

Long Term Plan 2024-2034

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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.

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Te anga rautaki Strategic Framework

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

Summarised comments/sentiment:



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

2

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

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

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Option 1

Targeted mapping focussing on acute urban growth pressure areas only.

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Option 2 - Council's preferred option

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

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Option 3

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



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OPTION

Summarised comments/sentiment:

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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:

5

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

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

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Option 1 - Council's preferred option

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



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Option 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:

We are not getting the buses at suitable times and frequency for our area to encourage use by workers, especially, and this does not help with climate change. (Springvale/St Johns Hill.)

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.

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:

More services to Palmerston North, especially for hospital appointments.
Visit family. Shop as we are limited in options in Wanganui.

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:

- 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

HAVE
YOUR SAY

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

Ngā pitopito matawhaiaro

Contact details

Name: Noeline O'Connor

Organisation: _____

Signature: _____ Date: 22/4/24

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

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

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

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

☐ Palmerston North - 1 May (1:00pm - 8:00pm)

☐ speak to my submission in-person

☐ by Zoom

☐ Palmerston North - 2 May (9:30am - 12:30pm)

☐ speak to my submission in-person

☐ by Zoom

☐ Palmerston North - 2 May (1:15pm - 5:00pm)

☐ speak to my submission in-person

☐ by Zoom

I will speak in:

☐ English

☐ Māori

☐ New Zealand Sign Language

Signature: _____



Contribution ID: 1624

[Redacted Name]
[Redacted Address]

Sub: #422

Q1 Summarised contents/sentiment:

Long Text

Q2 Which option do you prefer?

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

Q3 Summarised comments/sentiment:

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Q5 Summarised comments/sentiment:

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Q11 Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text The tide is a great thing, but could have extended operating hours, for instance later on a Saturday. And it would be really useful if it went to other areas such as Whanganui East. Also, I think more frequent transport to other towns is important, for instance hourly buses to Palmerston North, and more frequent buses to Wellington. I would love it so much if in the future there were trains to these places and New Plymouth.

Q12 Which option do you prefer?

Multi Choice

Q13 Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

Q14 Which option do you prefer?

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Q15 Summarised comments/sentiment:

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Q16 Which option do you prefer?

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Q17 Summarised comments/sentiment:

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Q18 Summarised comments/sentiment:

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Q19 Give us your thoughts:

Long Text

Q20 Your name

Short Text Susan Keates

Q21 Organisation:

Short Text

Q22 Address

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Q23 Postcode

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Email

Q25 Phone number

Telephone

Q26 E-signature

Short Text Susan Keates

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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 Summarised contents/sentiment:**

Long Text No comment.

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Q11 Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text Progress Castlecliff strongly supports public transport improvements that we have seen in The Tide service and would like to see the intra-Whanganui services all running on this spine/frequency model. Progress Castlecliff strongly works to connect communities and the proposed intra-regional connections giving Castlecliff and Whanganui people joined up and connecting services not only within our region but intra regionally are welcome. We do remind Horizons that Whanganui enjoys a good level of service direct to Auckland and possibly soon to Christchurch from Whanganui airport and ask that that connection is considered when planning the service. We do find the process where in the last question non Whanganui residents opinions are canvassed in relation to services in Whanganui funded by rates specific to Whanganui questionable.

Q12 Which option do you prefer?

Multi Choice

Q13 Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text Progress Castlecliff is not mandated to comment as there is no impact on Castlecliff.

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Multi Choice	Option 1 (council's preferred option): New and improved regional services.
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Long Text	
Q19	Give us your thoughts:
Long Text	<p>Progress Castlecliff notes and thanks Horizons for the recently re-confirmed commitment to Te Pūwaha and delivering the long due work that is very literally foundational to our community and the region.</p> <p>https://www.stuff.co.nz/nz-news/350233755/horizons-long-term-commitment-te-puwaha</p>
Q20	Your name
Short Text	James Barron
Q21	Organisation:
Short Text	Progress Castlecliff
Q22	Address
Short Text	
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Multi Choice English

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Long Text Submitting on Behalf of I South. Portal # 164019

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

Q20 Your name

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Name.....

Moya ERICSSON

Address.....

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Phone No.....

I please return all submissions by the 18th April to:

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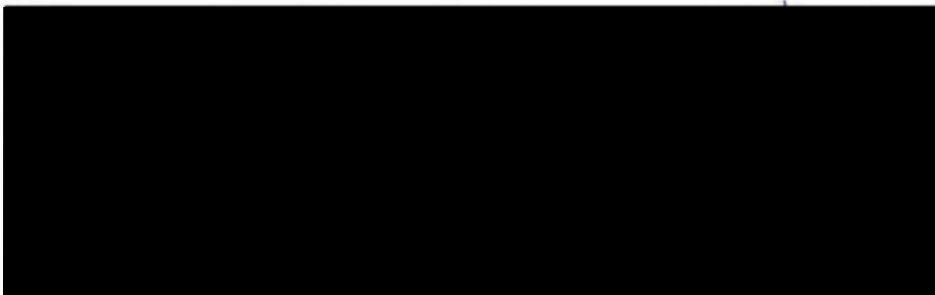
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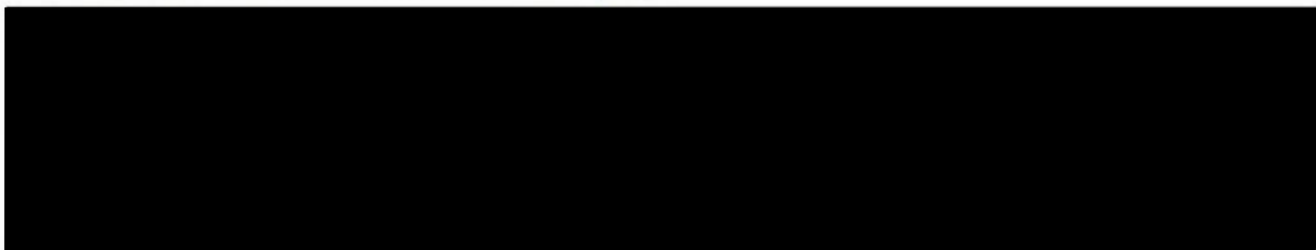
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Name...MAUREEN MCINTYRE.....



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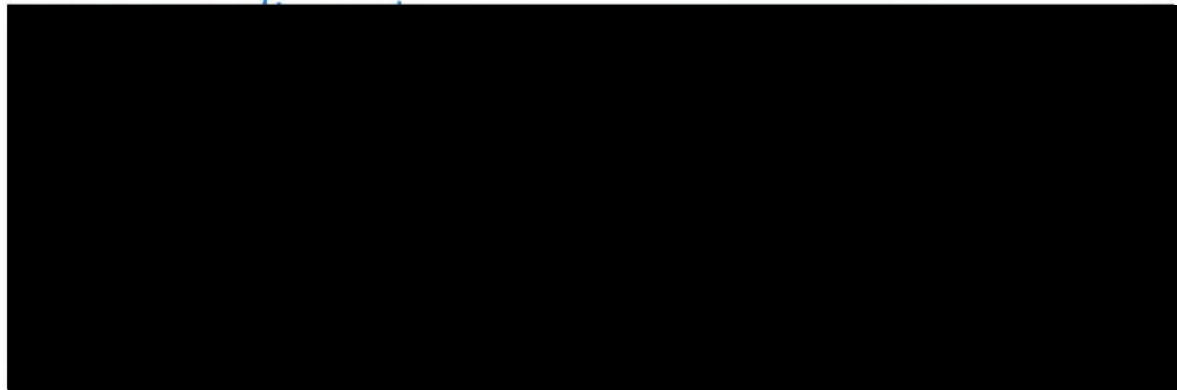
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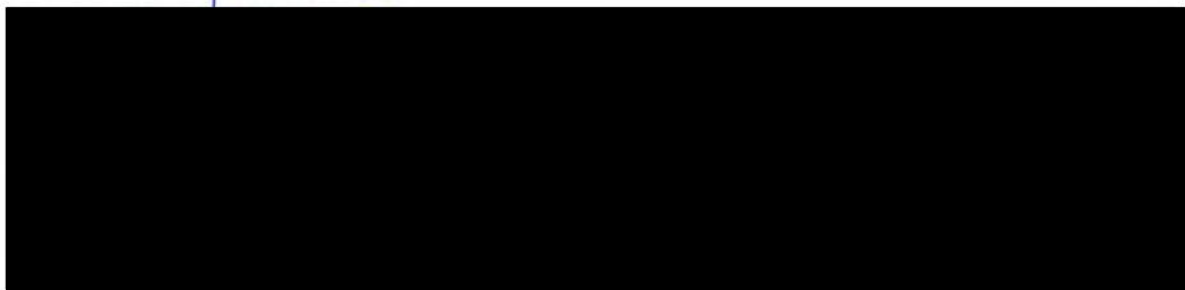
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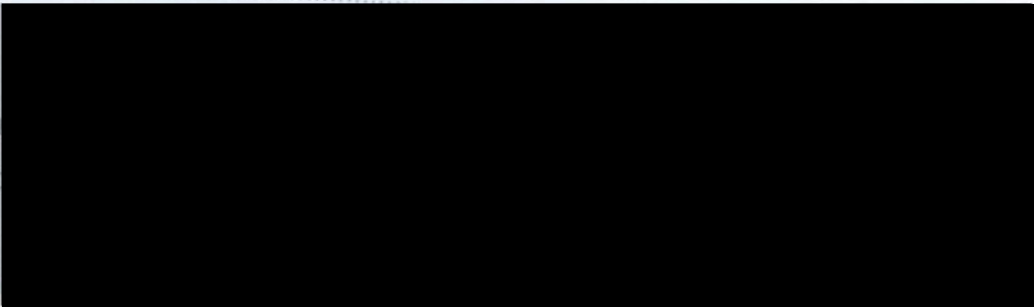
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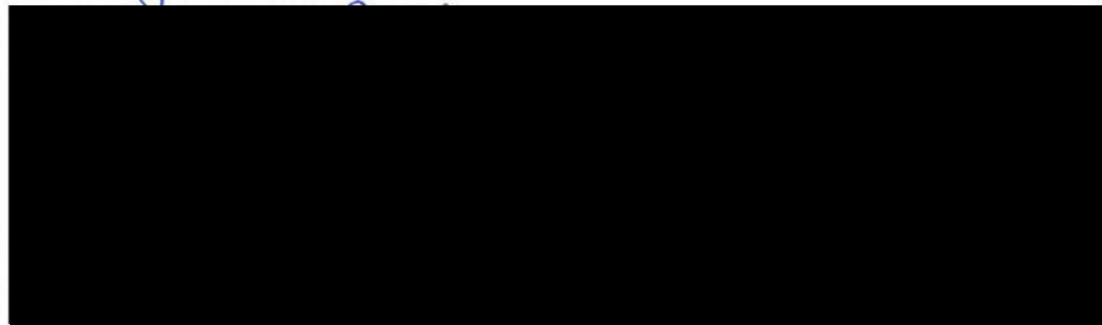
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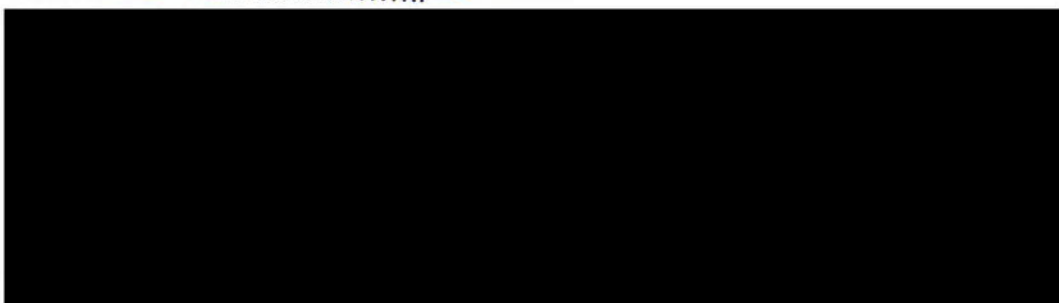
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Name Robert Willis



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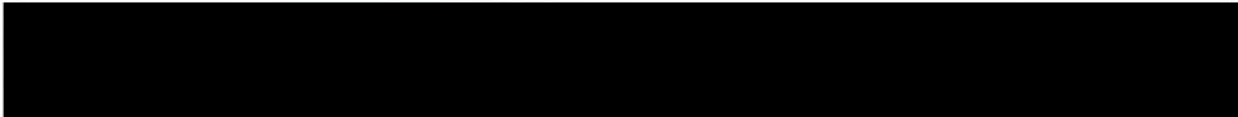
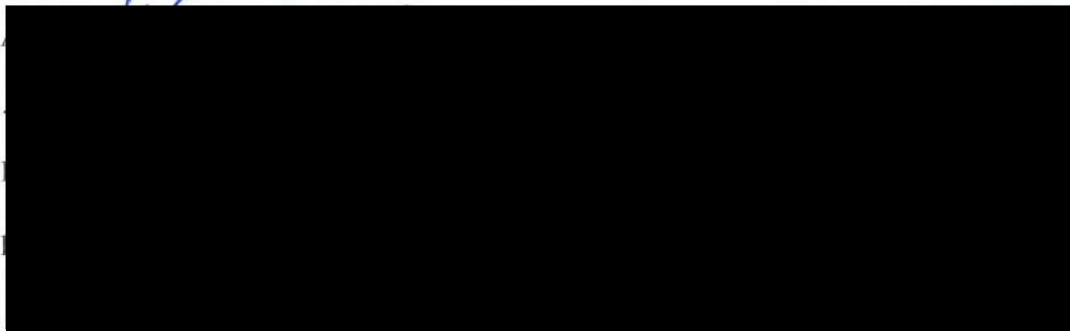
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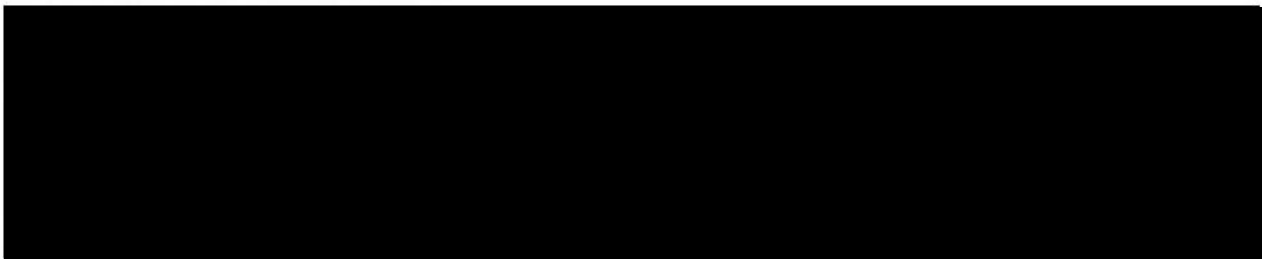
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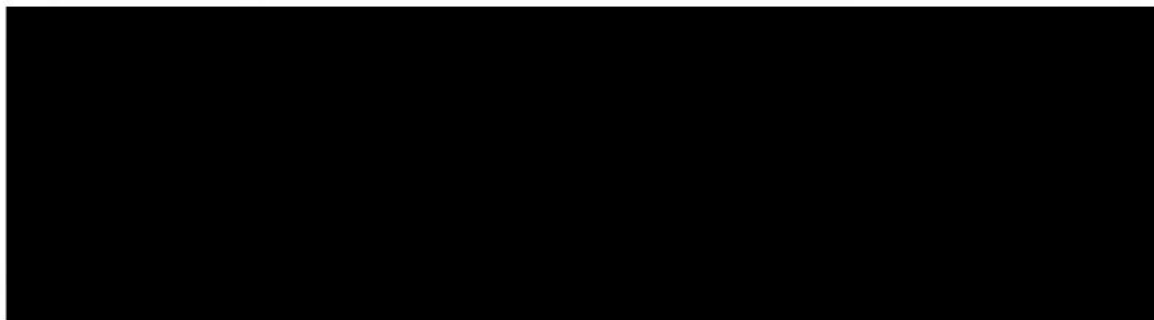
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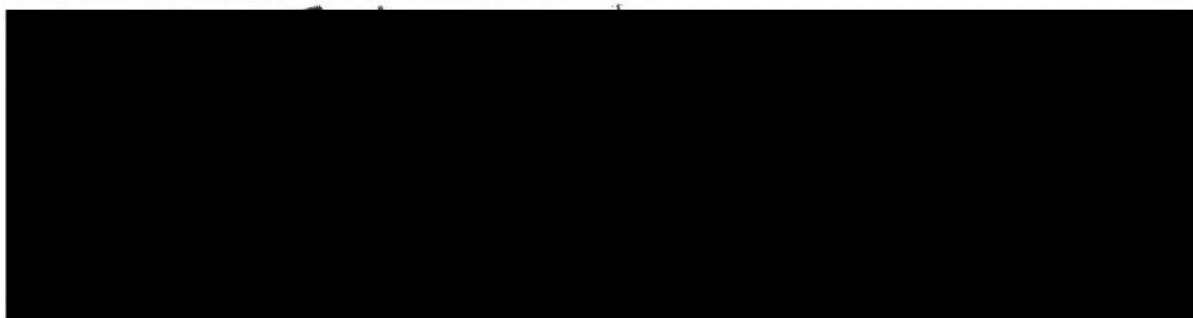
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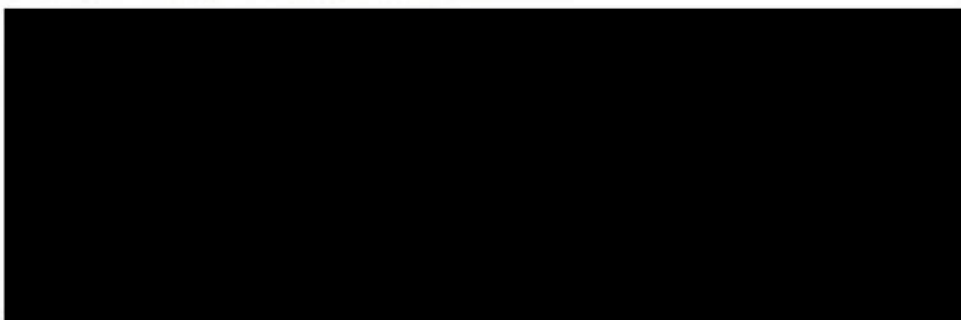
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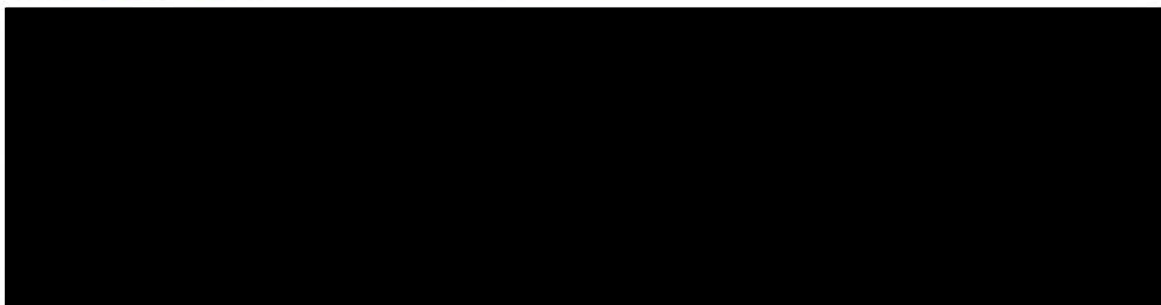
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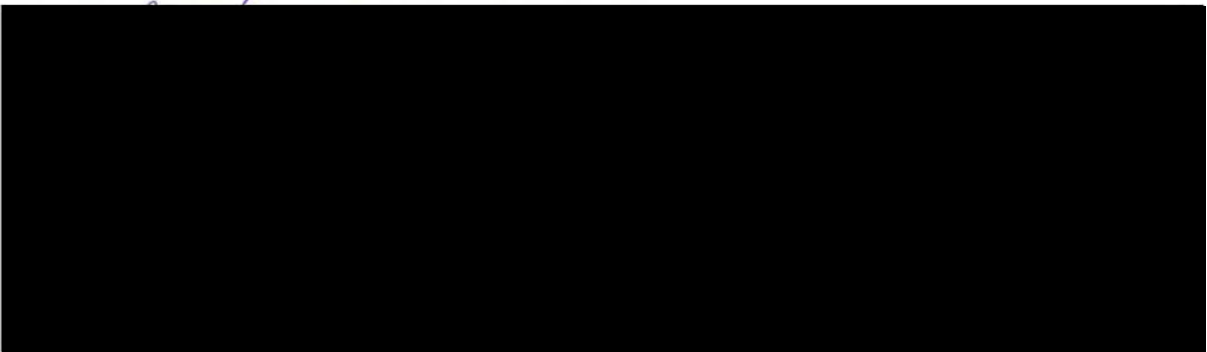
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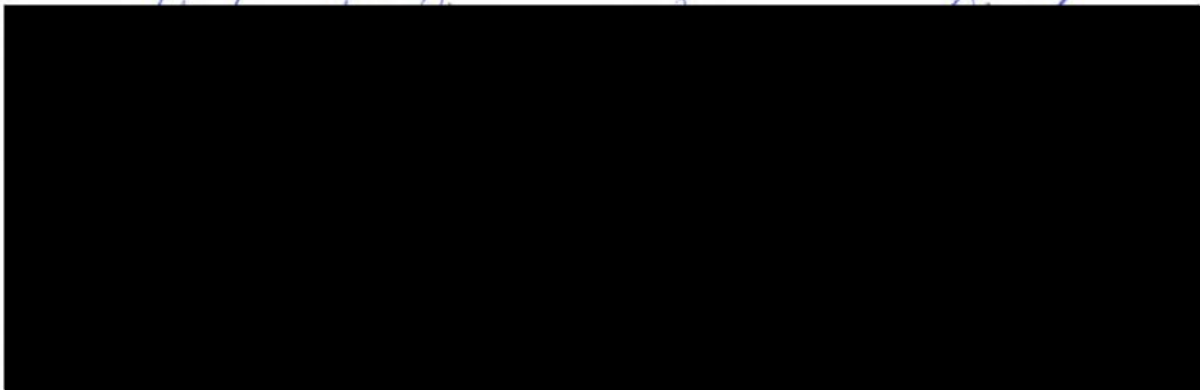
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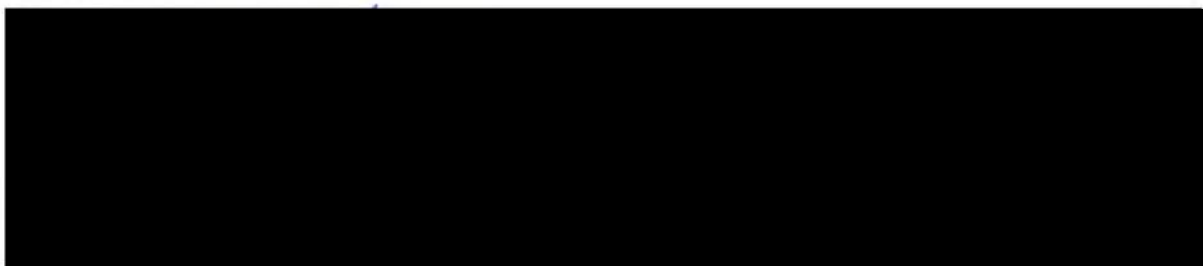
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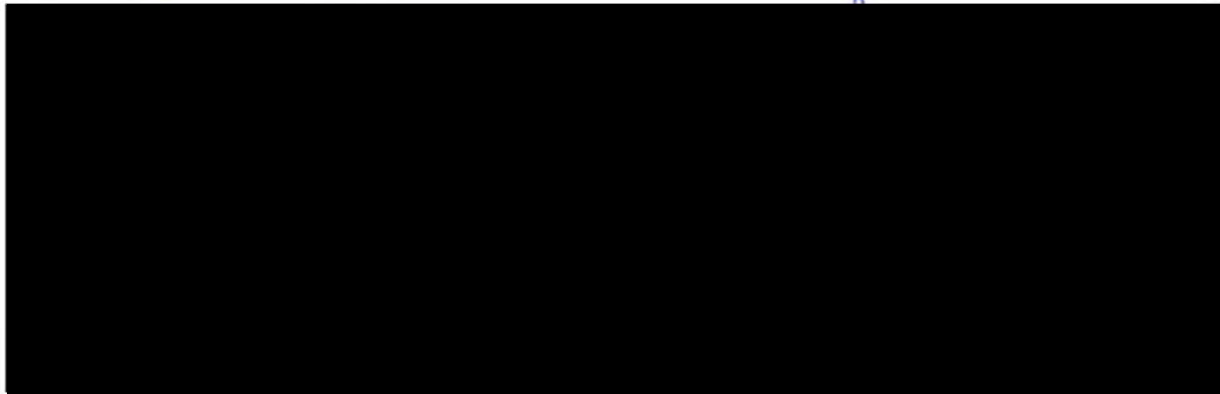
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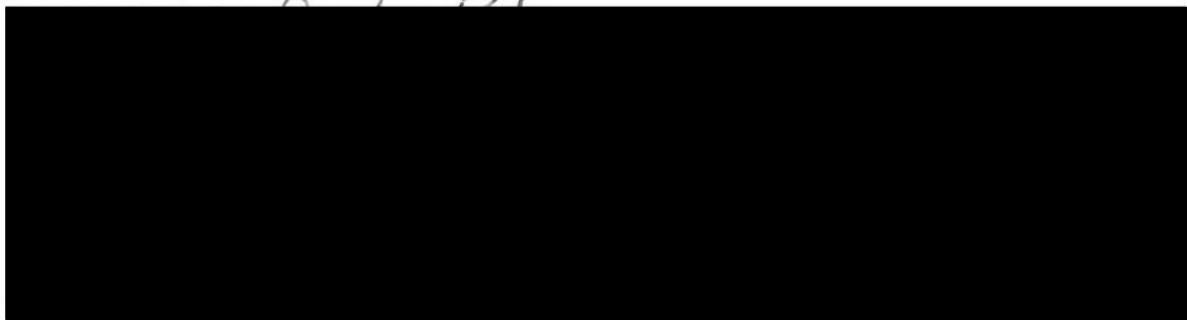
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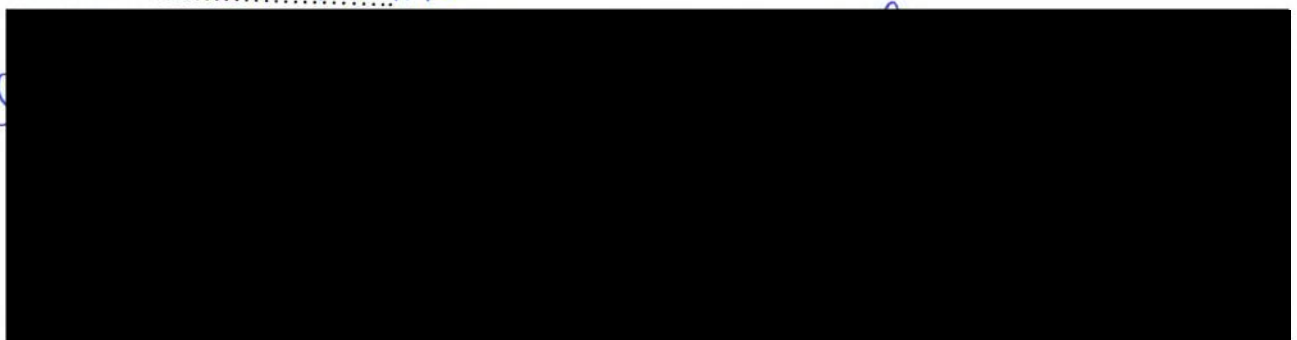
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**Q1 Summarised contents/sentiment:**

Long Text No comments - the framework seems appropriate

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 The Highly Productive land issue looks like a slippery slope: it started with concerns about the loss of highly productive Pukekohe land but seems destined to be an argument as to what is productive, which then could prevent any growth/subdivision in our communities. Horizons approach seems appropriate - spend some money to get information but don't throw a lot at it as the rules are bound to change

Q4 Which option do you prefer?

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

Q5 Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text Option 1 looks like a talkfest - engagement with the community and I don't see a plan or action coming out of this. Horizons already manages the catchments and if there are shortcomings there, fix them. The region involves a lot of hill country, roads and rivers that are all at risk with climate change and we face significant future costs. We need to direct money at mitigation & protection, not community engagement.

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 We are probably still underinsured but Option 1 seems appropriate

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 No comment

Q10 Which option do you prefer?

Multi Choice Option 3: Remain with current service levels.

Q11 Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text I have seen no evidence that there is any significant demand in Whanganui for a high-frequency bus network. And the planning appears to be driven by ad-hoc old routes have been dug out from archives through a nostalgia for the transport options from last century. Promotional material distributed in Whanganui talks about getting back to 1991 levels involving 430,000 boardings a year. That's fanciful - the world has moved on and we now have electric bikes & cars. I was born in Whanganui and my mother had to trundle 3 kids and a pram to the local bus station, put the pram on the front of the bus and every trip to town was a convoluted affair. We did it because we had no car. And Mum had to do it in wind & rain. People prize personal freedoms and having control over when & how they travel and I haven't seen any evidence that there is any community demand for an expansion of the bus service. In a small regional town with no congestion issues, private vehicles will always be the preferred mode of transport. The problem with private vehicles is that most are still reliant on fossil fuels. Horizons would be better to spend money on establishing an extensive network of high-speed charging stations than using fossil fuels to deliver yester-years service. Horizons points to increased patronage but that has also involved a parade of mostly empty big busses. It suggests

that the shotgun approach isn't working. Also the Whanganui bus fleet must be one of the biggest greenhouse gas emitters in the town. Using fossil fuels to move 40 empty seats in a 10 tonne vehicle around town can't be justified and Horizons needs to account for the emissions involved in an activity that struggles to justify any expansion.

Q12 Which option do you prefer?

Multi Choice

Q13 Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text No comment

Q14 Which option do you prefer?

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

Q15 Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text As indicated earlier in my submission, I have not seen any evidence that the community need has been researched. Given that Horizons faces significant costs issues on environmental requirements, we need to be cautious about committing to services that appear to be driven by activism rather than properly assessed community demand. I don't see any demand for Whanganui people to travel regionally by bus - its not the way people in a rural community move around.

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

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Long Text No comment

Q19 Give us your thoughts:

Long Text No comments. Horizons looks after a large and varied topography that will face some big environmental challenges. Keep up the good work.

Q20 Your name

Short Text Murray John Lazelle

Q21 Organisation:

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Q22 Address

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Single Checkbox Yes

Q28 Tick your preferred speaking session.

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

Q29 How do you want to speak?

Multi Choice

Q30 I will speak in

Multi Choice English

Q31 File upload

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Long Text Submitting on behalf of Aileen Austin. Portal #164019

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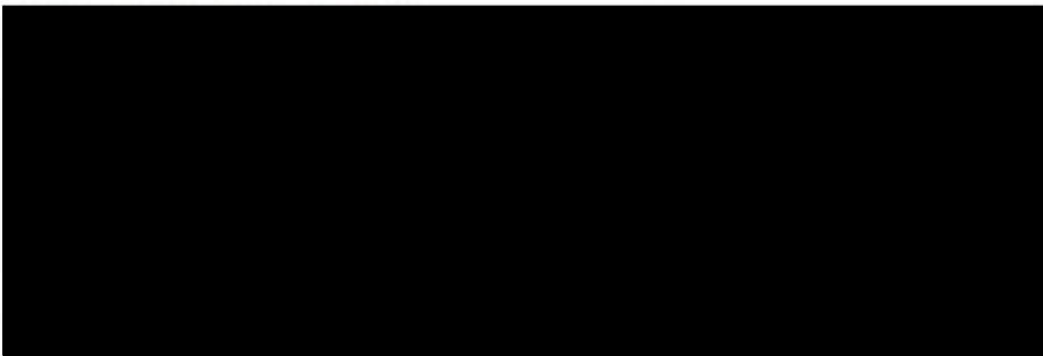
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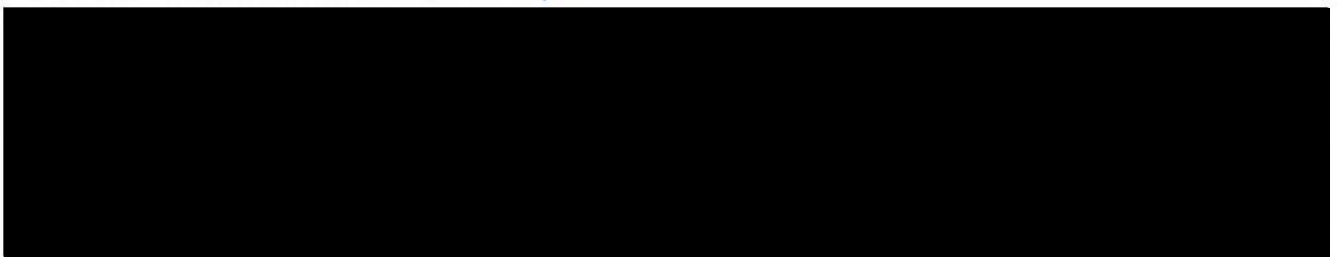
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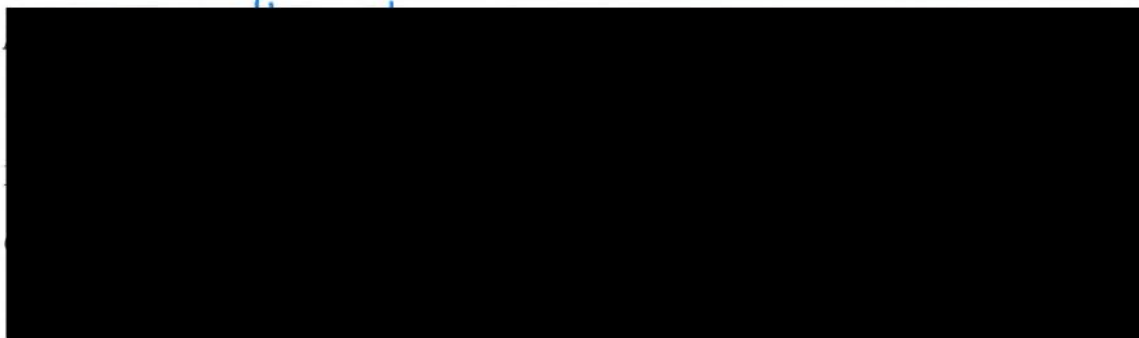
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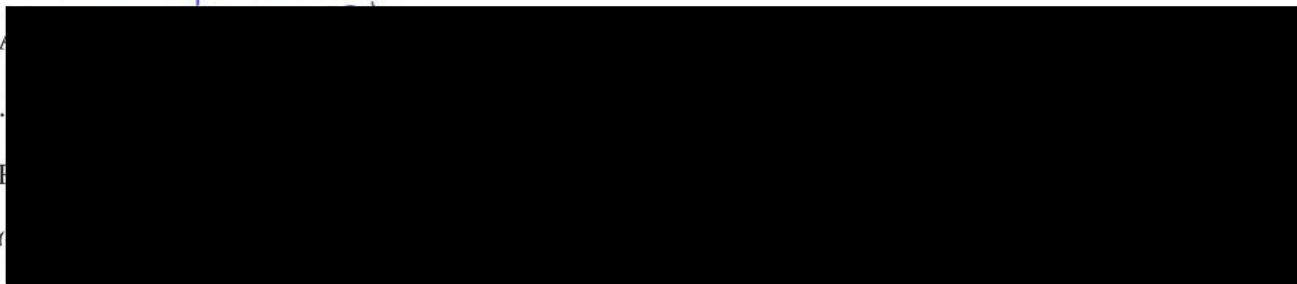
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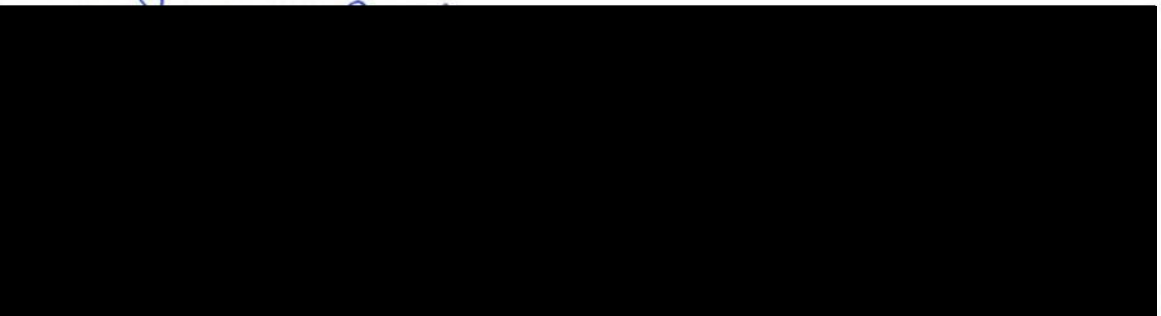
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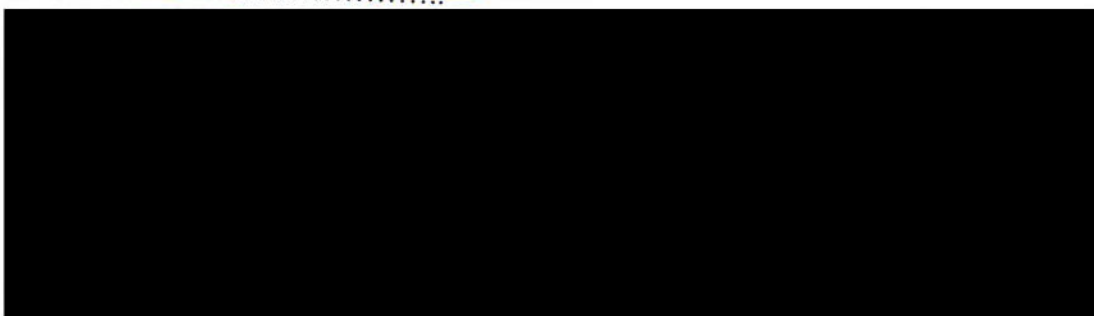
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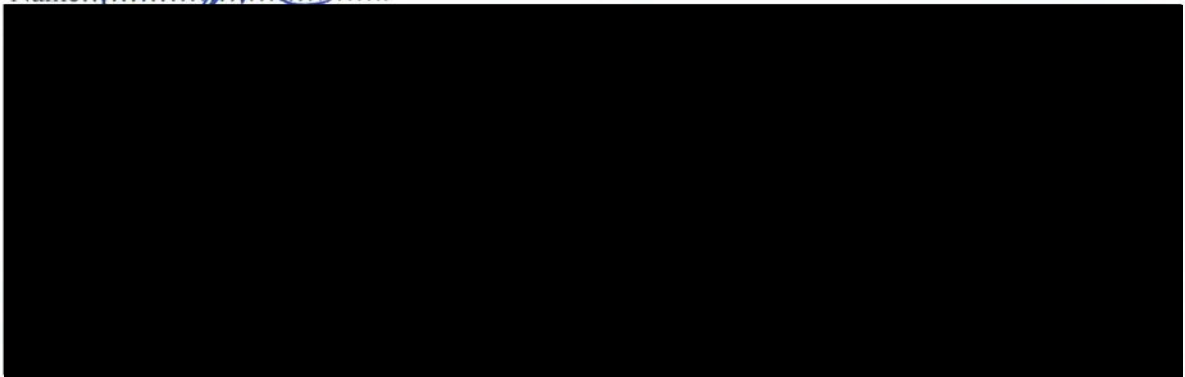
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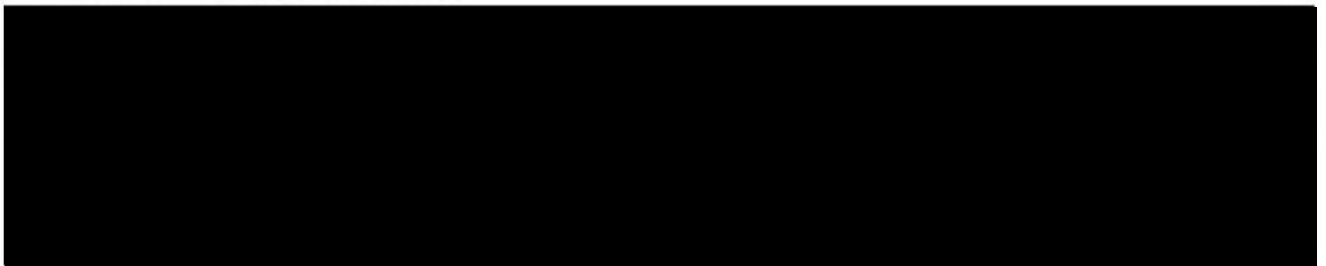
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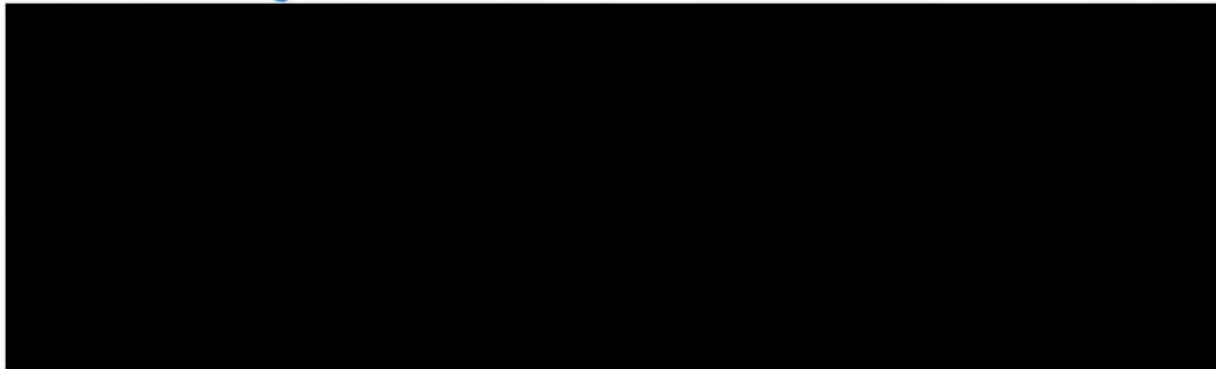
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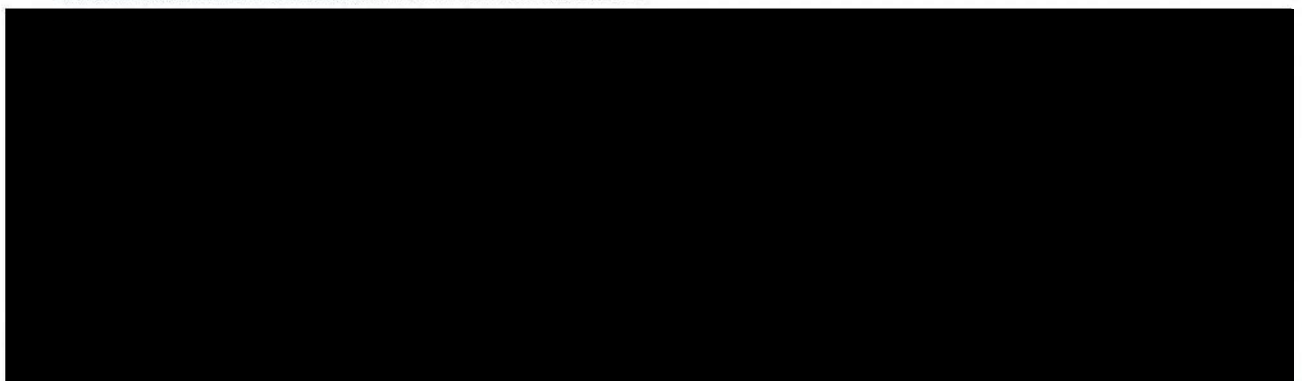
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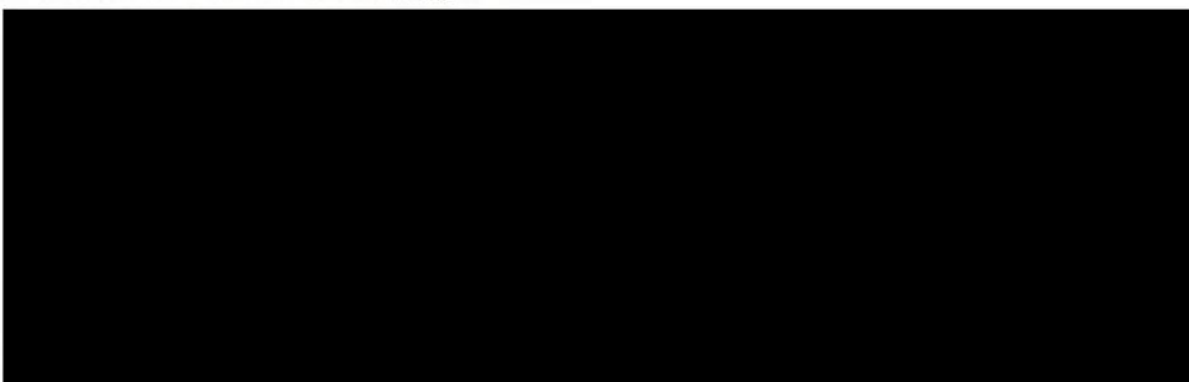
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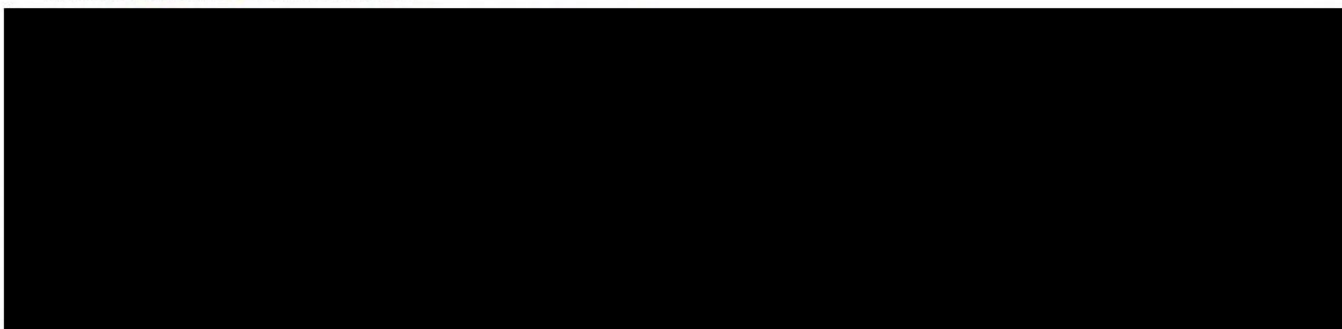
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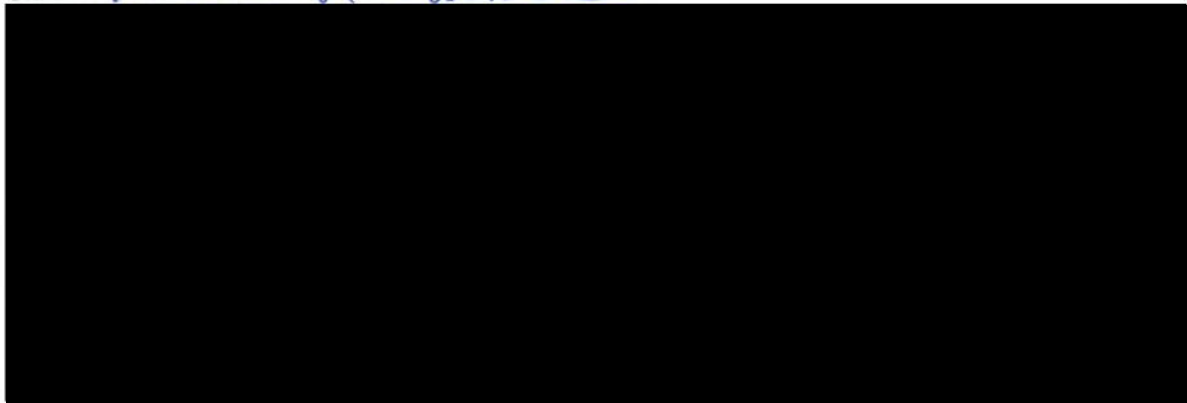
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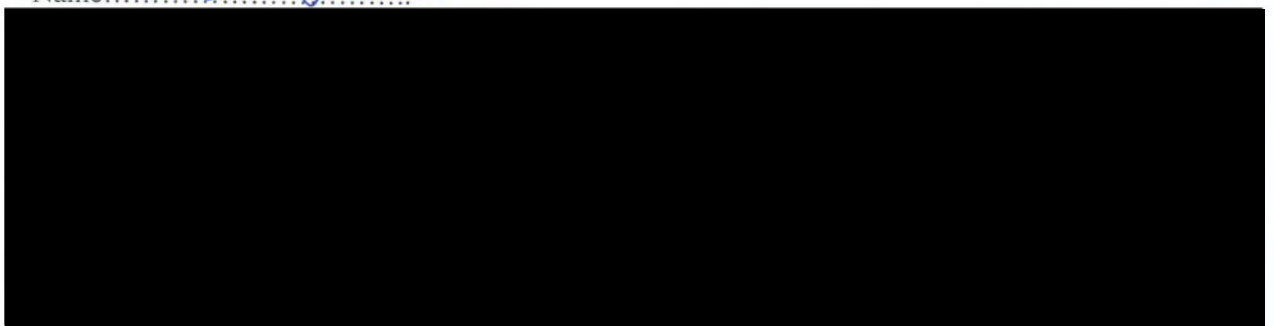
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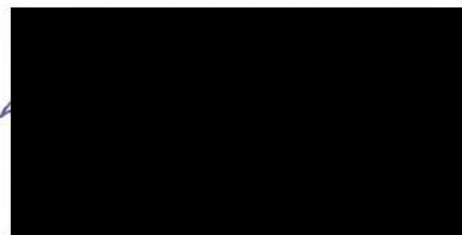
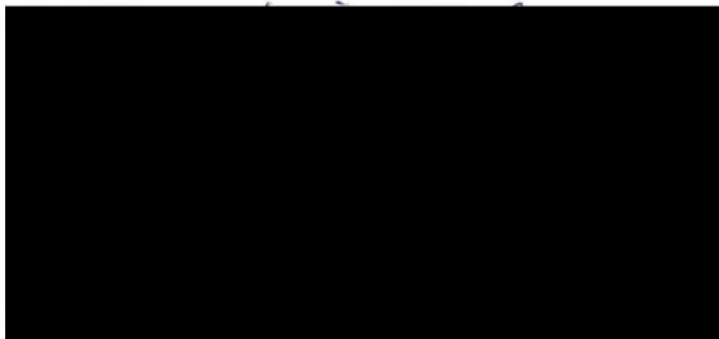
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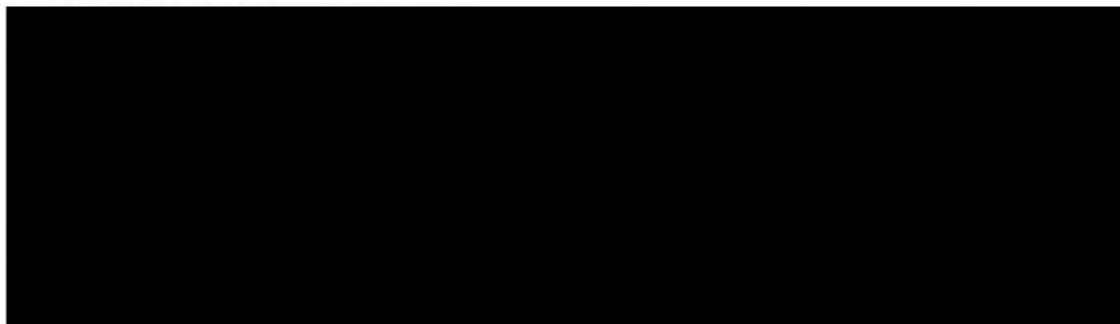
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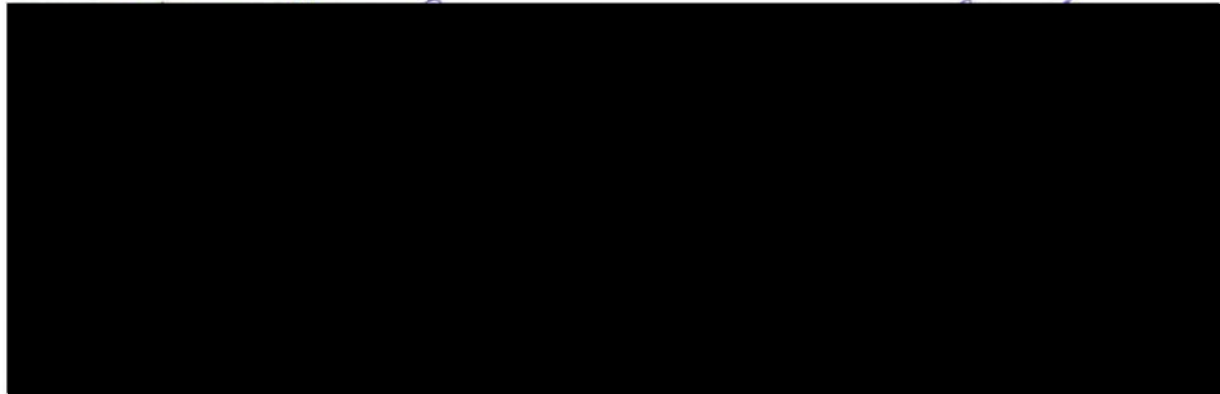
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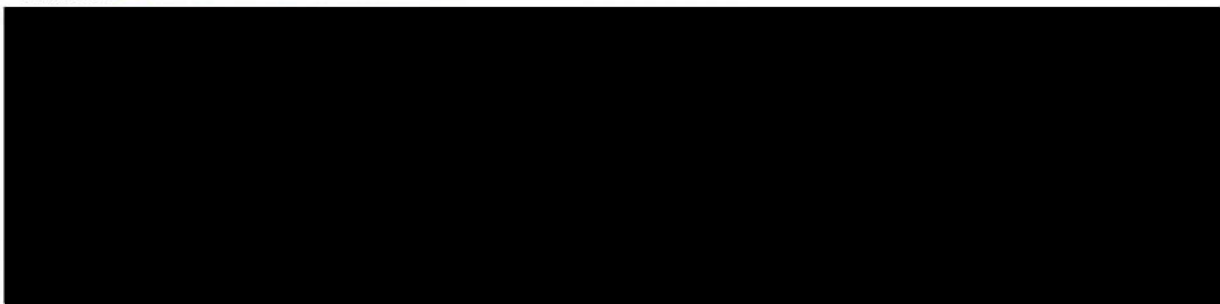
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Submitting on behalf of Wayne Haxton.

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Which option do you prefer?

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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.

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Q29 How do you want to speak?

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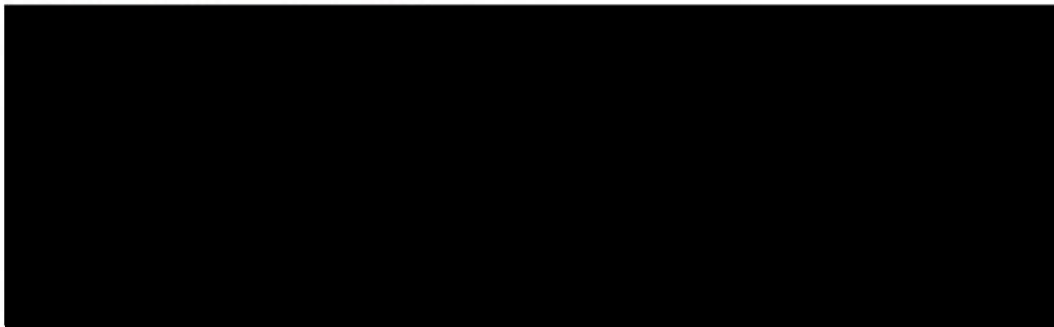
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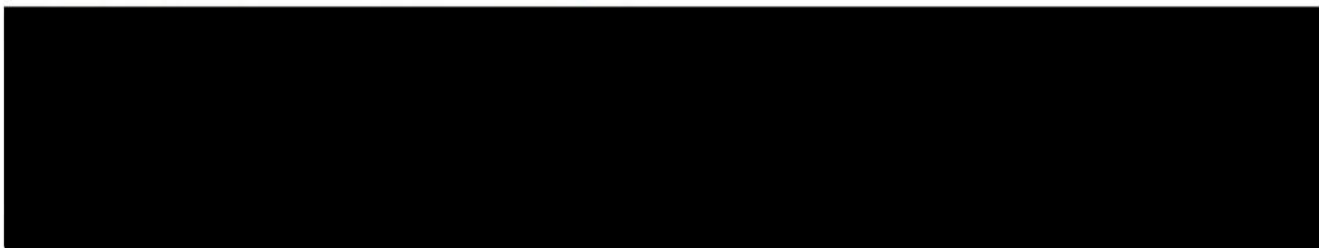
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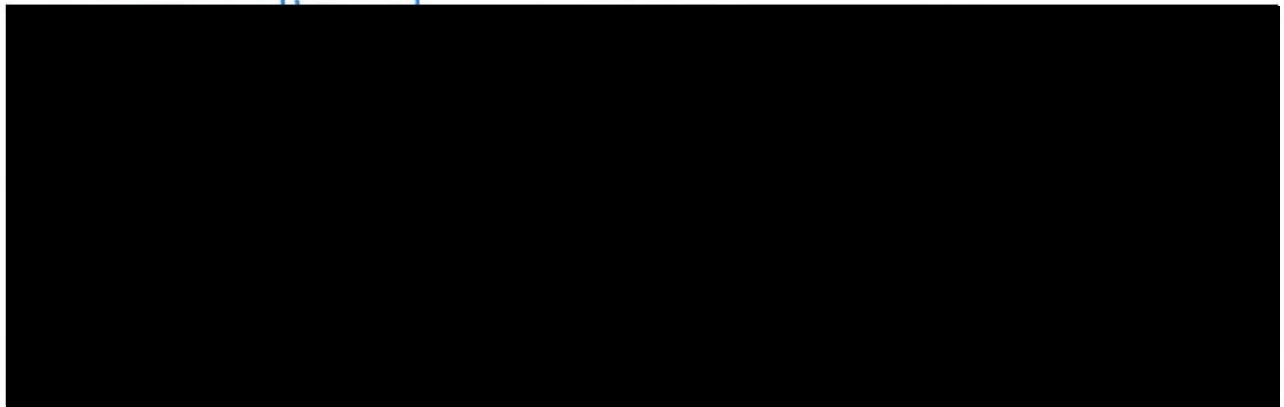
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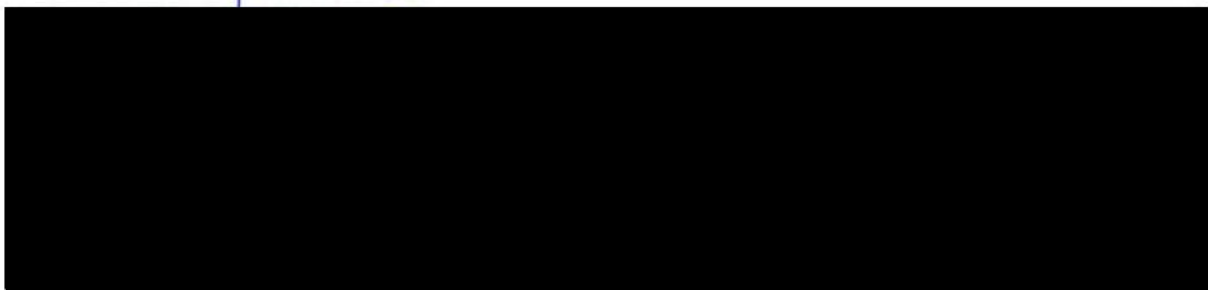
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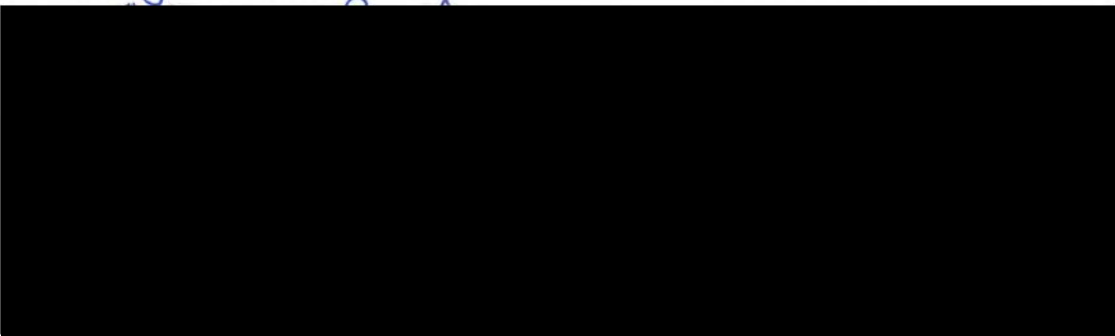
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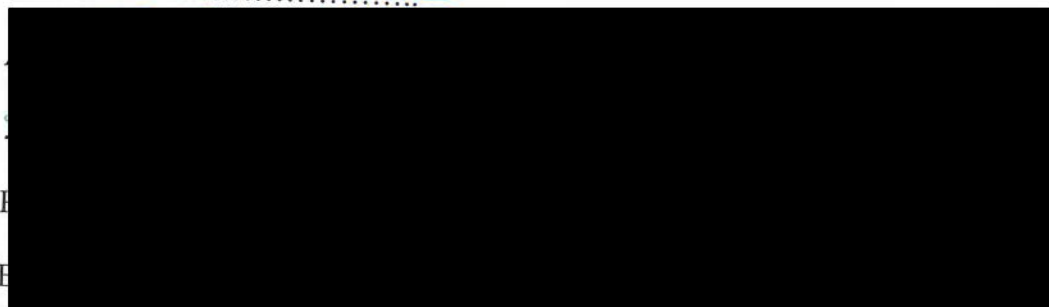
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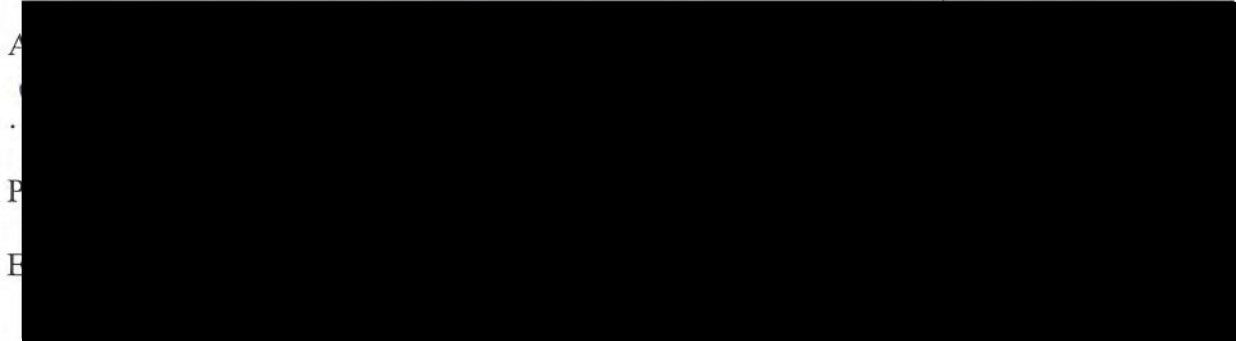
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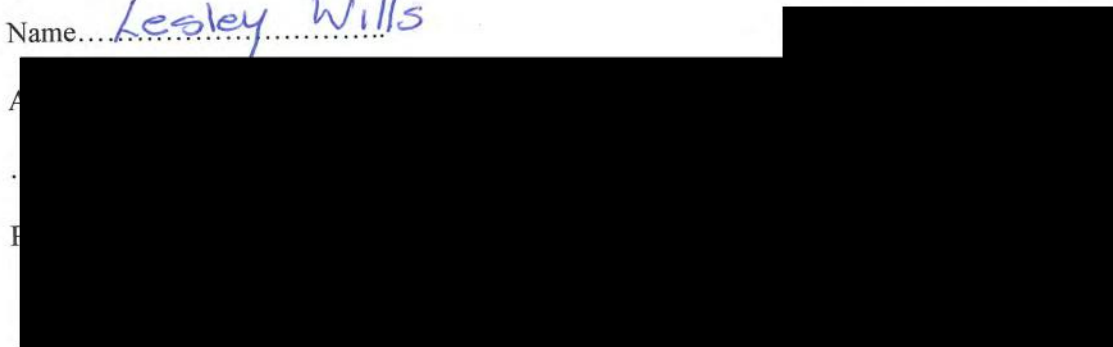
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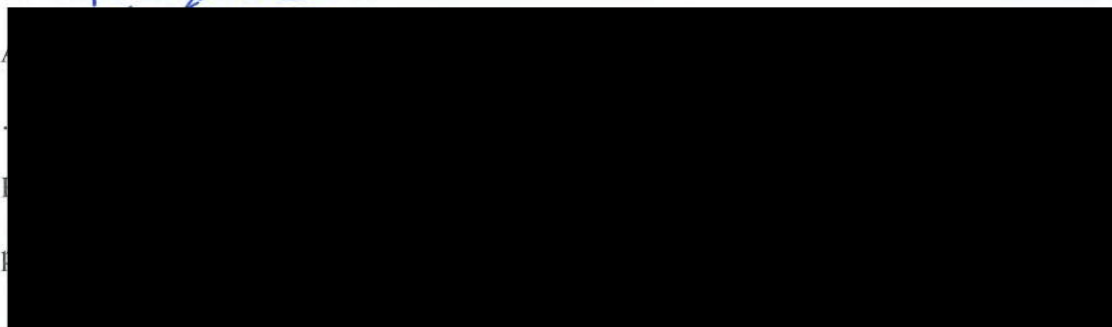
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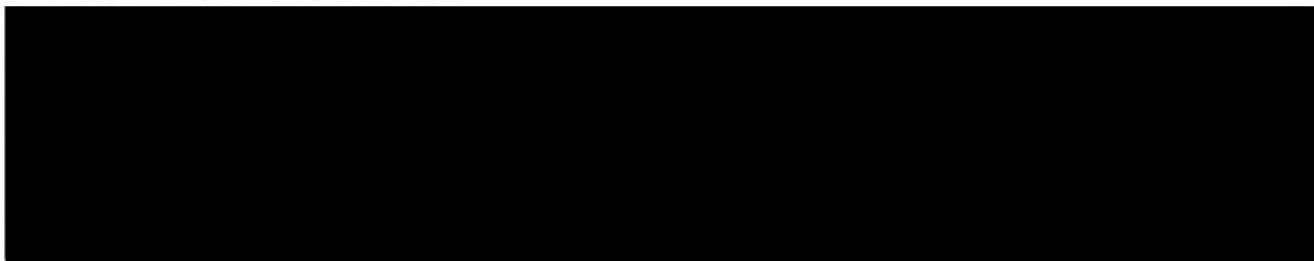
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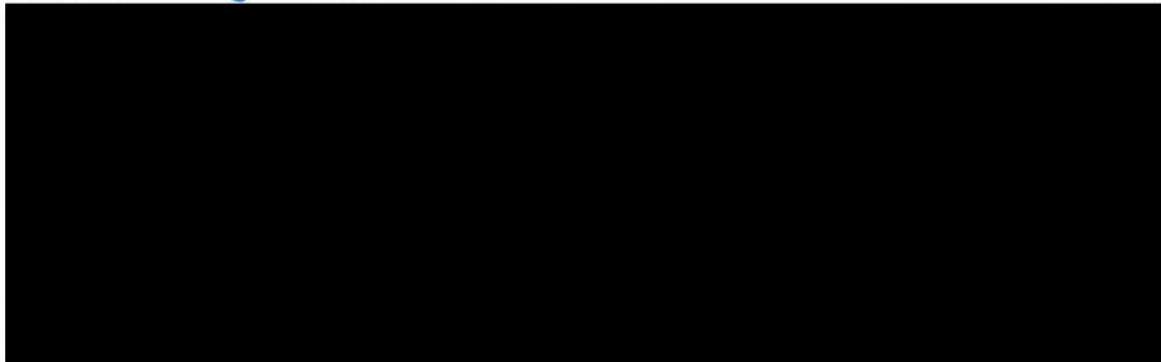
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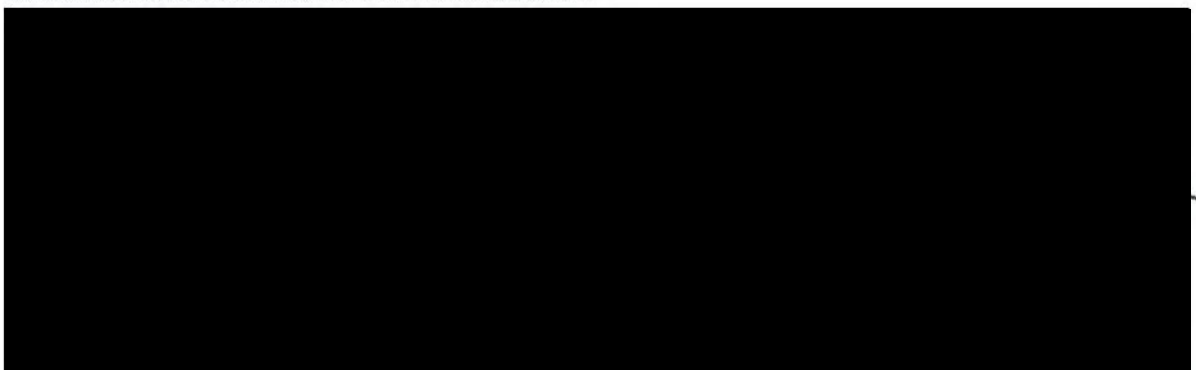
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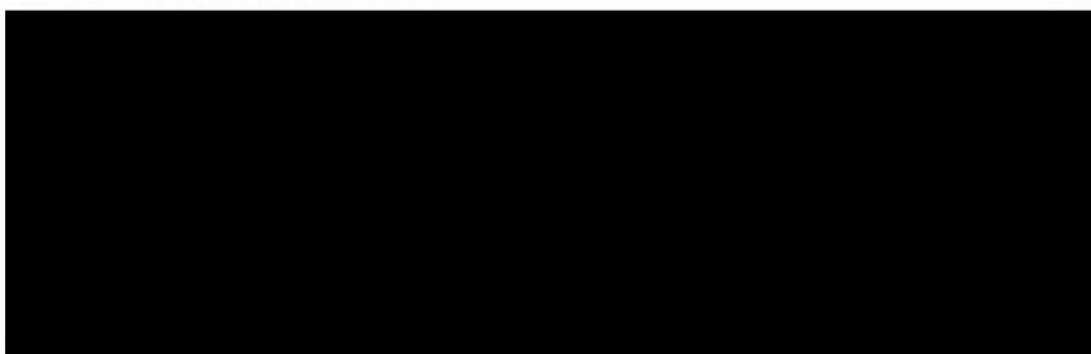
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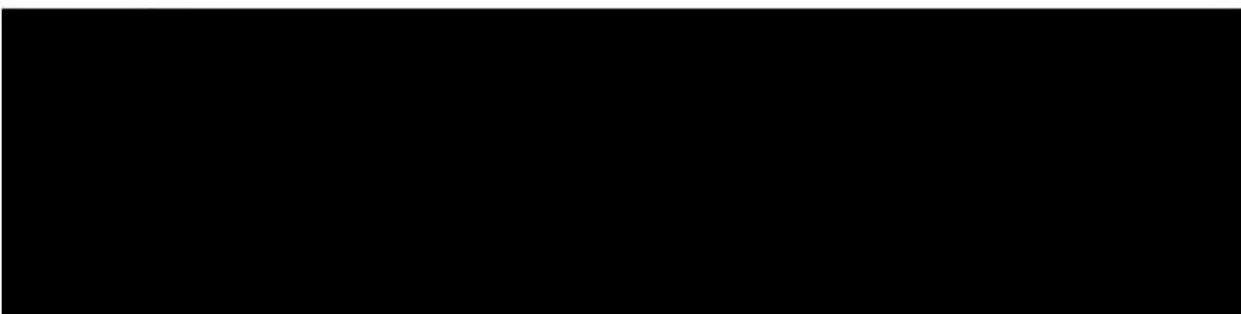
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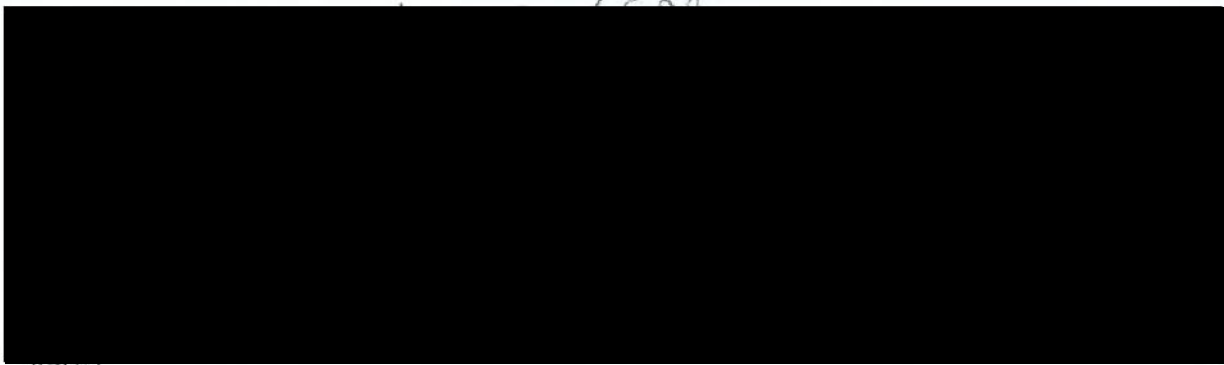
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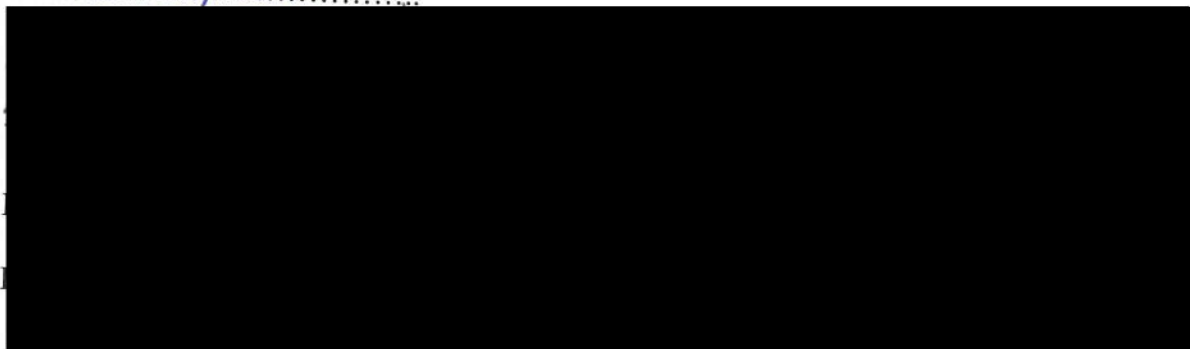
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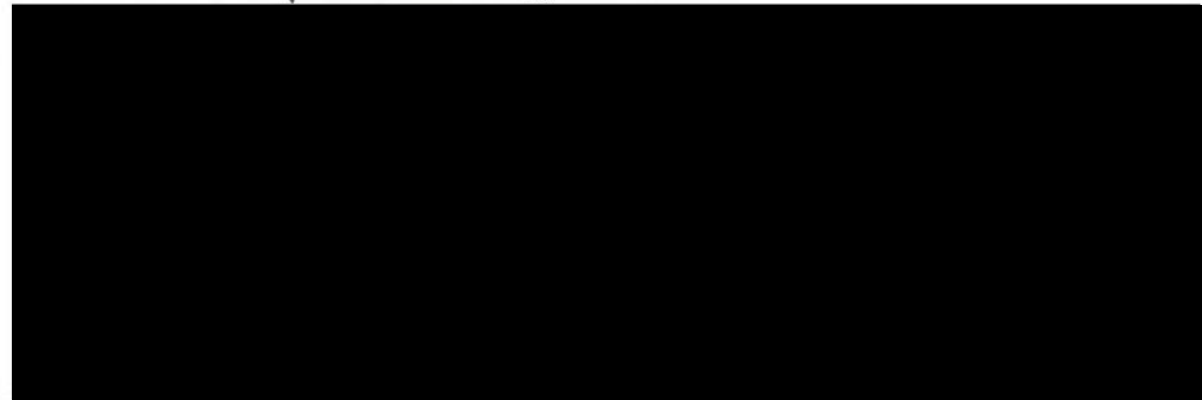
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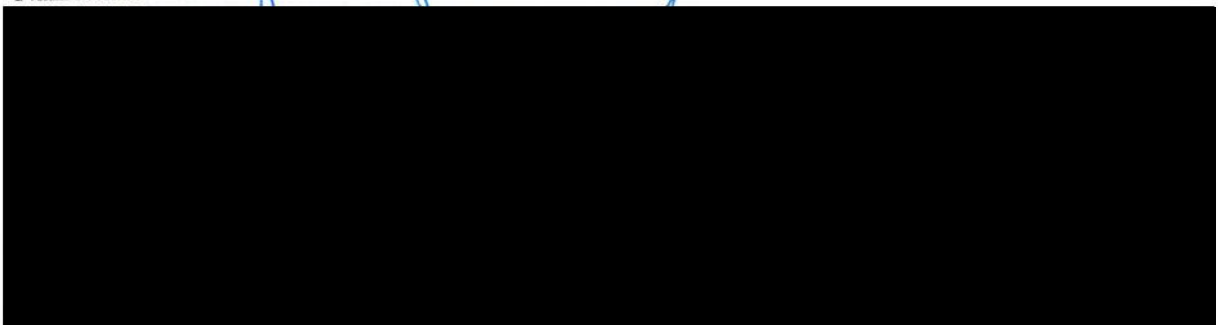
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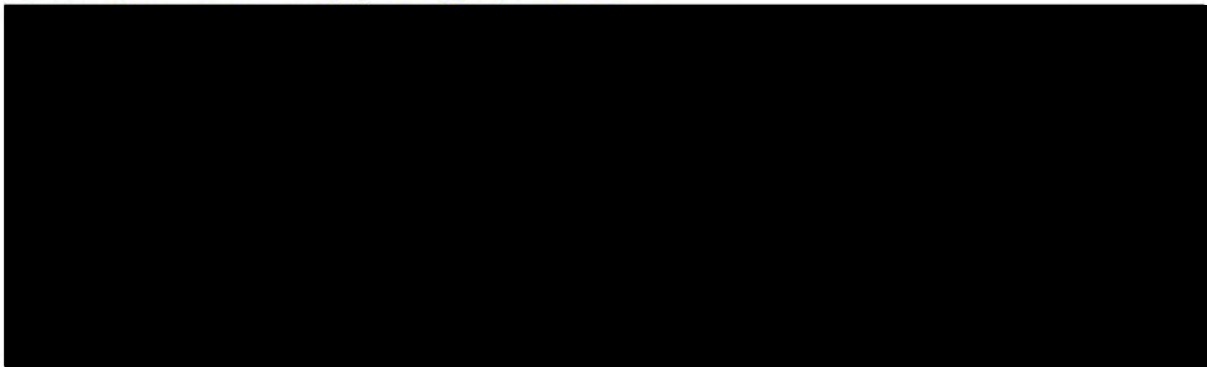
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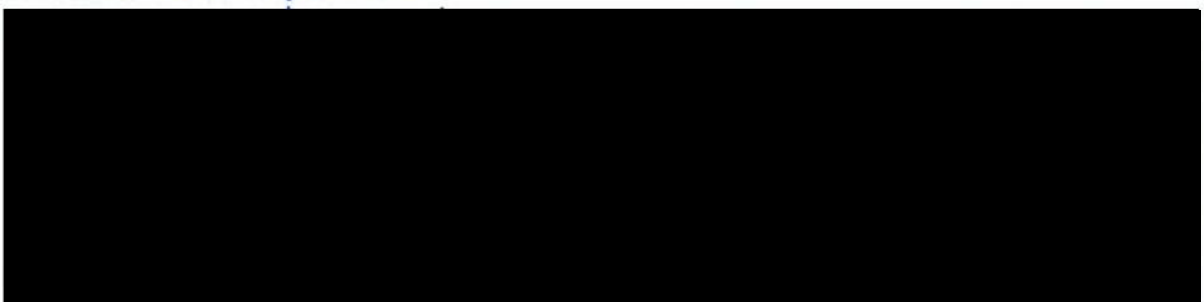
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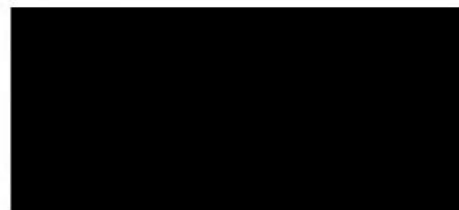
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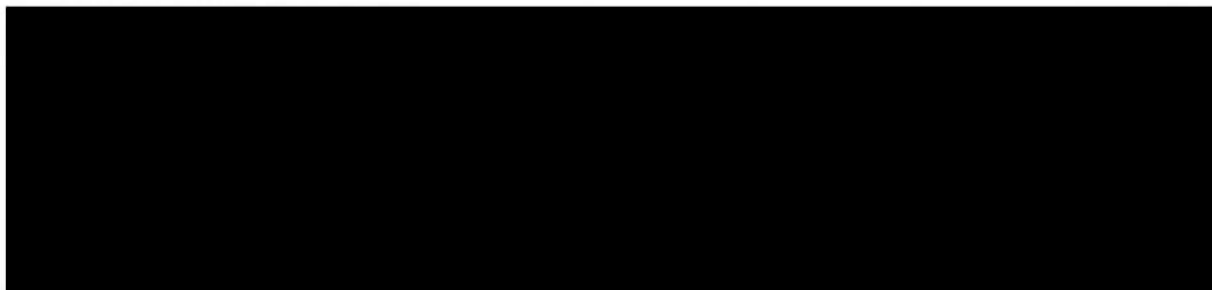
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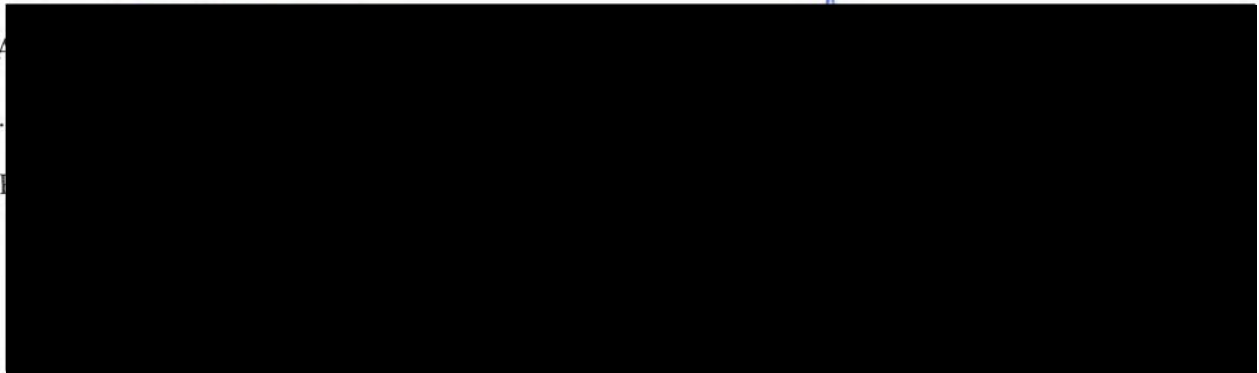
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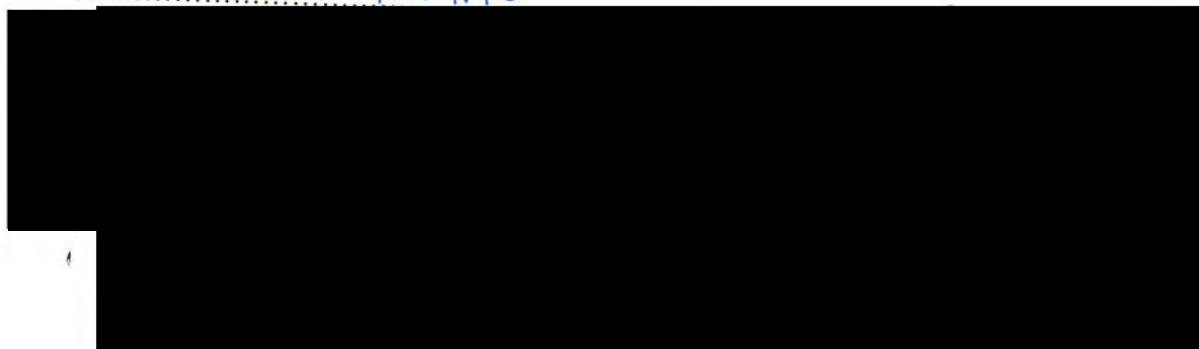
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Submission to the Horizons Long Term Plan 2024/34 from Rob Vinsen 31 Oakland Ave Whanganui.

The subject of this submission is the Whanganui Public Transport Service.

The introduction of the Te Ngaru The Tide service has been highly successful for Whanganui.

The key has been the high frequency on a popular route that is linking Castlecliff/ Central Business District/ Aramoho.

An intended future addition of a high frequency service that mirrors the Te Ngaru/The Tide service linking Whanganui East/ Central Business District/ Springvale will, in my opinion be just as successful as the Te Ngaru /The Tide service.

However, additional services , of course, come at a cost, and your Long Term Plan completely avoids the matter of affordability of the proposed new services.

This submission seeks that Horizons Elected Members consider the matter of affordability before agreeing to an increased level of service.

While, without considerations of affordability, everybody supports new and improved services, once the costs to the ratepayer are analysed, the true cost is revealed. Given that only a minor proportion of ratepayers **actually use** public transport, I believe however that most will agree that a level of subsidy is required to have an efficient network.

This plan however, tests the tolerance of the ratepayer to provide this subsidy

Looking at my own 23/24 rate demand I note that the Public Transport Rate increases in Year 1 from \$10.22 (per \$100,000 CV) to \$15.05. This is an increase of 39.66% in Year 1 for a start. The LTP Consultation Document gives no indication of this level of increase. Annual increases then follow to Year 4 where the PT Rate reaches \$35.85 – a 229% increase over four years.

The cost of the PT Rate to Whanganui Ratepayers will be (using Horizon data)

PT Rate \$100,000 CV	Increase	CV\$ 370,000	CV\$540,000	CV\$880,000
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Since before the high frequency Tide Service was introduced low frequency (up to 3 Hourly) routes have operated across Whanganui.. **Very low patronage has been the pattern.**

This submission asks that the introduction of future high frequency services is primarily funded from a reduction or cessation of the current low frequency services.

The tolerance for the subsidy of public transport by the ratepayer should not be tested.

A further matter for submission

Horizons Revenue and Financing Policy

I support the changes of policy that you are proposing, That is how you use revenue from investments , and how you rate for drainage schemes

This submission seeks a review of the Public Transport Rate to be included in that review and supports the rate to be collected by a Targeted Rate.

Public Transport has :

- a high degree of private benefit
- usage has no relativity to property values
- ability to pay has no relativity to property values
- three yearly revaluations of property values can result in unfair rates increases.

Thank you for allowing me to make this submission.

I wish to be heard please.

Yours Sincerely

Rob Vinsen

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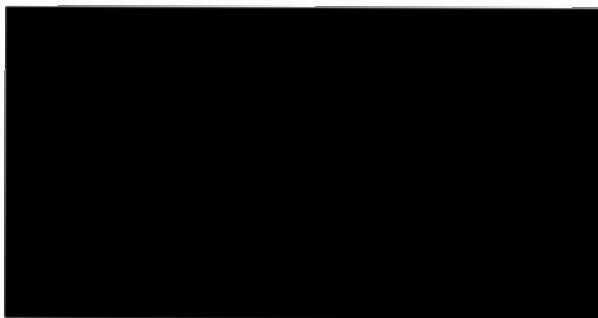
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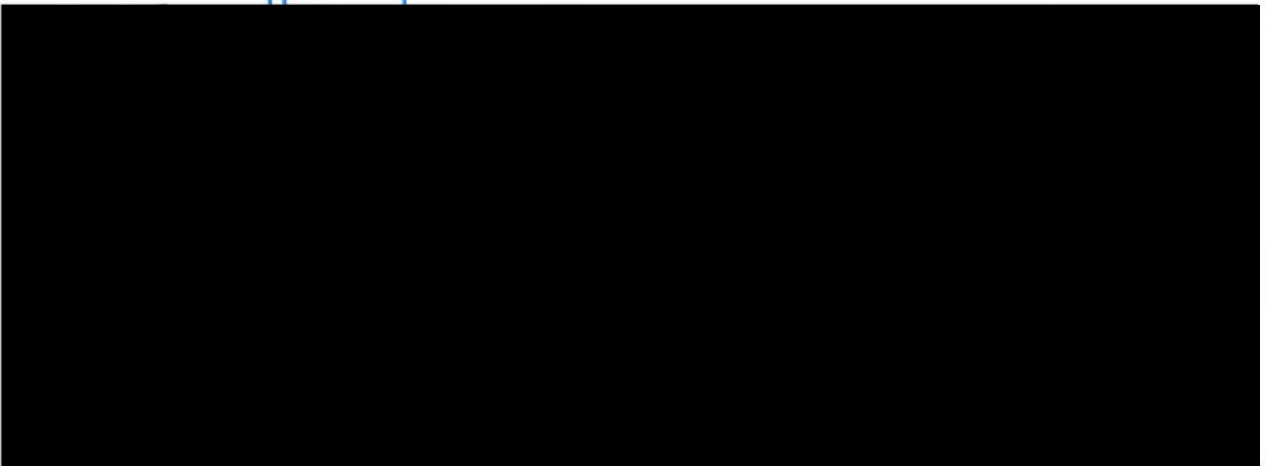
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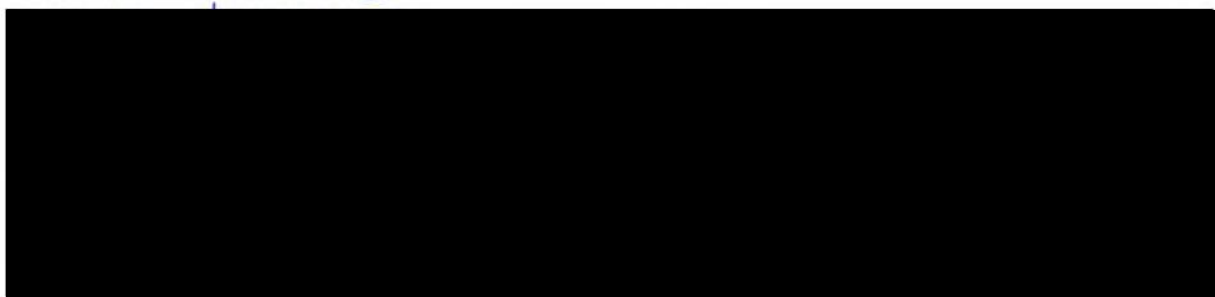
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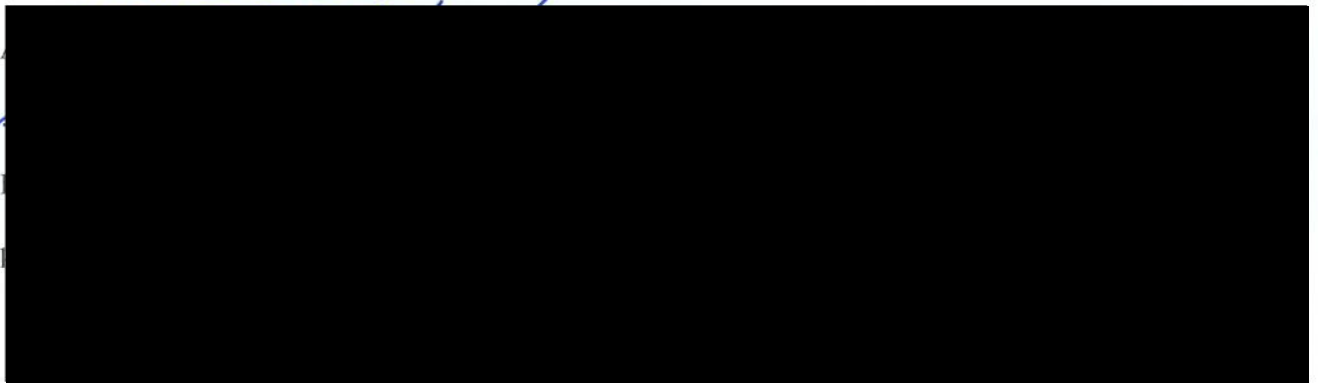
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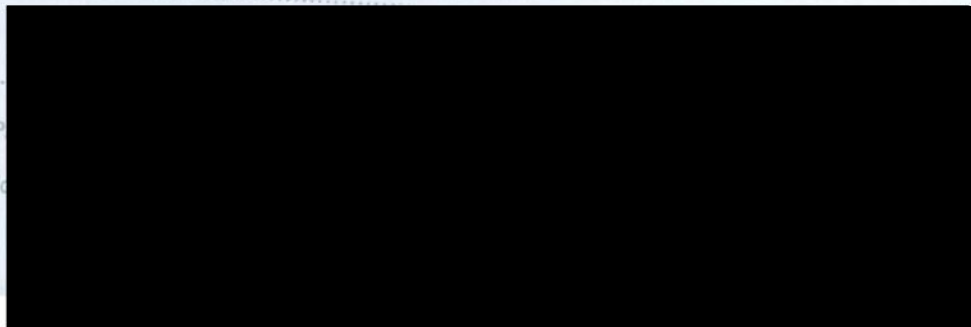
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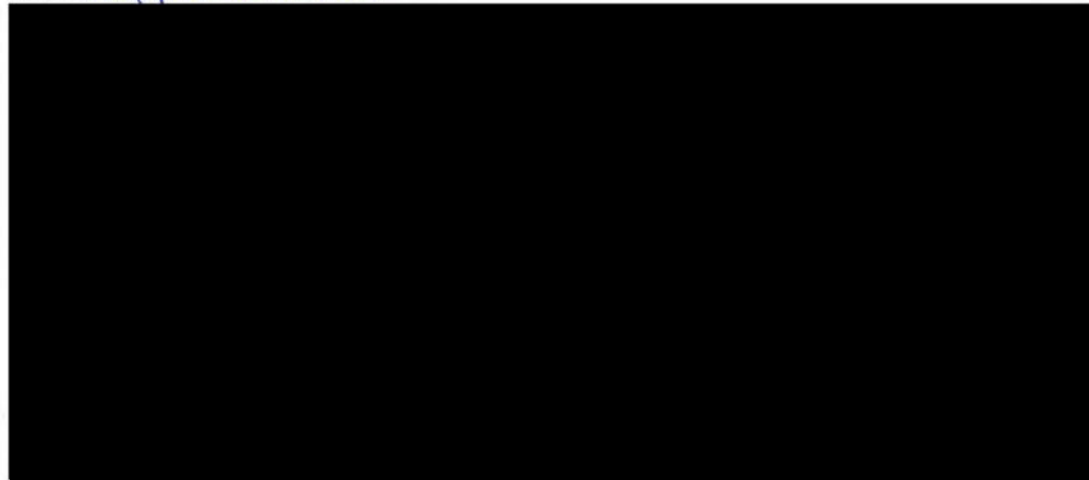
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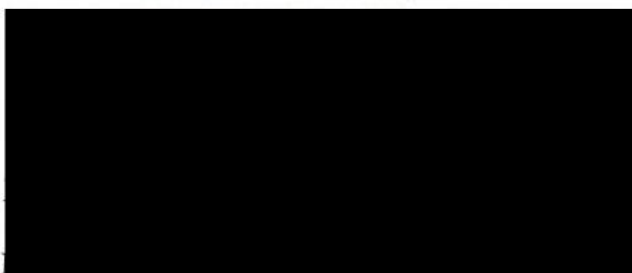
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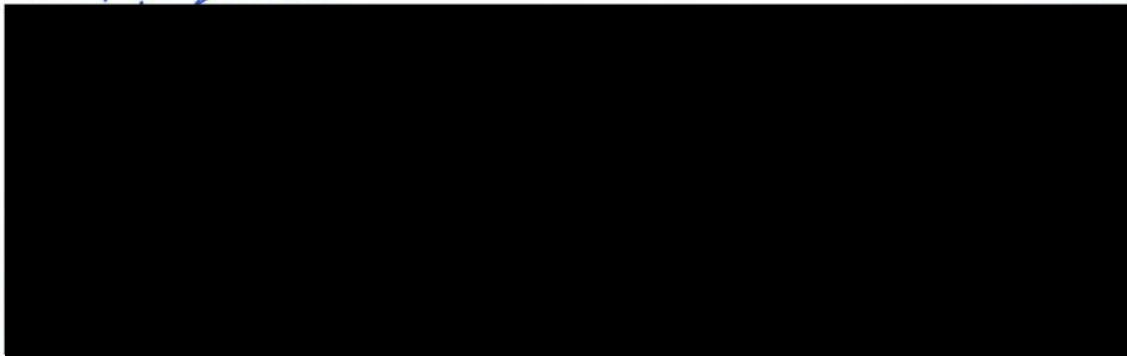
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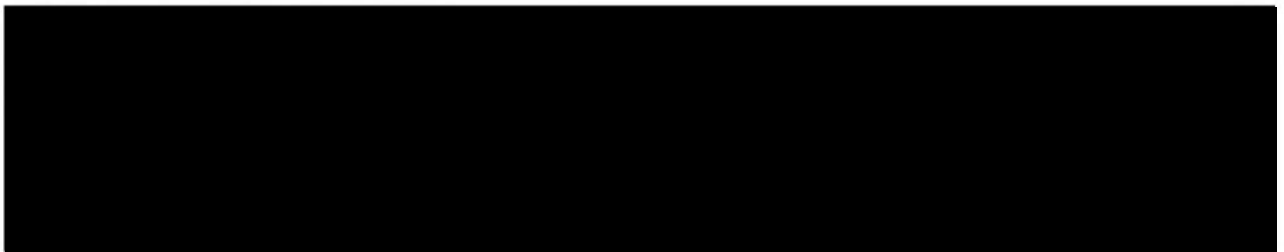
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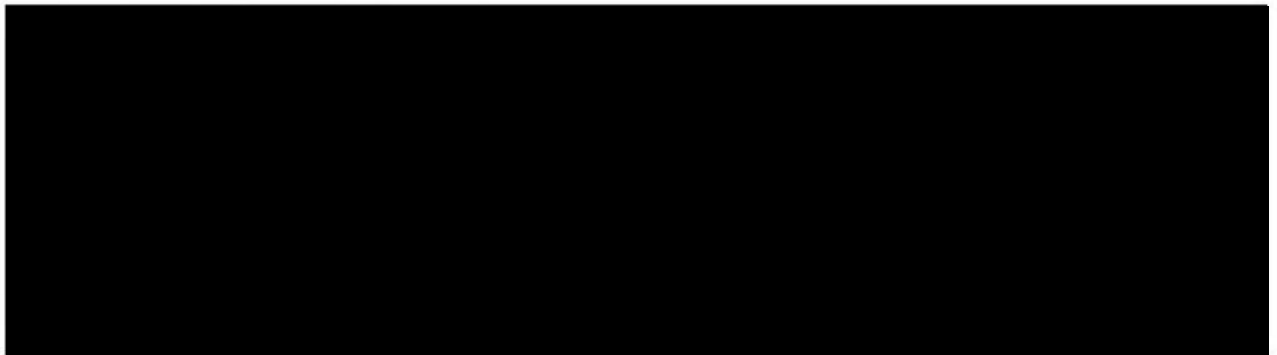
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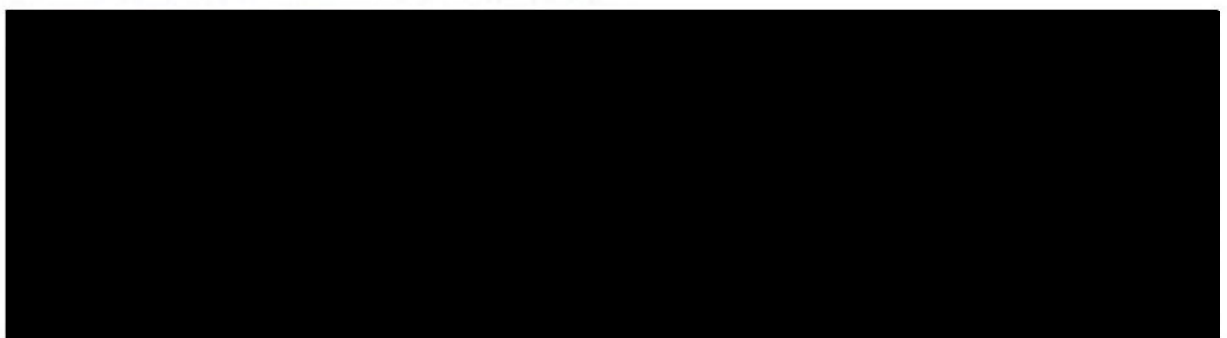
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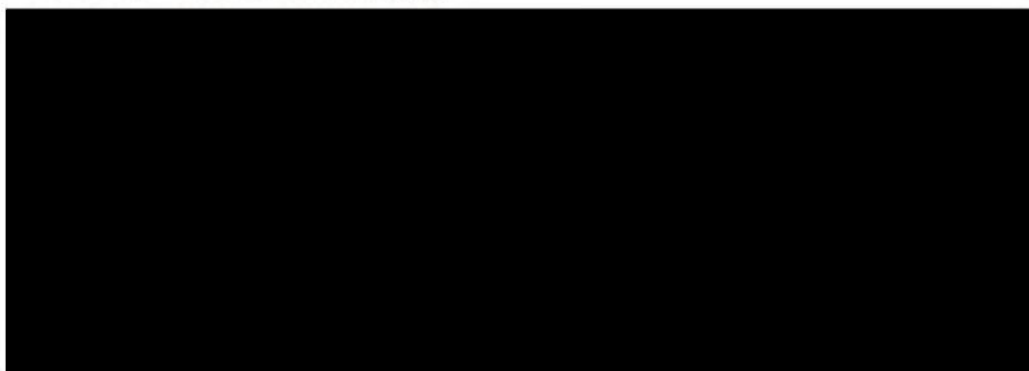
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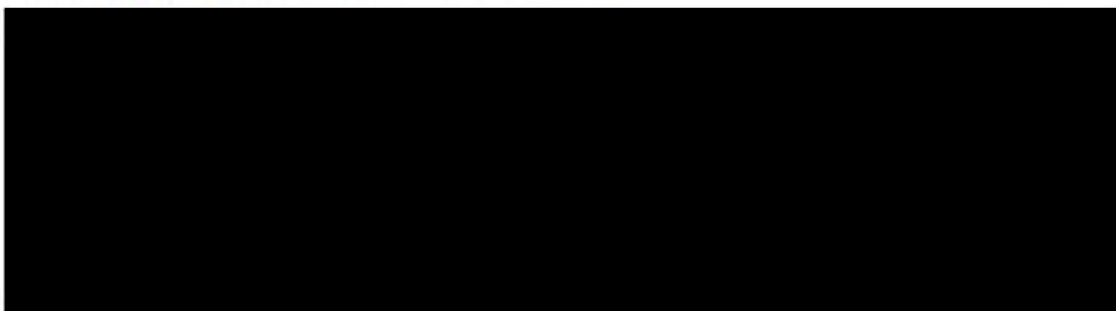
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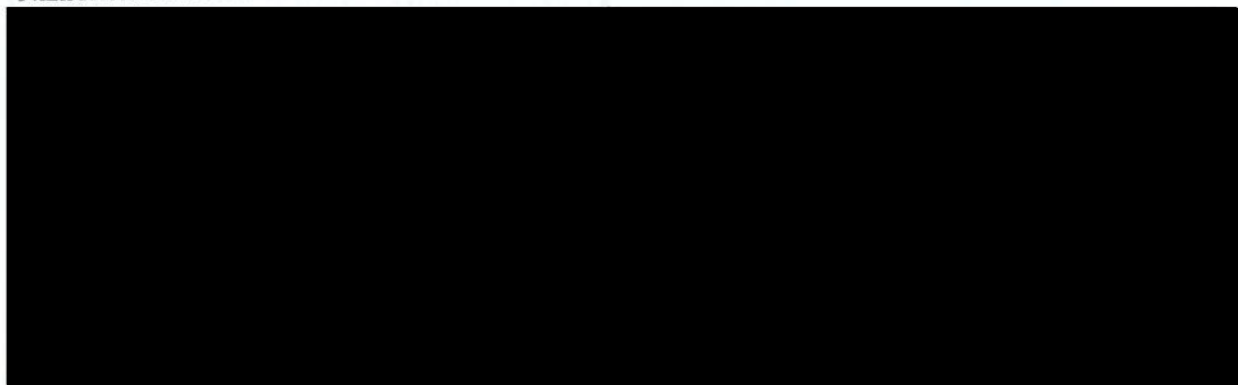
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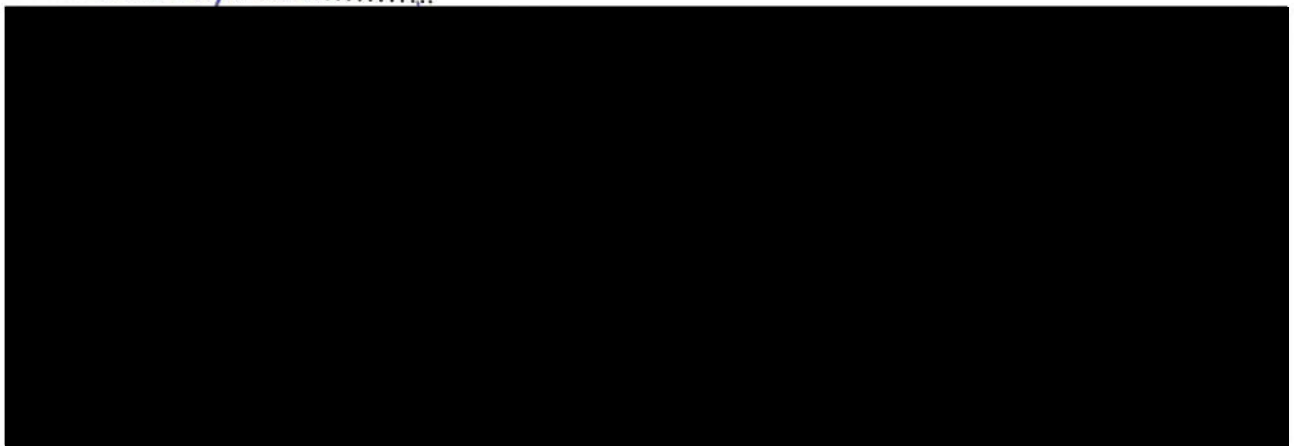
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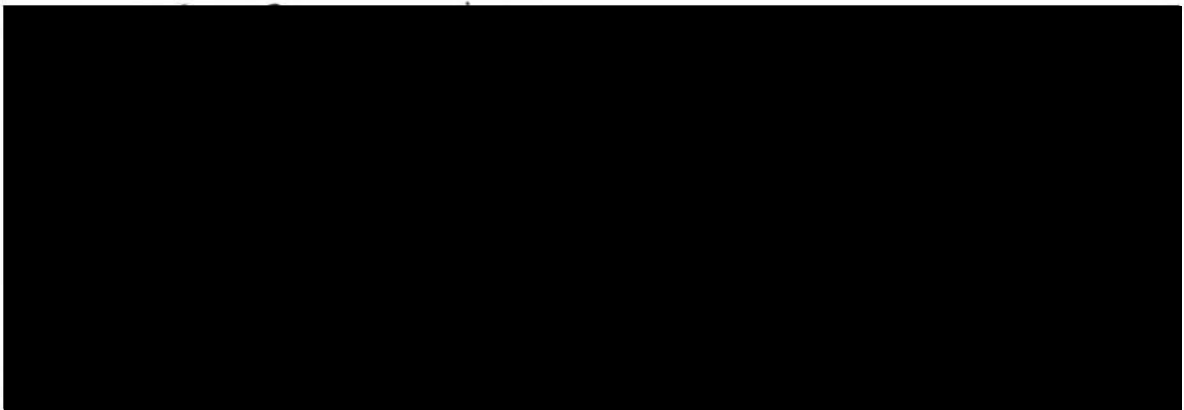
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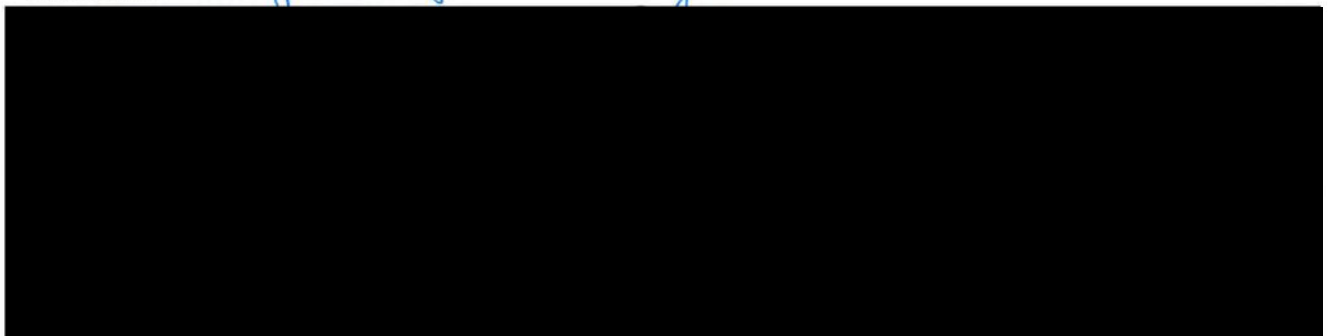
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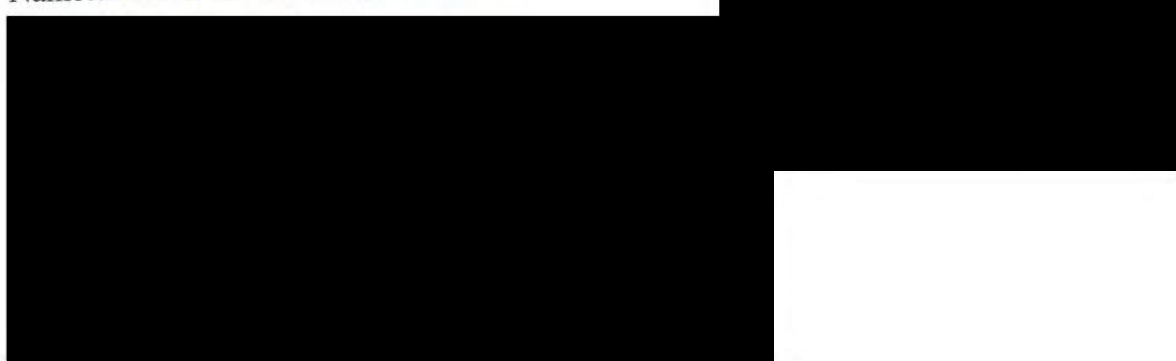
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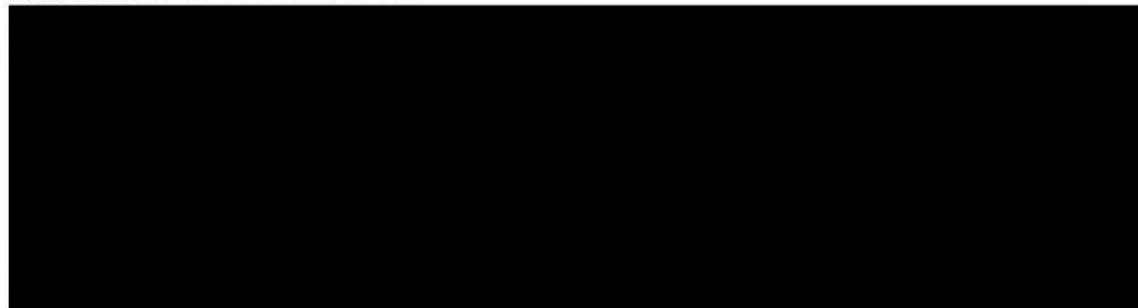
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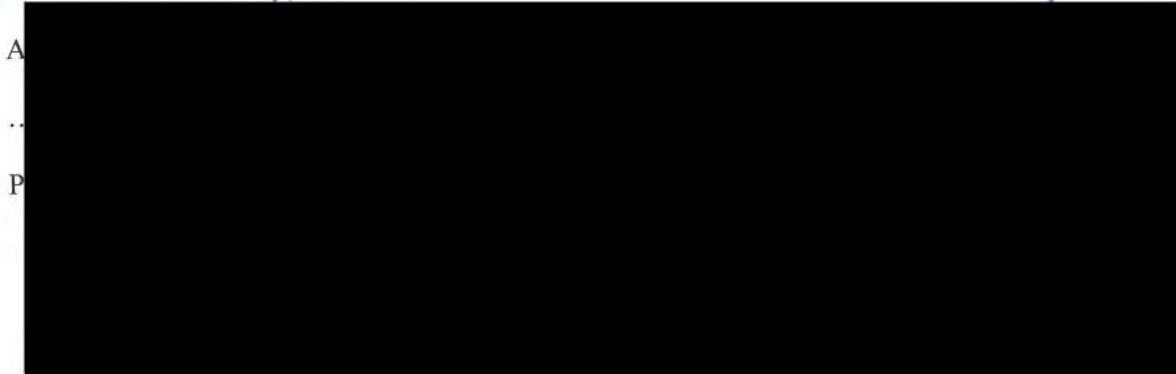
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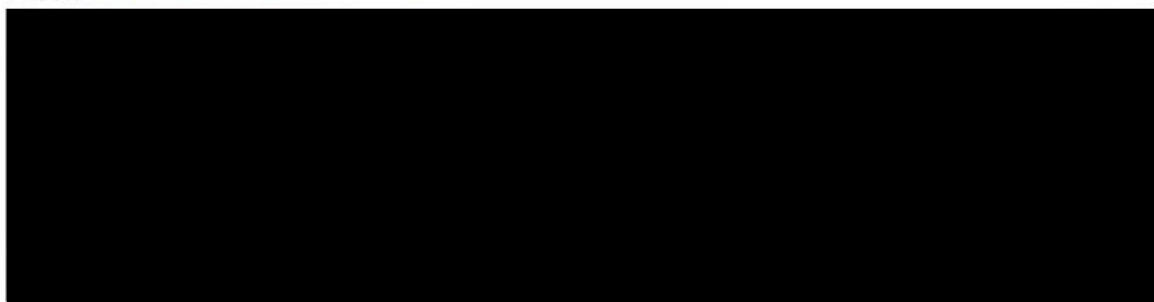
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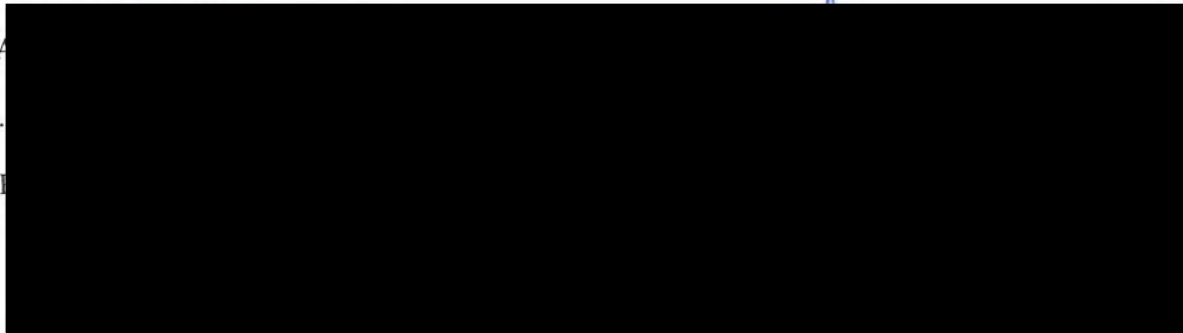
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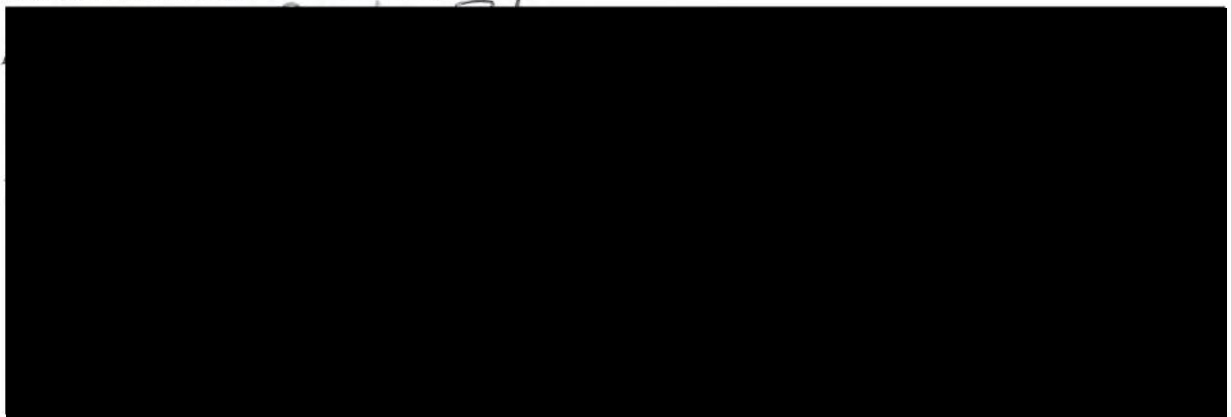
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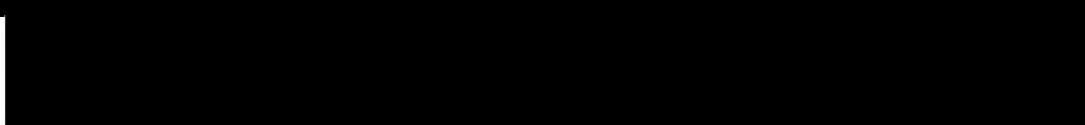
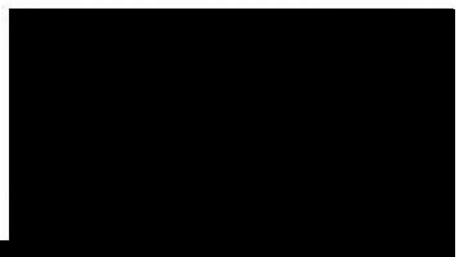
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Single Checkbox

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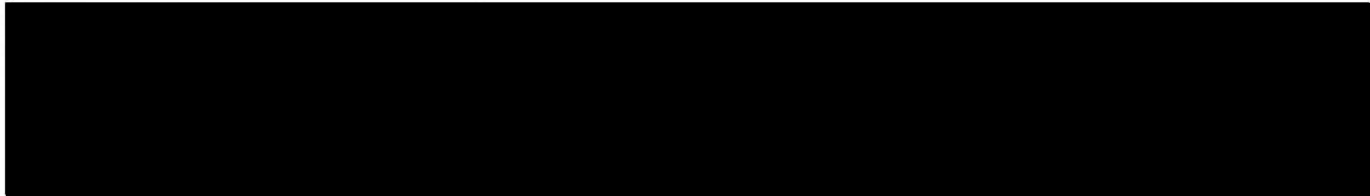
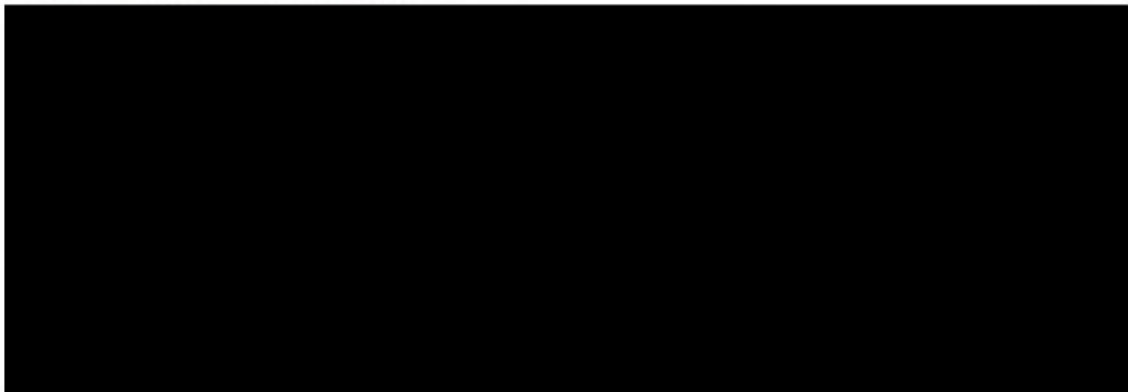
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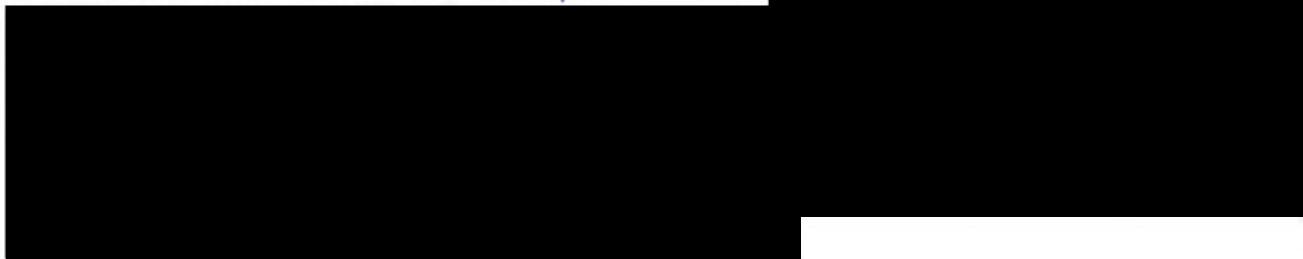
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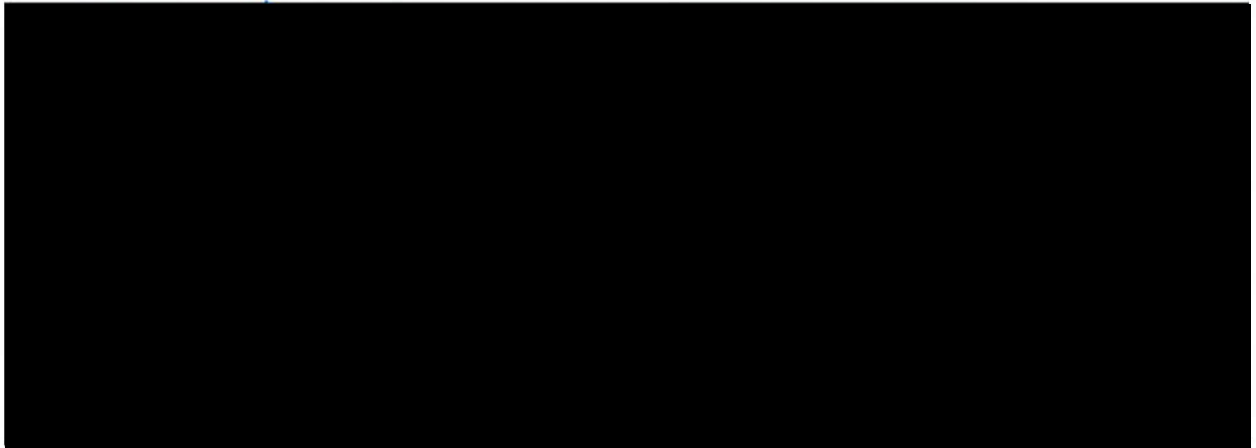
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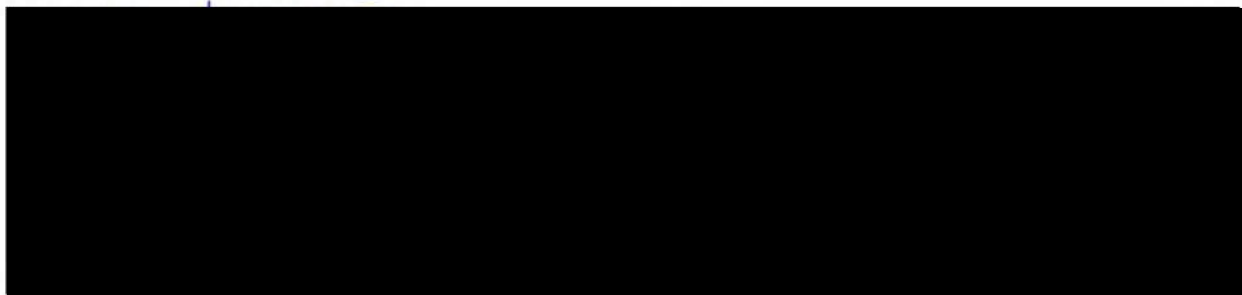
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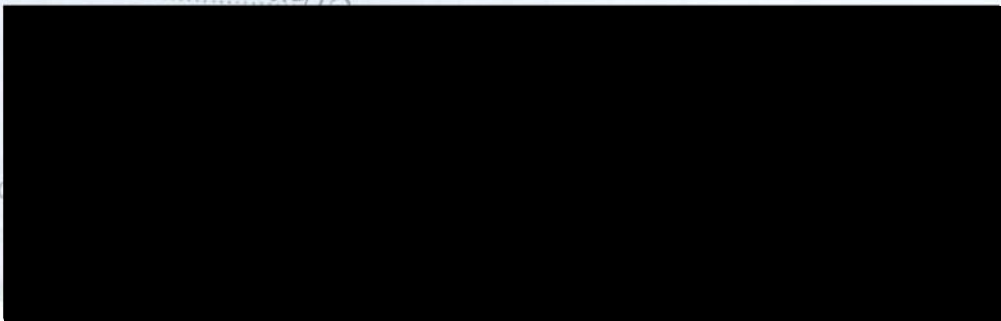
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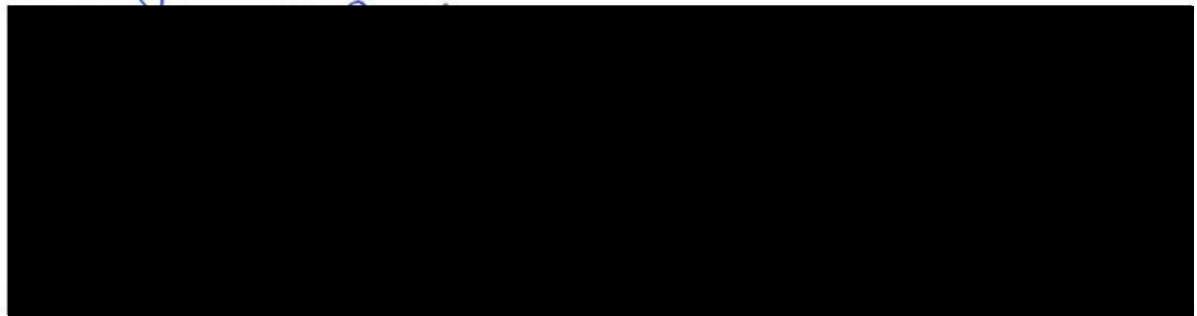
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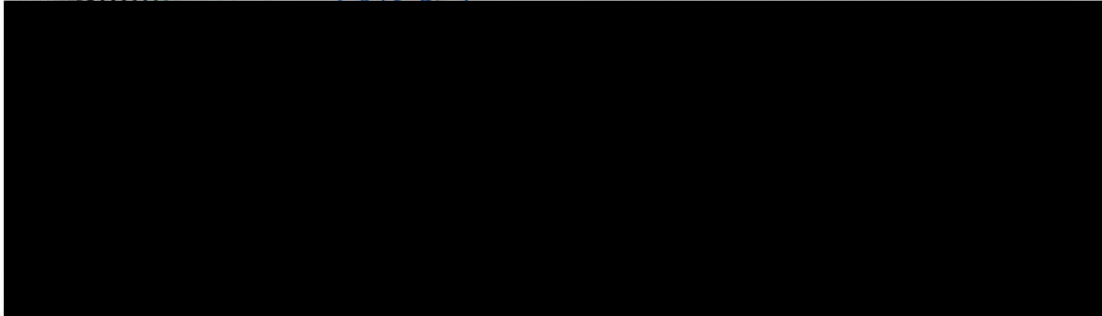
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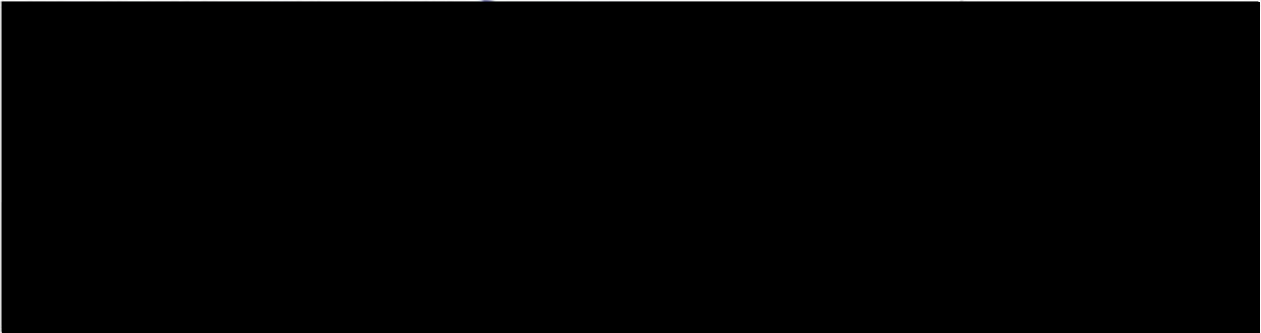
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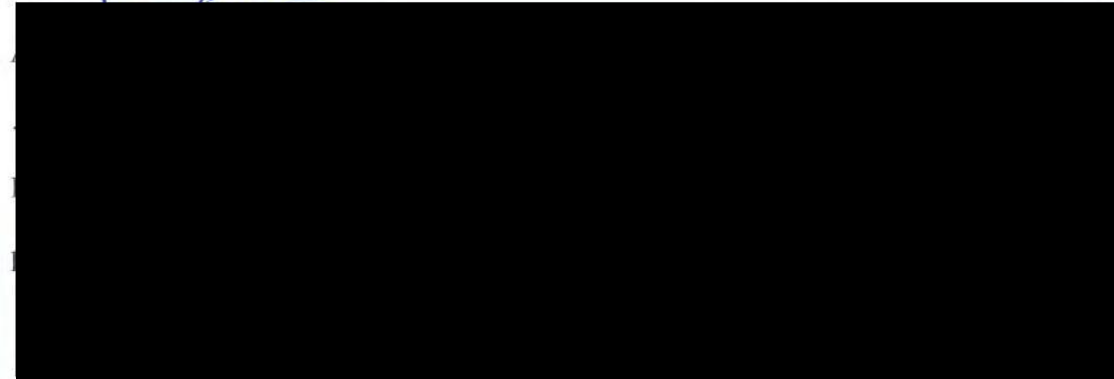
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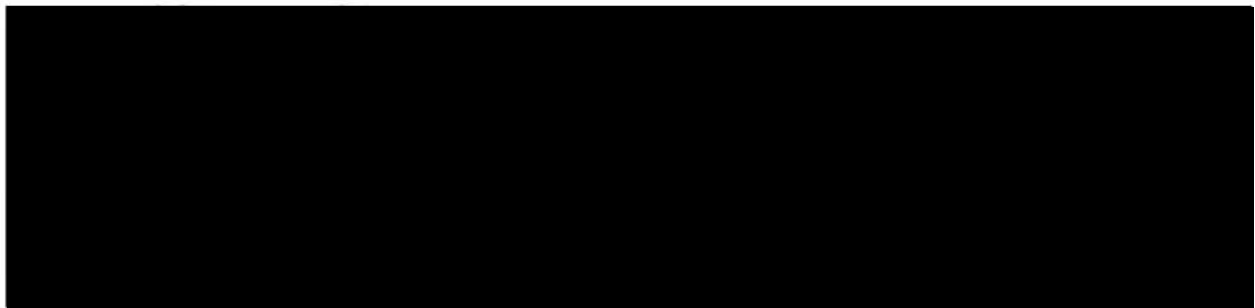
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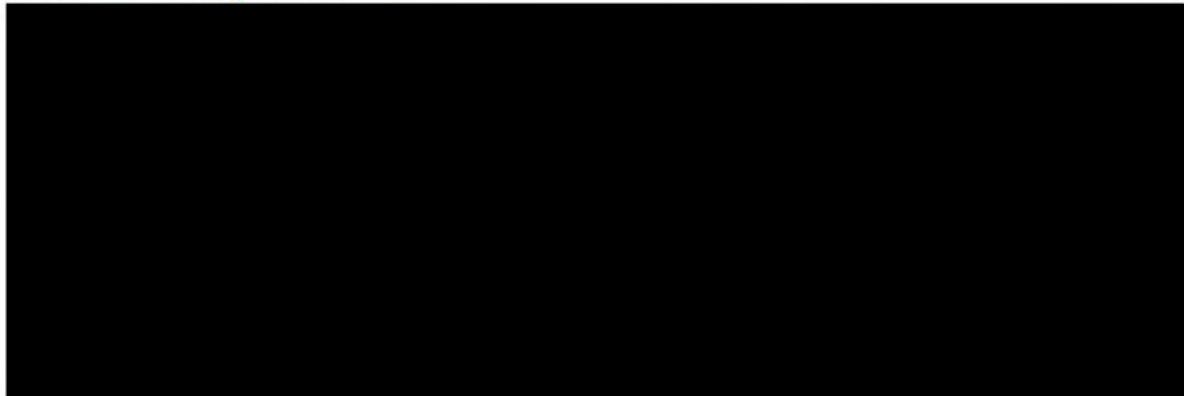
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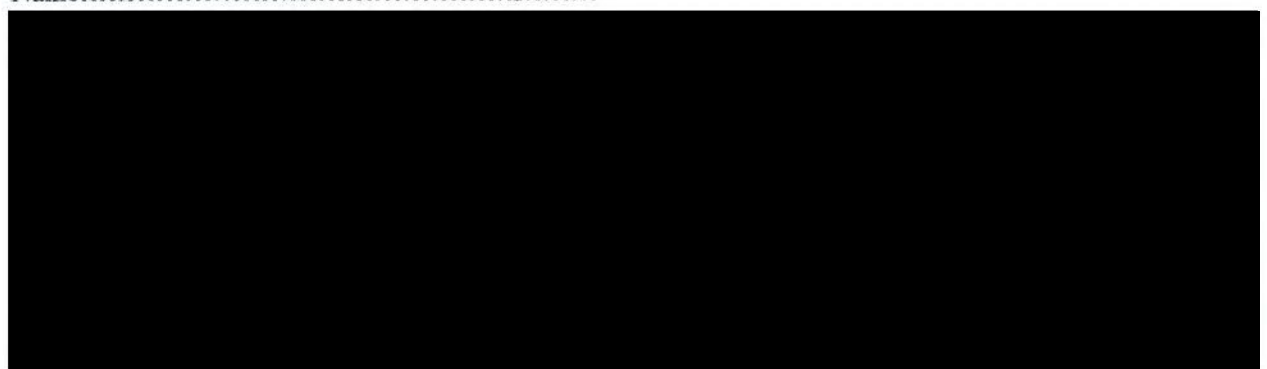
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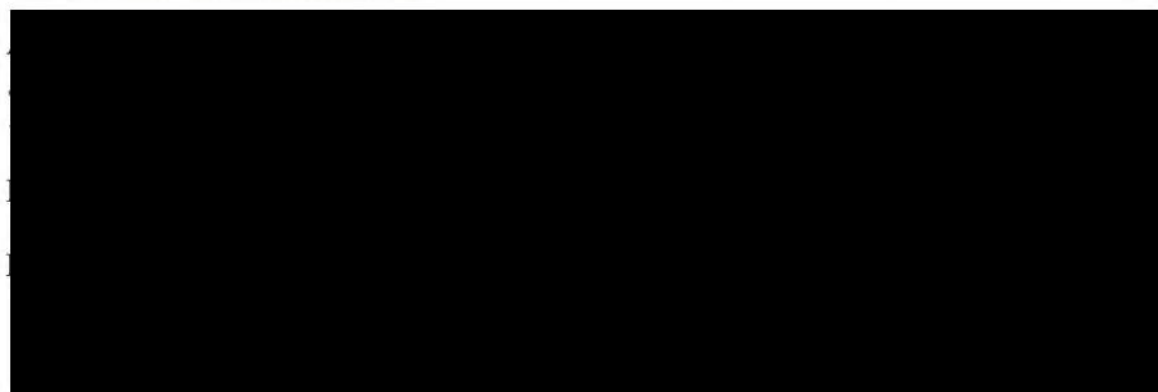
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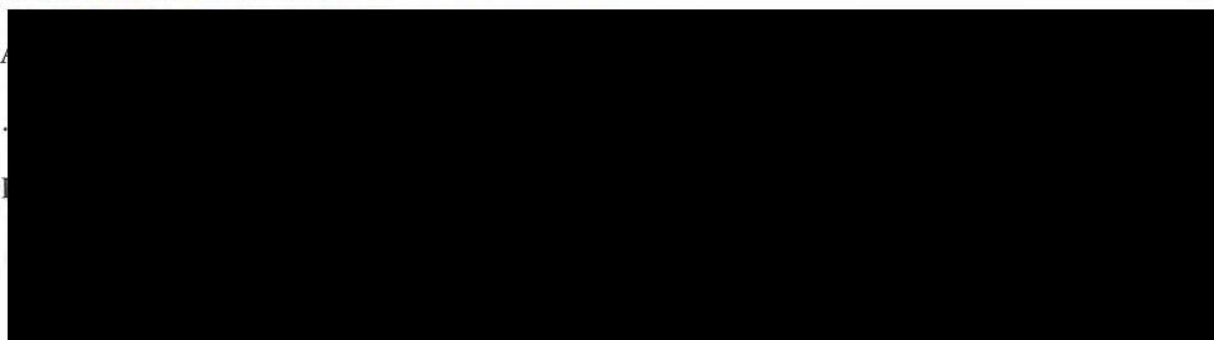
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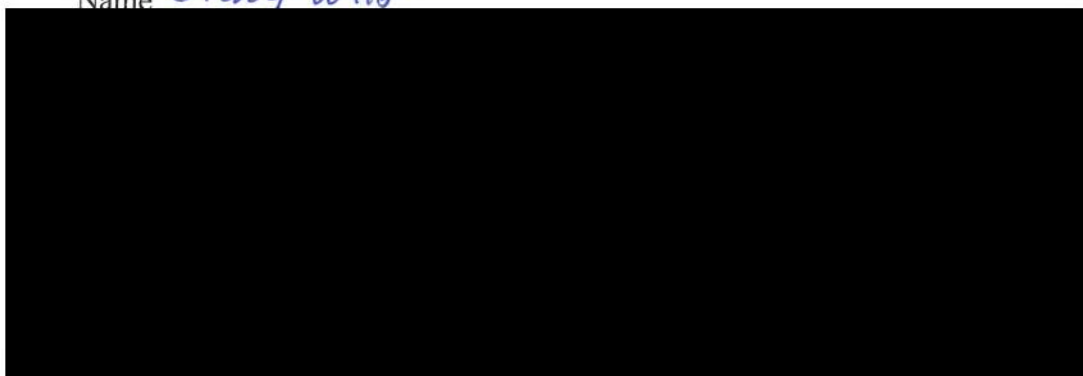
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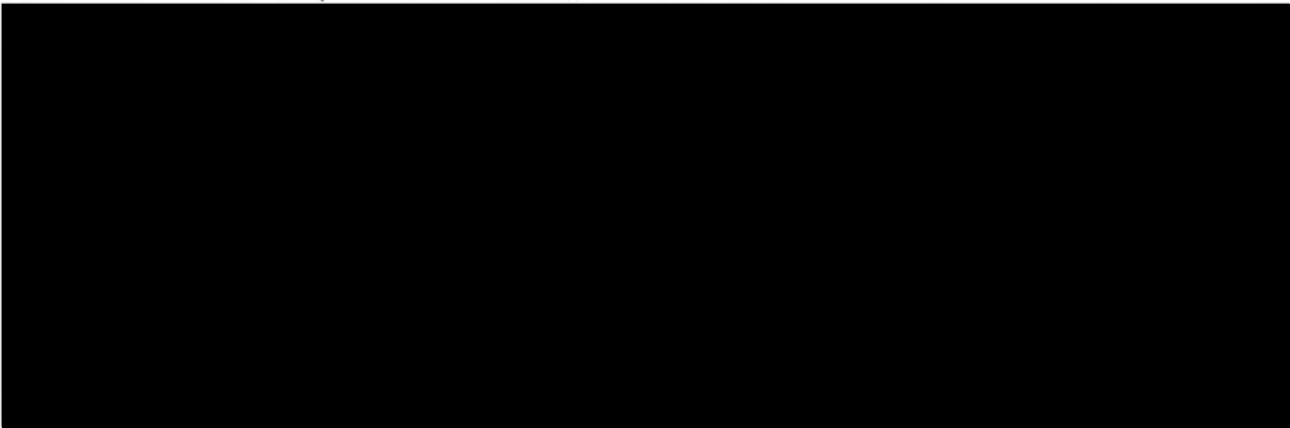
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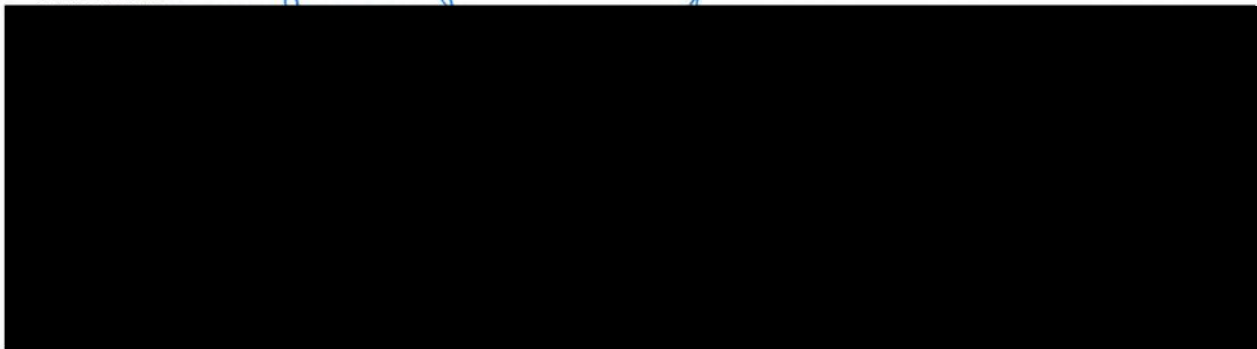
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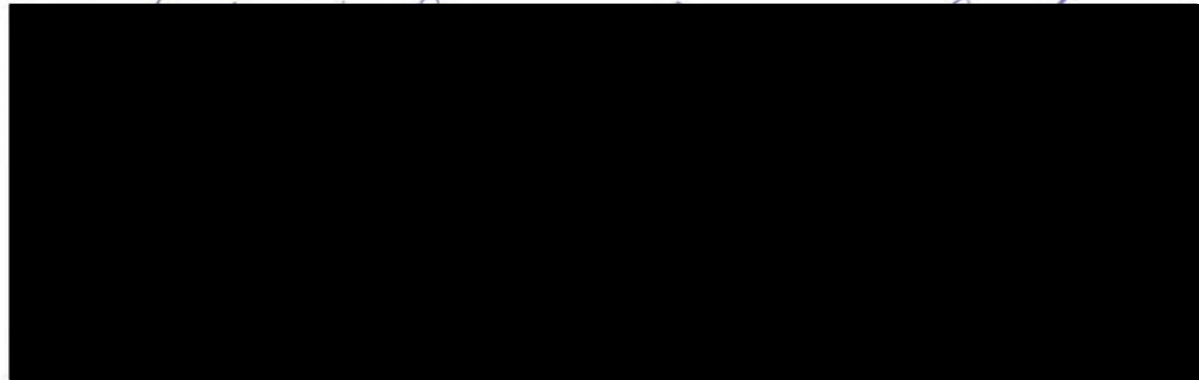
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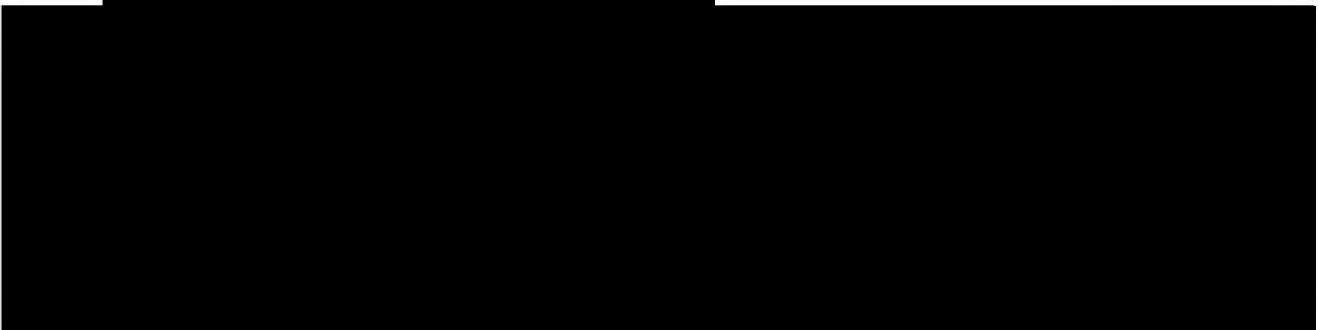
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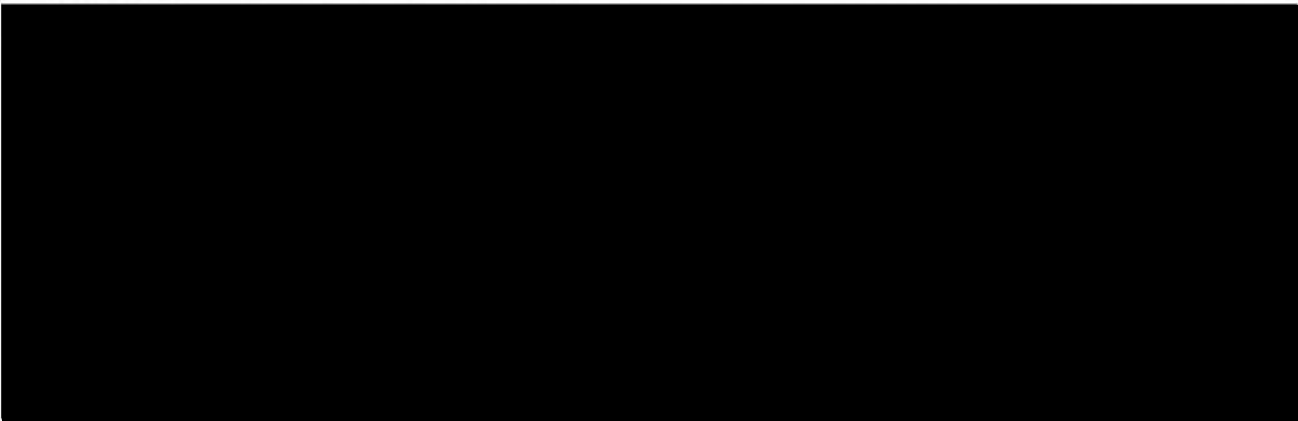
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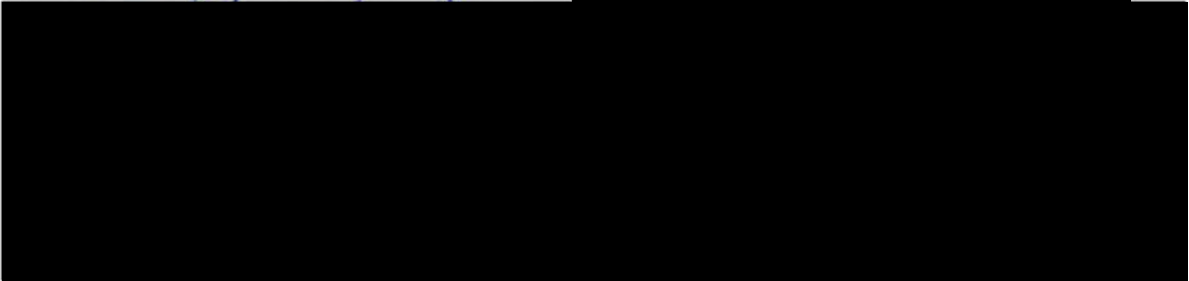
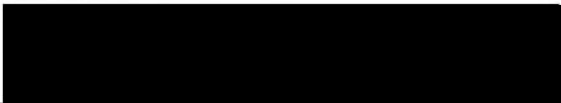
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Benefits of Rail:
Sustainability: Rail provides a more sustainable and climate-friendly mode of transport across the country.
Economic Impact: Rail can invigorate the social and economic life of small communities by making them accessible to remote workers and tourists.
Connectivity: Trains bring our diverse country together by connecting people and landscapes across wide distances.
Accessibility: Trains offer an accessible method of point-to-point transport for the elderly and disabled.
Road Safety: By taking traffic off the roads, trains can improve overall road safety.

We support transport initiatives that link people in the Horizon's Region to rail services. Passenger rail can act as the spine for public transport, while bus services can effectively link people to railway stations where they can continue their journeys quickly and efficiently. Examples include connections to Waikanae, Palmerston North, Shannon, Levin, and Ohakune that already have scheduled rail stops.

This is particularly true for groups like young people, students, older New Zealanders, disabled communities, workers, and those who cannot drive. Horizons

Region is in a unique position because it has rail connections throughout the region and to neighbouring regions. We hope that in future the region will see more rail stops and greater access for residents and visitors.

Lastly, the region has a unique window of opportunity due to new rolling stock and infrastructure upgrades because to investment in the Capital Connection. Planning for connecting bus services to Capital Connection stations will improve access and help support this investment, however, for the region to truly maximise the opportunity plans should be made to increase the frequency of the existing Capital Connection service using the interim rolling stock. That will help build patronage for the service and ensure its longevity...with positive impacts for the whole region.

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?

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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.

Q7 Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

Q8 Which option do you prefer?

Multi Choice

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

Q9 Summarised comments/sentiment:

Long Text

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 Increased levels of service for public transport in, to and from Whanganui should include a link to a railway station.

Ideally, the Council should support increased frequency of service on the Capital Connection to include 3 return trips from Palmerston North per day as well as weekend services. At present, the Capital Connection remains idle for more than 90% of the time. We should be getting more value from the investment. Bus services from Whanganui could connect to the Capital Connection at Palmerston North or Levin. An alternative could be to extend the Capital Connection to Whanganui or Marton.

In the interim, there should be a bus service that connects Whanganui to Waikanae to access the Wellington regional network.

In summary, a comprehensive approach that combines improved rail services, potential extensions, and strategic bus connections will enhance public transport accessibility for Whanganui residents.

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 Horowhenua is poorly served by public transport. It is a growing district with high levels of social and economic inequality. Better public transport can improve social inclusion and economic opportunity for residents.

Specific services should include:

- A bus network for Levin. This should link to the railways station and align with the Capital Connection Schedule.
- Increased frequency of Capital Connection services to Levin and Shannon, including weekend services.
- A bus link from Foxton and Levin to the railway station in Waikanae, connecting with the Wellington network.
- A bus link between Foxton Beach, Foxton, and Shannon to connect with the Capital Connection schedule.

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 We strongly support improved regional public transport services. In time we hope these can be introduced by rail. This will help locals as well as bring in tourists. Imagine Wellingtonians being able to go to Hunterville, Woodville, Dannevirke, or Taihape for weekend leisure trips by rail, or cyclists being able to take their bikes on the trains to access local trails. Likewise, it would make shopping and health visits by locals more accessible. This can only be good for the region.

In the meantime, we should be focusing on filling regional transport gaps with good bus services. One example is a possible 'Round the Mountain' bus service connection Ohakune, Raetihi, National Park, Turangi, and Waiohuru with already scheduled Northern Explorer rail and Intercity bus services. At the moment, these are disconnected...you can get to the towns, but not between them.

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

Q19 Give us your thoughts:

Long Text

Q20	Your name
Short Text	Patrick Rooney
Q21	Organisation:
Short Text	The Future Is Rail / Save Our Trains
Q22	Address
Short Text	
Q23	Postcode
Short Text	
Q24	Email address
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Q25	Phone number
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Q26	E-signature
Short Text	Patrick Rooney
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	Palmerston North - 1 May - evening: 1pm - 8pm
Q29	How do you want to speak?
Multi Choice	In-person
Q30	I will speak in
Multi Choice	English
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Submitting on behalf of Lesley Wills.

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Lesley Wills

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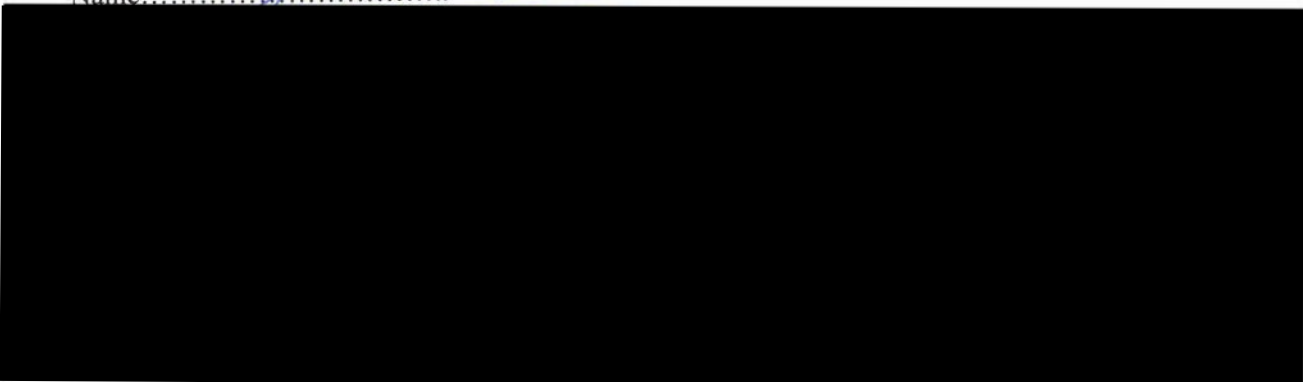
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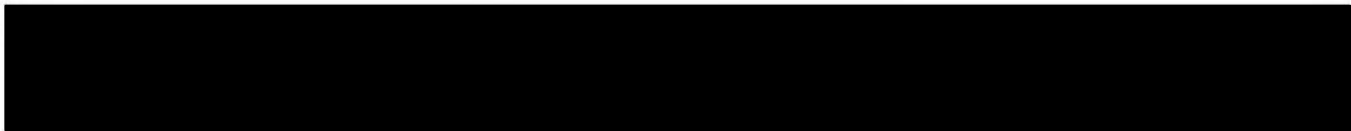
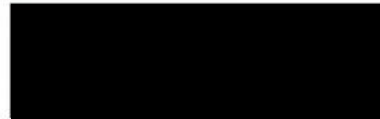
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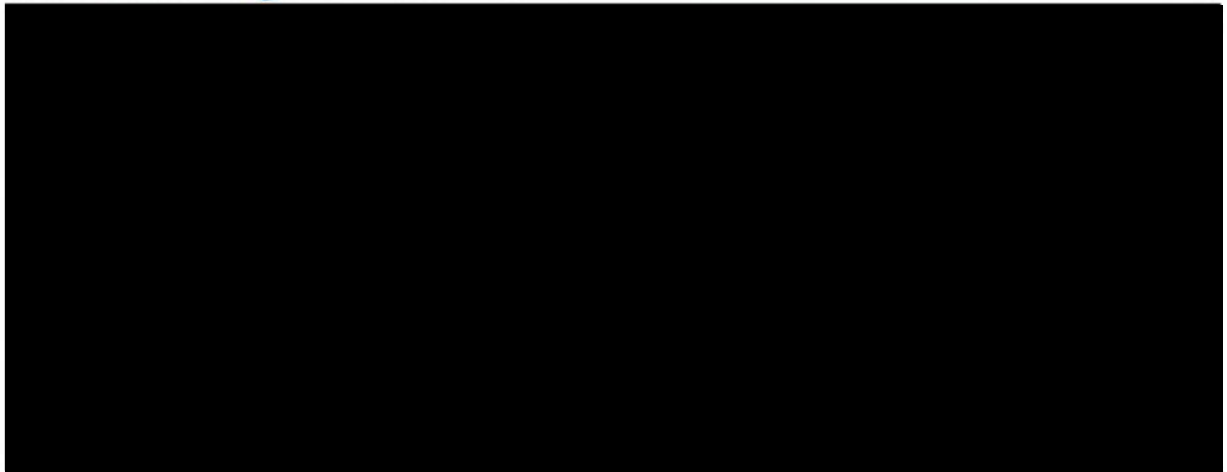
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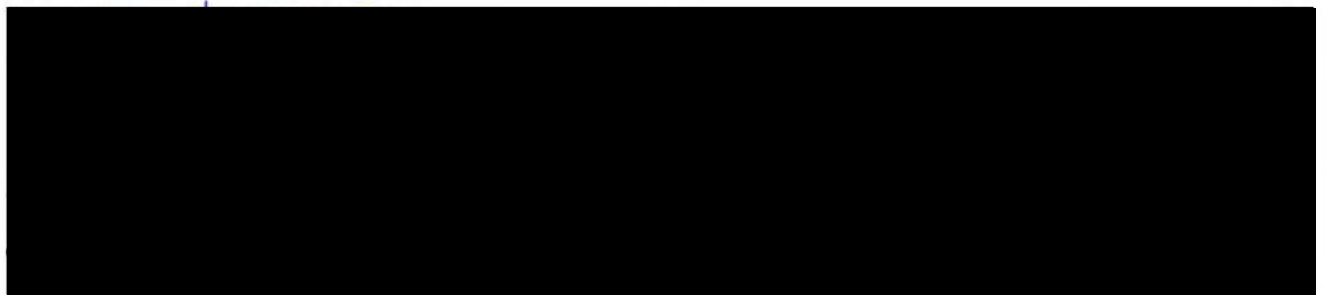
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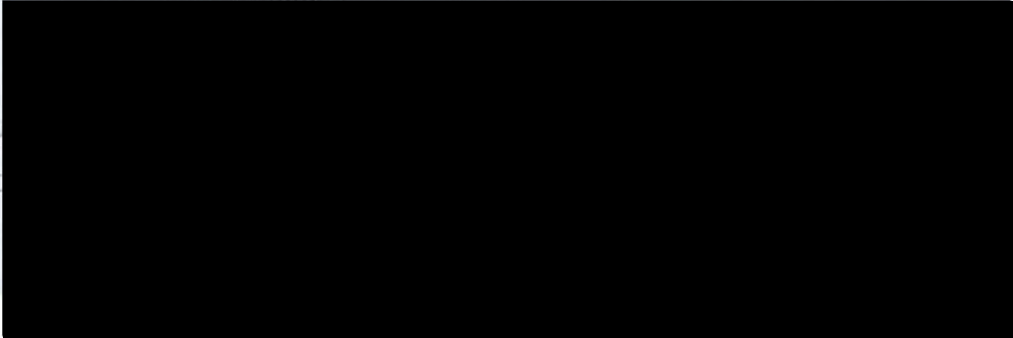
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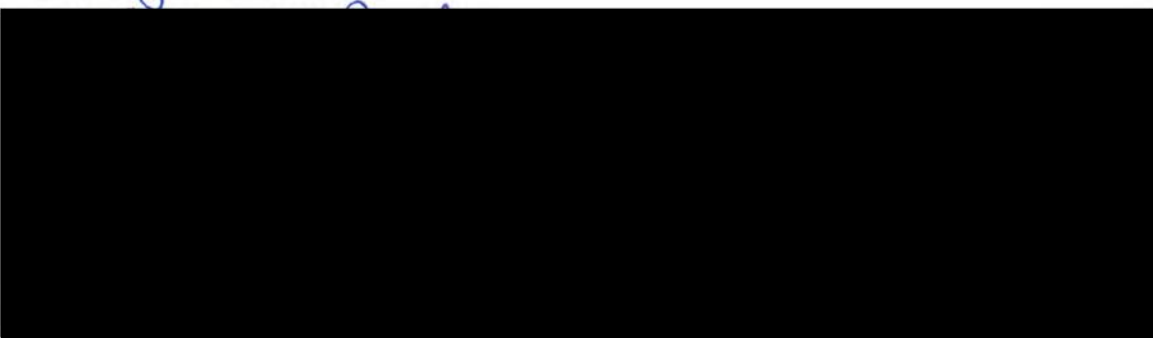
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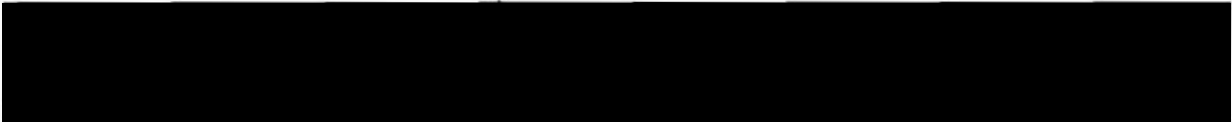
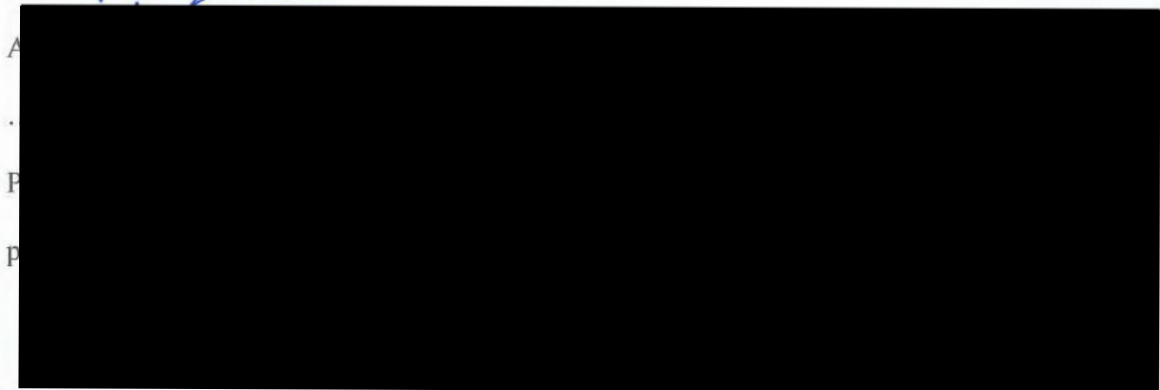
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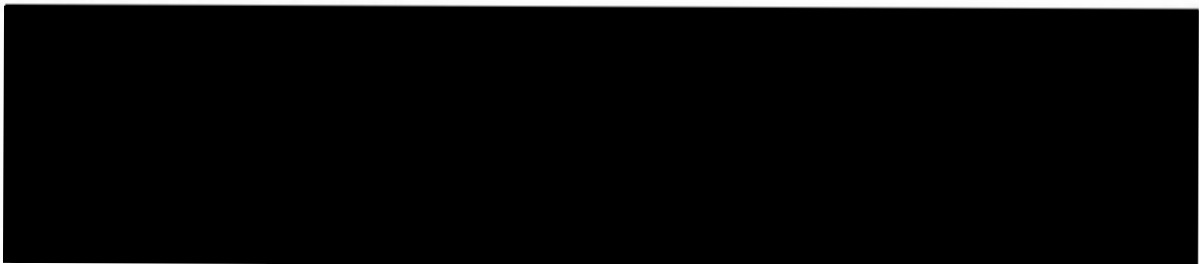
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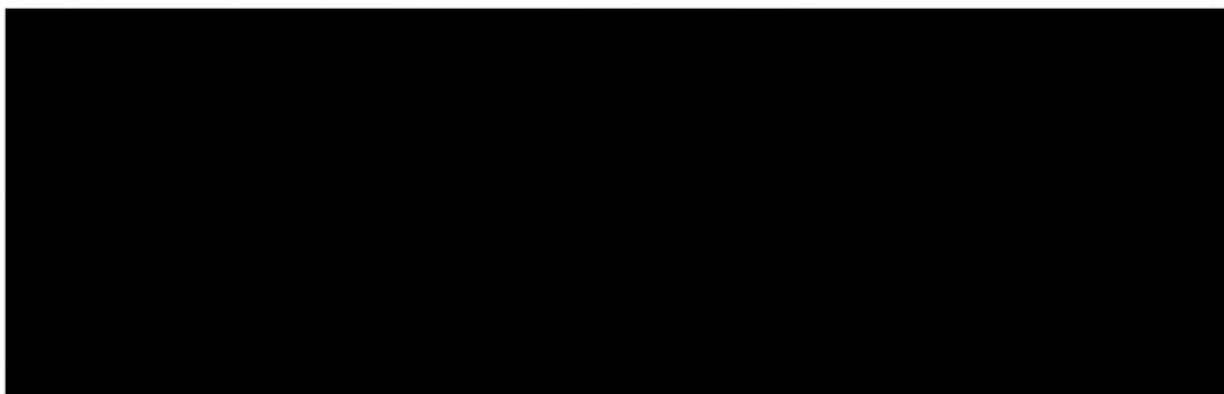
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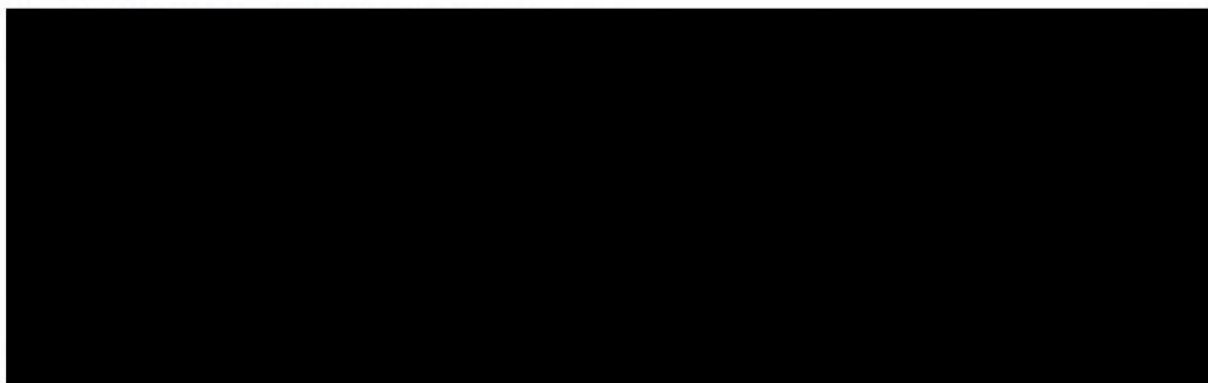
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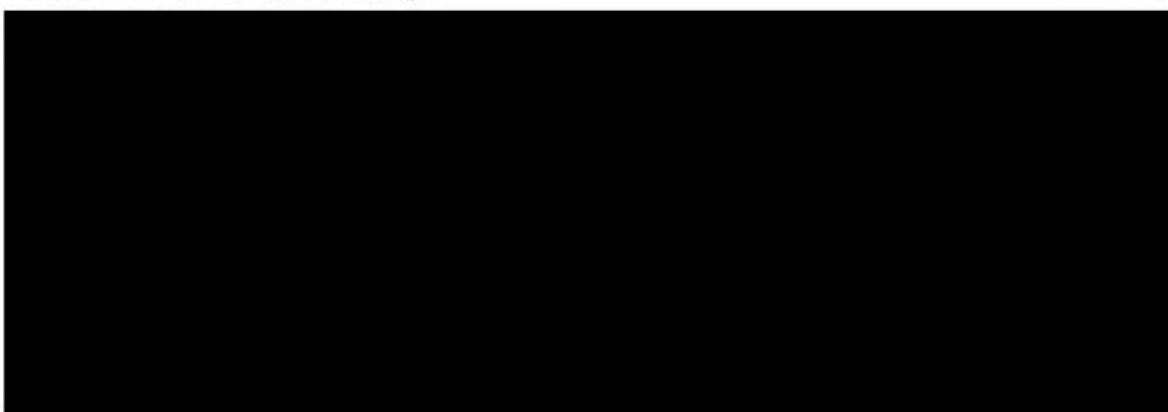
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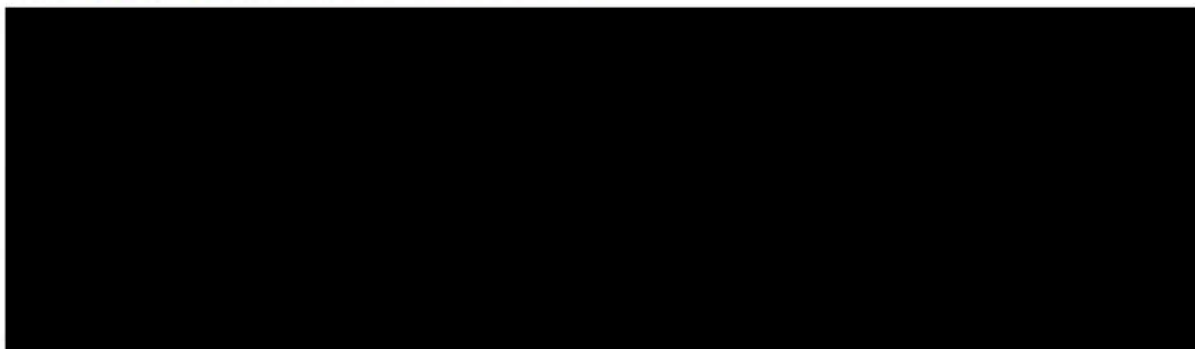
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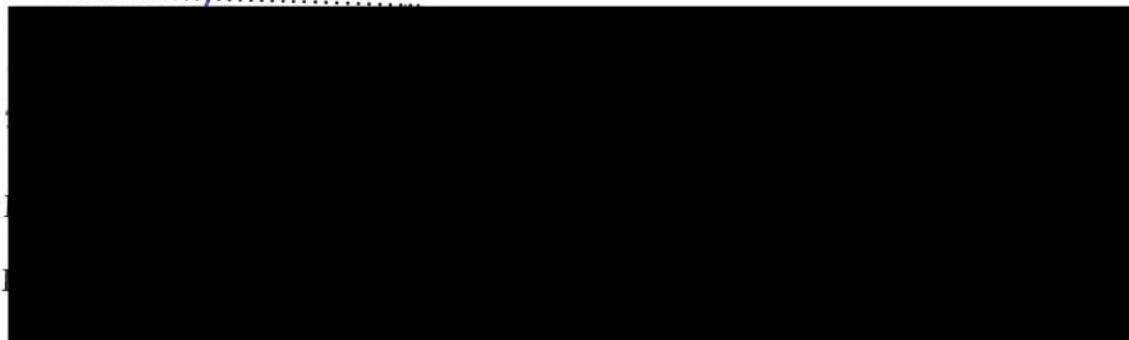
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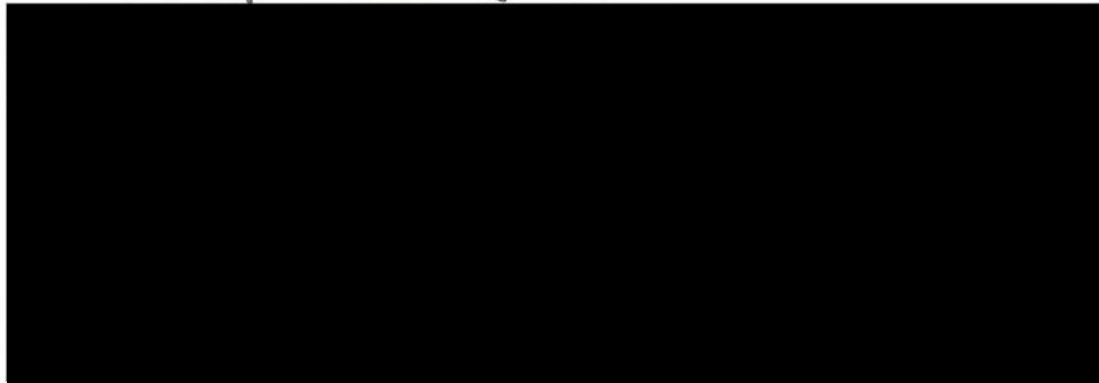
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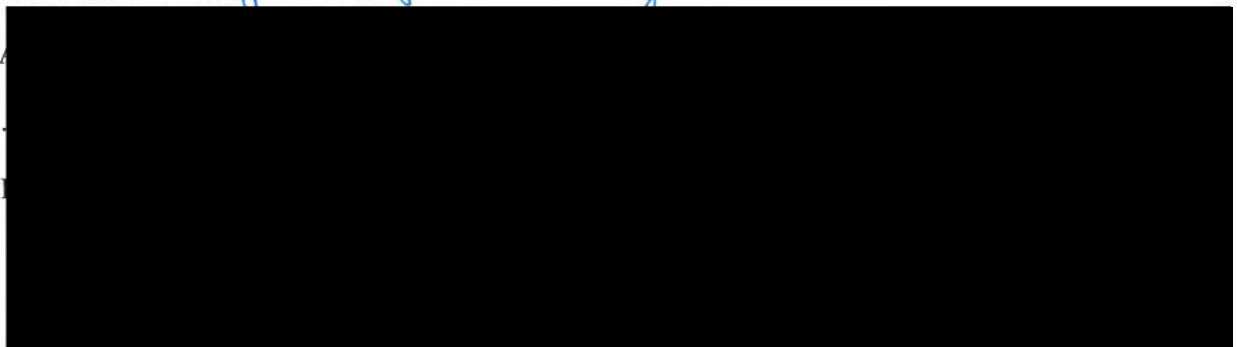
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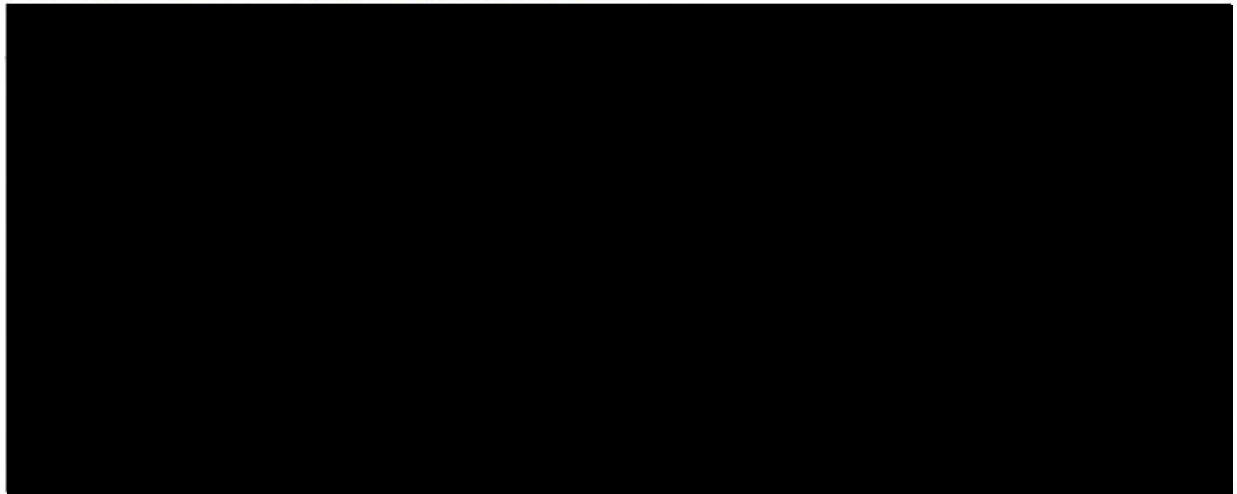
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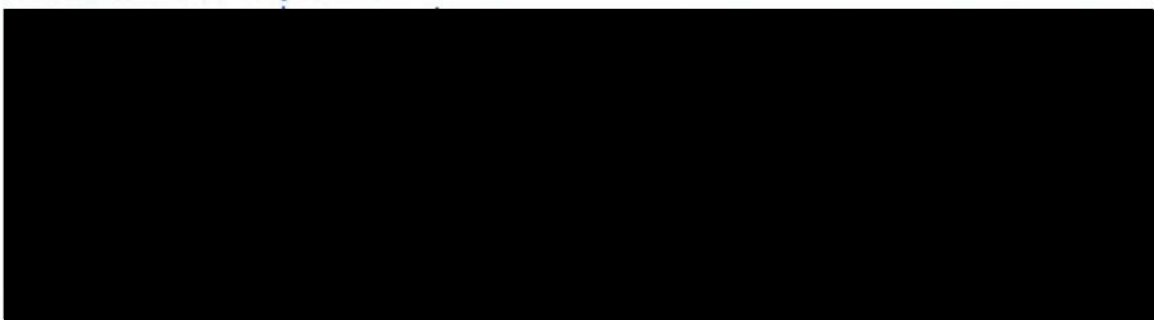
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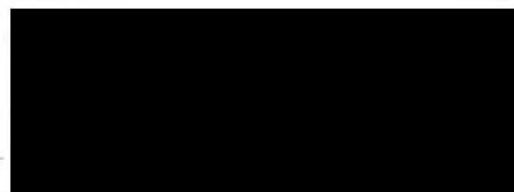
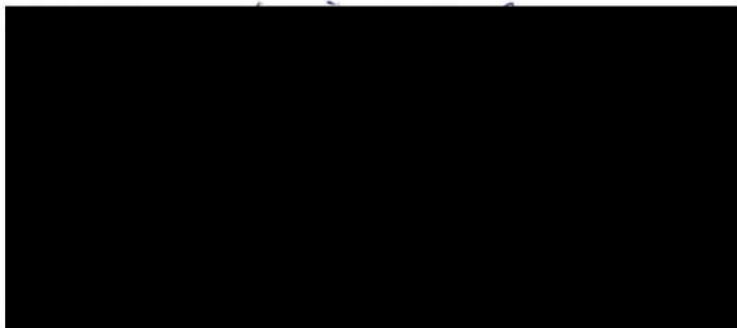
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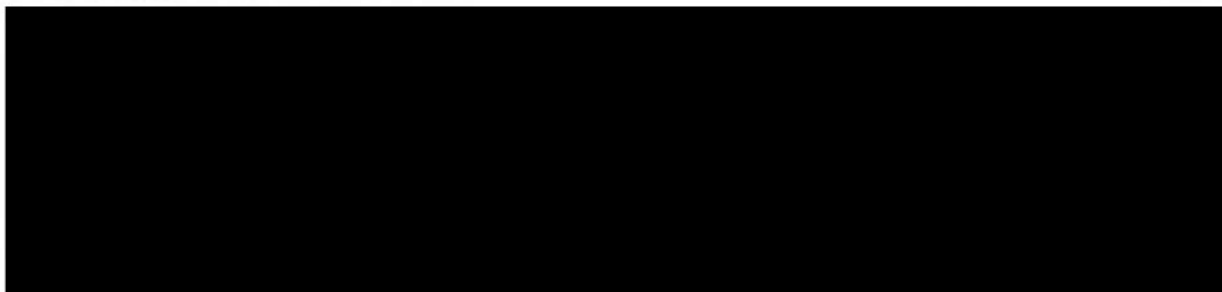
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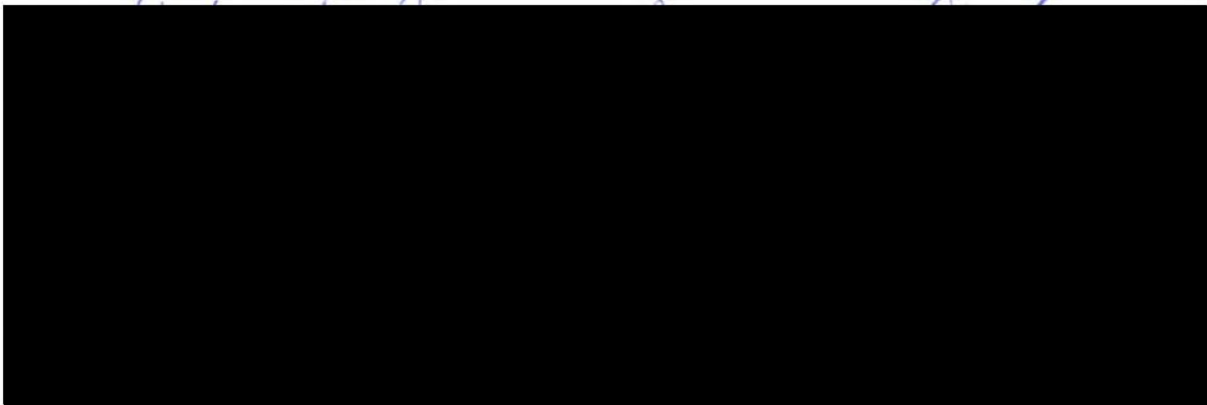
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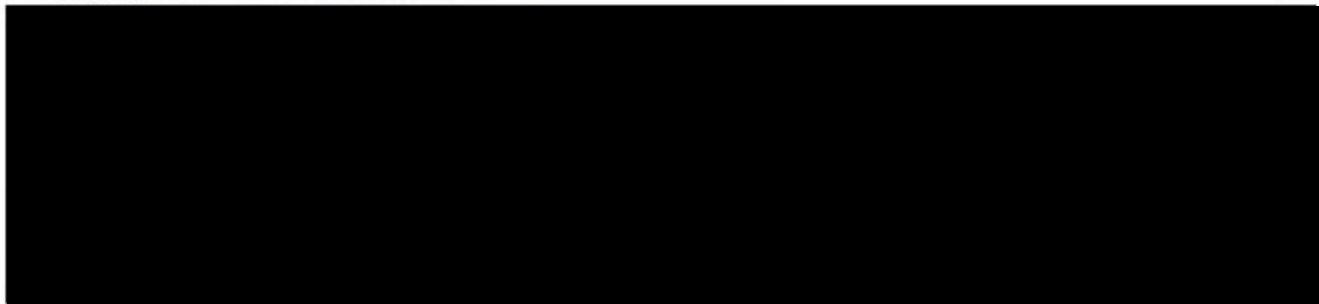
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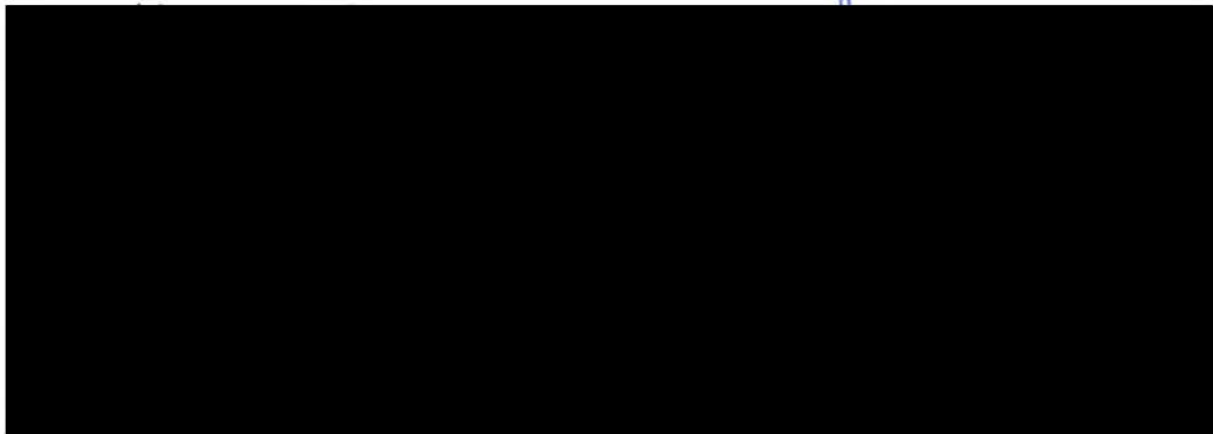
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Federated Farmers of New Zealand

Submission on Horizons Regional Council Draft Long Term Plan 2024 - 2034

22 April 2024



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To: Horizons (Manawatu-Whanganui) Regional Council

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Submission from: **FEDERATED FARMERS OF NEW ZEALAND**

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

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

Federated Farmers wish to be heard in support of this submission.

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Federated Farmers' *Manawatu/Rangitikei, Whanganui, Ruapehu* and *Tararua* Provinces welcome this opportunity to submit on Horizons Regional Council's Draft Long Term Plan 2024-34.
- 1.2 We acknowledge any submissions made by individual members of Federated Farmers.
- 1.3 Federated Farmers' focus is on the transparency of rate setting, rating equity, levels of service for key responsibilities, affordability, and both the overall and relative cost of local government to agriculture. We submit to councils on Annual Plans and Long Term Plans throughout New Zealand. We also submit on central government policies that affect local government revenue and spending, with the aim of ensuring that local government have the appropriate tools to carry out their functions.
- 1.4 We commend the Council on providing a mechanism for community engagement through consultation for this draft Long Term Plan and trust the Council will receive and heed our recommendations.

Submission

- 1.5 Our submission covers the following points:
- Concern about rates increases
 - Revenue and Financing policy
 - Council activity funding
- 1.6 **Key Recommendations**
- **That the Council reduce expenditure to avoid the need for rates increases above the rate of inflation (4.7% in January 2024).**
 - **That the Council maintain a maximum funding contribution of 30% from a UAGC for every type of Council activity that has a general region-wide benefit (such as administrative support for Councillors running official meetings).**
 - **That the council maintain a rating differential of less than 1.0 for all rural property general rates based on capital value, in order to rectify unfair increases in the rates burden on rural landowners whose fluctuating annual income has no correlation to Government Valuations.**
 - **That the Council maintain targeted rates to those landowners whose properties directly benefit from specific Council services or activities.**
 - **That the Council proposal adopt Option 2 for mapping highly productive land.**
 - **That the Council adoption Option 2 (no additional rates) for Planning for the future.**
 - **That that Council either undertake a *Special Consultative Procedure* for changes to funding river drainage schemes or adopt Option 4 (no additional rates).**
 - **That the Council adopt Option 1 (no additional rates) for funding levels of service for freshwater activity.**

- That the Council do not adopt any general rates increases for funding public transport. There is no benefit from such activity in rural areas.
- That the Council adoption Option 1 (no additional rates required) for water meter activity. All water users should be required to measure and monitor water use where they use it. This should not be a cost on general rates.

2 FINANCIAL STRATEGY

Rates Increases

- 2.1 Federated Farmers are deeply concerned about proposed rates increases in the draft Long Term Plan. We note that for most farmers, rates would increase well in excess of the proposed 12.9% average rise touted by the Council.
- 2.2 We have surveyed our members in response to their projected rate rises. The responses from our member survey are appended to this submission. Most of these responders will expect between 20% and 40% increase in year 1 alone, with some responses indicating well above a 40% increase in rates.
- 2.3 These are massive increases in rates. We accept that rates need to increase to keep pace with inflation, but these rural rates increases for the coming year are unsustainable and are far in-excess-of the current inflation rate.
- 2.4 We note that the general rate will contribute \$25,220,000 in 2024 Annual Plan as opposed to the \$32,262,000 as forecast in Year 2 of the Long Term Plan – a 28% increase. Much of this increase is because funding from UAGCs has decreased, as more rates funding burden is shifted onto the general rates. If costs must increase, we prefer reduced reliance on increases in the General Rate and instead load more onto the UAGC (see below).
- 2.5 Moreover, the schedule of general rates increases for the 2024-34 period LTP¹ are compounding, with large increases in the first three years and further increases in each subsequent year reducing until 2034. Our experience is that the Council has gotten into a bad habit of pushing rates increases in the early years of each 10-yearly LTP cycle, with a 'long-term promise' of lowering rates in future years, but this longer-term reduction never happens. By the time the next LTP comes out, the first three years of each LTP cycle always have large revenue increases from rates. This is daylight robbery, and the Council needs to stop this from happening.
- 2.6 We are also deeply concerned about unaffordability of any increases in rates due to expected decrease in farm profitability forecasts for 2024. In the current economic climate, many dairy farmers are struggling with the impact of increasing regulatory costs on their milk product payouts, and sheep and beef farmers expect to endure a record 17-year low in profitability. Therefore, we urge the Council to keep rates increases as low as possible, and certainly no higher than the current indexed rate of inflation (January 2024 CPI = 4.7%²).
- 2.7 We are deeply concerned about general spending driving the Reserve Bank to make further increases in the Official Cash Rate ('OCR'), as many farmers are struggling with high interest payments.

¹ Page 222 of the Consultation supporting document

² <https://www.stats.govt.nz/news/annual-inflation-at-4-7-percent/#:~:text=New%20Zealand's%20consumers%20price%20index,to%20the%20September%202023%20quarter.>

- 2.8 We understand that Councils are also facing increasing pressure to provide more services and pay off debt and are also keen to increase spending on certain activities such as more public transport services and infrastructure and more funding for catchment river management. However, bigger is not necessarily better when it comes to this, and hiring more Council staff does not necessarily equate to better or more efficient management.
- 2.9 We urge the Council to sharpen its pencils and cut expenditure of these 'nice-to-haves', rather than choosing to increase rates. This is certainly what farmers must do. Farmers do not have the option of levying rates to pay off their own debts and must instead rely on what they earn from selling farm produce, which does not provide an unlimited source of income. If farmers need to save money, they must reduce expenditure. However, it is exceedingly difficult for farmers to do this when the Council demands more money in rates payments.

3 REVENUE AND FINANCING STRATEGY

General Rate

- 3.1 Federated Farmers support the Council charging all landowners a uniform general charge for those Council services and activities that benefit everyone equally, such as administrative support for Councillors (including running official meetings etc). We also support targeted rates to those landowners whose properties directly benefit from specific Council services or activities. On the other hand, farmers receive no benefit from the Council subsidising public transport services within or between urban centres, and neither expect, nor wish, to be charged for such services.
- 3.2 We oppose increases in rates on rural property resulting from decreasing the UAGC and transferring the funding source to the general rate based on property value. This increases the rates burden on farmers and is unequivocally unfair and counteracts principles of good taxation. Ratepayers should only be charged for services that they receive a benefit from.
- 3.3 Pauperising farming ratepayers in exchange for easing of other ratepayers' pain is not a realistic solution to pressures of increasing Council expenditure. Much higher rural rates increases will diminish the farming community and will have direct flow-on impacts on the wider supporting community of agricultural contractors and agricultural supply businesses. Shrinking regional economic activity will reduce community ability to fund infrastructure and services into the future.
- 3.4 Federated Farmers agree that a *general rate* is appropriate where there is a *public good* element to services provided and we recognise the Council's general rate is based on *capital value*. Even so, rating based on any type of property value does not necessarily reflect *benefit received* from Council services.
- 3.5 Further, 'property value' is a very poor proxy for *ability to pay* where rural property value is concerned, because farm income is not related to wealth-in-property but is instead related to revenue realized from sale of farm produce. Basing rates on *property value* alone, means that properties with extensive land areas, such as farms, end up contributing disproportionately more to rates than lower-value commercial and residential properties, regardless of the relative earnings and of the extent to which the property creates demand for council services, even if rural properties have no buildings on them.
- 3.6 We recognise that compared to *land value*, rating on *capital value* achieves a better connection between services received and costs. In recent years, the value of land has become highly elevated for all the wrong reasons, and at the same time, the running costs of councils have increased. However, it is not practical, just, or sensible to rate solely on property value. Property value rating results in the strange situation where a large industrial

operation on a rural block that generates dozens of truck movements every day, pays the same rates as a neighbor with an equivalent area of undeveloped land. The Council needs to adopt other options for realizing more equitable general rates charges, such as property rating differentials and maximizing reliance on funding from a UAGC (more on these options below).

- 3.7 Our view is that the Council should only adopt a general rate where there is a strong correlation between a ratepayer's property value and the benefit they receive from the expenditure, or the amount the ratepayer contributes towards the need for the expenditure. Otherwise, the Council should use targeted rates, as these directly relate specific properties to particular services provided by the Council.

Uniform Annual General Charge ('UAGC')

- 3.8 Federated Farmers strongly supports use of the full 30% of total rate revenue allowed to be allocated to the UAGC under section 21 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 where rateable properties get a benefit from Council services.
- 3.9 Where Council services are in large part used by everyone, a uniform per-property charge at least ensures that all property owners make some reasonable contribution toward the cost of such services. Maximising use of a UAGC also reduces reliance on the property value general rate as a funding mechanism and flattens the distribution of rates bills between high to low value properties.
- 3.10 Use of a UAGC strongly influences the distribution of rates across properties in a district or region. Its effect is to help rectify the impact of property value rates on higher value properties, while ensuring lower value properties pay a little more. Owning a farm is not a good reason to subsidise urban residents reliance on Council activities and services. That just is not rational, let alone fair, and in no way complies with good taxation principles.
- 3.11 A significant trend in rating policy at many councils in recent years is a reduction in the level of the UAGC. This is usually dressed-up as an "affordability" or "ability to pay" issue for urban ratepayers. However, even a small UAGC reduction shifts more rates burden onto higher value properties such as farms. It is also true that low-income families have a higher tendency to rent their homes, so any cut in the UAGC on their behalf directly benefits their landlord. Where a Council is aware that they have not reached their maximum 30% UAGC allowance and choose not to rectify the situation then they are actively choosing to disadvantage groups such as the farming community.
- 3.12 Federated Farmers notes that the UAGC will contribute \$5,514,000 in the Annual Plan 2024/25 as opposed to only \$1,298,000 as forecast in Year 2 of the Long Term Plan.. We urge the Council not to reduce the UAGC, but rather instead, to ensure its use is maximized.

Targeted Rates

- 3.13 Where rates are not able to be apportioned to a UAGC, or where services are only supplied to particular properties (for example: land drainage schemes) Federated Farmers support targeted rates. The cost of particular services can be targeted to those that benefit.
- 3.14 The great strength of targeted rates, whatever their basis, is the fact that they are transparent by appearing as a separate line item on the rates demand and being reported separately from activities funded by the all-purpose general rate. This makes it easier to compare the cost of the service to a farm as compared to an urban business or residential property.
- 3.15 The Council's Funding Source Analysis describes *Transport Passenger Services* as having a General distribution of benefit. This is incorrect. The distribution of benefit for these

services is specific to those properties which benefit from Public Transport, namely urban properties where urban residents utilise public transport services for commuting. The rates for these services should be targeted rates on urban properties.

- 3.16 Farming properties receive little or no benefit from public transport services, except where rural school bus services might be subsidised by the Council. Otherwise, farmers do not commute as they live where they work in rural areas, where there are minimal public transport services. Therefore, farm properties should not be liable for any funding of public transport infrastructure.

Differentials

- 3.17 The Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 allows modifications to property value through use of differentials. Differentials may apply to the general rate or targeted rates. A differential is a ratio that adjusts the rateable value of property and can be used to balance the relative contributions of urban and rural properties, or to increase the contribution from the commercial and industrial sector.
- 3.18 A rural differential is the most practical way to rectify the imbalance between rural and non-rural property values for the purpose of rating farmland, and the Council does have the power to set rate differentials for this purpose.
- 3.19 Differentials are a ratio applied to the general rate, or targeted rates, within a rating system. For example, a 0.7 (70%) differential on rural land would mean a \$5m (CV) farm would only pay on \$3.5m of the property value, a differential of 1.0 (100%) for urban properties means a \$750,000 section would pay on the full \$750,000, and a 1.2 (120%) differential for commercial properties would see that a \$5m supermarket would pay on \$6m.
- 3.20 The Council should establish a differential of less than 1.0 for rural properties to offset the high proportion of general rates for rural properties that otherwise occurs from rating based on property value. Farming requires extensive landholdings but farmer ability to pay rates is based on income from farm produce (and not property value). A farm owner should not be forced sell off their farmland to pay rates that are higher than they can afford from farmer income – that would defeat the aim of setting a sustainable rate.
- 3.21 Furthermore, under the *National Policy Statement for Highly Productive Land*, rural land that is *highly productive* cannot be subdivided unless the Council identifies it as necessary for urban development under the *National Policy Statement for Urban Development*³. As such, most farmland in New Zealand cannot be used for anything else but farming.
- 3.22 Federated Farmers strongly support the use of differentials of less than 1.0 for farmland. Property value does not reflect actual income, or benefit from services. We support differentials above 1.0 for property types that directly benefit, or cause more cost, than residents and agricultural properties from council services.
- 3.23 A good example of this is exotic plantation forestry and the impact on freshwater. Plantation forests can have significant impacts in terms of soil erosion and sedimentation of waterways, release of Phosphorus into waterways (bound to water-borne sediment) and damage to drainage systems from forestry slash debris flow. We understand the characteristics of this issue can vary from district to district, therefore we ask the Council to gather evidence of forestry's impact on the environment compared with the Council's rate revenue from that activity. Forest land value tends to be quite low as such land is not valued at its *highest and*

³ See clauses 3.4, 3.7 and 3.8 of the [National Policy Statement for High Productive Land 2022](#).

best use. Rather, it is perpetually used as forest (and trees are not included in the land or capital value⁴).

4 Council activity funding proposals

Issue 1 - Council strategic direction on protecting highly productive land.

- 4.1 We commend the Council proposal to map highly productive land and support Option 2. Highly productive land needs to be protected from displacement by other non-productive land uses and from peri-urban greenfield development expansion.
- 4.2 We are nevertheless concerned that the Council is not recognising the impact of reduction in the amount of highly productive land available from changes in land use from farmland being converted from pastoral farming to forestry.
- 4.3 Unless we protect highly productive land, or evolve to eat pine trees, then reducing our ability to farm food will create severe economic dependency on imported food, as well as contribute to hardship as our agricultural economic activity shrinks.
- 4.4 We recommended that the Council encourage the Government to abandon programs which result in conversion to forestry. Forestry does not contribute to local economic sustainability as the profits from harvesting go offshore, leaving local communities to deal with the legacy problems from harvesting, such as destruction of farmland and roading infrastructure and environmental pollution of waterways and coastal areas from forestry debris flows.
- 4.5 Moreover, carbon sequestration forestry is not a long-term solution to greenhouse gas emissions reduction. In fact, it displaces and shrinks local economic primary production activity and local and regional communities (including community services), while net profits are 'exported' elsewhere outside the region and the nation. What is more, there will be long-term environmental management legacy problems from mature carbon sequestration forestry once it no-longer sequesters carbon and is left to create a local environmental management disaster.

Issue 2 - Planning for the Future

- 4.6 We understand that the Council want to expand staff capability to undertake integrated catchment management. There is some concern within our membership that existing integrated catchment management programs are not being operated effectively by the Council. There is mistrust that the Council will utilise further resources inappropriately and ineffectively. We note that ratepayers within Tararua have been paying a targeted rate for river management for the past 5 years. – but due to a lack of reporting from the Council, it is unclear how effective the funding for this has been.
- 4.7 Furthermore, land and water management occurring through the River Management Accord and catchment groups already in existence, and Freshwater Management Units and associated rules already operative in the One Plan. Yet, despite the *Horizons One Plan* being operative for some time, there are still a substantial number (several hundred) farmers who cannot get approval for their existing farming operations.
- 4.8 For these reasons we prefer Option 2. The Council needs to make its existing tools work properly, rather than spending more money on as-yet-unproven new management systems.

⁴ See s.20 of the [Rating Valuations Act 1998](#), Value of trees and minerals

Issue 3 – Updates to operational areas

3a - Changes to funding Drainage Schemes

- 4.9 Those who benefit from Council activities are services should pay for these. If farmers or homeowners in cities such as Palmerston North expect Horizons to maintain the riverbanks to protect their assets, they should fund this. Drainage schemes have until now been funded by applying 80% of the cost to rates targeted to properties within a drainage scheme area, and 20% to the general rate, based on the understanding there is benefit to the region *in* protecting productive land within drainage scheme areas.
- 4.10 The Council is proposing to shift this funding to 90% targeted rates and 10% general rates to load more rating burden onto properties within each drainage scheme area. While we support (and indeed encourage) targeted rates, we are also concerned that a proper balance should be maintained where a public good is derived from asset management.
- 4.11 There is in some measure a general benefit to the regional economy from protecting a significant amount of productive rural land through management of all the drainage schemes, as well as a benefit from protecting public assets such as roading infrastructure from adverse impacts of inundation and destructive movement of riverbed material and other debris from high-rainfall events.
- 4.12 There have been comprehensive reviews in the past setting these rate differentials, as any proposed changes to the funding balance should be specifically consulted upon so that the public and stakeholders can have an informed debate about the funding balance. No consultation prior to the LTP is poor practice. For this reason, we say the Council should pause the LTP funding proposal for drainage schemes until it has run a *Special Consultative Procedure* on this issue.
- 4.13 In the absence of this, we support Option 4 as we do not want farmers paying additional rates if services are not going to improve.

3b – Levels of service for freshwater activity

- 4.14 We see this activity as non-essential. If this is the right thing to be doing, it will get done as was seen in programmes such as Dairy Accord. Processors are now incentivising much of these works and community groups and iwi have established nurseries etc to support further plantings. We therefore prefer Option 1 – no additional rates.

3c – Public transport

- 4.15 We do not support the rating any percentage of capital value for public transport. This would have a significant impact on rural landowners who get no benefit from this activity. Instead, we prefer that the Council target rates for services to properties that receive services such as Bush St John to provide transport to medical and hospital appointments. We expect private providers to return when new highway across the Tararua saddle is open.

Issue 4 – Water meters

- 4.16 All water users should be required to measure and monitor water use – including all urban households.
- 4.17 The annual fee of \$750 is excessive for monitoring a metered charge.
- 4.18 We prefer Option 1 – no additional rates required
- 4.19 As there will no longer be funding from science team, we expect this would see a reduction in rates, and this has not been acknowledged in the Consultation document

Submission Ends

5 FEDERATED FARMERS OF NEW ZEALAND

- 5.1 Federated Farmers of New Zealand is a primary sector membership organisation representing farming families and rural businesses throughout New Zealand. The economic importance of the agricultural sector to New Zealand's economy is well recognised. Its direct and indirect contribution to New Zealand's economy is about 15% and land-based primary sector exports comprise about 70% of New Zealand's total exports. Any regulation or additional cost which affects farm businesses also has the potential to impact on the New Zealand economy.

Federated Farmers wish to be heard in support of this submission

Thank you

Sample responses from Federated Farmers member survey on Horizons proposed rates increases in the Draft 2024/34 Long Term Plan
(Survey responders names and contact details have been withheld to protect Federated Farmers members' privacy)

Current rates in Annual Plan (Year 1)	Proposed rates (Year 2)	Absolute increase	% increase	Is this rates increase affordable?	Do you support or oppose the UAGC change?	Use your comments in our submission?
\$2,390.64	\$5,560.87	\$3,170.23	132.6	No	Oppose	Yes
\$4,787.00	\$9,313.00	\$4,526.00	94.5	No it's insulting. I had horizons look at removing crack willows on Mangaone river, and they said they didn't have the resources and to do it myself. I see the river management rates are doubling but I bet there will be no improvement as a result.	Hell no. The system needs an overhaul so the bread winners society needs can keep society fed. Farms all around us are going bust - back to scrub or into pines. You can't keep export dollars coming in and people employed if farms aren't profitable.	Yes
\$2,014.50	\$3,652.92	\$1,638.42	81.3	How do they expect any farmers to be able to afford large rate increases in this low financial climate . Perhaps if they spent less on buses etc which in a lot of rural peoples eyes is nothing to do with what horizons was set up for, weed & pest control, & water catchment affairs. All this extra increase is making our bottom line on all our properties look bleak.	We oppose this change	Yes
\$30,000.00	\$42,000.00	\$12,000.00	40.0	Not affordable. All farm costs have risen, I only break even, and I don't have any debt.	We get almost nothing for our money. We shouldn't have to pay more!!!!	Yes
\$5,642.00	\$7,810.00	\$2,168.00	38.4	No increase in costs at present is affordable. This is a 38% increase in costs which is out of line with other cost rises.	oppose	Yes

Current rates in Annual Plan (Year 1)	Proposed rates (Year 2)	Absolute increase	% increase	Is this rates increase affordable?	Do you support or oppose the UAGC change?	Use your comments in our submission?
\$27,253.00	\$35,953.00	\$8,700.00	31.9	31.9% increase. No, especially not when you add another 8% next year. Either have to significantly reduce spending elsewhere or intensify production to cover increase.	No, horizons rates are generally inconsequential for urban dwellers so a reduction isn't justified.	Yes
\$24,739.00	\$32,408.00	\$7,669.00	31.0	I think a rate rise in my case of 31% is far too high, it will have a massive effect on farmers bank accounts.	oppose	Yes
\$10,045.00	\$13,016.00	\$2,971.00	29.6	No	Oppose	Yes
\$2,562.30	\$3,310.58	\$748.28	29.2	In these tough times it is financially hard to cover such high increases. Especially considering the Regulatory and Consent pressure Horizons is placing on farmers which is helping to drive down farming profits. Farm sales and prices have dropped in our region and yet Horizons has increased land valuations. There has been no work done on streams in my region and yet they have increased payment on schemes.	Farmers are being asked to cover many politically driven issues in our country and we have only had profit margins dropping to the point many are becoming unviable. The farming community is not a scape goat to bad practice or the financial struggles of governing bodies. Issues must be looked at as a whole community, farmers are willing to pay their share but not the unfair proposals destroying their goodwill. If farmers go under so does the whole community.	Yes

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\$11,419.00	\$14,744.00	\$3,325.00	29.1	this is a 29% increase. I have no ability to recoup this increasing my revenue or reducing cost in addition to being in a drought	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A 77% reduction in the UAG is a significant policy funding change with only minimal consultation through LTP, which is unacceptable for a change this big! • I can only find 2 justifications for the change. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o It is fairer? I suspect the investments that give the revenue won't have been funded by past UAG's but there will have been contributions from ratepayers on a capital basis, so I don't think what is being proposed is fairer! o UAG too high? The UAG under the old model was still under its allowable percentage of 30%. • Chairperson Keedwell indicated at a public meeting that some on the council want to help lower-income ratepayers in our current cost-of-living crisis. Whilst this is admirable, and the council does have a social role you also have an economic role so a move this big is not justifiable on that basis. 	Yes
\$3,188.00	\$4,026.00	\$838.00	26.3	Well yes I guess they have to be....but wow a 26% increase seems excessive, well above the cost of inflation. No business can do maintain these sorts of increases with no direct benefit or increase in productivity. Where will it all end!	No its blatantly unfair	Yes
\$7,970.76	\$9,826.65	\$1,855.89	23.3	21% rise year 1 is not affordable	Oppose - It is just a property tax	Yes
\$1,575.24	\$1,932.66	\$357.42	22.7	Whilst the increase of \$357.42 does not sound large it is an increase of close to 23%. Its just death by a thousand cuts	No I don't support these. It's not as if farmers get targeted seats on council to reflect the proportion of rates they pay.	Yes

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				with increased costs on a dropping farm income.		
\$4,705.55	\$5,564.10	\$858.55	18.2	It is just yet another cost added to our farm business which takes away our ability to do the environmental projects, every dollar that is used to run the business (such as increased costs) is a dollar that is no longer able to be used for voluntary habitat protection measures such as fencing.	Oppose the change, Councils can't keep adding cost to ratepayers when other businesses are having to look at cost savings to break even, councils too have to look at their spending and truly look hard to what spending is "nice to have" and what is essential.	Yes
\$8,621.37	\$10,092.62	\$1,471.25	17.1	No. Our income this year23/24 alone will drop 30% and our costs have increased 10% Not good for business and we had a drop in income the previous year also of 25% and a increase in costs of 30%. Not enjoyable but we are in it for the long haul.	This is BS!! The UAGC should be using the full 30% to make it as fair as possible on everyone. Not the minority (farms) paying	Yes
\$1,591.58	\$1,813.56	\$221.98	13.9	For us it's probably not a big deal but other properties have massive increases. The Horizons Council haven't been entirely honest with what they have planned on doing.	I understand the cost of everything is going up so even rates have to go up which I can live with, but they shouldn't be going up at such a massive increase that make it such a shock to the people the help keep the smaller communities going.	Yes
\$540.75	\$602.32	\$61.57	11.4	While the rates increase may not seem huge. For what we get out of the rates is next to nothing, we have to pay for all our permits etc. If Horizons stopped wasting money on Electric buses which cost millions more to run per year that	No I oppose these large increases. Horizons doesn't (like all councils) give value for money	Yes

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				the old buses. Horizons needs to live in it means. No rate payer can afford to keep paying more and more, and get bugger all out of the rates increase		
\$1,357.51	\$1,414.03	\$56.52	4.2	where the rates may be affordable on this low value small farm only 16Ha in area. When you add up our other blocks the rates are clearly out of control. Its interesting that the UAGC has gone down but the general rates have increase by 28%.	We do not support this change. Our drainage schemes must be supported by the 20% general rates as our drains streams etc help all of the region. We must remember that all the drains along the sides of roads are not paid for by rates from the councils or government. The rate payer and or community has very little say in the running of our schemes so if the general rates are reduced will we the ratepayer then run our drainage schemes and tell the operation staff how they should be run?? The 20% rate is there to cover the above as in the past the councillors have clearly pointed this out at meetings gone past.	Yes



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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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Focus must be on where the mapping is going to provide the best value for community growth. This needs to be approached with a lens of identifying and preserving key areas of both natural biodiversity areas and highly productive land that should not be subdivided and developed.

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

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This work needs to be done at some point to maintain a future orientated direction and efficiency of systems for Horizons. Without review and refresh, you will only get the same and worsening outcomes

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Option 2: Claim up to \$200 million per event by Horizons.

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Option 3 does not mean the claimed amount would be directed back to Horizons. More risk is inevitable in the current environment and puts more emphasis on keeping finances balances for the what if. Insurance along with Audit are the most inflationary costs Councils are facing

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

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The proposed areas for connection with a service similar to Te Ngaru must be focused towards benefiting those that need it the most due to socio-economic impacts. Te Ngaru has had a huge impact on connecting areas of Castlecliff to jobs and services in the city centre

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Option 2: Levin-only public transport services.

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While I support wider public transport connect, I would like to see the data on usage to support continued roll out

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

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

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Regional council needs to keep a focus on protecting the natural biodiversity of the region by understanding where the hotspots are (reserves / rivers) etc. These areas need protection from pest and protection from development in a similar way to highly productive land. Often these areas are small, isolated pockets that would benefit from better understanding and connectivity.

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SUBMISSION: Horizon's Long-Term Plan 2024-2034

The Whanganui Port (Port) and its associated project partners have been made aware that Horizon's River Management component of Council's long-term plan **excludes** the rebuild of the South Mole component of Horizon's partnership in the Te Pūwaha project.

The Port considers the South Mole rebuild a key and integral part of the overall suite of projects currently underway in the lower river area.

The Port is investing over \$50m in its share of the Te Pūwaha project and considers that its significant investment is at risk and fully exposed until such time as Horizon's South Mole is rebuilt.

The Port understands that Horizon's is contracted by the Crown, through Kānoa, to deliver the rebuild of the South Mole as part of its Te Pūwaha works, so the Port considers that the South Mole's exclusion from the LTP is a significant oversight.

Due to the importance of the South Mole to the lower river, the Port submits that the works to rebuild the South Mole should be commenced as soon as possible in the 2024/25 year after any required consents are received.

The Port is willing to talk to its submission if required.

Yours sincerely,
Whanganui Port Limited Partnership

Philip Wardale
Project Director - Te Pūwaha Port Works.



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Submission: Horizons Long Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Peter Wells, [REDACTED]

Lansdale Farming Company: [REDACTED]

Signed PF Wells I request to speak to this submission

My proposed rural rate increase is 30%. This proposal is excessive for minimal extra services and needs to be reduced.

A 77% reduction in the UAG, leading to a 27% increase in the general rate, is a major shift in the ratepayer base with no data to support the change. A change of this magnitude should not be based on views and assumptions.

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

Executive Summary

- Leave investment revenue offsetting the general rate. Assumptions and views are the only justification given for the proposal to reduce the UAG by 77% and increase the general rate by 22%, with no actual data.
- Leave drainage schemes funding differentials unchanged until the infrastructure review is conducted and propose changes based on data, not council chamber whims. No data has been provided to justify the change of rating, only assumption.
- Assess the increased insurance cover for river and drainage schemes on a scheme-by-scheme basis consulting through established liaison committees and scheme AGM process. Most river and drainage schemes haven't had meetings or financials for over 2 years, which is unacceptable on its own.
- Do not move insurance from corporate to river and drainage schemes with the weak justification of better-focusing staff and increasing the likelihood of delivering the capital program.
- The consultation process, given the magnitude of rating changes proposed has been appalling. No council-led forums or meetings only the short LTP requirement. The Have Your Say website process is selective with questions and supporting narratives overly wordy and not to the point.

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

- A 77% reduction in the UAG and a 27% increase in the general rate is a significant policy funding change with only minimal consultation through LTP. Unacceptable process for a change this big!
- I can only find 2 justifications for the change in the LTP document.
 - A view and assumptions, with no data.
 - Council is of the view that properties with a higher capital value are generally better able to bear the costs. It also assumes that those with more capital consume more resources, and so have a greater financial stake in the management of those resources
 - UAG % of total rates. The UAG under the old model was still under its allowable percentage of 30% so there is no reason to change something that meets its parameter, even though it is close.
- Chairperson Rachel Keedwell indicated at a public meeting that some on the council want to help lower-income ratepayers in our current cost-of-living crisis and this was the reason for the change. Whilst this is admirable, and the council does have a social role you also have an economic role so a move this big is not justifiable on that basis.

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

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

- There is no data provided to support this, and this disrespects the people processes and consultations which has led to the 80% 20% differential.
- There has been no direct consultation with the scheme's ratepayers or committees. There is a path to consult directly as all schemes have liaison committees comprising elected ratepayers.
- The last time scheme differentials were changed was in 2007. A detailed discussion document was written, and a proper consultation process was held. Note appendix 1
- There is an existing process that could have been used consult to these schemes through AGMs and elected liaison group committee meetings. However, these meetings have not occurred since 2022 which is unacceptable.
- A major infrastructure review is proposed. It seems sensible and respectful to wait for the outcomes of the review to assess rating differential changes.

- The land area included in the Manawatu Drainage Scheme takes floodwater in a 25-year event to save Palmerston North City which enjoys 500 protections. A \$2m property in the city will pay less than \$10 toward this scheme for averting a 500-year flood.
- Palmerston North City receives 500 years of protection from the Lower Manawatu River Scheme. A \$2m property in the city pays \$169 for this protection whilst a \$2m rural property pays \$559. 71% more.
- Palmerston North City's footprint extends into the rural area like the recent subdivision consents issued around Whisky Creek in the Cloverlea area. Water from this subdivision drains into Whiskey Creek which runs through my farm. Concreted area versus farmland will put more water more quickly into Whisky Creek, diminishing the effectiveness of my drainage system, but the city will pay nothing towards it.
- Extensive subdivisions and new commercial land zonings are being planned by PNCC. Appendix B & C
 - 6000 homes in the southwest of the city (runoff through Whisky Creek)
 - Commercial zoning Longburn. (all flows into Wingate Riddiford)
 - Railway yard consented and 200 ha of commercial land to be zoned Bunnythorpe. (all flows into Mangone which spills into Mawatu Drainage Scheme)
 - Extra water entering the Oroua River from the extra hard surface from subdivisions in Feilding and Rongatea

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

3. Increasing Insurance Cover Schemes

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

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

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

5. Consultation

- For the rating changes proposed the process has been appalling with no meetings or forums organised to my knowledge
- Formalised processes haven't been adhered to like most drainage and river schemes not having liaison committees or AGM
- Note the youtube Horizons link which talks about the process around rating for river and drainage schemes. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eSLpuhVx3F0>
- You only have to look to PNCC to show how it could be done with options justified with data.
 - Differing outcomes with different policies by property
 - Graphs showing the impact on different groups
 - In-person forums for different user groups

6. General

The Horizons region has a fit-for-purpose river and drainage network setup by our forebears which we are very lucky to have. And we have great staff who manage and run these schemes. Rates increase as proposed by shifting more cost onto these schemes by moving the rating burden between groups puts their financial viability at risk and the benefits they provide the wider region.

Summary

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

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

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

The economy is in recession, especially the rural economy. Horizons need to make their expenditures match their income. There needs to be a focus on decreasing costs in these times, not just carrying on as usual and looking to the rating base for more income. When you are only offering an increase in insurance cover and no increase in services there is no justification for ratepayers to have a 30% rate increase.

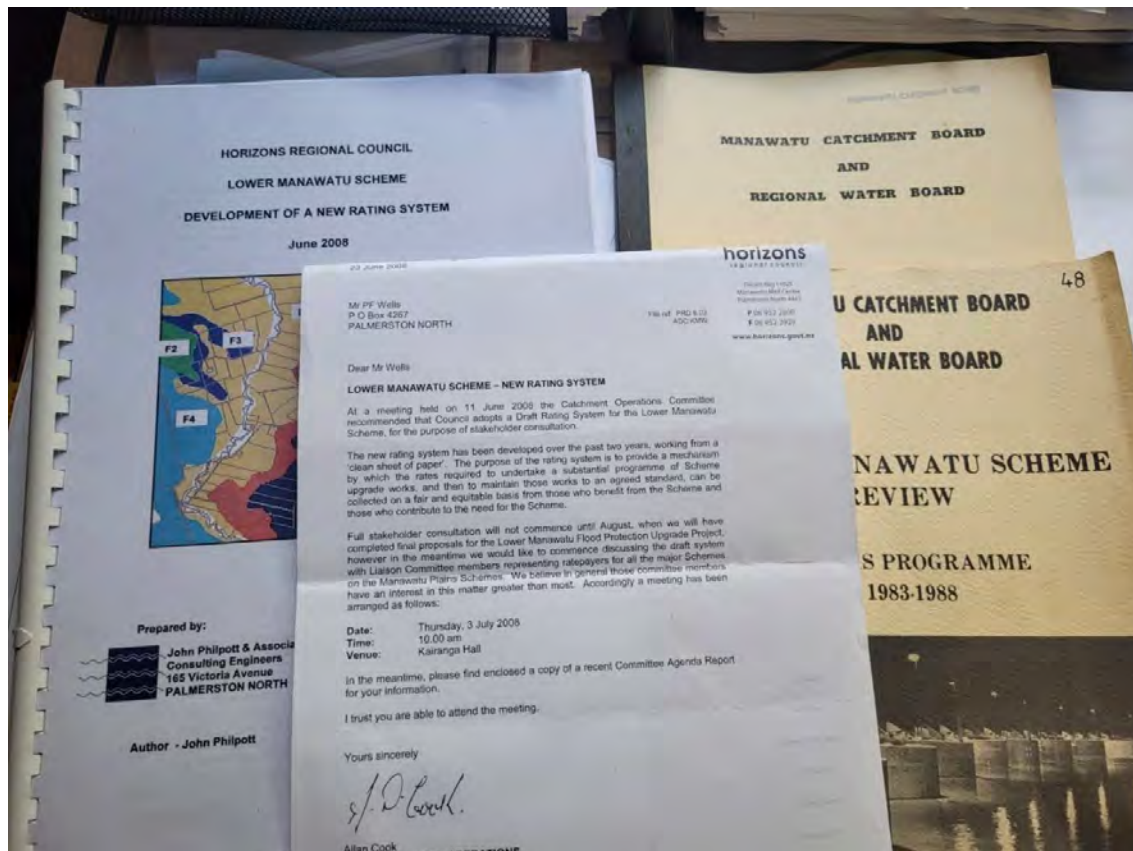
These rate-shifting proposals may have long-term consequences. Unsubstantiated rate increases in a cyclic business downturn will likely result in ratepayers making poor decisions when the infrastructure review is consulted by ratepayers making kneejerk decisions, like saying schemes are too expensive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

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

Moving the cost of rates between the rating bases to favour one group is not reducing costs.

Appendix A

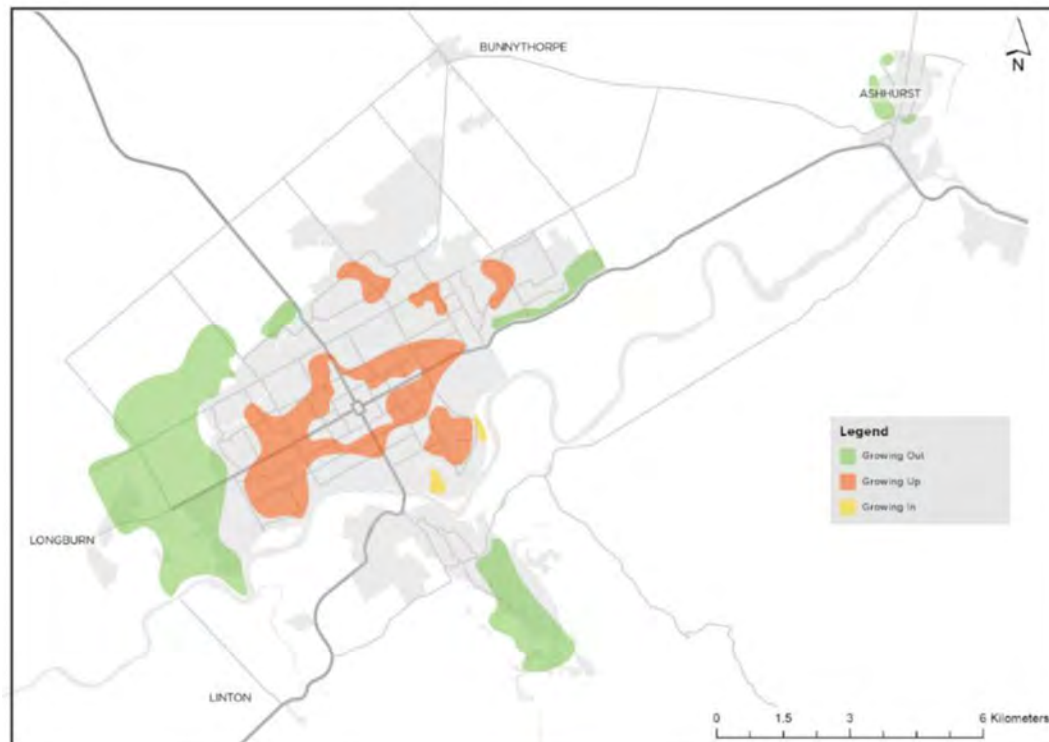
Consultation examples from 2008, 1955 and 1980. 2008 consultation to change rating differentials was a 300-page document with meetings to consult



Appendix B

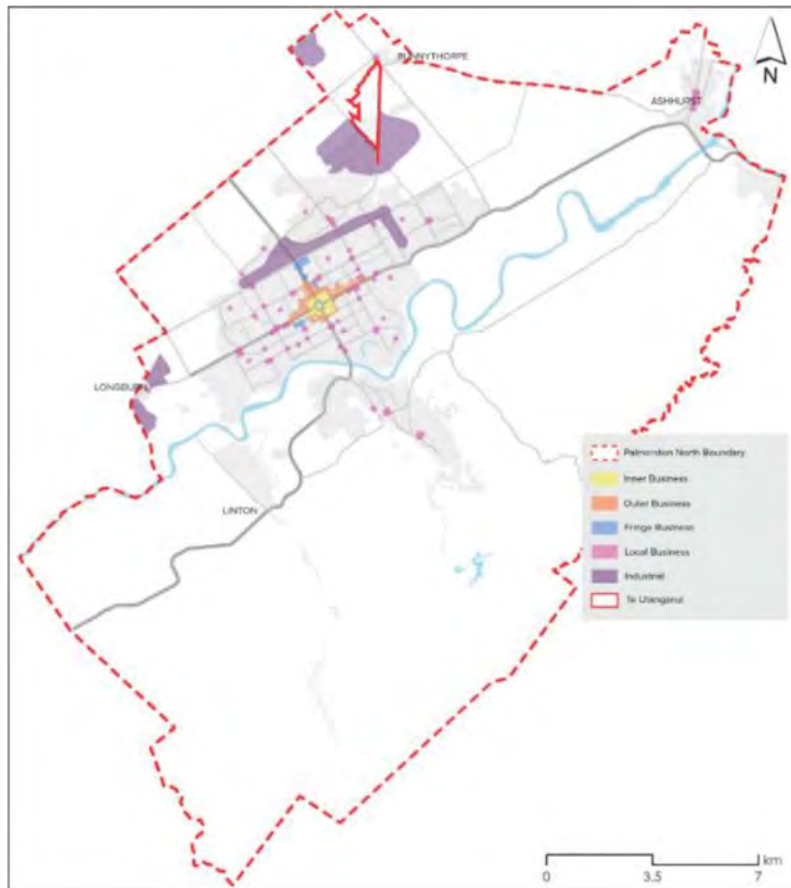
PNCC contributes nothing to the Manawatu Drainage Scheme yet water is diverted away from the city and water is shed from the city at a greater rate due to hard surface runoff.

6000 Homes Planned for South West Palmerston North Draining into Manawatu Drainage Scheme. Green highlights



Appendix C

New Railway Yard plus 200 ha industrial zone planned Bunythorpe and Longburn
Commercial expansion drain into Manawatu Drainage Scheme. Purple highlights





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Submission: Horizons Long Term Plan 2024-34

Submitter Peter Wells

Trustee: Lansdale Trust, [REDACTED]

email [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Signed Peter Wells

The proposed increase for the trust's property in [REDACTED] is 29% which is unacceptable for the limited increase in services.

Submit

- Leave investment revenue offsetting the general rate.
- Assumptions and views are not a justification for reducing the UAG by 77% and increasing the general rate by 22%, with no actual data to support it.
- The views and assumptions presented in the LTP support material that properties with higher capital ratings are better able to bear costs is a sweeping statement with no data to support it.
- The rating burden on a commercial property is often passed onto the tenant through agreement in their lease. In my case, my tenants are small businesses struggling in the current economic downturn and have limited ability to take on extra costs. Our PNCC rate increase is reasonable, below the inflation rate for example.
- We have an increase in passenger services of 77%
 - We can't afford to lead the world by being the first to have an all-electric bus fleet.
 - Associated with the passenger service we now have a street where parking is limited
 - Total gridlock when a bus stops to pick up passengers as the whole street comes to a standstill. I know this isn't your direct responsibility but believe the layout was requested by the transport forum.
- The consultation process, given the magnitude of the proposed rating changes has been insufficient.

The rating increases as proposed for the trust's property are unaffordable for only an increase in bus services.

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

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