention within the "Catchment Operations" activity statement of Horizons draft LTP that any changes will be made to the regulations around silt and gravel extraction which MDC believes will add considerable risk to catchment operations and flood mitigation over the short, medium and long term.

#### Deep South Project

The Deep South Project at Tangimoana is a good example of how MDC, Massey University, Horizons and the Tangimoana community are working together to build resilience for those communities of the Manawatu that will be impacted by climate change. MDC continues to support the Deep South Project and desires to see progress being made in the development of initiatives to increase flood hazard resilience. The Deep South Project at Tangimoana also highlighted the importance of MDC and Horizons collaborating in relation to the sharing of natural hazard information.

MDC seeks that Horizons confirm its ongoing commitment to collaborating with MDC on the Deep South Project and future initiatives to build community resilience to climate change.

## Resilience to Drought

MDC's early engagement feedback to Horizons to inform the drafting of this LTP noted that drought conditions are already a major issue in our region, and the frequency and intensity of drought events are expected to worsen as a result of climate change. MDC would like to repeat its earlier request that Horizons increase the extent of the soil moisture monitoring network to enable more accurate measuring of the extent and severity of future drought events. This type of data is necessary to help support applications for Central Government funding to aid with drought recovery, or to invest in improving the resilience of our communities to future drought events.

### **Decisions sought:**

1. That the Feilding area flood resilience upgrade project is retained in Horizons Long-term Plan 2024-34, with physical upgrade works commencing in earnest.
2. That Horizons provide assurance that the proposed Feilding area flood resilience upgrades will reduce the human risk element of operating the Reid Line Floodgates.
3. That proposed plans to address flood risk at Te Arakura Road and to improve the flood carrying capacity of the Makino Stream be retained in Horizons Long-term Plan 2024-34.
4. That Horizons commit to making changes to the regulations around silt and gravel extraction to facilitate private extraction of silt and gravel to help maintain flood carrying capacity at design levels.
5. That Horizons indicate its ongoing support and commitment to collaborating with MDC in relation to initiatives, like the Deep South Project in Tangimoana, that build community resilience to climate change.
6. That Horizons increase the extent of the soil moisture monitoring network to enable more accurate measuring of the extent and severity of future drought events in the Region.

### ***"Strengthening partnerships with tangata whenua"***

MDC supports this priority but requests that Horizons agree protocols with iwi in relation to what partnership looks like with respect to consent applications. MDC is of the opinion that the proposed independent Tiriti/Treaty partnership health check and the cultural confidence programme for elected members and staff, will not help to achieve the kind of change that we are seeking in relation to iwi input into consent applications.

MDC's concern is that Horizons currently require written approval from iwi in relation to consent applications and offer no flexibility in the form that this approval may take (i.e. are not cognisant of the way that iwi might wish to be engaged). MDC is aware that iwi are often reluctant to provide approval in writing, regardless of their stance on an application. In addition, it is not currently standard practice for Horizons to notify iwi at the time consent applications are lodged, leading to delays in the time taken to reach a decision.

The requirement for iwi approval as opposed to requiring consultation and engagement with iwi creates an unreasonable barrier to progressing an application through the Horizons consenting process. MDC believes that while genuine consultation with mandated iwi and

recognised mana whenua is important, resource consent applications should not be allowed to 'drift' without defined timeframes for consent conditioning and approval. Many works that MDC carry out which require Horizons resource consents relate to key aspects of core infrastructure and network management as well as economic growth and development. It is difficult and frustrating when projects which contribute to the community and economic wellbeing are stalled in drawn out and expensive consenting processes.

Based on feedback from the Northland, Otago, Hawkes Bay, Taranaki, West Coast and Greater Wellington Regional Councils, MDC understands that Horizons is the only regional council that requires iwi to provide their approval in writing. While there is some variation between Councils in relation to timeframes, our research suggests that it is standard practice for regional councils to provide a letter/link to a portal in which iwi can submit comments if they choose. While there is some variation between councils in relation to timeframes, the approach taken by other regional councils is preferable in that it does not result in consent applications sitting on hold for extended periods of time awaiting iwi sign-off.

***Decision sought:***

7. That Horizons work with tangata whenua to establish protocols for partnership and engagement with respect to consent applications.
8. MDC encourages Horizons to review their approach with respect to iwi approval for consent applications to align with fellow regional partners.

***"A holistic approach from the mountains to the sea"***

MDC supports the matters being considered by Horizons in relation to this priority. In particular, MDC offers its continued support for the assistance provided by Horizons to rural communities in stabilising erosion-prone land, including through the Sustainable Land Use Initiative (SLUI). MDC recognises the benefits of SLUI, including increased flood protection, better water quality and increased productivity.

MDC understands that the rationale for changing priorities within SLUI is because changes in regulation has shifted the responsibility for producing Freshwater Farm Plans for properties over 20 hectares from regional councils to central government. MDC is concerned that the Government's intention to review and replace the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020, may also result in changes to the regulations that set out the requirements and timeframes for freshwater farm plans.

Given the uncertainty around future changes to the Essential Freshwater Package, MDC recommends that Horizons immediately pause work on implementing the NPS-FM 2020, including freshwater farm plans.

**Projects already approved (Ongoing commitments)**

**River Management works ("Capital Upgrade Programme")**

Horizons has indicated a change to its river management approach away from building new capital projects towards maintaining existing assets and increasing resilience to storm events. As both Horizons and MDC have functions under the Resource Management Act 1991, it is important that the Council's are working together. For example, in the absence of flood

protection structures, it is important that there are clear outcomes around hazard risk avoidance or mitigation. MDC submits that additional work is needed to refine the approach and ensure consistency between the One Plan and operations. Horizon's modelling needs to be up-to-date, and it needs to be commissioned in a way that is usable for Council's making land-use decisions.

***Decision sought:***

9. That Horizons work closer with MDC to develop clear outcomes for hazard risk avoidance and mitigation for land-use decision-making under the Resource Management Act 1991.

Regional Flood monitoring, forecasting and Mapping

We understand that Horizons received funding through the Local Government Flood Resilience Co-investment Fund to improve flood monitoring, flood forecasting, regional flood mapping and a flood vulnerability assessment. In our early engagement feedback to inform Horizons draft LTP, we raised concerns about Horizons current reliance on weather radar data from Wellington and the Taranaki to predict weather events. As demonstrated by the December 2022 flood events in the Manawātū District, these weather radar are not always successful in giving sufficient warning of storm events that pose a risk to our region. Our early engagement feedback encouraged Horizons to collaborate with the city and district councils in the region to investigate ways to improve our region's ability to track weather events. We further suggest that NEMA be included as a key stakeholder when consideration is given to improvements in weather data systems and reporting.

MDC would like to understand whether the funding Horizons has received for flood forecasting will assist with addressing some of the concerns we have raised in relation to tracking weather events.

MDC would also like to request that priority be given to flood mapping in the Manawātū District to help inform our District Plan Review (including the rural review), Growth Strategy, and the flood hazard resilience work we are doing with the Tangimoana Community. MDC requests to meet as soon as possible with Horizons to agree priorities for future mapping.

***Decision sought:***

10. That Horizons agree to meet urgently with MDC to agree priorities for future flood hazard mapping to help inform our District Plan Review, Growth Strategy and community resilience planning.

Public Transport

*Bus services*

MDC supports the review of the Feilding to Palmerston North commuter and Feilding Orbiter bus services and the consideration of possible improvements to these services ahead of contract renewal in 2025. MDC values its representation and involvement in the Manawātū Public Transport Governance Group, as this gives us the ability to directly contribute to this review.

MDC has had previous conversations with Horizons regarding potential improvements to the Feilding 'orbiter' service, including personalising/wrapping the bus to better differentiate it

from the commuter service; and using a smaller bus. MDC welcomes further discussions with Horizons on these potential improvements.

Based on conversations with Horizons Officers, we understand that a gross increase of \$220,000 is proposed from year 2 onwards for the Feilding contract. We understand that this proposed budget increase is proposed to fund any improvements to the Manawātū Public Transport Services which might be recommended through the Regional Services Review. MDC supports this increase in funding. We understand that should any increases to existing levels of service for Feilding Passenger Transport Services require additional funding on top of what has been budgeted, would be considered as part of future Annual Plans or the next Long-term Plan.

MDC understands that the current gaps in passenger transport provision for the rural villages of the Manawātū District will be addressed through the operation of the rural community transport service. This is addressed in our feedback in relation to “new and improved regional services” below.

#### *Capital Connection passenger rail service*

MDC supports the ongoing funding of the Capital connection rail service between Palmerston North and Wellington and Horizons proposal to increase current levels of service from 2028/29. MDC submitted in support of proposed upgrades to the Capital Connection passenger rail service, including the increase in service frequency, in its submission to Horizons Regional Land Transport Plan 2024. However, MDC does not support the methodology used in the draft LTP to calculate the indicative costs for the increased services based on current capital values in the Palmerston North, Manawātū and Horowhenua districts.

MDC requests that Horizons reduce the portion of the cost for passenger rail improvements that is proposed to be targeted to properties in the Manawātū District. The indicative cost per \$100K of capital value for properties in the Manawātū District is more than twice as high as for Palmerston North properties, and is on par with properties in the Horowhenua District (\$2.80 per \$100K for Manawātū in 2028/29 compared to \$1.25 per \$100K for Palmerston North and \$2.83 per \$100K in the Horowhenua). MDC does not consider this indicative cost to be reasonable for Manawātū ratepayers, particularly as there is currently no direct service (i.e. no train stops) provided to Manawātū District ratepayers.

While MDC agrees that an increase in levels of service for the capital connection would be of benefit to Manawātū District Council ratepayers, we consider that the financial contribution made by MDC ratepayers should be substantially lower than that of Palmerston North and Horowhenua ratepayers.

#### ***Decision Sought:***

11. That Horizons reduce the portion of the total cost for passenger rail improvements that is targeted to properties in the Manawātū District down from 20% to a level that will achieve a cost per \$100,000 of capital value for Manawātū properties that is less than that paid by an equivalent property in Palmerston North or the Horowhenua.

### *Connectivity of the Capital Connection passenger rail service to Feilding*

MDC has also advocated through its submissions on Horizons “Connect the Dots” Regional Services Review 2023 for better connectivity from Feilding and the Palmerston North City Centre, to the Capital Connection service. The Palmerston North train station is over three kilometers from the city centre and there are currently no bus services that run to it. In addition, there is currently no commuter bus services operating from Feilding to Palmerston North that link with the Capital Connection service.

To reiterate requests made in our submission to Horizons Regional Service Review 2023 and on Horizons draft Regional Land Transport Plan, MDC requests that Horizons scope a possible extension of the Capital Connection service to the Feilding Rail Station. This request is consistent with the recommendation of the Transport and Infrastructure Committee of Parliament recommended in their report on the findings on the Inquiry into the Future of Inter-regional Passenger Rail for New Zealand.

No funding was allocated in Horizons Regional Land Transport Plan for this scoping study, and does not appear to have been proposed as part of this draft LTP budget.

#### ***Decision sought:***

12. That Horizons include funding in the LTP (or in the next review of the Regional Public Transport Plan) to scope an extension of the Capital Connection passenger rail service to the Feilding railway station.

### **Issue 1: Responding to legislative requirements**

#### **Regional Pest Management Plan**

MDC understands that Horizons is required to draft a revised Regional Pest Management Plan by September 2027. MDC requests that Horizons actively involve us in the drafting of this new plan. MDC raised concerns with the previous Regional Pest Management Plan in relation to how the threshold infestation size and good neighbour rule requirements would apply in the context of the road reserve managed by MDC through our roading contracts. Despite meetings with Horizons staff, we did not consider that these concerns were appropriately addressed.

In our submission to Horizons 2021 draft LTP, MDC supported the submission by the Awahuri Forest-Kitchener Park Trust in respect of the risk posed by *Phragmites karka* and the need for prompt action to contain it.

We know that this pest remains a key concern of the Awahuri Forest-Kitchener Park Trust and MDC again wishes to advocate to Horizons on behalf of the Trust for prompt action by Horizons on this matter. MDC supports the submission by the Awahuri Forest-Kitchener Park Trust to Horizons draft LTP 2024-34. This submission provides a greater level of detail about the impact that *Phragmites karka* is having on biodiversity and freshwater values.

MDC’s submission to Horizons 2021 draft LTP also requested that Horizons consider amendments to the budget for Biosecurity and Biodiversity activities and the Regional Pest Management Plan to address concerns within the Manawātū District in relation to:

- infestations of *Senecio glastifolius* (pink ragwort);

- the current extent of the Active Management Zone for old man's beard; and
- the feral rabbit population.

MDC would like to see these concerns appropriately addressed through the 2024 LTP and the review of the Regional Pest Management Plan.

***Decisions Sought:***

13. That Horizons actively involve MDC in the drafting of the 2027 version of Horizons Regional Pest Management Plan.
14. That Horizons fund an officer to work towards eradication of the pest plant *Phragmites karka* across the region, and allocates budget to the pest plant management team areas to allow officers to eradicate the plant.
15. That Horizons lobby on behalf of region to have *Phragmites karka* listed on the national pest plant list
16. That Horizons review of the Regional Pest Management Plan address known pest management concerns in the Manawātū District, including in relation to *Phragmites karka*, *Senecio glastifolius* (pink ragwort), old man's beard, and feral rabbits.

level of service for highly productive land

MDC opposes option 1 and considers that Horizons should proceed with Option 2 as a minimum. Approximately 40% of land in the Manawātū District is classified as Land Use Capability Class 1, 2 or 3 land based on data held in the New Zealand Land Resource Inventory (NZLRI).

We understand that the NZLRI maps were prepared at a scale that means they are not necessarily accurate at a property scale. The accuracy of the mapping work is a critical component of the NPS:HPL implementation - identifying areas where *land-based primary production* is prioritised above everything other outcome. This map becomes the single point of truth for making future land development decisions (resource consents and plan changes).

Given the strength of direction in the NPS:HPL to protect highly productive land for *land-based primary production*, it is imperative that Horizons appropriately resource the mapping project. This will set the scene for regional development for the next 10+ years (depending on timing of any future review of the One Plan).

Therefore, MDC considers it essential that Horizons carry out targeted mapping of areas with urban growth pressure and/or demand for rural lifestyle subdivision. We are equally concerned about providing for the diversity of rural activity occurring in the Manawātū - based on the current wording of the NPS:HPL, it is not clear this diversity of rural activity is provided for on *highly productive land*.

While MDC would also support Option 3 (being targeted mapping on land surrounding all existing urban areas) we share Horizons concerns about the financial impact of this option on ratepayers.

MDC strongly encourages Horizons to also ensure that soils scientist expertise and technology play a role in the scoping of this project. For example, there is a body of knowledge and soils

expertise that could help narrow actual physical investigation. Likewise, the use of technology may be able to provide efficiencies and value for money.

MDC understands that the New Zealand Land Resource Inventory is a repository of different databases and these include maps showing different boundaries for LUC Class I to III land. Given the significance of the NPS:HPL to all our planning, growth, and resource consenting, MDC requests that Horizons clarify which maps councils should be using, until such time as targeted mapping is complete.

***Decision sought:***

17. That Horizons reject Option 1 and support Option 2 as a minimum.
18. That Horizons clarify which maps councils should be using to support land-use decision making under the NPS-HPL, until such time as more targeted mapping is completed.

**Issue 2: Planning for the future**

It is difficult to understand the exact implications of this issue for MDC and Manawātū District ratepayers. However, MDC supports in principle Horizons proposal to fund the work programme for integrated catchment management, based on the understanding that this approach will facilitate the simplification of operational programmes, and allow for more local solutions and community-led action. As noted previously, MDC believes it is important that Horizons is cognisant of the impending changes to the NPS-FM and seeks assurance that any integrated catchment management approach will be aligned with the new NPS-FM, when it is available.

***Decision sought:***

19. That Horizons support Option 1, being the funding of the work programme for integrated catchment management.

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

MDC's preferred option is Option 1 as this is the most affordable option.

**New and Improved regional services**

MDC supports Option 1 as this is the only option that includes the investigation and implementation of rural connector services. MDC continues to advocate on behalf of the transport disadvantages of the Manawātū, particularly those living in rural areas and rural villages who do not have access to public transport.

The Manawātū Rural Transport Initiative Steering Committee, led by Neighbourhood Support Manawatu, presented their "Manawātū Rural Community Transport Service proposal" to Horizons as part of their consultation on the Regional Public Transport Plan in May 2022. MDC submitted in support of the proposal and advocated to Horizons to increase the priority placed on the provision of rural transport services.



Through its 2023/24 Annual Plan, MDC approved a request from Neighbourhood Support Manawatū for seed funding towards the rural community transport establishment. We understand that due to delays in procuring a suitable vehicle, this service is yet to get up and running.

Based on discussions with Horizons officers, we understand that Year 1 of the draft LTP budget includes funding for the establishment and operation of the Manawatū Rural Community Transport Service. MDC supports the funding of this project and requests that funding be made available to Neighbourhood Support Manawatū in time to enable them to procure a van and launch the service.

Given the contribution that the Manawatū Rural Community Transport Project will make towards the achievement of investment priority 2 of the RLTP, MDC encourages Horizons to commit to providing ongoing operational funding for this rural community transport services through this LTP.

***Decision sought:***

20. That Horizons retain the proposed funding included in year 1 of the draft LTP for the establishment of the Manawatū Rural Community Transport Service in the Manawatū District and that ongoing funding be provided through the draft LTP for its operation.

***How people pay for public transport***

MDC notes that Horizons is implementing a new ticketing solution on all its public transport services. MDC has previously raised concerns with current inequities in fare box recovery between rural and urban ratepayers. MDC seeks more clarity from Horizons as to how fare-box recovery contributions will be arrived at so we can better understand direct and indirect implications for our council and communities.

The establishment and operation of the rural community transport service in the Manawatū District would help to reduce inequity in public service provision between urban and rural communities. However, we understand that the fares to the public would be unsubsidised, so therefore full fee paying. MDC would like to see Horizons advocate with Central Government to remove the financial inequity that exists in relation to public transport fares for those living rurally compared to living in urban areas.

Those living rurally do not have equitable access to affordable transport options and are also not able to access the same fare subsidies as urban residents.

***Decision sought:***

21. That Horizons provide assurance to MDC that the implementation of a new ticketing solution for all public transport services will not further entrench existing inequities in the cost of public transport for rural residents compared to those living in urban areas.

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

MDC is generally supportive of the proposal to change the fee structure for water meters to 100% user pays. However, this support is contingent on Horizons being able to demonstrate that the \$750 annual charge is fair and reasonable.

#### **Revenue and Financing Policy**

MDC supports the proposed change to the funding split for drainage schemes from 80% targeted rate and 20% general rate, to 90% general rate and 10% general rate, for the reasons outlined in the consultation document.

#### **Additional comments**

##### Provision of Natural Hazard Information for LIM reports

MDC supports the proposal for additional resourcing within the District Advice team from July 2025 to provide natural hazard information for Land Information Memorandum (LIM) reports and other activities.

MDC is keen to meet with Horizons to better understand how Horizons intends to implement the new obligations introduced by the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Amendment Act 2023 (LGOIMA Amendment Act). MDC raised several questions and concerns in our submission to the Governance and Administration Committee of Parliament in relation to the draft Bill. These concerns included vagueness of some of the terms used in the legislation, and how the provision of natural hazard information from regional councils to territorial authorities will work in practice. MDC wants to formally agree roles, responsibilities and protocols for the provision of natural hazard information for LIMs in accordance with the LGOIMA Amendment Act prior to these changes taking effect on 1 July 2025.

#### ***Decisions sought:***

22. That Horizons meet with MDC and the other territorial authorities in the Manawatū-Whanganui Region to agree roles, responsibilities and protocols for the provision of natural hazard information for LIMs, in accordance with the LGOIMA Amendment Act prior to 1 July 2025.

Yours sincerely

Helen Worboys, JP  
**Mayor**



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## Submission on the Horizons Regional Council 2024-34 Long-term Plan

22 April 2024

### Communication

- Please lead your communications with the English language. The Horizons region includes Palmerston North which was recently reported to have 130 cultures and over 90 languages. English is likely to be the second language for many of those people who have immigrated into New Zealand.
- Communication with the majority should primarily depend on English first, unless the Horizons Regional Council intends to deliberately focus on a narrow target market.
- English statements may then be followed by expressing them in one or more languages.
- We also request that the Council refrains from the current trend of bastardising at least two beautiful languages.

### Transportation

- We encourage the Horizons Regional Council to continue to work with the NZTA and other relevant Government departments as the current government works towards rebuilding the economy and productivity which had been slowed down by the previous administration.
- Good examples include future proof the state highways and the heavy transport routes around Palmerston North. We recognize that it is not just the local residents who need good options, but also those who transport goods such as primary products around the region and those other people including tourists who pass through our region.
- We request that the Horizons Regional Council make the business plan for the new electric bus fleet more accessible for public scrutiny. In addition, we want to see at least an annual report of the performance parameters of the recently extended bus service to show its performance against the business plan.
- We are supportive of the proposed four return weekday rail services between Palmerston North and Wellington and two return weekend services each day. This should relieve the need to drive all the way to and park in Wellington. The most efficient plan would be to link Palmerston North with the frequent train services running to and from Waikanae and Wellington.

Jim and Pam Edwards

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**Submission to Horizons Regional Council**

**10 Year Land Transport Plan**

22nd April, 2024

Ms Robyn Douglas, [REDACTED]  
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**Introduction:**

The new bus service operating in Palmerston North will work well for some. However, it does not work well for others. Easily accessible transport for all, is essential to a city working, and to achieving the goal of getting people out of cars and on to public transport, which has been clearly stated as a goal of Horizons Regional Council.

With the withdrawal of 16 whole length Streets, and parts of many other streets, bus stops that were in reach, are now out of reach for many. The removal of the bus service from the heart of communities in the city, and the replacement of that service with a service that runs around the periphery of these same communities, has created a clear and harmful gap between the bus service and the Total Mobility Scheme. It is this gap in services I wish to address in my submission.

**Horizons Regional Councils Responsibilities:**

I wish to remind the Council that Horizons Regional Council has a responsibility to provide a land transport service "that improves peoples well-being, ensures that people with the greatest accessibility and mobility needs are provided for in the public transport system, and that people go where they want to go, at times they want to travel". In short, a service that supports good health and well-being to ALL people in the city of Plamerston North. [\[Regional Land Transport Plan 2021 - 2031, Strategic Framework, Objectives 1 and 2, pages 37 - 40\]](#)

"An attractive, integrated and convenient public transport system that connects us, enhances our wellbeing and environment, and becomes the preferred mode of transport in and between urban areas."



"Pursue improved, equitable access to public transport across the region. All customers should be able to use our public transport network with relative ease and dignity. People with accessibility needs include people with impairments, older persons and others who can find the independent use of public transport services difficult or impossible without appropriate accessibility considerations for each stage of the journey." [\[Regional Public Transport Plan 2022 - 2032, Objectives 1 and 4, pages 47 and 53\]](#)

Currently, the transport options for Palmerston North residents, fall well short of the Horizons Regional Councils own goals. The need for a solution providing access to a convenient, easily accessible transport option for all, is an urgent one and needs to be put at the front of the 10 year transport plan, to be investigated urgently.

### **The transport gap in Palmerston North:**

Clearly the new bus service works well for some, and Total Mobility works for others. However, the dismantling of the old network, and the implementation of the new, has created a gap between these transport options which will be limiting to some, and translate to harm for others. This will most commonly affect women with dependents, older people without the means to drive or for whom it is becoming less safe, and people living with limitations/disability of a nature that excludes them from accessing Total Mobility, or for whom Total Mobility simply doesn't meet their basic needs. This significant loss of transport freedom, truly matters to the people left stranded and isolated.

Our city has very high (and increasing) numbers of older people. A projection for the population of Palmerston North (June 2018 base), "indicates that within the next decade there will be more older people (aged 65+) than children in the city". [\[Source: Palmerston North City Council\]](#) Public transport options must reflect the need of a growing older population in the future, and is very important to our commitment to developing an age friendly Palmerston North.

There are economically disadvantaged people with dependents for whom

the issue of transport freedom is particularly relevant. The economically disadvantaged for whom the thousands of dollars per annum it requires to run a car, means that it is prohibitive to own a car. There are many thousands in our city for whom transport is essential, but access to a car, for any number of reasons, is not an option. Therefore, easily accessible public transport becomes essential.

### **The effects on health and well-being due to loss of transport freedom:**

Isolation, uncertainty, loss of independence, and loneliness could be the result for many, on losing a transport option that was familiar to them, worked well for them, and allowed them to live independent and fulfilled lives. There is real value to ageing within the community that is home, and retaining independence within that space. Loss of that independence could have profound social, psychological and physical consequences, that affect relationships, and sense of self. The role that social connections and social well-being has in healthy ageing and combatting loneliness, cannot be underestimated. Access to inter-generational family and social connections, and access to basic services is the right of everyone.

It cannot be taken for granted, that those affected will have family and friends to step in and fill the transport gap. Even if this is so, it does not get people out of cars. It actually increases car use. It will also be very difficult and confusing for those without technology to find an alternative form of transport that gives them the same transport freedom they previously enjoyed. Therefore, it is the responsibility of Horizons Regional Council to fill this transport gap for all those who are affected.

### **Examples of peoples experiences:**

Here are just four of the stories that have been shared with me:

- i. An older gentleman with low vision, due to the loss of his close bus

stop and familiar bus route, is now experiencing difficulty accessing his doctor's surgery, his chemist and the supermarket he prefers. His family are not local and cannot be there to take him where he needs to go. The bus was familiar and routine for him, allowing him the freedom to live his daily life with his disability. He knew where the bus stop was, where the bus would take him and how to access everything he needed. With poor eye sight he doesn't use the phone unless he memorises numbers, which makes it difficult for him to apply for the Total Mobility Scheme, or to phone the St Johns Health shuttle.

ii. A young mother who doesn't drive, with an autistic son, relied on the bus to get where they needed to go. She has told me that they have all but stopped using the bus because they found the time table really confusing, and the buses don't go where they need them to go any more. She said the hassle is just not worth it. She said her son is very unhappy with the changes in his routine. She has to rely on family much more just to get where they need to go to live their daily lives.

iii. An older lady in Milson used to get the Milson bus from where she lived near the airport, get off at the end of Fairs Road and walk a short distance to her destination in JFK Drive. She now can't get there by bus and relies on people to pick her up and take her. She told me that she had been independent, but there is now no way to get from one side of Milson to the other.

On another of her regular journeys, she caught the bus to get to Pascal Street which she said was an easy journey before. Now she finds it too hard to get to Pascal Street by bus, due to the bus no longer going close to her destination. She once again has to rely on others to pick her up and take her. She feels strongly that she has lost her sense of freedom and independence.

iiii. I have been contacted by a woman who regularly travelled by bus from Milson to Broadway Ave and the Terrace End shops, who can no longer do so because that direct bus has been discontinued. If she wishes to continue shopping in Terrace End, she must catch a bus into the square and then get another bus that will take her to the Terrace End area. This has made shopping in Terrace End a step too far for her. If she was to continue shopping there, it would

require a far greater time commitment, which would impact negatively on her daily life.

In at least two of these peoples stories of their experiences, it is putting them back into cars, rather allowing them too retain their independence and transport freedom.

### **Addressing the transport gap:**

There are 3 options that I wish to put forward, with the understanding that there may be further options that could be explored, including the "tweaking" of the new bus routes as data is collected regarding the impact of the new system. Council Chair, Rachel Keedwell, stated at the Horizons Council meeting on 26th March this year, that as data is collected regarding the performance of the new bus service, there may be be the opportunity for 'tweaking' the service.

- i. On-Demand Van Service.**
- ii. Community Transport Volunteer Service.**
- iii. Fixed Route Van Service.**

### **On-Demand Van Service:**

The on-demand service allows for user friendly access to transport freedom, offering flexible pick up and drop off. It comes when you need it, and takes you where you want to go. It is a service which does not preclude those without mobile phones from using the service, or those with disabilities. The service is available with the use of an app to book a ride, or with a call from a landline. Appointed agents within businesses/libraries/health centres for instance, can phone on behalf of the passengers, to book them a ride when it is required.

The MyWay on-demand van services are already operating in Hastings in Hawkes Bay, run by Hawkes Bay Regional Council, and MyWay by Metro in Timaru, is run by Environment Canterbury. The Bay of Plenty Regional Council has

recently started an on-demand service in Tauranga, that has been operating since the end of March this year.

This means that Horizons Regional Council are in a very good position to fast track their investigations of the on-demand service, as the template for the service, and the knowledge around the service already exists. As Timaru has a population of about 1/3rd of the population of our city, and Hastings has a similar population to our city, tailoring the service to fit well in to the community it is serving is paramount to success.

I have spoken to Age Concern in Hastings, asking what feedback they have received from their clients about this service. I was told that the feedback has been very positive, with the only negative feedback being that there are not enough vans now, because the service has been so successful that people now need to wait longer for rides.

Age Concern in Timaru also reported positive feedback from their clients around the freedom provided by the service. However, they have also had reports that the service doesn't work for frail people who need help to get on and off the van as the drivers are not allowed to help. This is an opportunity at the investigation stage, to find a solution for this difficulty.

I call for Horizons Regional Council to investigate how this service could be especially tailored for our needs in Palmerston North, and how it can be uniquely shaped to make such a service fit for purpose in our city. An on-demand service such as this, would restore independence and freedom of movement to those who have lost it through the transport gap, and help to reduce isolation and loneliness when freedom of movement is restored.

### **Community Transport Volunteer Service:**

This type of service is operating successfully within the Waikato District, supported and partially funded by Waikato Regional Council. **Amantha Bowen, Community Transport Lead**, with the **Waikato Regional Council**, spoke to me

about this service and emailed information about how it is constructed.

Here is a definition of the service emailed to me by Amantha Bowen:

"Community Transport supports our communities by providing flexible and accessible community-led solutions in response to unmet local transport needs. It often represents the only means of transport for many vulnerable and isolated people, often older people, or people with disabilities. Community transport typically:

- a) relies on volunteers and fundraising.
- b) has low operating costs and draws very highly on community good will to deliver higher value services than to a public transport equivalent.
- c) can generate significant benefits for communities by reducing isolation, enabling access to healthcare, education, and social opportunities.
- d) is an effective transport solution in smaller towns and rural areas and complements council's public transport network".

Amantha also said that the volunteers "can transport passengers freely as regular volunteers only if they do not require payment", and "for funding, these groups rely on koha, donors, company sponsorships, and grants from the lotteries, Te Whatu Ora, Trusts, etc". [\[Direct quotes from Amanth's email\]](#)

The St Johns Health Shuttle is one such service very valuable service that already operates within a wide Horizons Regional Council area, although it is confined to getting passengers to their health appointments. The community transport scheme that is running successfully in the Waikato, could also be a good fit for the residents of Palmerston North, albeit serving initially within the city limits, but not limited to any specific destinations. In short, a transport option which is also on-demand and giving transport freedom back to those who have lost it.

Amantha has indicated to me that she is available to be contacted and consulted about this volunteer run transport option. She is very happy to work

with other Regional Councils within New Zealand, to strengthen the community transport option and it's development throughout our country.

**Amantha Bowen, Community Transport Lead, Waikato Regional Council. Phone 07 8590708**

### **Fixed Route Van Service:**

Councillor Jono Naylor mentioned the idea of a fixed time/route van service to transport people to Terrace End shops from Roslyn for example. This option would not allow the same flexibility for passengers as the on-demand service, or perhaps the community volunteer service would. It would also need to operate in a way that served passengers wanting to travel from Milson to Terrace End for instance, (as outlined in iii. of peoples experiences above). It may be a useful solution in the interim, to get passengers to and from fixed destinations - Terrace End, Broadway Avenue, Park Road, or any number of 'village type' shopping areas in the city, whilst the other transport options I have outlined here, are being fully investigated and a decision is made about which service will be implemented in Palmerston North to restore transport freedom to all residents.

### **Closing statement:**

I call for Horizons Regional Council to provide additional budget and direct staff, to work with the community to identify and pilot a solution that best addresses the transport gap and the needs outlined above, and to operate that pilot for at least 24 months and monitor impact. I call on Horizons to treat this matter with urgency.

I call for Horizons to go out into the community to meet directly with community groups and their members. For example, Grey Power, Age Concern, Disability organisations, local iwi, and other ethnic groups who contribute to the wonderful diversity of our city.

I call on Horizons to meet with residents of social housing groups, the students and teachers of English language schools, retirement village residents

etc, to have face to face conversations with the residents of Palmerston North, so that the transport needs of all can truly be ascertained.

Once again, I call on Horizons to treat the matter of the transport freedom gap with urgency and to find a solution that meets the needs of the people of Palmerston North, as soon as possible.

Nga mihi nui,

Ms Robyn Douglas





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**Q19 Give us your thoughts:**

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I am extremely frustrated by the empty buses that drive around Palmerston. Only on one occasion have I seen more than 2 people on these buses. Why are we wasting so much money on these empty buses? Why not have smaller vehicles collecting people, rather than a large bus.  
The buses (being electric) are very heavy and are damaging our roads. There is no need for such a huge expenditure on something that is used incredibly little.

**Q20 Your name**

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Jackie Wheeler

**Q21 Organisation:**

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Long Text Option three - NO CHANGE

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**Q19 Give us your thoughts:**

Long Text There needs to be a focus on decreasing costs. The economy is in a recession especially the rural economy and moving the cost of rates between the rating base is not the answer. Cut your costs and scrap extra regional transport it's too expensive.

**Q20 Your name**

Short Text Maryanne Shannon

**Q21 Organisation:**

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**Q22 Address**

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18 April 2024

Turangi Land Search and Rescue Incorporated  
PO Box 200  
Turangi 3353

**Turangi Land Search and Rescue Incorporated would like to support 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 for the purpose of assisting with purchasing equipment, training and other operational expenses over and above what the national organisation can currently provide.**

Turangi Land Search and Rescue Incorporated is in a similar position to the groups mentioned below however we are very privileged and fortunate to come under the Waikato Regional Council who have had the foresight to provide a grant to local SAR groups. Search and rescue operations demand reliable equipment that can withstand challenging conditions and contribute to successful outcomes. It must prioritize safety, functionality, and adaptability! With this grant, Turangi Land Search and Rescue Incorporated has been able to purchase equipment for the group which is issued out to our volunteers to ensure their safety when they are out in the worst environmental conditions looking for the lost, missing and injured.

Search and Rescue services in New Zealand face challenges due to diverse funding sources and increasing demand driven by population growth. Strategic funding and collaboration are crucial to meet these challenges effectively. Whether through government funds, private grants, or community initiatives, every contribution makes a difference!

Turangi Land Search and Rescue Incorporated work closely with some of the groups within the Horizons region, such as Taihape, Ruapehu, and Wanganui. We would like to advocate for the importance of our grant within the community and highlight the impact of well-equipped and trained SAR teams on public safety. The securing of funding for SAR groups contributes directly to their ability to save lives, respond effectively during emergencies, and supports local SAR initiatives! We would like to see these groups have the funding to enable them to undertake the same opportunities as ourselves.

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

Providing support to young, old and vulnerable people in our communities through the Safer Walking and Wandersearch programs also requires specialist equipment and resources and in return provides assurance and care in our communities.

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

Best regards

Steve Signal – Chairman Turangi Land Search and Rescue Incorporated

Please send the submission to: [haveyoursay@horizons.govt.nz](mailto:haveyoursay@horizons.govt.nz) and a copy to [peter.zimmer@landsar.org.nz](mailto:peter.zimmer@landsar.org.nz)



**Q1 Summarised contents/sentiment:**

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They are great except for 5 which privileges the economy over the environment. We know that the health of the environment directly relates to the health of the people and in turn the economy.

The kawa of the whanganui river, ko au te awa, ko te awa ko au, I am the river and the river is me speaks to this point.

The current state of the environment is degraded, we do not want to sustain this we need to enhance it. Economic practices need to be regenerative for the wellbeing of tomorrow not just sustainable.

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

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

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

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

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In principle I appreciate the direction and work that individuals do in the horizons space, i understand that different social attitudes and systemic structures make it difficult to make effective gains in the soil, land and water space (although much has happened that is good) however, our environment is constantly in decline, these efforts I often find "soft" and as a soon to be the father I am fearful that my child may not be able to swim in a clean river, or will get tummy aches from the swimming at the beach, not know what a healthy forest looks like and will witness weather anomalies and natural disaster like never before. This is the space you work in.... increase my rates, do more to enable communities, look at catchments as a whole and follow the direction of hapū.

**Q20 Your name**

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Cameron Ryan

**Q21 Organisation:**

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Nature Working LTD

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#163869

Good morning Horizons,

The attached letter is an addition to my previous submission, to Horizons regarding the 2024 - 2034 Long Term Plan.

Submission of Horowhenua District Residents and Ratepayers Association Inc. (HDRRA) and Michael ILES.

Horizons Regional Council 2024-34 Long Term Plan

HDRRA represents approximately 350 members in the Horowhenua region.

In the Chair's opening statement, we dispute the fact that increased cost primarily due to inflation. (12.9% is not inflation.) This is incorrect.

We are concerned that HRC is changing its process of regulation into a new one plan when we feel the old one plan was not complied with due to a lack of field staffing. This needs to be rectified.

Our answers to your questions about several studies should be to focus on the environment rather than the project.

WECA believe HRC has changed the direction of waterways to allow more farming which required bigger stop banks. Because of potential global warming HRC suggest these need to be strengthened and over-insured. Residence have paid for holes to be dug, which you now want us to jump into by paying more rates. When does it end? This is NOT an urban problem.

It is our understanding that residential ratepayers in the main are paying for environmental damage in rural areas. Urban residence should not be subsidising the businesses including land/housing development and farms.

Sustainable land use in this initiative p20. Land erosion on farms and towns, the mapping work to do that initiative is all for rural landowners. A per property SUIP for the whole region indicates that urban ratepayers are subsidising farming business.

This is not equitable and user pays principles should apply.

Regional pest management (P 23) is similar to the above where bio security is being paid mainly by urban ratepayers for the benefit of rural owners

P26 National policy statement for highly productive land 2022. We applaud the need for mapping to make certain that people are safe in their places of residence and not building on productive arable land.

We believe that mapping for demand of growth and rural lifestyle block subdivision is a process for land developers. By having ratepayers pay for this mapping we are subsidising the business interests of those people who will make a taxable profit from the works. To facilitate that HRC needs to develop a Development Contributions Policy for urban expansion, rural and lifestyle block subdivisions.

Issue 2 planning for the future. Existing staff have the understanding of what is required and therefore should be doing their job rather than introducing new staff who have no organisational experience cultural. Current staff know the issues: future staff have to be trained by current staff, that is "double dipping".

Issue 3a - increase to river management insurances. Insurance is a game, the more you have the more you worry about losing what you have. Insurance premiums are profitable for insurance company shareholders. No one can insure against NATURE, nature will EVENTUATE, no matter how much you spend to mitigate its existence. Insurance premiums could be diverted to a locally resourced fund to be used in the event of disaster.

Issue 3B freshwater activities. HRC we believe has been conspicuous by their absence in producing and requiring resource consents and monitoring and compliance of those resource consents for freshwater activities and the surrounding environment.

The Horowhenua region has large land areas in arable food production. Excess nutrients now flow into the waterways which adds to the nutrient flow in Lake Horowhenua and subsequent pollution of Hokio stream and the Hokio Beach environment. Non-compliance or no resource consent conditions, allows polluters to make profit at the expense of the environment. This in our opinion is simply not good enough.

HRC have been conspicuous in their absence to regulate HDC's stormwater run-off in both urban and rural (market garden) properties. HDRRA demands that staff use the big stick to enforce regulations.

We note that Dr Mike Joy (VUW) has stated that fencing and riparian planting around waterways from 1 m wide, is like cleaning up spilt milk with a cotton bud. How effective is that? Land management plans for all land 4 ha in area and above, must have a waterways management system for all drains to protect the region's freshwater life.

Issue 3C level of service of public transport.

It's a human right to have public transport in an area: Levin and Horowhenua have minimal public transport. Focusing on providing wider public transport in the Horowhenua is essential. HDRRA recommends Option 1 Horowhenua wide public transport services will mean residents in outlying districts can get to the doctor, the shops, the central services needed by them.

Public transport linking to an improved rail service will benefit the whole region.

Issue 4: water metres.

We agree that user pays 100% for the service provided at 800 locations by HRC is based on a user pays funding process. Further to a \$750 fixed annual charge.

Centre point shareholding (p44). Shares should be sold and the revenue gained saved and diverted to be used as a disaster relief funding.

Revenue and financing policy feedback. We agree the change to a general rate from a UAGC, great.

The Hokio Beach drainage scheme was enlarged to connect farming and market garden properties near State Highway 1. Local residents are enraged that they pay for the scheme that benefits other businesses and brings the contamination to the Hokio stream more rapidly. This needs to be remedied.

Yours sincerely,

Mike ILES.

22 May 2024

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**Q20 Your name**

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Jennifer Moss

**Q21 Organisation:**

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Tangimoana Community Committee - Chair

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Some of the points already highlighted by the community in the study so far include:

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- Individuals and households need a clear understanding of how climate change will impact their properties and their lives.
- Tangimoana needs to build stronger relationships with both HRC & MDC.
- HRC & MDC need to be working in strong collaboration.
- Tangimoana needs sharper and more informed Civil Defence and Emergency Management practices – in partnership with both councils and the community.
- Tangimoana needs to decide what level of flood protection it wants in the future and what will that cost.
- The community would like to ask HRC to make updated flood hazard information of Tangimoana village and surrounds a high priority. Currently both HRC and MDC seem to be using maps with differing overlays causing some confusion.

- Tangimoana needs to understand the health & wellbeing issues of climate change eg. increased rainfall, increased flood risk, increased risk of drought and wildfire, water quality issues etc.
- What impacts will climate change have on the wider environment eg. the river, the estuary and the sea? Will marine life be impacted?

Thank you for the opportunity to update you on the Tangimoana Deep South project. We ask for HRC's ongoing support as our community plans for climate change adaptation, mitigation and building resilience.

Regards

**Jennifer Moss**

**Chair, Tangimoana Community Committee**





**Q1 Summarised contents/sentiment:**

Long Text Submitting on behalf of Bruce Rollinson, Snow Country Gardens Ltd. Portal #164014

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Please accept this email as a submission to your long term plan.

1. The proposal to decrease rates derived from the UAGC and compound this proposal by moving the revenue from commercial activities away from supporting general rates to supplement the UAGC has substantially and adversely effected rural ratepayers and those paying a high proportion of general rates. Should this policy not have been proposed, the significant increased cost of new bus services in metro areas would have resulted in a substantial urban increase in rates. Therefore it could be said overall rates have been massaged to the point rural areas are paying for the increased cost and services relating to bus transport when comparing the current policies to the proposed policies. We oppose these changes in revenue policies.

2. Increasing the charges on water metres will compound the inefficient delivery of this service by Horizons. It does not address cost savings that can be made in this activity. The proposal also runs the risk of perverse outcomes and it is not just a service for the benefit of consent holders but also the wider community and potential water users of the future. The science budget already proposes a significant budget increase but it is unclear for what? There are no reason given. We oppose the changes in water metre charging without any clear understanding of why this change is necessary and what will be delivered.

3. We oppose the selling of assets eg. Centre Port shares that are generating significant revenue streams to support the rating system. General rates should not be looked at as a cash cow and all other revenue opportunities, especially those with a strategic view of the region need to be fostered to lessen the burden on the ratepayer. The current proposed general rate increase highlights that issue.

4. When the Ruapehu river scheme for river management was introduced with a modest budget some years back, it was stated that a district wide consent for minor river works would be obtained so that the bulk of the budget went into river works and not paper work. It seems now that we have ended up in a situation where individual consents are required to move logs out of the way before these cause asset damage. Worse still this service is not being delivered effectively. How have we got to the point of where the paper work for the jobs cost more than delivering the outcomes? If you can't provide the service, be up front and don't charge for it.

I would like to speak in person to these points at the Hearings in Wanganui 29 April 2024, later in the afternoon session if possible.

Thank you

Bruce Rollinson  
Snow Country Gardens Ltd

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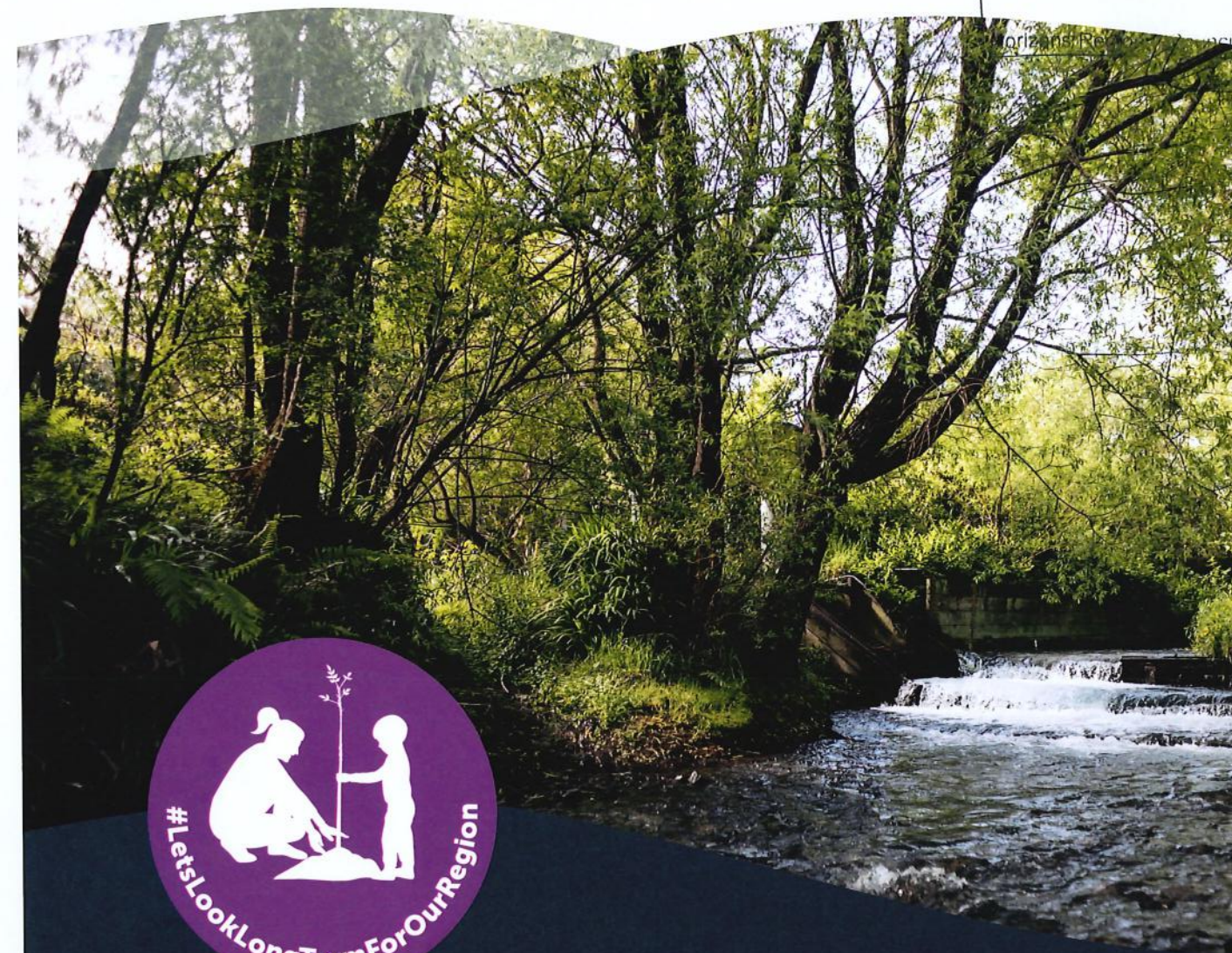
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**Puka tono Submission form**



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**Freepost 247615, Horizons Regional Council**  
**Private Bag 11025, Manawātū Mail Centre, Palmerston North**
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YOUR SAY

Have your say  
and let us know if  
we have got it right  
by completing this  
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## Ngā pitopito matawhaiaro Contact details

Name: J. Davies  
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 Signature: J. Davies Date: 21-04-24

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

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

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I will speak in:

- ☐ English ☐ Māori ☐ New Zealand Sign Language

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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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](https://haveyoursay.horizons.govt.nz), our service centres and local libraries.

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### Te anga rautaki Strategic Framework

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

Summarised comments/sentiment:

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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.



#### Option 1

Targeted mapping focussing on acute urban growth pressure areas only.



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

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

PREFERRED  
OPTION



#### Option 3

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

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Prioritize the highly productive land as a valuable asset.

3

### Issue 2: Planning for the future

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



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

Fund work programme for integrated catchment management.

PREFERRED  
OPTION



#### Option 2

Do not fund work programme for integrated catchment management.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Planning for stopbank and river systems over the entire region is of major importance - Horizons have done well on P.N. - keep it up - but maintain to a high standard -

11

### Additional comments:

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

The new electric buses are a great step forward and the more frequent timetable but most are empty of passengers??

The new routes are not user friendly and do not cater for the needs of the communities and those who depend on bus transport - Please think again !!

but users and commuters are not suddenly going to use a bus!!!

all over the (greater) CBD -  
all parking except for home owners spots outside their property should be - "user pay" and make it steep - then, you may get more onto buses





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:

Reduce debt  
An Insurance to cover flood or disaster loss in the event of the likeness of "Gabrielle" - the overseas borrowing of money - therefore, aim to reduce debt - live and plan for our region and for the well being of our environment within the collection of rates

I strongly disapprove of the purchase of adjacent properties to "Horizon" offices in Victoria Ave —



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.

PREFERRED  
OPTION



### Option 2

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



### Option 3

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



### Option 4

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

### Summarised comments/sentiment:

5

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

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



### Option 1 - Council's preferred option

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

PREFERRED  
OPTION



### Option 2

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



### Option 3

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

### Summarised comments/sentiment:





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

6

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

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



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

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

PREFERRED  
OPTION



#### Option 2

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



#### Option 3

Remain with current service levels.

#### Summarised comments/sentiment:

yes, good idea but, please smaller buses all electric – P.N. new fleet are too big few people and the new routes are a mystery!!!

7

### New services for Horowhenua

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



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

Wider Horowhenua district.

PREFERRED  
OPTION



#### Option 2

Levin only public transport services.

#### Summarised comments/sentiment:

yes, good idea – as above – The small communities in the 'Horizon' region need some form of transport to P.N. for health, banks – better shopping



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

8

### New and improved regional services

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



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

New and improved regional services.

PREFERRED  
OPTION



#### Option 2

New and improved regional services (smaller scale).

#### Summarised comments/sentiment:

The "capital correction" (must) be extended to 4 trips per day – then, the rural communities can utilise an efficient means of transport from P.N. south with small buses from the small rural areas and (NO) car from P.N.

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### Issue 4: Changing fee structure for water meters

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



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

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

PREFERRED  
OPTION



#### Option 2

Continue to fund water meters from the Science budget.

#### Summarised comments/sentiment:

yes, "user pays" – a must!!!  
Water is our most valuable asset and must be metered for all users especially industry – farming  
Bring in "water tanks collection" off every roof for industry and homes





**Q1 Summarised contents/sentiment:**

Long Text please see attached submission - i have completed the survey form separately covering all the options & sections thanks :)

**Q2 Which option do you prefer?**

Multi Choice

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Long Text

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I have proposed attached an additional aspect of use of the Investment Income revenue - to match the Voluntary Contributions Fund suggestion.... to divert a small proportion of income to non-basic projects alongside the Voluntary Contributions amounts.

**Q19 Give us your thoughts:**

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Doing the basics well is what most people in all communities would support. That is not to say only do the basics though. Do not strive to be below average on anything - especially rates rises, that's a nonsense measure comparison, trying to limit ourselves to being below others when we & they are different is a bad plan.

Yes, efficiency, productive & focused are all good words, but efficiency doesn't always mean cheapest, least cost, or cover just the basics - often that's lean & mean, & it's often hard to separate those two...

When things start mounting up, it can be because we've done just the basics for too long & been too lean. Today, inflation is an externality that will be managed away, it's life, it's a moment in time, & managing it away for longer or quicker in any one region, is also about making provision for a better future now & tomorrow for next year, next few years, next decade, for the next generation - not just their services today, but provisioning for services tomorrow - that's why you have investments isn't it..... if we want as small a rates rise as possible, then we have to also accept selling investments, asset stripping to yield cash once - but then it's gone. Chasing a lowest rates rise, basic-only services means regression & digging graves deeper - making responsible rates increases that face today & tomorrow while protecting for tomorrow is better management & custodianship.

Our kids won't thank us for just doing the basics, when they have their families to provision for & look after, for their community to thrive in the future, we need to invest & make foundations now, not later.

Don't confuse doing the basics well, as just doing the basics.... if we do things well, that means we've a little left for more. Don't try to be the region with least rates increase - be the region that stays at the top, asks for more from more, is ambitious & engenders a forward thinking community.

Some will always complain, always want to limit, always want less cost - but I would ask what are you going to do with that extra cash back in your pocket? what would you spend it on? what do you take from your community, or need compared to what you give & contribute. If you can contribute a little more today to get more for it today & tomorrow, that's having a community - you can't live without one, so don't begrudge a dollar or a % for YOUR community, you never know when you'll need it or want help from it, or be thankful for it, that park, that bus, that hall, that councilor, that water, that drain, that road, that shelter, those neighbours, this town, these people, those friends, this place where your family lives - we all have to contribute & join in.

**Q20 Your name**

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Phill Haynes

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Single Checkbox

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## Submissions to HRC

- 1) **Additional Voluntary Contributions - for Rates account holders. &**
- 2) **Park & Ride PT hubs for Whanganui & Palmerston North**

### Additional Voluntary Contributions - for Rates account holders.

**Introduction:** As an additional aspect, I'd like to see a Voluntary Contribution Trust Fund for Urban Investment & Infrastructure, set up to incentivise & ask for additional funds, outside or on top of basic rates.

- We all need & use our towns, in particular the main towns of Taumarunui, Whanganui, & Palmerston North, there are cross over funding needs between District Councils & HRC - that look like wish list rather than basic items.

Meanwhile, there are households & businesses across the region who could & would willingly pay a little more to achieve more & not just fund the basics to the limits of the town boundaries. This could be similar to examples like at McDonalds or Cancer-Heart Foundation, where accountholders are asked if they would like to "round their rates up to the nearest \$10, or \$100..." to volunteer extra for extra projects.

**Time is always now its never tomorrow.** I know, some will decry this as 'not now', citing the cost of living issues.

These are real *to some* but not all, & I would still encourage HRC boldness, as it has become more of a political excuse than a real issue for all - it's disingenuous to those who have always struggled with the cost of living, which is still a minority, who yes do need support & they usually exist in towns, scrapping by in our urban centres.

The Manawatu is on the whole a wealthy region, a cash generating set of communities. The current issue the majority face, is actually more of a squeezed disposable income issue, it's not a crisis for all & it's discouraging institutions thinking bigger & asking for support for communities or philanthropic aid.

Lets not be that team or community that just does the basics, in fact *limited services* - lets be that region who provide more & inspire, lead or support more than basic needs.

**Added benefits:** This also has the benefit of positioning & enabling greater buy-in & uplifting our regional community spirit, it could also be administered together with the district towns, or if focused on particular projects empower existing trust groups. There are several issues needing more funding to accelerate solutions or boost provisions to get over infrastructure or capital hurdles - like homelessness, youth activity, mental illness, mobility/transportation of labour forces.

**How to Voluntary Fund** – this could be seeded each year by HRC taking an equal amount from the Investment Income revenue, to match the prior year's voluntary contributions - prior to dividing the investment income by the UAGC method. We'd estimate an amount for it's first year & adjust it quarterly perhaps...

So, for example, if 2023-24 had yielded say \$100,000 extra voluntary contribution, then HRC also match it with \$100,000 from the Investment income, (e.g. 2024/25 revenue would of \$5.15m - \$100,000 = \$5.05m balance to offset the UAGC).

> this would make little difference to the net UAGC benefits, while it could provide a significant amount to the Voluntary Fund to make it worthy of being able to achieve additional items, beyond the basics.



**To fund what?** Perhaps the Agenda for the 'Trust' could initially be proposed as .....

"Capital needs of property purchase or lease for expansion of PT",

"Building/facilities for new transport or homeless",

"Improvements or expansion of Regional PT boundaries of key urban centres of Palmerston & Whanganui",

"Seeding/expanding or improving active & e-transport e-bikes & e-scooters & cycling/walking from outskirts to CBD",

"Science Budget needs",

"Youth activity event projects".

***I would happily present or submit on this topic*** to expand on the opportunity to generate more buy-in & ownership of our communities & regional presence. This is becoming more common in Europe for authorities to utilise or private business or organisations to generate charitable donations to sponsor.

#### **Summary of Submission:-**

Ratepayer accounts would be given the opportunity to additionally volunteer extra 'charitable' payments to ensure the region can both invest for the future & make infrastructure investments on a set agenda

(or set by the Trust & HRC jointly),

with the option of contributors actively supporting projects, or apportioning amounts to agenda items.

## **Park & Ride PT hubs for Whanganui & Palmerston North**

**Introduction:** I'd like to propose during this LTP, Horizons explore & expand PT to the provision of facilities for Park & Rides on the main entry/exit State Highways into these two key expanding towns – as congestion is becoming an increasing problem.

We can start now & make a difference, in fact also be in the vanguard of preparations & services to keeping our community mobile & efficient.

Towns across the globe eventually create Park & Rides, they are proven benefits & worthy investments, create focal points & hubs that relieve issues & stresses elsewhere. But most towns wait till their network of roads is broken, until every piece of open land is paved & concreted – we don't need to, we can get ahead, because our two main towns, which are getting busier & congested, have two key easy opportunities & advantages:- i) there are only two main traffic feeding State Highways in/out of these towns & ii) there's obvious/easy places to site P&R transport hubs that can integrate into the PT & active mobility networks easily & with little cost (compared to how Europe/Uk had to deal with this).

#### **Whanganui example:**

SH3 from Palmerston & SH3 from New Plymouth – both have bus routes near that can easily be extended or added to reach unused or excess capacity spaces that are ideal for small Park areas. These are also near to the airport route, the CBD route & to a main tourist attraction. You could even walk from them easily within 10 mins to an existing bus route, or add a bike station for e-bikes, e-scooters & cycles.



These could easily be commercialised later to providing a longer-term revenue stream & commercial opportunity for the wider town private business.

**Added benefits:** This also has the benefit of positioning the towns as forward thinking & enabling greater buy-in & uplifting our regional community spirit. It has the benefit of mobilising a workforces reach & links across communities with lower costs & less congestion or down sides to CBD resources. It can be a welcoming focal point for visitors & also provide a focal point for electrification services too – getting around some sticky issues of how & where to power the future of mobility.

*Imagine being the only regional provincial towns with a Park & Ride?*

We don't need to be Hamilton scale, these type of operations scale down well when we keep it focused & have the proximity & location spaces already available to utilise or repurpose.

### **Partnership & utilise a Voluntary Fund – or Crowd funding principles & idea.**

This is an issue that WDC & PNCC are going to have to face also – at some point – so lets partner this one early & work it into each others LTPs. WDC/NZTA or PNCC/NZTA already have access to the land in the roading corridors or similar space by parks – great places to start the Ride from....

This is where regional transport meets district transport meets district planning & community needs. It's where decongestion & decarbonisation can start.

***I would happily present or submit on this topic*** to expand on the opportunity to generate more buy-in & ownership of our communities & regional presence. These have become common place in Europe for authorities of smaller & smaller towns.

### **Summary of Submission:-**

Make some infrastructure investments to decongest our towns & promote readiness for domestic tourism & use of PT, active modes & into-town connectivity across the region – by setting up 3 or 4 Park & Rides near each town limit for Whanganui (3) & Palmerston North (4).

IT doesn't need to be sophisticated or big ticket or a big space to start with – pilot a project using spaces already available – that just need a cooperative collaboration rather than land purchase or lease... lets get going on it & see where it leads, which should be less congestion, less carbon & more active journeys & better mobility across the region.



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Issue 2 – Planning for the Future  
Issue 3A – Updates to Operational Areas – Increasing River Management Insurance  
Issue 3C – Updates to Operation Areas – New Public Transport Services for Horowhenua  
Issue 4 – Changing Fee Structure for Water Meters

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**Q20 Your name**

Short Text Bernie Wanden, JP - District Mayor

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## **Submission - Horizons Long Term Plan 2024-2034**

### **Introduction**

The Horowhenua District Council (the Council) appreciates the opportunity to make a submission on the Horizons Long Term Plan 2024-2034 (LTP).

### **Issue 1 – Responding to Legislative Requirements – Level of Service for Highly Productive Land**

Whilst the Council appreciates that soils mapping is required to be done by Horizons under the National Policy Statement for Highly Productive Land (NPS-HPL), we note that this NPS constrains our district without any financial compensation for policy settings that will benefit national interests, at the cost of potential growth in our district.

We have previously provided Horizons and their consultants with feedback from our District Plan Steering Group, which is repeated here to ensure that it is captured in the Long Term Plan feedback also. That feedback was in support of what has been presented in the LTP as Option 2 for soil mapping - Targeted mapping focussing on areas where there is urban growth pressure and/or demand for rural lifestyle subdivision. We consider that testing should focus on areas subject to the greatest pressure – that is longer term growth areas, areas with pressure for lifestyle development, and areas that could be suitable for non-land based primary production rural activities.

Our Growth Strategy identifies growth areas for our settlements, some of which have been identified for residential up-zoning (i.e. a greater density of development on sites that already had some type of Residential zoning) and some that have been identified for rezoning from rural to residential or for business purposes within ten years. These areas are obviously exempt from the NPS-HPL, but the remainder of our growth areas will be affected, due to the distribution of LUC 1-3 land within our District. Given the potential for development of some of the longer-term growth areas to occur prior to the timeframes in the Growth Strategy, either through out of sequence development or the ten year growth areas being taken up more quickly than anticipated or face unexpected challenges that would make development difficult. Having good quality information will therefore be imperative for good decision making, including consideration in terms of the National Policy Statement on Urban Development (NPS-UD) and NPS-HPL.

We note the indications from the new government that LUC 3 may be excluded from the NPS-HPL. If this were to occur, a revised approach may be needed. For example, this would require careful examination of the LUC 1 and 2 boundary with LUC 3. It may also enable a more of the region to be mapped in the short term, as less land overall would be impacted.

A key challenge for Horowhenua is that the NPS-HPL makes it very difficult for rural industry and other rural activities that are not land based primary production to occur on highly productive land, which, based on the interim definition in the NPS-HPL, comprises the majority of the District's flat rural land resource. Whilst discouraged under the NPS-HPL, these sorts of activities contribute significantly to the sustainability and resilience of the rural environment. As such, it is important to have good quality and

accurate mapping of highly productive land so that these sorts of activities are not unnecessarily constrained.

The mapping exercise needs to take into account local soils knowledge and expertise in addition to NZLIR and, specifically, what soils and conditions meet the threshold of highly productive in the region (to the extent possible under the NPS-HPL).

Horowhenua District Council also have a particular interest in being involved in discussions about how to determine what constitutes 'large and geographically cohesive'. Irreversible fragmentation, heavy presence of water bodies, and small pockets of LUC 1-3 within areas of LUC 4+ are factors that may result in land failing the 'large and geographically cohesive' test.

We also note the need to consider how views of Iwi/Hapū partners are captured in this process, particularly in respect of how Māori land is captured in this process.

## **Issue 2 – Planning for the Future**

With regards to the intention to fund the work programme for integrated catchment management, we support Option 1 – funding the work programme. We support the endeavours to implement a more holistic approach to delivering outcomes such as improved water quality, pest control, and river management through Horizons operational programmes across the region. Taking a more region-wide view than a catchment-wide view of managing river management and drainage schemes and their wider ecosystems; water, land, plant and animal life, and affected communities will likely lead to better environmental outcomes when our environment is considered as an interconnected system from the mountains to the sea.

## **Issue 3A – Updates to Operational Areas – Increasing River Management Insurance**

Whilst the notion of increasing insurance cover on river management assets is supported in principle, we ask Horizons to consider developing more robust risk management practices and proactive readiness and resilience strategies. One option that could be considered is instead of paying increased premiums, initial cover and premiums are retained as is with the proposed additional funds needed for increased premiums being diverted and invested into a regional resilience fund. We consider that there would be benefits to be gained from better understanding our risk profile or lower risk.

We also consider that there needs to be a more bespoke approach for Foxton and Horowhenua. Under the options available, there would be significant subsidisation of Foxton properties (because the rate is set on capital value) across the district. While the whole district should pay toward a portion in recognition of protection of regional assets/roads etc, the property owners in Foxton and other river-proximate properties in our district get the most benefit.

## **Issue 3C – Updates to Operation Areas – New Public Transport Services for Horowhenua**

We are pleased that additional public transport options are being considered for implementation within our District, and note that our Mayor and two Councillors, along with Council staff have been involved in the Horizons Public Transport Governance Group.

The Horowhenua District is undergoing a period of sustained population growth. With the anticipated growth in both residential and industrial activities within the Horowhenua District, as well as the existing drivers of growth, we are planning for an increase in people both living and working in the District. This will occur in part as a result of the development at Tara-Ika and the expected Ōtaki to North Levin extension to the Northern Corridor.

Improved public transport, both within and to and from the District will be essential to support the existing and projected population of the District, as well as working towards the goals of lowering the road toll and lowering carbon emissions from the District's vehicle fleet. Increasing affordable, accessible public transport connections, particularly to and from Palmerston North and the Greater Wellington Region, will increase connectivity and access to services in larger centres (e.g. hospital services, airports) for residents and will provide workable alternative transport modes for our workforce. It is also particularly important that our rangatahi have access to opportunities in Wellington and Palmerston North that is convenient and affordable. Our District does not have a regional hospital, so our residents are forced to travel to other centres, particularly Wellington and Palmerston North for many types of treatment. Extended and improved public transport services will enable better and more equitable access to these services for our residents, leading to better health outcomes overall.

Whilst Option 1 is supported in principle, and the need for better public transport in the Horowhenua District is recognised, we do have some concerns regarding the lack of consultation with and information available to our residents at the current time, and the potential roll-out of the programme. Horowhenua District Council will also need to set funding aside for the physical infrastructure to support the buses – bus stops, signage and any road layout changes. The rates impact for our residents in the first year of the Horizons LTP would be significant, so it is important that our residents are consulted with and able to have input into potential routes and potential fares. A 'soft' roll-out may be prudent to ensure that any new services are fit for purpose, affordable and have the support of our residents before a full-scale service is launched.

#### **Issue 4 – Changing Fee Structure for Water Meters**

We support Option 1 for this issue – changing the fee structure to 100% user pays.

#### **Other Matters**

##### **Lake Horowhenua**

The restoration of Lake Horowhenua/Punahau is of great importance to Muaūpoko, Iwi and our residents. We support the work in this space continuing, including the restoration work at Arawhata Wetland, and note that full restoration of the lake will be a significant long-term project. We support the work included in the current financial strategy, but note that a sustained work plan and long term funding will need to be implemented to ensure that this important work continues to be done after the Jobs for Nature funding ceases.

We also have some concerns that the Lake Horowhenua Water Quality improvement works will be moved to 100% funding from the Uniform Annual General Charge, from an accountability perspective. There needs to be some visibility over what happens with this funding.

##### **Foxton East Drainage Scheme**

The Council considers that this project should be escalated to a top ten priority project by Horizons. The risk to people and property from flooding in Foxton East is known, and it is unacceptable to leave that community unprotected from flooding in even minor events, as is the current situation. Horowhenua District Council has already invested in this project and our ratepayers expect and deserve an outcome from this investment.

##### **Te Awahou Foxton Climate Resilience Project**

We support the inclusion of this project in the financial strategy.

### **Moutua Floodgate Replacement**

We support the inclusion of this project in the financial strategy.

### **Foxton River Loop, Waikawa Stream Works, Estuary RAMSAR site**

We note that these works are not provided for under any particular scheme and ask that projects including these areas be included in the financial strategy. These are important waterways in our District and their ongoing maintenance and improvement is important to our residents.

### **Horowhenua District - Horizons Outreach**

It is difficult for our constituents to connect with Horizons, due to their being no physical presence within our District – we note that ours is the only District (apart from Manawatū) that does not have a physical Horizons office. We ask that this type of space be provided within the Horowhenua District to bring our District up to the same level of service as other Territorial Authorities in the Region.

### **Hazards Mapping**

We request that a programme to improve the flood and other hazard maps across the region be established. This is an important function of Horizons and at present it is difficult to access good information on hazards. We note that the amount and quality of information available for the Horowhenua District is much less than for Palmerston North and Manawatū District, and the Greater Wellington Councils.

### **Horowhenua District Growth**

We are perplexed by the following statement in Assumption 6.2 of the Forecasting Assumptions, which are included in the Appendices to the supporting information. Please could some clarity be provided as to why Horowhenua District has been singled out as having a 'high' degree of risk in relation to population projections, and why our participation in the Wellington Regional FDS would appear to be noted as a reason for this? We would expect that the population projections used for the region provided by Infometrics would have been based upon the same base information and forecasting methods.

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We would like to speak to our submission.

Yours sincerely

Bernie Wanden, JP  
District Mayor



Contribution ID: 1551

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Long Text see attached letter

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

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

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

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Long Text see attached letter

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

**Q9 Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Long Text see attached letter

**Q10 Which option do you prefer?**

Multi Choice Option 3: Remain with current service levels.

**Q11 Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Long Text see attached letter

**Q12 Which option do you prefer?**

Multi Choice Option 2: Levin-only public transport services.

**Q13 Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Long Text see attached letter

**Q14 Which option do you prefer?**

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

**Q15 Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Long Text see attached letter

<b>Q16</b>	<b>Which option do you prefer?</b>
Multi Choice	Option 2: Continue to fund water meters from the Science budget.
<b>Q17</b>	<b>Summarised comments/sentiment:</b>
Long Text	see attached letter
<b>Q18</b>	<b>Summarised comments/sentiment:</b>
Long Text	see attached letter
<b>Q19</b>	<b>Give us your thoughts:</b>
Long Text	see attached letter
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Short Text	Bruce Farquhar
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Short Text	Bruce Farquhar
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Single Checkbox	Yes
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# Puka tono Submission form

HAVE  
YOUR SAY

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

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

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

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

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## Te anga rautaki Strategic Framework

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

Summarised comments/sentiment:

\* NEED TO SUPPORT BUSINESSES IN WANANUI  
to encourage growth & employment.



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.



#### Option 1

Targeted mapping focussing on acute urban growth pressure areas only.



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

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



PREFERRED  
OPTION



#### Option 3

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

#### Summarised comments/sentiment:

We must provide land for LOW DENSITY HOUSING.  
Can't buy or easily sub-divide land to have section size of  
1000 - 2000 m<sup>2</sup> (Our only options currently is 800m<sup>2</sup> or 5000m<sup>2</sup>  
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Auckland in the 1970s provided enough land for housing as if the population  
was 3x. They had no problem until that got stopped late 1990s.  
they always had plenty of sub-divisible  
land back then for development

3

### Issue 2: Planning for the future

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



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

Fund work programme for integrated catchment management.



#### Option 2

Do not fund work programme for integrated catchment management.



PREFERRED  
OPTION

#### Summarised comments/sentiment:

Waste of Money.





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:

*Our flood protection for Wanganui town is good now.  
Option 3.*

#### 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:

Get rid of the empty busses & use Large Vans instead. - Much more cost effective.

Get Electric Vans - people mover type 16-18 seaters.

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## **New services for Horowhenua**

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



### Option 1 - Council's preferred option

Wider Horowhenua district.



### 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.



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

New and improved regional services.



**PREFERRED  
OPTION**



**Option 2**

New and improved regional services (smaller scale).

Summarised comments/sentiment:

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### Issue 4: Changing fee structure for water meters

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



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

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



**PREFERRED  
OPTION**



**Option 2**

Continue to fund water meters from the Science budget.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Everyone uses water



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:

If you decide on USER PAYS (thats okay if its the same for all services)

eg. \* I use water.

✓ Can pay. ✓ but

\* Don't use Library (no charge please)

\* Don't use Art Gallery

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\* Animal Management (Don't use)

"

\* Don't use Swimming pools

"

\* Don't use sports grounds

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\* Don't use Museum

"

\* Don't use Opera house

"

\* Don't use War Memorial

"

\* So if user pays - then I expect rebate!!



**Additional comments:**

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

A Big concern is not enough land being made available for low intensity housing - We need to approve enough for 30 years (allow 3x population.)

- Services can be paid for over the 1st 10 years of the new development Sections - add an extra fee to the rates on those sections

If some wishes to build a 300-400m<sup>2</sup> flat house in Wanganui on a serviced section - THEY CAN'T!!

Nothing in the plan allows for sections big enough for this - Say 1200 - 2000m<sup>2</sup>.

\* We have a reason to apply to use productive land - (just like Hamilton & Cambridge) as we have no other options.

\* Do you want top class development & houses to move to these other cities because we don't provide for such. - Time to stop being so narrow like council over last 80 years. - Also

Fire the current town planner - I think Wanganui MP could also give direction.

- Our preferred option is for submissions to be made online at **haveyoursay.horizons.govt.nz**
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2024.**

## Ngā pitopito matawhaiaro

### Contact details

Name: Bruce Farguhar

Organisation: [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Signature: [REDACTED] Date: 22-4-24

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

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**I will speak in:**

☒ English ☐ Māori ☐ New Zealand Sign Language

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## Ngā pitopito matawhaiaro

### Contact details

Name: Bruce Fargnhar

Organisation: Plast-ax Ltd

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 20-4-24

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**Q1 Summarised contents/sentiment:**

Long Text Submitting on behalf of Kristina Illston. Portal #164024

**Q2 Which option do you prefer?**

Multi Choice

**Q3 Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Long Text

**Q4 Which option do you prefer?**

Multi Choice

**Q5 Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Long Text

**Q6 Which option do you prefer?**

Multi Choice

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**Q8 Which option do you prefer?**

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**Q11 Summarised comments/sentiment:**

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**Q12 Which option do you prefer?**

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Q19	Give us your thoughts:
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Single Checkbox	
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## **Submission: Horizons Long Term Plan 2024-34**

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

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

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

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

### **Executive Summary**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**3. Increasing Insurance Cover Schemes**

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

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

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

**5. General**

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

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

**Summary**

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

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

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

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

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

**Q1 Summarised contents/sentiment:**

Long Text

**Q2 Which option do you prefer?**

Multi Choice

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

**Q3 Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Long Text

IRO-MAR supports Option 3, because this will identify highly productive land which is a taonga.

a. Potentially, Option 3 could be MORE efficient as future demand for land cannot be fully predicted at this time.

b. The Horizons region is a large food production region for Aotearoa New Zealand, and has 206,000 hectares, 18%, of the nation's versatile soils.

Clearly identifying productive land will become more necessary owing to climate change and its implications on food supply capabilities.

c. Some areas of the Horizons region may be more suitable and valuable for particular land use, owing to soil class and access.

**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

IRO-MAR supports Option 1; taking a holistic approach via developing an Integrated Catchment Management model.

a. Horizons has a role to invest in management of our regional resources for the long term. IRO-MAR supports the strategic concept of viewing our region as an inter-connected whole, noting the importance of looking at the completed jigsaw, not just individual pieces.

b. IRO-MAR supports the time frames proposed, with new roles to support the establishment of the Integrated Catchment model established 2024-2025, aiming for transitioning to be complete prior to the next LTP development in 2027.

c. In planning for the future, air quality also needs to be included within the holistic equation: refer also to page 2 of the draft Long-term Plan To Tātou Rohe/Our Region: "...we are responsible for ensuring the sustainability of the region's land, air and water resources on behalf of the communities we serve".

**Q6 Which option do you prefer?**

Multi Choice

**Q7 Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Long Text

a. IRO-MAR supports the increase in insurance cover as this is prudent.

**Q8 Which option do you prefer?**

Multi Choice

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

**Q9 Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Long Text

b. Horizons preferred Option 1 does not sit comfortably alongside the holistic, integrated catchment model also being proposed in the draft plan. IRO-MAR supports Option 2 at a minimum, but prefers Option 3.

i) The Horizons region is defined and characterised by river systems and aquifers. Protection and enhancement of our waterways will improve water quality and health of our natural environment. IRO-MAR considers strong investment in the levels of service for freshwater activity is critical.



<b>Q10</b>	<b>Which option do you prefer?</b>
Multi Choice	Option 1 (council's preferred option): Whanganui public transport improvements running by the end of 2025-26.
<b>Q11</b>	<b>Summarised comments/sentiment:</b>
Long Text	a. IRO-MAR supports the proposed increased levels of service for public transport as these provide more options for our regional communities to connect; potentially reducing individual vehicle emissions.
<b>Q12</b>	<b>Which option do you prefer?</b>
Multi Choice	Option 1 (council's preferred option): Wider Horowhenua district, including Levin.
<b>Q13</b>	<b>Summarised comments/sentiment:</b>
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<b>Q19</b>	<b>Give us your thoughts:</b>
Long Text	<p>In summary, IRO-MAR supports the Draft Puka whiriwhiri o te Mahere Roa 2024-34/Long-term Plan consultation document:</p> <p>a. IRO-MAR acknowledges the difficulties of the present economic environment; however not investing in, and not enhancing past work, may put at risk the gains made in the health of the environment within our region.</p> <p>b. IRO-MAR encourages Horizons to maintain focus on the health and well-being of our people and communities within the Horizons region.</p> <p>Please see attached document. Portal# 164025</p>
<b>Q20</b>	<b>Your name</b>
Short Text	Felicity Wallace
<b>Q21</b>	<b>Organisation:</b>
Short Text	Interested Residents of Marton and Rangitikei (IRO-MAR)
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**Q24**

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felicity@inspire.net.nz

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**Q27**

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Single Checkbox

**Q28**

**Tick your preferred speaking session.**

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**Puka whiriwhiri o te Mahere Roa 2024-34**

**2024-2034 Long-term Plan consultation document**

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[haveyoursay@horizons.govt.nz](mailto:haveyoursay@horizons.govt.nz)

**Submitter:** Interested Residents of Marton and Rangitikei

Email:

Phone:

**Introduction**

- 1 Interested Residents of Marton and Rangitikei Incorporated (**IRO-MAR**) wish to be heard in support of its submission on the Horizons Draft 2024-34 Long-term Plan consultation document.
- 2 IRO-MAR advocates for a group of residents living in Marton and the wider Rangitikei district who hold a strong affinity and commitment to the land and people of Rangitikei district, its health and well-being.
- 3 We wish to see our district grow and flourish but not at the cost of the amenity and environment that make this area a special place to live.
- 4 We support environmentally-best practice development and protection of Rangitikei District, including its rural environment and communities, its flora, fauna, endangered species and soils.
- 5 We appreciate this opportunity to take part in the Horizons consultation process.

**General comments:**

- (a) IRO- MAR supports the overall strategy set out in the Puka whiriwhiri o te Mahere Roa 2024-34 Long-term Plan consultation document
  - (i) IRO- MAR appreciates the early engagement with communities that Horizons undertook to understand local views prior to drafting of the Plan.
  - (ii) The layout of the consultation document; and the level of the information provided including detailed costings; and links to further information; assists good community decision making.
  - (iii) In particular, IRO-MAR supports the proposal to focus on predominantly maintaining and enhancing existing assets and levels of service rather than new capital works.

- (iv) IRO-MAR acknowledges and supports the proposal to build internal capacity within Horizons, in order to meet legislative and regulatory requirements (noting these may change) and strategic goals.
- (v) IRO-MAR considers that the role of Horizons as a reliable and effective regulator for our community is paramount.

#### Comments on the Draft Plan:

##### 1. Level of Service for Highly Productive land: p23

- a) IRO-MAR supports Option 3, because this will identify highly productive land which is a *taonga*.
  - a. Potentially, Option 3 could be MORE efficient as future demand for land cannot be fully predicted at this time.
  - b. The Horizons region is a large food production region for Aotearoa New Zealand, and has 206,000 hectares, 18%, of the nation's versatile soils. Clearly identifying productive land will become more necessary owing to climate change and its implications on food supply capabilities.
  - c. Some areas of the Horizons region may be more suitable and valuable for particular land use, owing to soil class and access.

##### 2. Planning for the Future: p29

- a) IRO-MAR supports Option 1; taking a holistic approach via developing an Integrated Catchment Management model.
  - a. Horizons has a role to invest in management of our regional resources for the long term. IRO-MAR supports the strategic concept of viewing our region as an inter-connected whole, noting the importance of looking at the completed jigsaw, not just individual pieces.
  - b. IRO-MAR supports the time frames proposed, with new roles to support the establishment of the Integrated Catchment model established 2024-2025, aiming for transitioning to be complete prior to the next LTP development in 2027.
  - c. In planning for the future, air quality also needs to be included within the holistic equation: refer also to page 2 of the draft Long-term Plan To Tātou Rohe/Our Region: "...we are responsible for ensuring the sustainability of the region's land, air and water resources on behalf of the communities we serve".

### 3. Updates to Operational Areas:

#### a) 3a: increase to river management insurances p32

- a. IRO-MAR supports the increase in insurance cover as this is prudent.

#### b) 3b ; reduced levels of service for freshwater activity p34

- b. Horizons preferred Option 1 does not sit comfortably alongside the holistic, integrated catchment model also being proposed in the draft plan. IRO-MAR supports Option 2 at a minimum, but prefers Option 3.
  - i) The Horizons region is defined and characterised by river systems and aquifers. Protection and enhancement of our waterways will improve water quality and health of our natural environment. IRO-MAR considers strong investment in the levels of service for freshwater activity is critical.

#### c) 3c: increased levels of service for public transport p 36

- a. IRO-MAR supports the proposed increased levels of service for public transport as these provide more options for our regional communities to connect; potentially reducing individual vehicle emissions.

### Summary

In summary, IRO-MAR **supports** the Draft Puka whiriwhiri o te Mahere Roa 2024-34/Long-term Plan consultation document:

- a. IRO-MAR acknowledges the difficulties of the present economic environment; however not investing in, and not enhancing past work, may put at risk the gains made in the health of the environment within our region.
- b. IRO-MAR encourages Horizons to maintain focus on the health and well-being of our people and communities within the Horizons region.

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Felicity Wallace

**On behalf of IROMAR**

Dated: 22-4-2024



Contribution ID: 1554



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Dear Sir/Madam,

### **HORIZONS STAFF SUBMISSION TO THE DRAFT HORIZONS LONG-TERM PLAN 2023-34**

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on the draft Horizons Long-term Plan 2024-34 (LTP).

This submission has been prepared by officers and has not been formally endorsed by Horizons Regional Council or a committee of the Council.

The purpose of this submission is to inform Council's deliberations on the Long-term Plan where it is consulting on infrastructure insurance.

1. During the 2024-34 Long-term Plan Consultation Process, Council consulted on proposed changes to its infrastructure insurance programme. Specifically, whether to make no change to the current programme, whether to increase the claim-limit from \$150M to \$200M with effect from November 2024 and whether to raise the pooled infrastructure insurance from \$300M to \$500M with effect from November 2024.
2. The purpose of this submission is to inform Council that the financial implications, in terms of the cost to increase the premium of the pooled infrastructure insurance has significantly increased and therefore, will require appropriate consideration during Deliberations.
3. Selected MW/HB LASS councils currently take part in pooled infrastructure insurance layers. Councils involved in this scheme are; Hawkes Bay Regional Council, Hastings District Council, Central Hawkes Bay District Council, Whanganui District Council, Manawatū District Council, Rangitikei District Council, Horizons Regional Council (Horizons), Ruapehu District Council and Tararua District Council.
4. The pooled infrastructure insurance policy consists of two separate layers. A primary layer of \$125 million, and a secondary layer of \$175 million. Therefore, for participating councils there is a total amount of available funds of \$300 million in 100% terms (this model assumes the Government '60/40 rule'). Note a MOU covers claim sharing provisions.



5. For the past year MW LASS has been working with its insurance broker Aon on pricing an additional (third) \$200 million insurance layer, taking the total amount of pooled insurance to \$500 million for those who would elect to opt in to all three layers. This matter has been discussed at MW LASS directors meetings and also at the MW/HB LASS Insurance Collaboration Group. Subsequently, several MW/HB LASS Councils expressed interest in potentially purchasing the additional insurance layer.
6. Separate to this discussion, Horizons increased the individual claim limit from \$100 million to \$150 million. This decision came into effect 1 November 2023, which is when the new insurance period started and was confirmed at the Council meeting on 28 November 2023.
7. At the same meeting, Council also made a decision to further increase the claim limit to \$200 million with effect 1 November 2024. Council is now consulting on increasing this level of insurance cover (claim limit) starting 2024/2025, and continuing, as part of the LTP process.
8. At Horizons the item regarding the additional \$200 million pooled insurance layer was discussed at Audit and Risk workshops in March and again in September 2023. This included discussion on Aon's additional premium being shared among the three MW/HB LASS councils who elected to 'opt in'. As such, the budget was increased by \$257k in anticipation of the increase in cost.
9. On 25 October 2023 Horizons Council passed a resolution to purchase the additional pooled insurance layer of +\$200m with effect 1 November 2023, and remain ongoing from that point. At this point Horizons increased its Long Term Plan (LTP) insurance premium by an additional \$257k on top of other authorised insurance costs within the Catchment Operations area. However, it is noted this direction was based on the assumption that two other MW/HB LASS councils would also opt in.
10. Subsequently, Aon provided a quote (total of \$800k -split between the three 'opt in' councils). Two of the councils (Hawkes Bay Regional and Tararua) subsequently pulled out.
11. As such, Horizons hasn't signed up to the additional level of cover due to the fact Horizons would be expected to pay the entire \$800k insurance premium had it chosen to proceed with the arrangement. Therefore, the current availability of pooled infrastructure insurance funds remains at \$300 million.
12. Council is now consulting on increasing the insurance premium to enable the available pooled infrastructure insurance to be up to \$500 million – effectively from November 2024. The LTP consultation document assumed the Horizons share of the premium for this could be an additional \$257k per annum based on two other councils being involved. However, given the two other councils have now exited this arrangement, the premium to achieve this level of protection would be much higher (estimated to be at least \$800k with effect November 2023). Should Horizons still wish to proceed alone with this option, it would need to approach the insurance broker again to get an estimate of this level of cover for Horizons assets only.
13. This submission is to update Council to inform its deliberations on the Long-term Plan regarding insurance. It is consulting on insurance cover including potentially raising the infrastructure claim limit to \$200 million with effect 1 November 2024.

14. Council is also requested to make a decision as to whether or not it wishes to raise the pooled infrastructure sublimit from \$300 million to \$500 million with effect 1 November 2024. If this is the case the cost is unknown and council would be required to seek a quote for this additional insurance. Alternatively, council may decide to decline purchasing the additional insurance layer and instead hold the allocated premium of \$257k in reserve as a form of self-insurance.

Yours sincerely,

Craig Grant  
**ACTING CHIEF EXECUTIVE**



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Portal request #164017

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Jeffrey Walshe

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Thanks Christine Moriarty  
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**To : Horizons Regional Council**

**Ref: LTP 2024-2034**

WECA commends your plan to look at our ecosystems with a more “joined up” approach. However, we hope this will not be a “Fabian Strategy” designed to take away work that needs doing on already identified issues until all the problems in the Region have been identified.

You already have considerable data on the water quality problems in the Horowhenua and an approach to improve **our** water quality needs to be developed now.

More resources need to be put into policing consents and bringing perpetrators to justice. There are issues – like the Queen Street drain in Levin - that have never been consented. It is HRC’s job to have the problem put right before a consent is given not to wait. Pollution needs to be reduced regardless of consent.

The policy of fencing streams should be stopped immediately. It has to be the landowners’ responsibility to keep stock out of waterways and they should have to pay the full cost for fencing. How many HRC councillors have benefited from the current policy?

We are calling for more resources not fewer. “Saving” money in the short term will end up costing us more in the future. Meantime our environment suffers.

Christine Moriarty

Secretary – Water & Environmental care Association Inc.

April 21, 2024

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Alan Hylton

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Alan Hylton

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**Q20 Your name**

Short Text Paula Theron

**Q21 Organisation:**

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**Q2 Which option do you prefer?**

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

**Q3 Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Long Text See attached

**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 See attached

**Q6 Which option do you prefer?**

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.

**Q7 Summarised comments/sentiment:**

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**Q8 Which option do you prefer?**

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

**Q9 Summarised comments/sentiment:**

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**Q10 Which option do you prefer?**

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

**Q11 Summarised comments/sentiment:**

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**Q12 Which option do you prefer?**

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

**Q13 Summarised comments/sentiment:**

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**Q14 Which option do you prefer?**

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

**Q15 Summarised comments/sentiment:**

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<b>Q16</b>	<b>Which option do you prefer?</b>
Multi Choice	Option 1 (council's preferred option): Changing fee structure for water meters to 100% user pays.
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**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

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Have your say  
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   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:**

Apologise for late, short, submission.  
Preoccupied with PNCC implications  
of their Future Development Strategy.

Strong concern about allowing Class 2  
land to be zoned Industrial in the  
Roberts Line, Newbury Line "Corner" of  
the PNCC area.





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

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

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



#### Option 1

Targeted mapping focussing on acute urban growth pressure areas only.



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

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



#### Option 3

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



#### Summarised comments/sentiment:

Need to respect requirements of NPS - HPL when applying to proposed land zoning. Eg Allowing Class 2w2 land to be zoned Industrial

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### Issue 2: Planning for the future

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



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

Fund work programme for integrated catchment management.



#### Option 2

Do not fund work programme for integrated catchment management.



#### Summarised comments/sentiment:

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### Additional comments:

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

contd.

Is there no role for the Regional Council to uphold the NPS HPL DESIGNATION which should be regnant over the District Council zoning?  
If not you, then whom?





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

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## Revenue and Financing Policy

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

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

### Summarised comments/sentiment:

The NPS HPL legislation is designed to protect land of high actual or potential value for food production; particularly Classes 1 and 2.

Surely the Regional Council is in a unique position to model leadership in appropriate land use.

What is the point of having national legislation to protect high value soils only to have District Councils ignore this legislation in their future development strategy.

Is the Regional Council's responsibility limited to ensuring that the land classes are mapped?



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

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

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



### Option 1 - Council's preferred option

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



### 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:

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## 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.

PREFERRED  
OPTION



#### Option 2

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



#### Option 3

Remain with current service levels.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

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### 7 New services for Horowhenua

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



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

Wider Horowhenua district.

PREFERRED  
OPTION



#### Option 2

Levin only public transport services.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

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

### 8 New and improved regional services

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



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

New and improved regional services.

PREFERRED  
OPTION



#### Option 2

New and improved regional services (smaller scale).

Summarised comments/sentiment:

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

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



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

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

PREFERRED  
OPTION



#### Option 2

Continue to fund water meters from the Science budget.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

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**Q1 Summarised contents/sentiment:**

Long Text

**Q2 Which option do you prefer?**

Multi Choice

**Q3 Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Long Text

**Q4 Which option do you prefer?**

Multi Choice

**Q5 Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Long Text

**Q6 Which option do you prefer?**

Multi Choice

**Q7 Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Long Text

**Q8 Which option do you prefer?**

Multi Choice

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

**Q9 Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Long Text

Our waterways are very important, we need to protect them.

**Q10 Which option do you prefer?**

Multi Choice

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

**Q11 Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Long Text

If we want less cars on the roads we need a regular public transport system. Great idea to bring Whanganui and Wellington closer together (and all the other areas in between)!

**Q12 Which option do you prefer?**

Multi Choice

**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

**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

Sumita Dale

**Q21 Organisation:**

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**Q22**      **Address**

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**Q25** Phone number

Telephone

**Q26**      **E-signature**

Short Text

Sumita Dale

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

## Single Checkbox

**Q28** Tick your preferred speaking session.

Multi Choice

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

### Multi Choice

**Q30** I will speak in

Multi Choice

**Q31**      **File upload**

File Upload



**Q1 Summarised contents/sentiment:**

Long Text

**Q2 Which option do you prefer?**

Multi Choice

**Q3 Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Long Text

**Q4 Which option do you prefer?**

Multi Choice

**Q5 Summarised comments/sentiment:**

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**Q6 Which option do you prefer?**

Multi Choice

**Q7 Summarised comments/sentiment:**

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**Q8 Which option do you prefer?**

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**Q9 Summarised comments/sentiment:**

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**Q10 Which option do you prefer?**

Multi Choice

**Q11 Summarised comments/sentiment:**

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**Q12 Which option do you prefer?**

Multi Choice

**Q13 Summarised comments/sentiment:**

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**Q14 Which option do you prefer?**

Multi Choice

**Q15 Summarised comments/sentiment:**

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**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

I am very concerned about our Public Transport system in Wanganui, where we have a large number of buses going around the city empty.

I now understand that you (Horizons Regional Council) are planning on increasing the number of buses. To me that would be a gross waste of money and arrogance.

I also understand that the charge the rate payer pays is based on the capital value of their property. I suggest it should be on a per household basis (UAGC Uniform Annual General Charge).

I do not support any increase in the bus services in Wanganui

**Q20 Your name**

Short Text

Alyson Wright

**Q21 Organisation:**

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

**Q28 Tick your preferred speaking session.**

Multi Choice

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

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**Q31**

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