

Long Term Plan 2024-2034

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Submitting on behalf of Bill Arnold, Chairperson Whanganui Residents and Ratepayers Association. Portal#163913

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Hello

I have been asked by the Chair of Whanganui Rate Payers Association to forward this email to you for the LTP

Can you please confirm received

Regards Cr David Cotton

Sent from my iPhone

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Begin forwarded message:

From: William Arnold [REDACTED]

Date: 22 April 2024 at 11:19:03 AM NZST

To: [REDACTED]z

Subject: Re: Long Term Plan

In my previous email. I meant a return to the pre 2022 method of determining rates.

Regards,

Bill Arnold

On Mon, 22 Apr 2024, 11:14 William Arnold, [REDACTED] wrote:

Hello David, at the first meeting of the Wanganui Residents and Ratepayers Association the general consensus among those in attendance, re extra spending (\$2million) on the bus service was a resounding no.

With regards to the method of determining rates the feeling was that, as understood, a move to Capital Value would be tantamount to a Capital Gains Tax / Wealth Tax by stealth, something that those whose only source of income is the pension or other benefit wouldn't be able to absorb. As it is the majority of people living in Wanganui would find it difficult if not impossible to meet that kind of demand. The overwhelming sentiment is a return to the method of determining how we are rated for our properties is needed, especially in such tough times as we are currently experiencing. I myself have seen my rates go up by a 1/3 since 2022.

I hope you find this helpful.

Regards,

Bill Arnold

Chairperson Wanganui Residents and Ratepayers Association

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Submission to Horizons Regional Council Long Term Plan 2024-34

Contact Details

Organisation: Environment Network Manawātū (ENM)
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Overview

A submission on behalf of Environment Network Manawātū's Ruahine Kiwi project linked to funding for biodiversity associated with the Long-Term Plan (LTP)

Ruahine Kiwi would like the opportunity to speak to this submission.

Background

ENM exists to connect and inspire communities for environmental action. We are the environment hub for the Manawātū region providing sector leadership, building capacity and capability, and creating community.

Understanding that all life is part of a thriving, self-sustaining ecosystem our vision is that the ecological and human communities in the Manawātū River catchment are living in harmony.

We work strategically to demonstrate best-practice as a member-led environmental organisation. We promote environmental activities and advocate for positive environmental outcomes. We connect volunteers, support organisational sustainability, provide educational opportunities and seek to increase the stream of funding to the sector. We support and enable our membership through meeting needs, holding space and creating opportunities for increased connections. We celebrate the diverse passions of our 65+ member groups, that include biodiversity protection, freshwater quality, food resilience, waste reduction, sustainable living, alternative energies, climate action and active transport. The network is organised into two collectives: Manawātū Food Action Network and Manawātū River Source to Sea

About Ruahine Kiwi:

Ruahine Kiwi is a partnership between ENM's Manawātū River Source to Sea Collective and Te Kāuru Eastern Manawātū River Hapū Collective with the vision of returning North Island eastern brown kiwi to the southern Ruahine by 2026. We do this through intensive control of mustelids on a landscape scale, with our trap network covering 23,000ha. We work in strong collaboration with tangata whenua, local farmers and volunteers. We actively seek to educate and inform individuals and diverse groups of our work and how they can make a positive impact on our rohe.

Submission Context

Ruahine Kiwi is a project of ENM's Manawatū River Source to Sea Collective which is comprised of 27 biodiversity focused groups from who span the Manawatū Catchment. Our network is comprised of groups and organisations who span the Manawatū River Catchment. We consulted with them as part of this submission. This submission is a combination of our understanding of almost three years of predator control work, member group feedback, and our organisational knowledge of 23 years of work in the sector.

Submission

The proposed LTP states that over \$17m is dedicated to iconic biodiversity projects around our Region. The 'Icon' projects listed are Te Āpiti Manawatū Gorge, Kia Wharite in the Ruapehu, Pūkaha Mount Bruce, Bushy Park and Manawatū Estuary.

We request that Ruahine Kiwi is added as a funded " Icon " Project.

Within the scope of granting 'icon' status we also request that Horizons:

- Endorse Ruahine Kiwi so that stakeholders know that Horizons is supportive of the project goals and outcomes.
- Match funding raised by the community (up to \$50k/annum).

LTP pre-engagement feedback strongly emphasises the strong desire to restore the environment to what it used to be including planting trees, controlling pests, re-establishing wetlands and protecting waterways. Working with the community was also considered important. Ruahine Kiwi meets these criteria as well as contributing to a healthy environment and thriving people across the rohe, both now and in the future.

The project was established with Jobs for Nature funding which ends June 2024. We have strong, established relationships with 28 farmers who allow us access to their land to gain quicker access to the Ruahines. Indications are that our current trapping statistics will get mustelid numbers low enough to re-introduce kiwi in 2025/26. After re-introduction we need systemic control to maintain a safe habitat for kiwi.

The community are enthused by the prospect of kiwi once again living in their 'backyard'. We have ideal habitat at the interface between bush and farmland and have been working for the last 3 years to get pest numbers down sufficiently to allow kiwi translocation as early as 2026. Cape Sanctuary who will supply our new population is nearing maximum carrying capacity and the kiwi chicks raised there need to be re allocated promptly. Over the next few years 30 to 60 Kiwi are expected to be re-homed each year.

The attached strategic plan for Ruahine Kiwi sets out the pre 2026 goal which is to keep Ruahine Kiwi functioning and reintroduce kiwi. Post 2026 our goal is to move to a landscape scale where projects working within and in the vicinity of the Ruahine Range work together to:

- Focus on habitat regeneration not just mustelid control. Improved forest health will help increase bird numbers and other species in addition to kiwi e.g. whio, native snail, Northern rata and long-tailed bat.
- Link together existing pest control initiatives and work to fill gaps.

- Provide diversity of employment (e.g. trapping and planting), facilitate subcontract work opportunities, open-up additional revenue streams (e.g. possum trapping), operationalise science, promote community action, foster educational projects etc.

We are currently working toward consolidating the project for ongoing success, and have identified the following actions toward our goals, for which we are currently seeking resourcing from multiple potential streams including individuals, businesses, philanthropic bodies, professional fundraisers and councils:

1. Using volunteers to continue trapping and employing a trapping coordinator to oversee this process. This is a bare-minimum initial approach, to enable regular trap checking and data collection essential for releasing kiwi in 2026.
2. Increasing Ruahine Kiwi's capacity for strategic leadership to ensure the project potential to establish and maintain a safe kiwi environment in the long-term. Strategic leadership will ensure that we are:
 - a. Increasingly connecting and collaborating with mana whenua and neighbouring projects toward developing and implementing larger landscape-scale predator control programme.
 - b. Encouraging increased community, business, and council support to enable a strongly run, well supported and sustainable project.
 - c. Consistently identifying potential risks and barriers to success and finding solutions to reduce these.
 - d. Maintaining a capable, reliable team of people working together toward a common goal. Maintaining a reliable team of trappers and volunteers.

Becoming an 'icon' project with financial support from Horizons will give us the status, endorsement and funding to allow us to continue our work into 2026 and beyond.



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I strongly disagree with both parts of this proposal

1. Changes to the UAGC

Something of this magnitude should be consulted on separately from the LTDP.

It is not the Regional Councillors job to make an arbitrary judgement of fairness.

The current cap of 30% has not been breached - once it is then this would be the correct time to have the discussion with all ratepayers as a specific issue.

2. Changes to the General Rate component of the River and Drainage Schemes

The current 80:20 split was put in place in 2007 after a wide-ranging consultation and review on this specific issue. The schemes benefit a multitude of people and entities outside of the farms that they are placed on.

Things like community access to services in and after a flood, assets like bridges, towns and railways are all direct beneficiaries of the schemes. Public infrastructure is a major beneficiary of the River and Drainage Schemes.

Marton for example gains benefit from all the detention dams above the town.

If this is to be altered there needs to be a specific review where the cost:benefit is analysed for every ratepayer.

In any business a continued focus needs to be kept on cost.

My understanding is the number of Horizons employees has almost doubled over the last 6 years.

A lot of these jobs were created in relation to Central Government grants and initiatives and as would be normal business practice should be reduced if the funding stops.

It does not make economic sense to maintain this massively increased workforce if the projects they were employed for are not continuing.

As ratepayers we could then be faced with finding additional office space and all the additional costs without the proportionate amount of state funding leading to an ever growing burden on ratepayers.

Our regional investments must be focused on wealth creation not redirected to a subsidise the council workforce.

It would be interesting to see each cost line that has been reduced - can I please be provided with a summary of all cost reductions that the Councillors are putting into effect?

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Please share all information on cost reduction you have achieved.

Please add this to my existing submission

I would be able to speak to my submission on Wednesday 1st of May - I have previous commitments on the other days you have available.

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Richard Redmayne

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Tunnel Hill Ltd

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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): Return to baseline levels of service and budget 30 kilometres of fencing and 70,000 plants.

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

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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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Contact Details

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Contact Person: Helen King

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Overview

A submission on behalf of of Environment Network Manawātū with particular input from its Manawātū River Source to Sea Collective regarding all aspects of the given proposal.

ENM would like the opportunity to speak to this submission.

Background

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Submission Context

Our network is comprised of groups and organisations who span the Manawātū River Catchment. We consulted with them as part of this submission with a particular focus on the 27 groups who are members of our Manawātū River Source to Sea Collective. This submission is a combination of their thoughts, and our organisational knowledge of 23 years of work in the sector. All our 68 member groups have had the opportunity to view and provide feedback on this document.



Submission

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

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

We are acutely aware of the diminishing availability of good soils for food production.

The Government identified some of these around major cities, but smaller cities and towns were left out of that work. Food resilience on a regional scale needs to be recognized as essential and the protection of Class 1 soils for this purpose is paramount.

A key space, currently unaddressed here, but not capitalised on, is land in urban areas, such as berms, which can be touted as key growing areas to increase food security. We understand Palmerston North City Council offers guidelines to promote this. These could also be mapped as part of the process.

Issue 2: Planning for the future.

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

We support the development of a work programme for integrated catchment management in the understanding that working on a catchment scale offers the best outcomes for people and environment.

Rivers, soils, habitats, communities and consequences have no boundaries. There are many issues that can only be addressed at a catchment scale. An example is the invasion of *Phragmites karka*. This relatively new pest weed is establishing itself in waterways, on farmland and along the coast. The extensive root system has the capacity to undermine stop banks if allowed to establish in their proximity, invade estuaries and rapidly fill wetlands reducing their water retention abilities, grow up through road surfaces, and overrun native vegetation and destroy biodiversity. This weed can't be tackled in a piecemeal way as disposing of removed rhizomes needs to be done in a way that is highly controlled to stop further spread. There are other noxious and invasive weeds *Equisetum arvense* (meadow horsetail), Blackberry and Old Man's Beard all on the rise and we support Horizons to undertake consistent and effective control measures on a catchment scale.

Issue 3a: Updates to our operational areas - increase to river management insurances.

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.

We realise that the current situation has been determined by decisions made in the past and properties built in flood prone areas need to be protected. We do request that going forward people who want to build in flood prone areas do so at their own risk. In the future there needs to be natural areas set aside for water to go to in the event of flooding and less reliance on expensive infrastructure that needs to be built, maintained and insured. Such infrastructure will be increasingly unable to cope as the decades pass, and the effects of climate change become more severe.

We also advocate for an aspect of managed retreat from spaces that are in flood prone areas and stronger regulation around where people build, to avoid future costs to the environment and the public.

Issue 3b: Updates to operational areas - reduced levels of service for freshwater activity.

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

We understand that this has a link to Jobs for Nature funding and won't commence until 2025-26. More landowners need to pick up the costs for fencing and planting on their properties, and they will have time to consider their options around this with a one-year lead in.

We support the use of eco-sourced plants and ask if Horizons currently has an eco-sourcing policy in place.

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

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

Where there is local enthusiasm, this should be responded to in an appropriately short time frame. The routes should concentrate on areas where there are most young people and social need.

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

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

Connecting to larger areas will lead to greater uptake of public transport over time. Improved connections to Waikanae also make sense in the context of this. The use of smaller vehicles and flexible timetables needs to be explored. A balance needs to be maintained with service and what Horowhenua ratepayers can afford.

Issue 3c: Updates to our operational areas – increased levels of service for public transport – New and improved regional services.

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

Building strong, comprehensive integrated public transport services are key to getting people to change and adopt new methods of transport, and that leaving cars at home is a viable option. This will take time, in such a vehicle centric climate, but is a must for reduced emissions and climate impact.

Issue 4 Changing fee structure for water meters

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

Water meters being funded by users was a principle of old in subdivisions. Responsibility and awareness of water consumption leads to increase conservation of water. We note and support the fact that this will free up income for scientific research.

We question if the intention is to commence with a supply charge, and only minimal costs for quantity of water? These supply charges are crippling for small users.

Revenue and Financing Policy

Offsetting the UAGC from investment income does seem to be fairer.

Funding of Horizons eleven drainage schemes: The proposed change from 80/20 split to a 90/10 split does not have any empirical information/data to back it up in the documentation provided. River works undertaken by Horizons have changed where water flows would naturally go.

Additional commentary

Biodiversity:

A major goal of ENM is the preservation and restoration of biodiversity, both in its own interest, and because it is becoming increasingly clear, even to the thoroughly urbanised, that nature is an important partner in and provider of the needs of humans.

Our region has less than 1 % of its lowland forest left, only 15% of its coastal vegetation, and 10% of its wetlands. The ecosystem services these areas provide are now lost and are difficult to restore.

- We would like Horizons Regional Council (HRC) to put greater restrictions on where vehicles can go on beaches to protect the endemic and precious flora and fauna. We understand and support the submissions of our member groups focused around coastal areas who may also speak to this need.
- We would like *Phragmites karka* to be listed as a noxious weed, so targeted, funded work can be done around eradication. We understand that Awahuri Forest Kitchen Park will speak to this in their submission, and we support their submission.
- We fully support the submission made by Ruahine Kiwi and ask that HRC recognise Ruahine Kiwi as an icon project, endorse the project which will help encourage other stakeholders to come on board, and commit to match any funding raised by the community (up to \$50,000 per annum). This project meets HRC's outcomes for vibrant and empowered communities, healthy ecosystems and for strengthening relationships with *mana whenua*.

Transport:

- We encourage HRC to work with councils to incentivise the use of public transport, by de-incentivising parking by the possible raising of costs around this. Feilding is a prime example of this.
- We encourage the intensification of bus and possibly train services between Feilding and Palmerston North. There is a vast amount of commuter travel between the two townships, and traffic has become increasingly heavy.
- We encourage strong collaboration with local district councils to ensure that active transport has a strong commuter focus, not just primarily a health and wellbeing one. A key focus here is, hand in hand with increased public transport, making commuter cycling a viable, safe option.

Climate Focus:

The current trajectory of plausible climate change scenarios shows that over 60cm of sea-level rise can be expected along our coast over the next century, or even sooner, along with an average annual temperature warming of 4°C. This will result in salt-water inundation of low-lying areas, erosion of the coastal dunes several hundred metres inland, and increased surface flooding (freshwater) over much of the coastal plains. Simultaneously there will be increases in heat, storm frequency and severity, flooding and drought. This will affect most agricultural and horticultural activities, and much of the amenity plantings in the region, while climate change impacts on the remaining native vegetation and fauna is unknown.

We are pleased to see that HRC have identified building resilience to the effects of climate change as a priority, but we question if the LTP reflects the extent of the urgency needed to avoid or reduce these changes. There needs to be overall guidance offered to the human inhabitants of the region as to how these climate changes and the requisite mitigations might or will affect their lives as currently lived. What is required here is a LTP which has a sense of human needs over a period of several to ten decades, which sets the general direction and level of urgency of councils' policies.

To conclude

HRC and the region as a whole glean tangible benefits from the incredible work of our member groups, particularly around biodiversity. It is the role of ENM to connect and inspire communities for environmental action, and to underpin and support their mahi. Palmerston North City Council recognizes us as Sector Lead for the Environment and resources us for our role. We would welcome conversation with HRC about increased partnership so we can work together to provide and expand services to the region. We would also be pleased to see the development of an Emerging Century Plan.



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From: Mar on Community Committee % Carolyn Bates, [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	The Committee are happy to answer questions regarding his submission.
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Members of the Mar on Community Committee submit to raise their concern regarding:

Watways

The watways in and around Mar on often appear neglected, with overgrowth posing flood risks. Regardless of current maintenance schedules, like for the Tu aenui Stream, we believe more clearing is necessary to mitigate these risks.

Transport

The Consultation Document proposes elevating service levels, but lacks detail, therefore, it is difficult to gauge their potential benefits. We trust thorough research and surveys will back these proposed increases.

Transportation options for Mar on residents are a common source of frustration - especially those unable to drive due to medical conditions. The services which connect Taihape/Whanganui and Taihape/Palmers on North, are limited. Increasing travel opportunities is encouraged for all residents (Mar on as well as the wider Rangitikei) to provide greater access here, as well as hopefully, a wider range of locations.

The Total Mobility Service has our support for its continuation - we do recommend adjusting its contribution to accommodate inflation in the future.

Achieving a passenger train service would be beneficial since none currently stop in Mar on. KiwiRail's express trains will stop for over ten passengers, but obtaining details has proven difficult. Any efforts to assist achieving this would be appreciated.

Communications

The Horizons Website remains challenging, especially for finding meeting information, which has been a longstanding issue. Searches often fail to provide clear answers to simple questions eg: When is the next Tu aenui Stream Scheme meeting?

Rates

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

Issues Feedback

Beyond the items above, the Committee is supportive of all preferred options stated in the Consultation Document.

If you have any queries regarding the above please feel free to contact the Committee Chair, Carolyn Bates on [REDACTED]

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George geoffrey Hewitt

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Kind regards
Catriona Finau McKay
Chief Executive Officer

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The new buses are a waste of tax payers money. I have been watching them for several weeks now and notice that they are usually empty or only have 1 - 3 people on board. Why have you got such big heavy buses when they are not being used. Mini buses would have been better for the runs that arent so popular out of peak time. Also the popular bus stops seemed to have been removed. And whats with the bus stops in the middle of the roads?

Which option do you prefer?

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Elaine Mobberley

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Elaine Mobberley

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1

Te anga rautaki Strategic Framework

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

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Horizon's core function should be #3:
"Our region's ecosystems are healthy".

I would like to have this aim better
aligned with changes to Horizons Strategic
priorities.

Eg instead of focusing on building resilience to
climate change impacts; work to change people's
behaviour to mitigate the worst effects of
"climate change" and ecosystem compromise.



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

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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.



Option 3

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



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OPTION

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Horizons needs to start dialogue with
Government about reducing immigration as this
is a major driver of urban growth pressure.

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

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OPTION

Summarised comments/sentiment:



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

4

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

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



Option 1 - Council's preferred option

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

 **PREFERRED
OPTION**



Option 2

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Option 3

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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:

Give public updated data on fish species
& population over time in all catchments
in Horizons' area.



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.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

7

New services for Horowhenua

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



Option 1 - Council's preferred option

Wider Horowhenua district.



Option 2

Levin only public transport services.

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:

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:



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:

Option 1 Fund work programme for
integrated catchment management.
⇒ increase rates for this project.

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Ngā pitopito matawhaiaro

Contact details

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

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| <input type="radio"/> Whanganui - 29 April - afternoon (1:15pm - 3:15pm, in person only) | | |
| <input type="radio"/> Palmerston North - 1 May (1:00pm - 8:00pm) | <input type="radio"/> speak to my submission in-person | <input type="radio"/> by Zoom |
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- ☐ English ☐ Māori ☐ New Zealand Sign Language

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

Summarised comments/sentiment:

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This is necessary. Compared to other regions, Horizons is behind where it should be in terms of managing and protecting our freshwater ways.

Which option do you prefer?

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

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

Summarised comments/sentiment:

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Horizons has a lot of ground to make up. We are behind other regions when it comes to fencing off water ways and completing riparian planting. This isn't a nice to have, it's a must have, environmentally and economically.

Which option do you prefer?

Q10

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

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Te Ngaru has been a success. It shows if you build it (or in this case provide it) they will use it. To achieve it's full potential to support modal shift we do need an integrated public transport network, and one that's connected to the wider region.

Which option do you prefer?

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

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Submitting on behalf of Amanda Linsley, CEO, Manawatū Business Chamber. Portal #163943

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Q20 Your name

Short Text Amanda Linsley

Q21 Organisation:

Short Text Manawatu Business Chamber

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Short Text Amanda Linsley

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Submission to Horizons Regional Council (HRC)

From

Manawatū Business Chamber (MBC)

Draft Long-Term Plan (2024-2034)

22nd April 2024

Contacts:

Amanda Linsley, CEO, Manawatū Business Chamber

Steve Davey, Chairperson, Manawatū Business Chamber

Manawatū Business Chamber Board Members: Ed Teece, Paul O'Brien, Steve Davey, Rachael Rakatau, Alex Boustridge, Angus Duncan, Chris Long, Nikki Maw, David Lanham.

The Manawatū Business Chamber ("MBC") is a 445+ Business Member organisation, that represents a sizeable proportion of the city and region's GDP and employment. We are funded by our members.

This submission is presented to HRC by the MBC Board

Draft Long-Term Plan 2024-2034 - MBC would like to thank HRC for the opportunity to make a submission to this draft long-term plan. (LTP).

MBC have had little feedback on the projects outlined in the Draft Long-Term Plan 2024-2034.

MBC have had feedback with regards to the significant increase in Rates to businesses, some as high as 31%. We understand that this is due to a change in the UAC calculation and the significant increase in the Passenger Services and Total Mobility Levy. This is an unfair burden to put onto the business community, many of whom will also be experiencing further increases from the City or District Councils. Whilst business owners were expecting and accept increases, this is extreme. MBC would urge Horizons to look again at how these calculations are being derived and the fairness of who the burden is with.

MBC acknowledge the significant spend that has been put into the electric fleet of buses for the City and the additional cost over the coming years. It is encouraging to see the city leading the way; but we do hope that the services will quickly become better utilised rather than the small numbers currently witnessed, making the service extremely cost ineffective. We trust HRC will listen to passenger feedback to ensure this happens.

Once again, we thank you for the opportunity to submit. We do not wish to speak to this submission on this occasion.

Yours faithfully,

A J Linsley – CEO

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Q20	Your name
Short Text	Amelia Geary
Q21	Organisation:
Short Text	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society
Q22	Address
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Forest & Bird

TE REO O TE TAIAO | *Giving Nature a Voice*

22 April 2024

Submission to Horizons Regional Council Long Term Plan

To: Horizons Regional Council
Submitted via email to haveyoursay@horizons.govt.nz

From: Royal Forest & Bird Protection Society Inc (Forest & Bird)
Amelia Geary – Regional Conservation Manager
[REDACTED]

On behalf of:
Whanganui, Rangitikei, Manawatū and Horowhenua Branches of Forest & Bird.

We wish to be heard in support of our submission.

Introduction

1. Forest & Bird is New Zealand's largest independent conservation organisation. Our mission is to protect New Zealand's unique flora and fauna and its habitat.
2. Forest & Bird provides the following submission on what we consider to be matters of local and regional significance in our capacity as a voice for nature on behalf of our members and supporters.

Forest & Bird requests Horizons sets aside resources to address deer, goats and pigs.

3. Horizons is responsible for ensuring the sustainability of the region's land, air and water resources on behalf of the communities it serves. However, this is at risk of being completely undermined by the 'ungulate in the room'. That is, the explosion in pest ungulate numbers across Aotearoa and particularly in the Horizons region.
4. In the past, Government-led wild animal culling programmes reduced wild animal populations, however in recent years there has been an increasing reliance on recreational hunting, to keep wild animal populations in check.
5. Rapidly expanding populations of wild deer, pigs, and goats, into new areas throughout Aotearoa confirmed by the Department of Conservation's (DOC) own monitoring, highlights that the current approach of relying on recreational hunting as the primary means to control wild animals

is failing miserably (Fig. 1). In fact, a review of the evidence demonstrates that ground based shooting will seldom achieve a notable decrease in animal abundance or damage.¹

6. Forest & Bird owns seven reserves across the Horizons region, all of which, with the exception of Bushy Park, contain deer. We, however, are struggling to contain the situation given the abundance of deer across the landscape and the varying levels of apathy of our neighbours to addressing the problem.

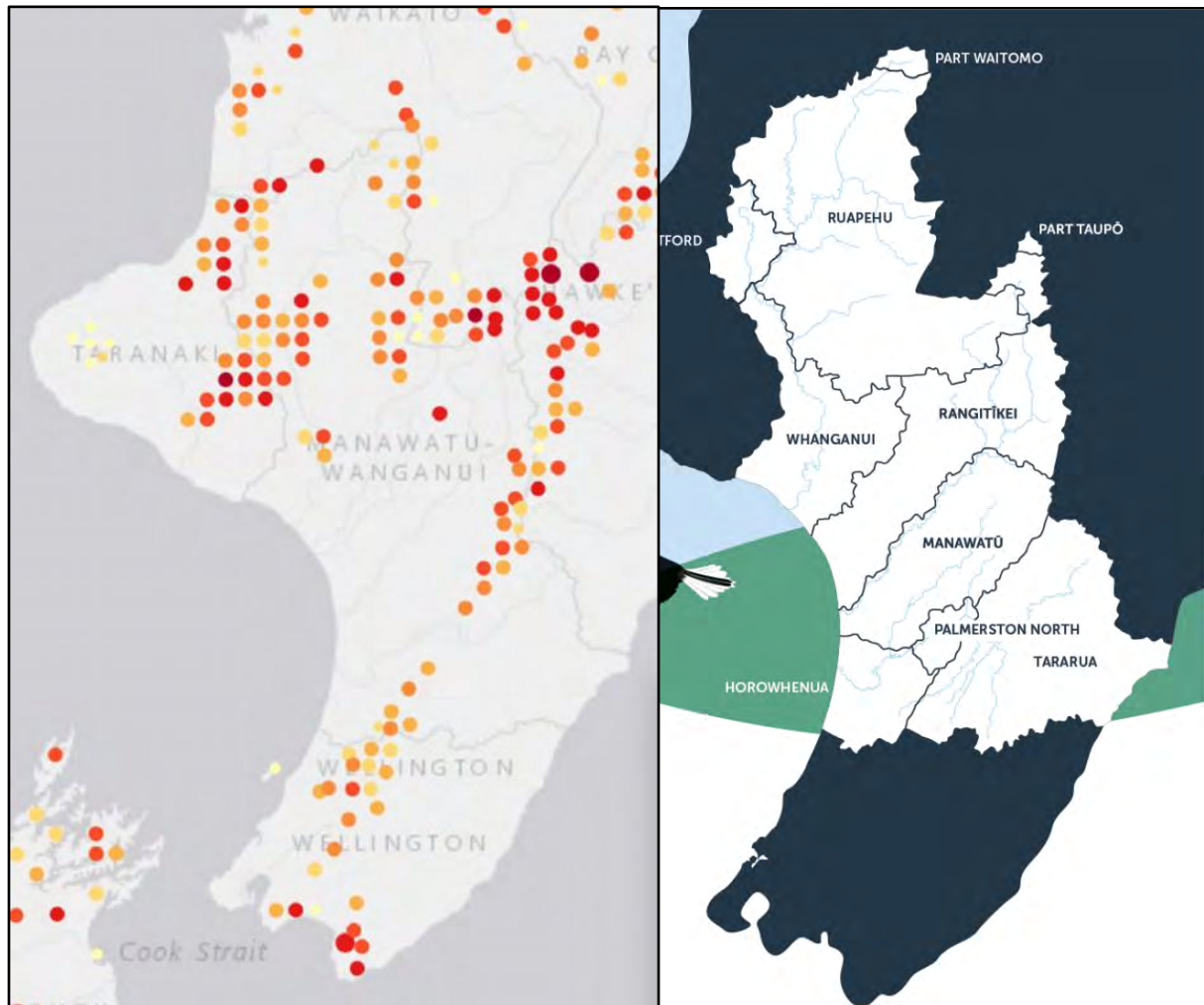


Figure 1: Observed ungulate faecal pellet indices (FPI) for the most recent measurement at each site on public conservation land with reference to the Horizons region. Source: <https://www.doc.govt.nz/our-work/monitoring-reporting/national-status-and-trend-reports-2022-2023/ungulates-2022-2023/>

7. Under the Deer Policy 2001 one of the priority outcomes for deer control is that DOC will encourage regional councils to include deer in Regional Pest Management Strategies.² This is of critical consideration as public conservation land has effectively become a source of ungulates into the wider Horizons region, presenting a major risk to the sequestering ability of our forests, not to mention primary productivity.
8. Forest & Bird is grappling with the cost of pest control and pest exclusion fences. Horizons contributed to the cost of erecting a deer fence at our Sutherlands Pūriri reserve in Rangitikei last year. We thank you for this funding, however, it is not a sustainable approach regionally,

¹ CSIRO PUBLISHING | Wildlife Research

² Page 9: [Deer Control Policy \(doc.govt.nz\)](#)

and a landscape scale plan is needed to protect native species from the damaging impacts of deer, goats and pigs.

9. Forest & Bird encourages Horizons to demand a nationally funded approach to wild animal control that applies across land tenure (similar to the national wilding conifer and national wallaby programme), investigates options for inclusion of deer in the RPMP as has been done in the Wellington region – however, not site-led like their plan but landscape scale like it is for possums, and recommends that Council investigate a targeted rate for large land occupiers who would benefit from a national approach to wild animal control, to support a case for central government funded wild animal control.

Forest & Bird supports more investment in nature-based solutions

10. Nature-based solutions are approaches that utilise nature to address various environmental challenges while providing co-benefits to human societies. As the world faces complex environmental problems such as climate change, biodiversity loss, and natural resource depletion, nature-based solutions offer a promising avenue for sustainable and holistic solutions.
11. Nature-based solutions play a crucial role in mitigating climate change by absorbing and storing carbon dioxide. Forests, wetlands, and other natural ecosystems act as carbon sinks, sequestering large amounts of carbon and reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Restoring and conserving indigenous forests, implementing indigenous afforestation and reforestation projects, and protecting coastal ecosystems like estuaries all contribute to carbon sequestration, helping to stabilise the climate.
12. The proposed National Policy Statement on Natural Hazard Decision Making includes a policy³ directing a preference for nature-based solutions over hard-engineered solutions. Horizons should invest in nature-based solutions now as a “no regrets” approach, whereby nature-based solutions are implemented now to get ahead of potential climate adaptation policies, as well as often being a preferable option to engineering with many co-benefits for wildlife, emissions reductions, and communities, often at lower initial (and ongoing) cost.
13. Horizons’ recent investment in the Climate Resilience Project⁴ looking at a new way of managing the Rangitikei River as ‘a mobility corridor’ or by making ‘room for the river’ is an excellent example of investment in nature-based solutions to improve ecological outcomes and reduce maintenance and infrastructure costs. Making room for the river means Horizons can *reduce* spending on engineering to control erosion, allowing the river to self-manage more – an idea that improves ecosystem health and provides for Te Mana o te Wai.
14. Forest & Bird encourages Horizons to invest in more projects like Rangitikei River Climate Resilience Project. We would further urge Council to invest in prioritising making room for rivers as the preferred approach for river management and flood protection. We acknowledge the current work being applied to the Pohangina and Oroua rivers, and the stretch of the Manawatū River from the lower end of the Manawatū Gorge to the confluence with the Oroua River. However, this should be the beginning of a region-wide approach to river management.
15. Making room for rivers is a long-term, evidence-based, cost-effective approach to living with rivers and flooding, which recognises that rivers move and adjust over time and need more space to flood safely. Making room for rivers keeps communities safer, costs less, and is better

³ Page 7: [Proposed-National-Policy-Statement-for-Natural-Hazard-Decision-making-2023.pdf \(environment.govt.nz\)](#)

⁴ [Rangitikei-factsheet.pdf \(horizons.govt.nz\)](#)

for our wildlife than hard engineering approaches – and accounts for future climate change impacts.

Forest & Bird requests an increase to the Kanorau Koiora Taketake community grant

16. The Kanorau Koiora Taketake has been a game changer for community groups in the region. The programme has supported over 65 projects since its initiation in 2021 but we know it is over subscribed. Projects such as the halo around Bushy Park, currently funded by DOC, could be extended beyond the current 800ha if more funding was available. Furthermore, every year many projects miss out due to the current funding cap. We would urge Horizons to increase the budget to enable wider gains across the region. Community-led projects funded by contestable funds like this empower communities to own and drive projects leading to greater connection to the environment at a time when we need it most.

Forest & Bird supports more funding for wetland mapping and science capacity

17. It is Forest & Bird's opinion that the science and environmental reporting capacity at Horizons is under resourced and ill-equipped to deliver the targets imposed by central government regarding freshwater and wetland monitoring and mapping. We therefore support the proposed increases to capacity and budget to support the review of the Coastal Plan, wetland mapping and Lakes Monitoring Programme.
18. For a region the size of Horizons, the science and environmental reporting team is miniscule relative to other councils. An increase to its capacity is welcomed. Wetlands are one of our most threatened habitats and the region is blessed to have some spectacular remnants, albeit in light of devastating loss of such habitats in places like Horowhenua. We fully support the mapping of natural inland wetlands to ensure no more are lost.
19. We would like to suggest that Horizons would very much benefit from higher resolution aerial imagery for wetland mapping to enable the mapping to be done well. Tools such as LiDAR have been used effectively in Wellington for such purposes, as well as mapping ground water for example. This is expensive but necessary and would have benefits for many other programmes. Forest & Bird encourages Horizons to consider investing more in new technology to support this work and the region more broadly.

Forest & Bird encourages Horizons to be more ambitious on its biodiversity projects

20. We would like to thank Horizons for the increased funding to Bushy Park, Te Āpiti Manawatū Gorge and Pūkaha Mt Bruce. We also support the Manawatū Estuary Management Team's request for greater funding to protect the internationally significant Manawatū Estuary. As mentioned above, estuaries are important sequesters of carbon and ongoing protection and enhancement of Manawatū Estuary will help the capacity of the estuary to continue this role for the region.
21. Forest & Bird particularly supports the Rangitīkei old man's beard control work being funded through the targeted rate. Control of old man's beard has long been a priority of Rangitīkei Branch of Forest & Bird and the landscape scale control programme enabled by this targeted rate has been of great benefit to us as a landowner, but also to our wider advocacy via our direct relationship with the Rangitīkei Environment Group.
22. Forest & Bird would like to see more landscape scale weed and pest control projects initiated across the region in a similar manner to that of the current old man's beard operation. Another

serious contender would be for the control of *Phragmites karka* a serious weed⁵ that needs to be eradicated now before it becomes cost prohibitive to do so.

23. Forest & Bird would also like to see increased funding and increased scope of the Kia Wharite project. We acknowledge the work that has been done to date. However, the project area is currently riddled with deer which undermines any goat control work being done in the project area. Collaborative biodiversity partnerships like Kia Wharite are what Forest & Bird would like to see more of. Until we achieve our goal of becoming predator free by 2050, landscape scale biodiversity projects like this are the best chance we have to stem the loss of biodiversity occurring across the region.
24. Longevity of projects like Kia Wharite are critical to their success. Furthermore, increased funding and constant review of priorities are also essential to ensure the gains achieved since 2008 aren't lost due to complacency. We would further encourage Horizons to be more ambitious regarding biodiversity projects and to look for more opportunities for collaborative biodiversity partnerships in the region. A good one would be to capitalize on DOC's requirement to develop a deer management plan for Ruahine Forest Park.⁶ Landscape scale ungulate management adjacent to Ruahine FP would compliment the predator work already being done in the park by groups like Ruahine Kiwi and would fit nicely into a review of the RPMP.

Forest & Bird requests funds accrued from sale of CentrePort shares be set aside for biodiversity

25. Greater Wellington Regional Council is currently consulting in its LTP whether or not to buy the final 25% share in CentrePort in Wellington Harbour.⁷ Horizons is the owner of said share. Although not mentioned in the Horizons LTP consultation, and we realise this is subject to the results of the LTP consultation in Wellington, Forest & Bird requests the funds accrued from the sale of CentrePort, which we acknowledge the price for is not yet agreed, be set aside for biodiversity protection in the region. In a time of biodiversity and climate crisis, a large windfall like this should be used to invest in nature for the benefit of future generations.

Submission ends.

⁵ Noxious Weed *Phragmites karka* / Common Reed found in the Manawātū :: Environment Network Manawātū (enm.org.nz)

⁶ Milestone 5.4.10, page 92: <https://www.doc.govt.nz/globalassets/documents/about-doc/role/policies-and-plans/wellington-cms/wellington-cms-volume-2.pdf>

⁷ LTP Consultation 2024-34 — Home (gw.govt.nz)

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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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Alina Huff

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Alina Huff

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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, our service centres and local libraries.

An electronic version of this form can be found at haveyoursay.horizons.govt.nz.

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

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



1

Te anga rautaki Strategic Framework

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

Summarised comments/sentiment:



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

2

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

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

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Option 1

Targeted mapping focussing on acute urban growth pressure areas only.

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Option 2 - Council's preferred option

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

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Option 3

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



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Summarised comments/sentiment:

3

Issue 2: Planning for the future

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

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Option 1 - Council's preferred option

Fund work programme for integrated catchment management.

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Option 2

Do not fund work programme for integrated catchment management.



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OPTION

Summarised comments/sentiment:



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

4

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

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

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Option 1 - Council's preferred option

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



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Option 2

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

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Option 3

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

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Option 4

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

Summarised comments/sentiment:

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

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

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Option 1 - Council's preferred option

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



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Option 2

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

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Option 3

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

Summarised comments/sentiment:



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

6

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

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



Option 1 - Council's preferred option

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

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Option 2

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



Option 3

Remain with current service levels.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

The introduction of the Tide Service was excellent
and of great benefit to us.
Increased
Regional Services to Palmerston North & Wellington
would also benefit our lifestyle.

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.

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OPTION



Option 2

Levin only public transport services.

Summarised comments/sentiment:



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

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New and improved regional services

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

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Option 1 - Council's preferred option

New and improved regional services.

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Option 2

New and improved regional services (smaller scale).



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OPTION

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.

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Option 1 - Council's preferred option

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

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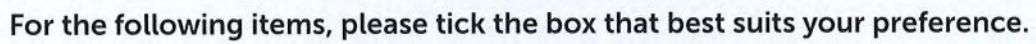
Option 2

Continue to fund water meters from the Science budget.



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Summarised comments/sentiment:



Revenue and Financing Policy

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

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Additional comments:

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

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Signature: _____

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Q3 Summarised comments/sentiment:

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Q5 Summarised comments/sentiment:

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Q6 Which option do you prefer?

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Q7 Summarised comments/sentiment:

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The Trust does not have a particular view on the options presented although we accept that insurance for essential assets is vital and that both costs of repair/reinstatement and cover are increasing. We do not understand why 2024-25 cost modelled are generally significantly higher than subsequent years.

Q8 Which option do you prefer?

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Q17 Summarised comments/sentiment:

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The Trust does not wish to comment.

Q18 Summarised comments/sentiment:

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The Trust does not wish to comment.

Q19 Give us your thoughts:

Long Text

Please see attached document submission. Portal# 163940

Q20 Your name

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Bill Fleury

Q21 Organisation:

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Bushy Park Trust

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Q25 Phone number

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Q26 E-signature

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Bill Fleury

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Single Checkbox

Q28 Tick your preferred speaking session.

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Q29 How do you want to speak?

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Draft submission from Bushy Park Trust

Horizons Regional Council 2024-34 Long-term Plan (LTP)

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the long term plan.

The Trust wishes to speak to its submission.

Introduction

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

Background

Bushy Park Trust

The Trust is responsible for the Management of the Bushy Park Tarapurui Forest Sanctuary (in partnership with Forest & Bird) and the historic Bushy Park Homestead. The sanctuary and homestead are located 8km inland from Kaiwi and have been protected since being gifted to Forest and Bird by G.F. Moore in 1962. The sanctuary was fenced to exclude pest animals in 2005 and is managed as a predator free (with the exception of mice). It is the only predator free sanctuary in the Horizons Region and is one of Horizon's 5 Icon projects.

NZ Forest and Bird Protection society employs a manager for the forest sanctuary who undertakes day to day management and coordinates the activities of about 100 regular volunteers. Currently, the Trust and F&B also contract a part-time education officer who is delivering programmes for visiting schools from both Whanganui and other urban areas in the Horizons region.

The Trust and local iwi, Ngaa Rauru, have a growing relationship with the iwi represented on the Trust Board and Forest sub-committee and becoming an integral part of the planning and management team.

The forest is notable for its intact structure, exceptional specimens of northern rata, Pukatea, rimu and kaihikatea and is the best example of North Island lowland forest in the Region. The predator exclusion has allowed bird life and invertebrate communities to flourish and species (Tieke and hihi) extinct elsewhere in the region have been reintroduced. Toutowai, pōpokotea and titipounamu, once lost from the site have been reintroduced with toutouwai now one of the most common birds in the sanctuary and providing source populations for other protected areas.

A wetland area has been created within the predator proof area and provides a key focus for visiting school groups, many of whom come to Tarapuruhi specifically to study a wetland and its inhabitants.

The sanctuary is freely open to the public during daylight hours, 365 days a year, and attracts both local and international visitors.

Horizon's role

The Regional Council is represented on both the Trust Board and Forest sub-committee.

Council support via the biodiversity icon project, several biodiversity projects via the Kanorau Koiora Taketake (KKT) fund over recent years, and the freshwater education project funding this year, and has been key to our success in these projects. By using the Horizons funding strategically, we have been able to amplify and achieve beyond the original goals on each. Our public outreach locally, but also regionally and nationally is effective, and Horizons has been clearly acknowledged for the support given on each of these projects.

Council support via the Icon Project funding has been essential for our ongoing pest plant management programme and predator control within the sanctuary, and we are mindful of the increasing pressures and mounting costs to continue to maintain the continued predator-free status of the sanctuary.

The KKT project funding has been essential for the successful reintroduction of titipounamu and popokatea and for the restoration planting of previously grazed areas within the sanctuary increasing our fully protected native habitat footprint. Support for the establishment of an on-site plant nursery has allowed the production of plant stocks for both school group and community planting episodes within the sanctuary. Support for the hihi project has included a RFID banding programme to improve our capacity to monitor this endangered species, and to continue our annual pre and post breeding season monitoring, contributing to this nationally significant species.

Our education programme reaches every student in Whanganui, ~~andbut~~ we have a number of schools which visit annually from further afield, including Feilding, PN, Wellington. With the Freshwater education funding this year, we have been able to increase our focus in this area and will soon be able to report on how effectively we have been able to amplify this funding to create resources, and models for wetland education more broadly. It should be noted that our education programme is extremely well aligned for promoting and extending Horizons messaging on biodiversity protection and enhancement, including freshwater, climate, and

indigenous biodiversity. We continue to seek long-term funding support for this programme.

The Halo project is a trapping project across 800 hectares of private farmland and lifestyle blocks surrounding Tarapurui. This is to reduce introduced predator pressure on the Tarapurui Predator Fence, but also to improve the protection of the bird species which overflow the fence into the surrounding landscape. This work is not currently covered under Horizons funding but is well aligned with Horizons strategic goals.

The Trust and our community greatly appreciate the financial support we receive from Horizons and “hands-on” support from Council staff. We believe that we have clearly identified delivery of “value for money” in return for this support.

Specific comments on LTP

1) Legislative requirements.

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

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

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

In our opinion the staged review of progress to intermediate outcomes, commenced before 2027, would satisfy S.100d of the Act and could be undertaken largely “in house”. The proposed \$650,000 could then be better applied to addressing more immediate pest problems, eg Phragmites, or other initiatives including supporting site-led pest control or quantifying the interventions necessary or possible for control of large feral herbivores that are jeopardising the Council’s vision, priorities and outcomes. Specifically, with respect to the Trust’s current programme of maintenance for this HRC Icon site we would welcome additional support to sustain the “Halo” project that is effectively reducing the risk of pest incursion into the sanctuary and providing some protection for threatened species that disperse from the sanctuary. We would also welcome Council support for site based management

of remnant forest areas that are not in the Conservation estate. The Trust is particularly concerned for the future of the Waitahinga block that has been the source for us of several of our translocated birds. Impacts of possums, goats, deer, pigs-etc. are severe for this area.

These actions could lead to a well informed full review of the Pest Management Plan to be finalised in the period 2035 -2037.

2) Pressures on policy, science and regulation activities.

The Trust supports the proposed increase in expenditure on supporting iwi and hapū engagement and for informative science in the areas of biodiversity, biosecurity and climate. The Region is likely to face significant challenges in these areas in years to come and Council decision making and planning must be well informed if the strategic framework is to be sustained.

3) Level of service for highly productive land.

As a Trust whose primary focus is on the retention of natural values in a highly developed agricultural landscape we submit that remaining natural values on highly productive land should be included in the mapping outcomes as this information will be critical during a ONE Plan review. This may require a 4th option.

4) Issue 2, Planning for the future. Integrated catchment management.

In the view of this Trust, integration should be at the scale most appropriate for the outcomes required. Although a “mountains to the sea” approach is appropriate for preparedness for events such a cyclone Gabrielle it may not be appropriate for a localised pest incursion or biodiversity outcome. We submit that clarity, achievability and measurability of all desired outcomes should be the Council’s focus for all work rather than the creation of a new structural paradigm.

5) Issue 3. Updates to our operational areas.

Issue 3a. Insurance.

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Issue 3b. Riparian restoration

As a conservation driven organisation we support the fencing and restoration of riparian areas. We consider the identified cost per property of increasing investment

to be minor and the restoration of riparian areas a critical contributor to three of the four strategic priorities.

Issue 3c. Increased level of service for public transport.

The Trust identifies that a significant and growing barrier to Bushy Park Tarapuruhi sanctuary fulfilling its potential is the difficulty that schools etc. are encountering in funding bus transport to visit the sanctuary. We ask that the Council consider establishing a fund that schools can access to fund transport costs. Such a fund would directly support the strategic priority of connecting people and place.

Issue. Increasing costs to community partners.

As noted above the Trust relies heavily on the support for the Region to maintain the sanctuary in a state that reflects its “icon” status to the Region. We are extremely grateful for this support. However, we note that our costs are constantly increasing in all areas from tracking cards to pesticides to specialist consultants (e.g. rodent tracking dogs) and fuel. Any further contribution the Council could make would be of immense value and we undertake to make the most effective use of such contributions.

6) Issue 4. Water meters. Centrepoint shareholding, Revenue and Financing policy etc.

The Trust does not wish to comment.

Signed for the Bushy Park Trust

Bill Fleury

Chair.

Q1

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Which option do you prefer?

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

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Summarised comments/sentiment:

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

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Option 3: Remain with current service levels.

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Which option do you prefer?

Option 2: Levin-only public transport services.

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Which option do you prefer?

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

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Give us your thoughts:

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See attached for commentary.

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Joanne Wilson

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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:

In the LTP consultation document it is mentioned by the chair, Rachel Keedwell, that there is a lack of clarity around possible changes with the new Coalition Government - I would think it was prudent to "pause and wait" before embarking on costly expenditure. Link this in with the proposed rate increases by PNCC and the current recession, and people are struggling now to cover all these proposed increases as well as their household costs. We need to plan and work within our budgets.



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.



Option 3

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

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OPTION

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Review after 2025 and then see if it is feasible to expand

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.

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OPTION

Summarised comments/sentiment:

We can't afford this during the current recession.
Needs to be revisited at a later time

11

Additional comments:

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

Buses – not sure who funds Massey University
being able to use the buses ^{for} free. This needs
to be reviewed.

LTP consultation document – don't think the 'Preferred
Option' should have been included. People can
read the options and make their own decisions
without being influenced by this.

Thank you for all the work Horizons do for
our region. 😊

Buses ~ would be good to have free travel
for school-aged children during school
terms. Children need to be encouraged to
use the bus service.



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:

Hard to comment on this without accessing the fuller document.



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

4

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

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



Option 1 - Council's preferred option

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



Option 2

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



Option 3

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



Option 4

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

Summarised comments/sentiment:

5

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

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



Option 1 - Council's preferred option

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



Option 2

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



Option 3

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

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Sponsorship or partner with private enterprises to expand this work



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.

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OPTION

Summarised comments/sentiment:

*Funding too uncertain to embark on this.
Status quo!*

7 New services for Horowhenua

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

- ☐ **Option 1 - Council's preferred option**
Wider Horowhenua district.
- ☒ **Option 2**
Levin only public transport services.

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

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OPTION

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Still offering an improved service but realistic costs.

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

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OPTION

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Seems fair + reasonable.

Q1

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

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

Q2

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Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q3

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Which option do you prefer?

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

Q4

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Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q5

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Which option do you prefer?

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

Q6

Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q7

Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

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

Q8

Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

pulling back on fencing and planting would be completely unacceptable. Waterway health is an intrinsic indicator of wider ecosystem health, community health and economic health

Q9

Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

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

Q10

Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q11

Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

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

Q12

Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q13

Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

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

Q14

Multi Choice

Q15 Summarised comments/sentiment:

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Q17 Summarised comments/sentiment:

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Q28 How do you want to speak?

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Summarised contents/sentiment:

You are largely thinking big picture. I recommend thinking medium and long term. This all costs ASTOUNDINGLY little for how much you're getting back.

Q2

Multi Choice

Which option do you prefer?

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

Q3

Long Text

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Map it all! These are so cheap, who cares! Appreciate the lower offers but why skimp on this?

Q4

Multi Choice

Which option do you prefer?

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

Q5

Long Text

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Water is life. So cheap for what we get back. Consider making it longer than 3 years

Q6

Multi Choice

Which option do you prefer?

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Q7

Long Text

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Climate Change is going to impact us in ways we can't predict. btw why call these 3a, 3b, 3c? It's confusing. Just call them 3 4 5 next time.

Q8

Multi Choice

Which option do you prefer?

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

Q9

Long Text

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Why would council recommend not doing a full job? That's insane. Water is life. Option 3 is so CHEAP. Just do it! Use the power of collective funds to make our environment healthy, not patch work.

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Q10

Multi Choice

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Q11

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Summarised comments/sentiment:

This should just be the beginning of investment in public transport. NZ is a hellscape of fossil fuel cars. Whanganui worse than most small towns. Time to move on and make this a better place to be for all income levels.

Currently, it costs more to take Intercity bus than to drive to Wellington, and it's a much longer trip! This evens it out and makes it way cheaper. Think of the flow and ease this creates for all! Fewer cars on the road, better life lived by all.

My property is worth about \$700k, so it will cost me about \$49/year – 13.4¢/day. Even if I never use the buses, knowing my city is smarter, creating better opportunities for travel on all income levels, and knowing there are fewer cars polluting the air, road, water, and culture of this town is worth that... I'd happy pay 100 times that. Not a typo.

Also, why start this in 2025? Make it as soon as possible. We don't need some long ramp up time for something we needed YEARS ago. This will make Whanganui desirable for people from out of town, make it more liveable for residents, make us more connected to the outside world, and finally STOP incentivizing driving so much. Parts of

Whanganui is immovable after school gets out on. It's insane.

One more note: Invest in changing car CULTURE, as well, aka habits. Just offering the carrot of cheaper buses isn't enough. You have to break old habits. Consider having your bus promotion worker recruit volunteers to go door to door to teach their neighbours how to use the bus app, show them how easy it is, take their friends on the bus, etc. Gotta get that habit into their bodies. People use cars because they're addicted, plain and simple. They don't think logically about the price of cars, petrol, etc. Use brain science to your advantage, and make Whanganui a wonderful, connected place.

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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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Buses work when you connect everything, everywhere. If you make it smaller, it lowers use of them in general.
Reduce excuses. Make it happen

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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Q16 Which option do you prefer?

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Q17 Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

Make the users pay. For the council to have ever taken this on as a burden is insane. This will stop people wasting water quickly.

Q18 Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

lol well you're not giving us a choice, so who cares?
But it sounded fine.

Q19 Give us your thoughts:

Long Text

Great work! People have a right to nickel and dime – not think long term. But it's just not logical. To follow the short term thinkers it to damn the present and future. Do the right thing.

If people can't afford it, then we need programs to make up for their shortfall. But if we don't fund our resources to meet new realities, we will miss out on living a decent life.

Q20 Your name

Short Text

Peter "Ben" Zolno

Q21 Organisation:

Short Text

Q22 Address

Short Text

Q23 Postcode

Short Text

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Q26 **E-signature**

Short Text Peter "Ben" Zolno

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Single Checkbox Yes

Q28 **Tick your preferred speaking session.**

Multi Choice

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

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Summarised contents/sentiment:**Q1**

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Which option do you prefer?**Q2**

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

Summarised comments/sentiment:**Q3**

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Summarised comments/sentiment:**Q13**

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Which option do you prefer?**Q14**

Multi Choice

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Summarised comments/sentiment:**Q15**

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Q16

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Summarised comments/sentiment:

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Give us your thoughts:

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Q20

Your name

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Joanne and Margaret Wood

Q21

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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

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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.



Option 3

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Summarised comments/sentiment:

3

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Option 2

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Summarised comments/sentiment:

Not affordable in the present economic climate. Revisit at a later date.

11

Additional comments:

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

Re Preferred Options: These should have been left off the submission forms as we consider it could persuade people to tick these options without bothering to read the document.

After all, when electing members or at any election, no preferred options are given.

Having these options shown as preferred, could be viewed as trying to influence ratepayers' decisions.

A plus: thanks for what you do!

Bus fares:

Currently, Massey staff and students have free bus travel. We realise that the University contributes to these, but consider this needs to be reviewed and a partial fare charged.

School-aged students - free during school terms to encourage them to use the buses. Although with the placement of ^{some} bus stops, it may be difficult to walk to these, especially in windy and rainy weather.

Partial fares for school-aged students during holidays.

New bus service is not able to be used by many senior citizens due to placement of ^{some} bus stops. Returning home with shopping

is difficult



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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:

Horizons needs to be aware of the impact of these proposed increases in light of the present economic climate, and trim their budgets



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Summarised comments/sentiment:

5

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

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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:

Using Community Service, volunteers, and interested groups such as schools and service clubs. Good for unemployed folk (if able) to do something worthwhile.



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

6

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

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

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Option 1 - Council's preferred option

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

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Option 2

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

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Option 3

Remain with current service levels.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

High level of uncertainty!

7

New services for Horowhenua

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

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Option 1 - Council's preferred option

Wider Horowhenua district.

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Option 2

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Summarised comments/sentiment:



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New and improved regional services

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

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Option 1 - Council's preferred option

New and improved regional services.

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OPTION

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Option 2

New and improved regional services (smaller scale).

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Realistic costs while giving an adequate service.

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Issue 4: Changing fee structure for water meters

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

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Option 2

Continue to fund water meters from the Science budget.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Agree that those who benefit from the service, pay for the service.

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Summarised contents/sentiment:

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Which option do you prefer?

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Summarised comments/sentiment:

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Improving public transport (Item 6) as per Option ① is ~~an~~ excellent & much needed.

It should also increase overall patronage, especially if inter-region buses can fit into the local buses timetables — eg. 1st & last bus being used to get around Whangarei & use the PN/well/other buses.

A good Public transport system is an integral component in promoting the social, economic, environmental & cultural wellbeing of communities.



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

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Summarised comments/sentiment:

3

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Summarised comments/sentiment:



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Summarised comments/sentiment:

our bus service (St Johns Hill) is poor.
But, the introduction of "the Tide" has made a big difference. Improves our ability to get around town significantly. Improvement / more buses to our suburb will be much appreciated & very useful whilst keeping the Tide. Increasing tide ~~ser~~ services will also encourage usage. Better service to PWT well etc. also an excellent idea.

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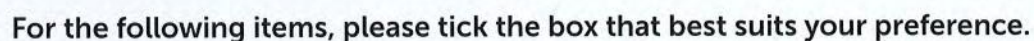
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Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q3

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Provides good balance between need to identify highly productive land, and cost to ratepayers.

Which option do you prefer?

Q4

Multi Choice

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Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q5

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Option 1 is preferred, subject to the Council remunerating three new roles as conservatively as possible.

Which option do you prefer?

Q6

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Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q7

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Environmental risks are only going to increase in the future. Increasing cover now, and progressively in the future, will have less one-off impacts to ratepayers.

Which option do you prefer?

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Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q9

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Continued focus on our environment is essential.

Which option do you prefer?

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Q11

Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

Q12

Multi Choice

Option 2: Levin-only public transport services.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q13

Long Text

Option 2 may impose less financial burden on lower income households.

Which option do you prefer?

Q14

Multi Choice

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

Q15**Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Long Text

Larger-scale services can be considered once uptake of initial improvements has been reviewed.

Q16**Which option do you prefer?**

Multi Choice

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

Q17**Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Long Text

Q18**Summarised comments/sentiment:**

Long Text

Agree that UAGC should be reduced & General Rate increased, as proposed.

Q19**Give us your thoughts:**

Long Text

Future issue: Divesting of Port Asset. This would be a mistake, and very costly to ratepayers. This asset is producing \$12million net revenue each year that would otherwise need to be funded by ratepayers.

Q20**Your name**

Short Text

Sue O.

Q21**Organisation:**

Short Text

Q22**Address**

Short Text

Q23**Postcode**

Short Text

Q24**Email address**

Email

Q25**Phone number**

Telephone

Q26**E-signature**

Short Text

Sue O.

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Single Checkbox

Q28**Tick your preferred speaking session.**

Multi Choice

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

Multi Choice

Q30**I will speak in**

Multi Choice

Q31

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Q1

Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

Q2

Multi Choice

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

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q3

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Which option do you prefer?

Q4

Multi Choice

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Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q5

Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

Q6

Multi Choice

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Summarised comments/sentiment:

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Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

Q18

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

Q19

Give us your thoughts:

Long Text

See attached for comments

Q20

Your name

Short Text

John Wood

Q21

Organisation:

Short Text

Q22

Address

Short Text

Q23

Postcode

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Q24

Email address

Email

Q25

Phone number

Telephone

Q26

E-signature

Short Text

J Wood

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2024-34
Long-term Plan
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we have got it right
by completing this
submission form and
returning it back to us
by **5pm, 22 April
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Ngā pitopito matawhaiaro

Contact details

Name: John Wood

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

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

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

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I will speak in:

☐ English ☐ Māori ☐ New Zealand Sign Language

Signature:

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Summarised comments/sentiment:



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

2 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:

PREFERRED OPTION

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.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

**PREFERRED
OPTION**

11

Additional comments:

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

Trim budgets! We have to trim ours!

Most people are already struggling!

Shival

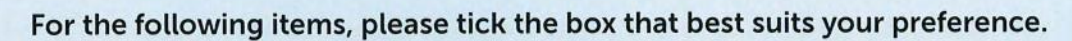


Revenue and Financing Policy

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:

[illegible]

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.

**PREFERRED
OPTION**

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.

**PREFERRED
OPTION**

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:

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:



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:

9 Issue 4: Changing fee structure for water meters

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



Option 1 - Council's preferred option

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

PREFERRED
OPTION



Option 2

Continue to fund water meters from the Science budget.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q1

Long Text

Summarised contents/sentiment:

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

Which option do you prefer?

Q2

Multi Choice

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

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q3

Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

Q4

Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q5

Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

Q6

Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q7

Long Text

None of the above. No change until consulted on a case-by-case basis with the river and drainage schemes committees and ratepayers

Which option do you prefer?

Q8

Multi Choice

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

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q9

Long Text

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

Which option do you prefer?

Q10

Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q11

Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

Q12

Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q13

Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

Q14

Multi Choice

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

Q15 Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text Users should pay

Q16 Which option do you prefer?

Multi Choice

Q17 Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text None of the above. Ensure that the money taken should only cover the cost of the direct consent and not include an aspirational slush fund for interpretation and research. This should be funded from the general rate

Q18 Summarised comments/sentiment:

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

Q19 Give us your thoughts:

Long Text The LTP has significant rating changes proposed, shifting the rating burden from one rating group to another. I do not believe that local and regional councils have a role in determining who amongst their property owners has the greatest or least ability to pay rates.

I do not believe the short consultation period as required by the LTP is a sufficient consultation period for the magnitude of the proposals and believe Horizons has been remiss in not holding forums and meetings to discuss proposals.

Q20 Your name

Short Text Hamish Brown

Q21 Organisation:

Short Text

Q22 Address

Short Text

Q23 Postcode

Short Text

Q24 Email address

Email

Q25 Phone number

Telephone

Q26 E-signature

Short Text Hamish M Brown

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

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Summarised contents/sentiment:

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Q2

Multi Choice

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Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q3

Long Text

Productive farming land needs to be protected for the economic future of the region.

Which option do you prefer?

Q4

Multi Choice

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

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q5

Long Text

Be more efficient in your departments. You do not need to create three new roles for this. Work together, a lot of information you will have.

Which option do you prefer?

Q6

Multi Choice

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

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q7

Long Text

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Which option do you prefer?

Q8

Multi Choice

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

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q9

Long Text

Save money

Which option do you prefer?

Q10

Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q11

Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

Q12

Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q13

Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

Q14

Multi Choice

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

Q15 Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text User pays

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Long Text

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Q20 Your name

Short Text Kathryn Wells

Q21 Organisation:

Short Text Trustee of the Lansdale Trust

Q22 Address

Short Text

Q23 Postcode

Short Text

Q24 Email address

Email

Q25 Phone number

Telephone

Q26 E-signature

Short Text Kathryn Wells

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Single Checkbox

Q28 **Tick your preferred speaking session.**

Multi Choice

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

Multi Choice

Q30 **I will speak in**

Multi Choice

Q31 **File upload**

File Upload

Q1 Summarised contents/sentiment:

Long Text

I support the strategic frame and six community outcomes.

Q2 Which option do you prefer?

Multi Choice

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

Q3 Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

Q4 Which option do you prefer?

Multi Choice

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

Q5 Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

Q6 Which option do you prefer?

Multi Choice

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Q7 Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

Q8 Which option do you prefer?

Multi Choice

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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

Moving people's transport options takes time when we are used to using our cars. I have started using the bus from my home in Castlecliff to my place of work in the Whanganui CBD. My observations are a) traveling by bus saves our home outgoings, b) environmentally better, c) builds community you get to meet usually the same people on the trip and get to know those in your Neighbour whom you wouldn't usually meet, also I access the community library boxes where you share books and found a book that I have been looking for a long time, I found my work stress levels have gone down because that trips there and back gives me time to set up for work and on the home trip to switch off. I also caught the later bus on Friday nights so I could have a few drinks and socialize with my work colleagues and not have to worry about being breathiest. I catch the 7.00 am and 5.00 pm buses which are usually full Monday to Friday. I also worked on the team that set up the free buses for UCOL students around town which helped them financially and in their social wellbeing. I work as an event manager and like the idea e.g. Whanganui Vintage Weekend in January 2024 connecting buses to events to take the strain of parking and add to social well-being and connectivity. I would like to see a regular bus from Whanganui to Marton I have a few friends who work in Marton but live in Whanganui. My wife and I have looked at relocating to Marton the only barrier is the cost of fuel.

Q12 Which option do you prefer?

Multi Choice

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

Q13 Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

Q14 Which option do you prefer?

Multi Choice

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Q15 Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

Q16 Which option do you prefer?

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Q17 Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

to be fair I don't know much about this item as I have a water tank at my home and my family loves the water quantity. We also have a specific tank.

Q18 Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

I have no comment on the item...

Q19 Give us your thoughts:

Long Text

Q20 Your name

Short Text

Des George Warahi

Q21 Organisation:

Short Text

Mainstreet Whanganui

Q22 Address

Short Text

Q23 Postcode

Short Text

Q24 Email address

Email

Q25 Phone number

Telephone

Q26 E-signature

Short Text

Des Warahi

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Single Checkbox

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Multi Choice

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Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q3

Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

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Q4

Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q5

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Summarised comments/sentiment:

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Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

Q18

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

Q19

Give us your thoughts:

Long Text

Q20

Your name

Short Text

Ruby Haazen

Q21

Organisation:

Short Text

Magdalene Chambers

Q22

Address

Short Text

Q23

Postcode

Short Text

Q24

Email address

Email

Q25

Phone number

Telephone

Q26

E-signature

Short Text

Ruby Haazen

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Single Checkbox

Yes

Q28

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Multi Choice

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Multi Choice

Q30

I will speak in

English

Multi Choice

Q31

File upload

File Upload

Q1

Long Text

Summarised contents/sentiment:

Submitting on behalf of Kuru Ketu from Ngati Haua Iwi Trust. Portal #163962

Q2

Multi Choice

Which option do you prefer?

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

Q3

Long Text

Summarised comments/sentiment:

No comment to make. This options seems practical.

Q4

Multi Choice

Which option do you prefer?

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

Q5

Long Text

Summarised comments/sentiment:

See paragraph 9 of attached submission.

Q6

Multi Choice

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Q7

Long Text

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

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Q8

Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q9

Long Text

See comments at paragraphs 12-16 of attached submission.

Q10

Multi Choice

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

Q11

Long Text

No specific feedback on this, but note comments at paragraph 17 of attached submission.

Q12

Multi Choice

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Q13

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Q14

Multi Choice

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

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q15

Long Text

See our comments in the attached submissions around the underline policy approach.

Q16	Which option do you prefer?
Multi Choice	
Q17	Summarised comments/sentiment:
Long Text	Reserve our position on this.
Q18	Summarised comments/sentiment:
Long Text	see comments at paragraphs 19-21 of attached submission.
Q19	Give us your thoughts:
Long Text	see attached comments around the significance and engagement policy, Centre Port Shareholding, Policy pressures and climate change.
Q20	Your name
Short Text	Kuru Ketu
Q21	Organisation:
Short Text	Ngāti Hāua Iwi Trust
Q22	Address
Short Text	
Q23	Postcode
Short Text	
Q24	Email address
Email	
Q25	Phone number
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Short Text	Kuru Ketu
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Multi Choice	
Q29	How do you want to speak?
Multi Choice	
Q30	I will speak in
Multi Choice	English
Q31	File upload
File Upload	https://haveyoursay.horizons.govt.nz/download_file/468



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Summarised comments/sentiment:

See attached at paragraph 6-8.



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

2

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

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

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Option 1

Targeted mapping focussing on acute urban growth pressure areas only.

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Option 2 - Council's preferred option

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



**PREFERRED
OPTION**

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Option 3

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

Summarised comments/sentiment:

No comments to make. This options seems practical.

3

Issue 2: Planning for the future

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

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Option 1 - Council's preferred option

Fund work programme for integrated catchment management.



**PREFERRED
OPTION**

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Option 2

Do not fund work programme for integrated catchment management.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

See paragraph 9 of attached submission.



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

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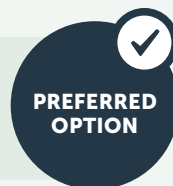
Issue 3a: Updates to our operational areas – increase to river management insurances

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:

No explicit comment.

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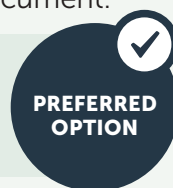
Issue 3b: Updates to our operational areas – reduced levels of service for freshwater activity

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:

See comments at paragraphs 12-16 of attached submission.



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.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

No specific feedback on this, but note comments at paragraph 17 of attached submission.

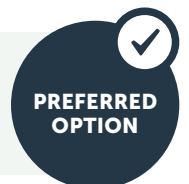
7 **New services for Horowhenua**

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



Option 1 - Council's preferred option

Wider Horowhenua district.



Option 2

Levin only public transport services.

Summarised comments/sentiment:

no comment



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:

See our comments in the attached subissions around the underline policy approach.

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:

Reserve our position on this.



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:

see comments at paragraphs 19-21 of attached submission.

Additional comments:

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

see attached comments around the significance and engagement policy, Centre Port Shareholding, Policy pressures and climate change.

- Our preferred option is for submissions to be made online at **haveyoursay.horizons.govt.nz**
- Or, by emailing your submission to **haveyoursay@horizons.govt.nz**
Please note that email attachments must be under 25 MB total to be received by our server. Submissions will be confirmed by an email auto reply.
- Or, by using this form, or writing us a letter, and posting it to:
Freepost 247615, Horizons Regional Council
Private Bag 11025, Manawatū Mail Centre, Palmerston North
- Or, by dropping it off to one of our service centres in Whanganui, Woodville, Marton and Palmerston North

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2024.**

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Signature: [REDACTED] Date: 22 April 2024

☒ 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: [REDACTED]



Ngāti Hāua Iwi Trust

Submissions on the Horizons Regional Council Long Term Plan 2024-34

From: Ngāti Hāua Iwi Trust.

Contact: Kuru Ket [REDACTED]

Date: 22 April 2024

Introduction

1. This submission is provided by the Ngāti Hāua Iwi Trust (**Trust**) in relation to the Horizons Regional Council Long Term Plan 2024-34 (**LTP**) and is based entirely off the consultation document *Puka Whiriwhiri o te Mahere Roa*.
2. As you will gather from the below feedback, we have identified a gap in terms of the previously allocated spending and forecast spending for our rohe (Upper Whanganui River/Ruapehu District). That gap can be seen in a number of areas, including climate change responses, river management, science, and policy/regulation. This must change, both from a community benefits perspective, but also from both a compliance with the strategic framework and Tupua te Kawa perspective. We see positive proposals in the LTP that give life to a changing way of doing things at the regional council level and have tried to focus this submission on those matters.
3. As an overarching contextual comment, we acknowledge the current financial, socio-economic and environmental state our people find themselves in today. There are a number of historical contributing factors that are at the forefront of our thinking, and from which we assess the practical nature of the options outlined in the consultation document. Some of those are:
 - (a) the need to ensure the rates bill our people receive is proportionate to the services they benefit from;
 - (b) the services they have never seen any benefit from but pay for and
 - (c) their ability to facilitate their rates bill along side other costs (like district rates).
4. These are challenging times for our community, and we generally see positivity in the LTP consultation document to account for that. To that end, the LTP raises various matters of interest to the Trust, and we have outlined those below and look forward to working with Horizons to progress these matters towards a solution.
5. We request to present these submissions in person at the LTP hearings and can be available to do so on **Wednesday 1 May 2024**.

Strategic framework

6. Strategic framework needs to be the key driver for policy and strategic direction. We agree with the framework in principle but recommend a more directive approach to implementation of the framework, not only within the LTP but other areas of Council work.
7. The other aspect of the framework is that priority is not provided to Te Tiriti o Waitangi and Treaty Settlement alignment. Although we acknowledge this may be captured by policy areas and service delivery, we consider the need for Tiriti and Treaty Settlement alignment is appropriate, because such an approach achieves greater benefits for communities and the environment. There are also very clear legislative directions within Treaty Settlements (like Te Awa Tupua) that overarch the Local Government legislation and the various subsequent workstreams, financial strategies and public services. We rely here on recommendations made by the Local Government Review Report *He piki tūranga, he piki kōtuku* 2023.

8. In line with the above, it is vital that the strategic priorities (which includes improving relationships with tangata whenua) not read as a hierarchy of priorities, but rather as a cumulative set of integrated priorities that are unachievable if they are not developed and addressed together. This approach will be revolutionary, given it has not previously been done. Arguably, that omission is why we have significant issues from a socio-economic and environmental perspective.

Planning for future

9. Taking the integrated catchment model in a more holistic approach in line with the strategic framework is supported. Option 1 is supported including the three new roles.

Climate change response and river management work

10. The need for climate change adaption, mitigation and other responses should not be understated. The LTP proposes a bare minimum approach to funding these by increasing targeted and general rates and adopting a maintenance and consolidation approach, rather than funding new projects.
11. We accept this is a difficult area to budget for and support the introduction of two new roles to support the approach outlined in the LTP. We would only add that these roles need to be more dynamic and as outlined later, be integrated with other areas of service to ensure sustainable spending but more importantly, outcomes.

Pressures on policy, science, and regulation activities

12. The consultation document pitches these issues as burdens on Council and the ratepayer. That type of rhetoric is unhelpful, when many of the “new regulations” are regulations that should have been adopted much earlier to avoid many of the environmental challenges our communities are facing and their associated costs. They are also best practice regulations that for the first time in our regions history make council and individuals more socially and environmentally responsible for their actions and activities.
13. This area also includes compliance with Treaty Settlements, and any rhetoric that Treaty Settlements are a burden on the ratepayer is an unhelpful narrative, especially when driven by Regional Council (whether implicitly or explicitly). It creates an adversarial approach to regulation and Treaty Settlement directions and can be a line of divisiveness that is drawn down into the operational areas of the policy regime council facilitates. We state this as a word of caution because it advocates for submissions on the LTP that would go against these areas being appropriately funded. That outcome would be inconsistent with the already in place Treaty Settlements and the directions for change those implement, as well as settlements currently being finalised (like ours).
14. Notwithstanding the above, we agree that the new roles proposed (of which capture a more mātauranga Māori approach to policy within a role) are supported. We would suggest that the council consider the following when implementing the roles to ensure efficiency:
 - (a) the roles be split into upper and lower region (including where the pool of potential persons to fill those roles are located); or
 - (b) that the roles be integrated into key areas across the entire region, rather than all areas. This would allow a realistic approach and other efficiencies, including with relationships with hapū and iwi on the ground.
15. The other additional roles are also supported; however, we note that an appropriate budget for training those persons should allow for effective Treaty Settlement understanding and implementation knowledge as well as relationship building through iwi/hapū delivering those educational needs to staff.

Updates to operational areas – reduced level of service for freshwater activity

16. The issue here is that an integrated approach is not being adopted. Riparian planting can provide robust and if not the most significant form of flood protection. On that basis, option 2 is supported with the need for better integration of river management works including the two roles proposed as part of option 2. The cross over would allow for less cost.

Public transport improved regional service

17. We note that both options 1 and 2 outline rates for the Ruapehu District in 2026-27. We would ask that complete transparency of allocated spending be provided in the lead up to this, as there are currently no special services available in Taumarunui around rural connect, and if rates are forecast to increase to provide new services, the community will need to be at the forefront to tell Council what that should be.

Fee structure for water meter

18. We would reserve our position on this issue for presentation at the hearing. This is an area we have interests in but require further engagement with our people.

Centre Port Shareholding

19. Although it is not consulted on, we would disagree with any sale of the shareholding in Centre Port Limited. The asset provides a dividend that could be used and applied to areas where low or baseline funding is allocated, in line with our investment revenue comments below.

Proposed changes to the use of investment revenue

20. The change to offset Uniform Annual General Charges is concerning, because it is unclear what that charge is used for over and above leadership and governance, and even within leader and governance, what the spend is regarding Treaty Settlement and Tiriti education. It also disproportionately addresses the lack of benefits to some communities (including in our rohe) from the previous policy which offset general rates across the region.
21. The investment revenue should proportionately be applied to off-set targeted rates particularly related to science and policy issues concerning water and the environment generally. That makes more sense when working the options through the strategic framework and when understanding the central importance of a fully functioning society in unison with the Environment. When there are issues with the latter, kicking the can down the road only exacerbates the challenges and enlarges the response required to address them.

Significance and engagement policy

22. There are a range of matters this policy excludes from a consultation process. Iwi are not the general public, and there is a degree of difference between interpretation of the law where those effect Māori (either on their face or in an unforeseen way). We think the policy should reflect a minimum level of consultation with iwi/hapū in the areas identified as “when council may choose note to consult” given the policy team has a dedicated person to do so but more importantly because Council should never assume it knows best when interpreting legislation. It also includes minimum requirements for engagement (which are less than consultation) like email notices and feedback provision.
23. Again, the need for iwi and hapū to be a part of all decision making is required in all areas within the Horizons remit.

Financial strategy and conclusion

24. The financial strategy is forward looking but should give effect to the pointed submissions made here and the underline principled approach we as iwi/hapū take to all matters of life. This will create a more robust and sustainable LTP as well as address the needs of the community into the future and not just the present.



Kuru Ketu, Taiao Kaimahi
Ngāti Hāua Iwi Trust

Q1

Long Text

Summarised contents/sentiment:

The LTP looks like it has some strong future oriented thought throughout.

I would also like to see some more provision to protect & expend the Science Budget, in advance of need & agree with the Water Meter consents user funded Option 1, as a first step to protecting this fund. We will need research more & more as the environment changes & to enable decisions to stay ahead of deteriorations or to find opportunities.

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.

I know, some will decry this as now 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 scrapping by in urban centres.

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.

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 labourforces.

This Voluntary Fund could be seeded each year by HRC taking an equal amount from the Investment Income, to match the prior years voluntary contributions - prior to dividing the investment income by the UAGC method. if 2023-24 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.

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:-

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 (set by the Trust & HRC jointly), with the option of contributors actively supporting projects, or apportioning amounts to agenda items.

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

We all use & need urban centres. Urban areas in turn have unique needs & focus that span regional interest & local district councils - there are already issues of growth pressure to address - this is ne way to ensure focus on those.

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 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

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

yes - await clarifications of the central government instruction & policy activity on Water resource - there are pieces of that jigsaw still to find that will impact on Regional & district councils cooperative needs anyway.

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

Whanganui is one of the quickest growth towns & is increasingly becoming a domestic tourism destination & route. Transport usage has rapidly reached the limitations that private vehicle transport can manage, so expansion of PT is both timely & urgent - especially across town & incorporating the State Highway intersections. Whanganui is now like Palmerston was a few years ago - "in need" - just like some roads in Palmerston reached capacity & required intervention, re-routing, ring-roads, more buses, more stops, an expanded PT network plan. Palmerston needed PT investment for the bus station, new buses, new routes & increased PT mobility - now Whanganui does too, & it will be easier & cheaper to solve in Whanganui - the next stages are fairly obvious, fairly cheap & easy to achieve - don't bottle it now! keep going.

Q12 Which option do you prefer?

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

Q13 Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

Regional connection is as important, if not more so at this stage of economic & environmental change. better connections from Wellington up through Kapiti with Levin, Foxton, PN, Whanganui, Hunterville, etc.etc. to Taumarunui are the responsibility of our community and we have to ask the question - "if not now then when?" of anyone who suggests backing off. there is less justification for next LTP than there was in the same suggestion of the last LTP - regional transport connections are a NOW issue to solve & invest in, not a tomorrow....

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

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Q16 Which option do you prefer?

Multi Choice

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

Q17 Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

agree - set fee & protect the Science Budget. Disconnect the demands & extractions like this from the Science budget it was a poor practice policy to use Science budget for this anyway!

Q18 Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

I agree with the changes to how the Investments Revenue funds are used - to offset the Uniform Annual General Charge (UAGC) rather than into general funds. Good idea to spread equally the benefit, equitability in this case is served better by this change. Properties above that threshold are unlikely to be in need of that relief than those homes well below it.

I would likely see a rates increase based on the averaging figures suggested - i don't see a problem with this & believe the income revenue is best used in this manner in today's environment.

I would advocate this being a matter for ongoing consultation & voting approval in subsequent LTPs also in case the investment revenue, should or could be used in different ways in the future too..... don't cast it in stone as a change, but yes this change makes sense.

Q19 Give us your thoughts:

Long Text

Please review idea posted in the summary overview commentary i've provided for the idea of additional Voluntary Contributions options when paying rates.

Also for consideration i'd like to submit a proposal for PN & Whanganui to have planning start for a regional transport Park & Ride hubs based on locations near the key State Highway town boundary limits to encourage private vehicle transport to alight as the SH's enter the town & use local PT or active modes to get around.

The time is right as Toursim, particularly Domestic Tourism is growing & there is increased mobility of labour forces across regions between towns.

As an example - this would be easy to do in Whanganui, with almost ideal locations available, to partner with WDC to set up hubs on SH3 & SH30 entry/exit to Whanganui - to invest in & provide bus shuttle service, to integrate to the CBD & the high-frequency cross town services. To also include hire of e-bikes, e-scooters, cycles & sponsored walking trails. To focus on tourism peak times/needs & labour force mobility peak times. This can link to Regional PT and also aid private car sharing arrangements - relieving the need & capacity of town parking capacity limitations & environmental issues.

These have been common place in Europe & UK - they are not the remit of just cities - they can benefit small towns too, as often the SH approaches or fewer & easier to provision for.

Think of being the only Regional & District Town Council partnership to be creating this - the only ones provisioning for the future now....

This could be funded by the additional Voluntary Contributions as a seeding project - essentially crowd funding of PT links, decongestion & decarbonising initiatives. Win Win Win.....

Q20 Your name

Short Text

Phill Haynes

Q21 Organisation:

Short Text

Juno & Jupiter Limited

Q22 Address

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Q23 Postcode

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Q24 Email address

Email

Q25 Phone number

Telephone

Q26 E-signature

Short Text Phillip Haynes

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

Single Checkbox Yes

Q28 Tick your preferred speaking session.

Multi Choice Whanganui - 29 April - morning: 9.30am - 12.30pm (in-person only)

How do you want to speak?

Q29 No preference

Multi Choice I will speak in

Q30

Multi Choice File upload

Q31

File Upload

Q1

Long Text

Summarised contents/sentiment:

Please see attached submission.

Q2

Multi Choice

Which option do you prefer?

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Please see attached submission.

Q3

Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

Q4

Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Please see attached submission.

Q5

Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

Q6

Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Please see attached submission.

Q7

Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

Q8

Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Please see attached submission.

Q9

Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

Q10

Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Please see attached submission.

Q11

Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

Q12

Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Please see attached submission.

Q13

Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

Q14

Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Please see attached submission.

Q15

Long Text

Q16	Which option do you prefer?
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Q17	Summarised comments/sentiment:
Long Text	Please see attached submission.
Q18	Summarised comments/sentiment:
Long Text	Please see attached submission.
Q19	Give us your thoughts:
Long Text	Please see attached submission.
Q20	Your name
Short Text	Rita King
Q21	Organisation:
Short Text	Hokio Progressive Association (HPA)
Q22	Address
Short Text	
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Submission of Hokio Progressive Association (HPA)

Horizons Regional Council 2024-34 Long Term Plan

We do not wish to speak to this submission

Hokio community consists of Maori land and a diverse community of Maori, elderly and young people.

Hokio Beach is a lovely place that is used by the area of Levin and surrounds to dump their rubbish and contamination, so our environment is a disaster.

Lake Horowhenua

Our biggest issue is Lake Horowhenua as the lake is a dumping ground for Growers, Levin Stormwater and a few farms. These are non-consented activities.

Why has HRC allowed this to continue?

When are HRC going to require consents and the approval process? As the watch dog of all things water you have been very remiss in insisting that due process is followed, surely the buck stops with you. We would like to see in the Long Term Plan more staff to make this happen.

Hokio Stream

The water table at Hokio has always been very high, now that the stream is completely covered with weed. If we have a normal rain event our septic tanks don't work because the level of weed stops the flow of the stream. The weed needs to be removed with urgency otherwise the health of the community will be affected.

We are asking for 6 monthly maintenance plan on the stream and would like this included in the LTMP. This has been an ongoing problem for many years with no ongoing maintenance.

Transport

It is a human right to have public transport in an area. Horowhenua wide public transport services would mean residents in outlying districts (Hokio) can get to the doctor, the shops, and the central services needed by them.

The Environment

All contamination should be dealt with at source, allowing it to be sent down waterways doesn't make it go away ie coming down Hokio Stream. Now ending in the ocean causing "closed beach days" and contaminating kai. This is not Hokio's fault but we have ended up with the problem.

Rita King

Chairperson HPA

22/4/24

Q1

Long Text

Summarised contents/sentiment:

Council's policy development, strategic planning and consultation processes are inefficient. This is resulting in costly rework, unnecessary damage control, and additional consultation e.g. recent consultation on target water quality reductions.

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Which option do you prefer?

Q2

Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q3

Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

Q4

Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q5

Long Text

Which option do you prefer?

Q6

Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q7

Long Text

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Q8

Multi Choice

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q9

Long Text

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Which option do you prefer?

Q10

Multi Choice

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

Summarised comments/sentiment:

Q11

Long Text

I support the provision of more frequent, dependable, and convenient public transport services to and from local villages to the main cities, initially funded jointly by Council and Government, until demand for the service justifies moving to user pays.

Which option do you prefer?

Q12

Multi Choice

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

Q13 Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

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Q14 Which option do you prefer?

Multi Choice

Q15 Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

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Multi Choice

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

Q17 Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

I support water metering being 100% user pays. However, costs of administration must be kept affordable.

Q18 Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

User pays is fairer to all. Uniform annual general charges should be used in preference to general rates where beneficiaries are clearly identified.

Q19 Give us your thoughts:

Long Text

Please see attached document.

Q20 Your name

Short Text

Julie Ireland

Q21 Organisation:

Short Text

Q22 Address

Short Text

Q23 Postcode

Short Text

Q24 Email address

Email

Q25 Phone number

Telephone

Q26 E-signature

Short Text

Julie Ireland

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 https://haveyoursay.horizons.govt.nz/download_file/470

To: Horizons Regional Council

From: Julie Ireland, [REDACTED]

Submission on Horizons Long Term Plan 2024-34

Rates increases are unsustainable, and Council needs to cut costs!

Council reserves too high

Council reserves are approx.. \$430 million this money could be used to reduce the burden of rate increases on ratepayer.

Pest Management

I support increased funding of Pest Management funded from reserves. Rural landowners are struggling to manage pest plants and animals as a result of fly tipping and dumping unwanted pets, for example, cats, and parrots.

Currently, only properties greater than 4 ha contribute to pest management. This needs to be extended to include properties less than 4 ha too.

Government departments responsible road and rail corridors and native bush reserves need to be put under pressure to better manage pest plants and animals on public land that is seeding the pest burden on private landowners and Horizons.

Governance, policy, and strategic planning

Council's policy development, strategic planning and consultation processes are inefficient. This is resulting in costly rework, unnecessary damage control, and additional consultation e.g. recent consultation on target water quality reductions.

Council needs use the available established community groups and their networks, not just tangata whenua, to discuss and test proposed changes and their impact on people before putting changes out to wider public consultation and finalising plans. Pre-public consultation would reduce unnecessary and costly reworking and environment court challenges, which add costs to ratepayers.

Freshwater requirements

While I empathise with increased regulatory complexity Councils are facing. The government freshwater requirements supersede the Horizons Sustainable Land Use Initiative that council already funds. Therefore, the freshwater requirements should not require significant additional investment to deliver. Both types of plans are not required. Where possible Horizons should continue to seek funding from government to cover the regulatory cost of management of the freshwater certifier and auditor accreditation program.

Rateable values over valued

Rateable values used to set rates are overvalued. The average market value based on property sales is 90 to 92 percent below current rateable values. The last rateable value review and increase was based on an overheated market and were unjustified. This is evidenced by the current market value of properties compared to their rateable value. The market component of rateable values needs to be reviewed and adjusted down accordingly.

Water metering

I support water metering being 100% user pays. However, costs of administration must be kept affordable.

Website upgrade

\$1 million spread over two years is too much to spend on a website upgrade. I feel the website may be getting unnecessarily complex and needs to be simplified. Is it practical to try and include every bit of information on the website?

I had to click three times to get to the "Have your Say form." It was also difficult to find the date submissions are due, which was not on the submission form or at the beginning of the summary consultation document. Council needs to simplify the information it provides and the way they provide it, less is more, be practical about the majority of people like to access information, ask people how they would like the information.

Climate change

Horizons' should review its climate change action plan with the aim of reducing the burden of cost on ratepayer for protection works insurance. The level of risk Council is trying to mitigate, or remedy is unaffordable and needs to be reduced.

Iwi relations burden

Iwi hapu relations and the burden placed on iwi contribution to council decision making and resource consents is putting an undue burden on all communities and slowing progress.

Consulting on and addressing issues of high priority to iwi need to be prioritised over issues of low priority to iwi with the aim of reducing the cost and burden to all.

Public transport

I support the provision of more frequent, dependable, and convenient public transport services to and from local villages to the main cities, initially funded jointly by Council and Government, until demand for the service justifies moving to user pays.

UAG

User pays is fairer to all. Uniform annual general charges should be used in preference to general rates where beneficiaries are clearly identified.

Yours sincerely,

Julie Ireland