



**Far North  
District Council**



**Te Kaunihera o Tai Tokerau ki te Raki**

# **AGENDA**

## **Extraordinary Council Meeting**

**Tuesday, 23 May 2023**

**Time: 4:00 pm**  
**Location: Council Chambers**  
**Memorial Avenue**  
**Kaikohe**

**Membership:**

Kahika - Mayor Moko Tepania - Chairperson  
Kōwhai - Deputy Mayor Kelly Stratford  
Cr Ann Court  
Cr Felicity Foy  
Cr Hilda Halkyard-Harawira  
Cr Babe Kapa  
Cr Penetaui Kleskovic  
Cr Steve McNally  
Cr Mate Radich  
Cr Tāmami Rākena  
Cr John Vujcich



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**1 KARAKIA TIMATANGA / OPENING PRAYER****2 NGĀ WHAKAPĀHA ME NGĀ PĀNGA MEMA / APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members need to stand aside from decision-making when a conflict arises between their role as a Member of the Council and any private or other external interest they might have. This note is provided as a reminder to Members to review the matters on the agenda and assess and identify where they may have a pecuniary or other conflict of interest, or where there may be a perception of a conflict of interest.

If a Member feels they do have a conflict of interest, they should publicly declare that at the start of the meeting or of the relevant item of business and refrain from participating in the discussion or voting on that item. If a Member thinks they may have a conflict of interest, they can seek advice from the Chief Executive Officer or the Team Leader Democracy Support (preferably before the meeting).

It is noted that while members can seek advice the final decision as to whether a conflict exists rests with the member.

**3 NGĀ TONO KŌRERO / DEPUTATIONS**

No requests for deputations were received at the time of the Agenda going to print.

**4 NGĀ KŌRERO A TE KAHIKA / MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENT**

## 5 NGĀ PŪRONGO / REPORTS

### 5.1 DISTRICT-WIDE RATING FOR WATER SUPPLY AND WASTEWATER PROPOSAL DELIBERATIONS.

**File Number:** A4220108

**Author:** Jo Boyd, Corporate Planner

**Authoriser:** Janice Smith, Acting Chief Executive

#### TAKE PŪRONGO / PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to provide background information and to present financial considerations to assist in decision-making for the district-wide rating of water and wastewater proposal

#### WHAKARĀPOPOTO MATUA / EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- The statutory purpose of the Annual Plan is to confirm differences from what was proposed in the corresponding year of the current Long-Term Plan 2021-31.
- Council agreed to discuss the proposal to amend the rating methodology for water and wastewater rating in a separate consultation process
- Consultation commenced on the proposal for change on 21 November 2022 and ran for an extended period to February 2023.
- The purpose of this deliberations report is to provide the information required to enable Council to make a final decision on the suggested change to rate methodologies

#### TŪTOHUNGA / RECOMMENDATION

**That Council:**

- a) adopts the proposal to change to a district-wide targeted rate for water supply and wastewater services**
- b) amends its Revenue & Financing Policy to include the change for implementation 1 July 2023.**

#### 1) TĀHUHU KŌRERO / BACKGROUND

There is an increasing challenge in our district to fund water and wastewater. Currently these services are funded through capital and operational targeted rates, with the capital rate calculated on a scheme-by-scheme basis. As part of the previous rate review, it was proposed to change to district-wide targeted rating for reticulated water and wastewater services because it was identified that for communities with a small number of ratepayers, the scheme-based costs were becoming unaffordable.

Since then, costs continue to increase, assets continue to age, and stricter compliance requires a higher level of service. There is also a clearer picture of the future impacts of *not* taking immediate action to resolve water infrastructure issues.

The proposal that was consulted on was to remove the current scheme-based targeted rates for water and wastewater and replace them with a district-wide targeted rates. This would impact ratepayers connected to (or able to connect to) the 15 wastewater schemes and those properties receiving piped water from our nine water treatment plants. Some ratepayers would experience a net increase in their rates while others would experience a decrease. It would not affect ratepayers who are not connected to (or not able to connect to) any Council wastewater or water scheme.

We proposed this changed to make sure we:

- Achieve compliance
- Support growth

- Manage affordability
- Prepare our communities for the Water Services Reform Programme.

## Engagement

Consultation commenced on the 21 November 2022 to 16 February 2023. 213 submissions were received during that time. One additional last submission was received and added into the submission schedule, but not counted as part of the analysis, however their comments and submission were included in the complete submission set provided to Elected Members. 155 submissions were received via the 'have your say' page on the FNDC website and the remaining 58 submissions were either via the inbox (48) or hardcopy form (10). Five submitters wished to have their submissions heard verbally, however when contacted only four submitters wished to be heard. An initial date of the 29th of March was postponed to the 6th of April where four submitters verbally presented to council.

### Final analysis

All submissions were provided to Elected Members for review. Final analysis was based on the initial question proposed in the consultation: 'Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate, instead of a scheme-based rate?'

<b>Total by filtered scenario</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Does not support</b>	<b>N/a</b>	<b>Total</b>
Able to connect to reticulated water and/or wastewater, but not connected through choice	3	11	-	14
Connected to both reticulated water and wastewater	21	31	1	53
Connected to just reticulated water	6	13	-	19
Connected to just reticulated wastewater	15	34	-	49
<b>Totals</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>135</b>

Noted that in the comments received for connections to reticulated just water or wastewater, the submitters assumed that they would then be charged for both services regardless of if they received both services or not. This resulted in a larger 'do not support' response.

<b>Totals by grouped filtered comments*</b>	<b>Support</b>	<b>Does not support</b>	<b>N/a</b>	<b>Total</b>
Additional costs to ratepayer	-	2	1	3
Affordability	6	26	-	32
Fairer system (Inc regional / improved wellbeing / environment)	46	-	-	46
Inequitable system	2	37	-	39
Infrastructure investment and/or compliance	7	4	-	11
Misunderstood proposal/not enough information provided	-	4	2	6
Prefers current system	-	8	1	9
User pays	4	47	2	53

\* Responses grouped and calculated based on actual responses to the question proposed.

## 2) MATAPAKI ME NGĀ KŌWHIRINGA / DISCUSSION AND OPTIONS

Further to this consultation taking place, government has revised its 3Waters approach, including a name change to Affordable Water Reform Programme with a re-focus on the impetus for the reforms being to improve the affordability of water services. A number of key changes including the number of WSE's from four to ten, a staggered establishment date and each territorial authority owner appoints one territorial authority representative to the regional representative group.

The main change that impacts this proposal is the staggered establishment date, as the Northland entity will not change. Progress is already underway in the transition of water services into the new

entity and it is possible that Entity A could continue its current trajectory, which would include changing the process for district-wide rating of water and wastewater.

There is also the possibility that any reforms will be repealed by any new government should there be a change in government.

### **Option 1 – Change the rating system as proposed (recommended)**

With regard to the Affordable Water Reform, Council will stay within Entity A, and indications from government are that all entities will require a district-wide targeted rate for water supply and wastewater. By changing to a District Wide rating methodology this will align with the current Affordable Water Reform Programmes timeframe, even if there is a staged transition.

### **Option 2 – Keep the current targeted rating system for water supply and wastewater**

Leave the decision to lie on the table until such time that further progress is made in the reforms space and/or central government elections have occurred and programme either continued or repealed. This would then allow a possible change to district-wide rating to occur 1 July 2024 or 1 July 2026.

## **TAKE TŪTOHUNGA / REASON FOR THE RECOMMENDATION**

All submissions have been collated and analysed. To facilitate Council decision making staff have analysed feedback and provided recommendations for Council to debate and, if desired, amend. The decision made at this meeting will come into effect on 1 July 2023. All submitters to this proposal will be notified in due course.

## **3) PĀNGA PŪTEA ME NGĀ WĀHANGA TAHUA / FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND BUDGETARY PROVISION**

The decisions made at this meeting determine the financial implications and the district-wide targeted rate for water supply and wastewater for the 2023/24 financial year.

## **ĀPITIHINGA / ATTACHMENTS**

- 1. DW Rating Comments Relating to the Proposed Change. - A4214023**  

**Hōtaka Take Ōkawa / Compliance Schedule:**

Full consideration has been given to the provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 S77 in relation to decision making, in particular:

1. A Local authority must, in the course of the decision-making process,
  - a) Seek to identify all reasonably practicable options for the achievement of the objective of a decision; and
  - b) Assess the options in terms of their advantages and disadvantages; and
  - c) If any of the options identified under paragraph (a) involves a significant decision in relation to land or a body of water, take into account the relationship of Māori and their culture and traditions with their ancestral land, water sites, waahi tapu, valued flora and fauna and other taonga.
2. This section is subject to Section 79 - Compliance with procedures in relation to decisions.

<b>He Take Ōkawa / Compliance Requirement</b>	<b>Aromatawai Kaimahi / Staff Assessment</b>
State the level of significance (high or low) of the issue or proposal as determined by the <a href="#">Council's Significance and Engagement Policy</a>	Significance of the proposed changes to the schedule of fees and charges is assessed as medium/low.
State the relevant Council policies (external or internal), legislation, and/or community outcomes (as stated in the LTP) that relate to this decision.	The proposed change is relevant to the rating remission policy 2021, Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 and community outcomes of Communities that are healthy, safe, connected and sustainable, proud vibrant communities and a wisely managed and treasured environment that recognises the special role of tangata whenua as kaitiaki.
State whether this issue or proposal has a District wide relevance and, if not, the ways in which the appropriate Community Board's views have been sought.	The proposal has relevance to those affected who can connect or are already connected to water supply and/or wastewater.
State the possible implications for Māori and how Māori have been provided with an opportunity to contribute to decision making if this decision is significant and relates to land and/or any body of water.  State the possible implications and how this report aligns with Te Tiriti o Waitangi / The Treaty of Waitangi.	Consultation was carried out in accordance with section 83 of the LGA.
Identify persons likely to be affected by or have an interest in the matter, and how you have given consideration to their views or preferences (for example – youth, the aged and those with disabilities).	Those identified have been contact directly through the consultation process and those who provided feedback have been acknowledged.
State the financial implications and where budgetary provisions have been made to support this decision.	No financial implications exist, it is a transitional change from an individual targeted to a district-wide targeted rate.
Chief Financial Officer review.	The Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report.

## DISTRICT-WIDE RATING FOR WASTEWATER AND WATER PROPOSAL CHANGE



### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 49

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Able to connect to reticulated water and/or wastewater, but not connected through choice
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
Choice is important in life , the more people that choose to not connect to reticulated water the less pressure on the system. I collect rainwater off my roof, have invested in multiple tanks, so I don't need nor want reticulated water. I also have a good septic system that doesn't impact any waterway, nor anyone else. I don't think it's fair to force me to pay for others choosing to be connected to a system that damages our river, and runoff that damages our oceans.
<b>Is there anything else you would like to tell us?</b>
I won't pay a rate for something that is inherently wrong.

## DISTRICT-WIDE RATING FOR WASTEWATER AND WATER PROPOSAL CHANGE



### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 63

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Able to connect to reticulated water and/or wastewater, but not connected through choice
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. I will end up paying more for a system i dont intend to use.</li> <li>2. The areas receiving the discounts have been the major beneficiaries of our rates for years. So it is fair they pay more.</li> <li>3. I dont think its a practical use of the limited budget to plan to pipe water everywhere.</li> </ol>
<b>Is there anything else you would like to tell us?</b>
The rates i pay for a bare section with no connected services are the same as what my fully serviced home owning friends are paying in auckland. Your proposal is not fairer for me.

## DISTRICT-WIDE RATING FOR WASTEWATER AND WATER PROPOSAL CHANGE



### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 71

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Able to connect to reticulated water and/or wastewater, but not connected through choice
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
We have tank water why should we pay for extra water charges. Paying for something we do not use just like the sewerage system. Will not pay this. We are pensioners paying \$4,000 per year and do not have the money for this.
<b>Is there anything else you would like to tell us?</b>
I do not agree to this. You are just skimming extra money off people who don't have it.



## DISTRICT-WIDE RATING FOR WASTEWATER AND WATER PROPOSAL CHANGE



### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 87

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Able to connect to reticulated water and/or wastewater, but not connected through choice
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
My property is in an area where it is possible to connect to reticulated water supply but not waste water. This means my water rates will increase from \$117 to \$508 over the next 3 years. Given that I am not even connected to the water supply, I think this increase is excessive. Some years ago the council consulted with residents in the area to see if they wanted to have a reticulated water supply - the majority did not, however council decided to put in the water supply anyway. Given the difficulties of maintaining the town water supply in dry summers, I think the council should be encouraging residents to have their own water tanks, not penalising them for that.

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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 121

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Able to connect to reticulated water and/or wastewater, but not connected through choice
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
It is unfair when the connection to property cost is not included. I would be required to fund a pumping station for waste water due to topography and the house is 400m from water connection. The cost would be over 10,000 with reinstatement costs for digging up roads etc.

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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 139

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Able to connect to reticulated water and/or wastewater, but not connected through choice
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
Rate payers pay more than enough in annual rate fees

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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 142

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Able to connect to reticulated water and/or wastewater, but not connected through choice
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
I have an empty section, am not connected, and why I have to pay such a huge amount for NO services at all from council, is criminal.

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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 148

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Able to connect to reticulated water and/or wastewater, but not connected through choice
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
The FNDC have not contributed to any of our setup or ongoing costs to do with our water or wastewater. Our setup imposes no costs on the FNDC whatsoever. Your suggestion is therefore daylight robbery and local government overreach at its worst. How come only 6wks about the local elections, where there wasn't a peep that this was an agenda item, has it now raised its head? DISGRACEFUL.
<b>Is there anything else you would like to tell us?</b>
In case you've missed it, we have high inflation which has added another \$120/wk to our grocery bill alone. If your salary is so high that you've missed this, then let me tell you that ours isn't and making our costs higher for no service whatsoever is b

## DISTRICT-WIDE RATING FOR WASTEWATER AND WATER PROPOSAL CHANGE



### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 164

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Able to connect to reticulated water and/or wastewater, but not connected through choice
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
I live in two properties that could be connected to water services but are not, I collect my own water off the roof and have my own septic system. I don't see why I should pay any water rates.

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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 176

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Able to connect to reticulated water and/or wastewater, but not connected through choice
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
<p>I have read your paper on water and waste water , re rating changes. We came to Kerikeri to get away from Auckland and this sort of money grabbing nonsense. We have three property's in Kerikeri. Our home is down Davis Strongman Place to avoid Council water and and waste water, and spray drift . We have a section in Landing Rd for us to retire to where water runs past ,we are not connected to it.</p> <p>We have a property on Cobham Rd zoned industrial, where waste water runs passed but we chose not to connect to it because the extra cost was considerable and to much for the tenants to pay. On this property the Council took a large part of my property for storm water drainage and waste water drainage and offered me nothing for it, not even a thanks very much . That nearly bankrupted me. And now you want to charge me rates for water and waste water that I won't even use.</p> <p>I believe in user pays , not neighbor pays .</p> <p>People come to Kerikeri to retire or to live a simple uncomplicated life , not to join the rat race and become a suburb of Auckland.</p>

## DISTRICT-WIDE RATING FOR WASTEWATER AND WATER PROPOSAL CHANGE



### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 45

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Able to connect to reticulated water and/or wastewater, but not connected through choice
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
Yes
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
Sounds fair for everyone



## DISTRICT-WIDE RATING FOR WASTEWATER AND WATER PROPOSAL CHANGE



### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 65

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Able to connect to reticulated water and/or wastewater, but not connected through choice
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
Yes
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
Much more sensible. Small communities could not afford major financial costs

## DISTRICT-WIDE RATING FOR WASTEWATER AND WATER PROPOSAL CHANGE



### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 182

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
able to connect to reticulated water and/or wastewater, but not connected through choice
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
Yes
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
<p>I am taking this opportunity to object to the proposed water rate policy change.</p> <p>I own two properties neither of which are using council water or waste water. Both can connect to council services.</p> <p>I recently put in two concrete water tanks at my own home to collect rain water. I also have my own waste water treatment tanks. After going to considerable expense to be self sufficient I strongly object to being charged for services I never have any intention of using.</p> <p>I agree with across the board charging for everyone who is connected regardless of where they live but to levy people not requiring these services is totally unjust. We place no burden of council water supply nor add to the amount of water water needing treatment.</p> <p>Kerikeri infrastructure is already operating at maximum capacity.</p> <p>People should be encouraged not to add to this burden.</p> <p>This policy change will have the opposite effect.</p> <p>I also have a vacant section in the hokianga. All services have been disconnected. I already pay high rates but receive nothing in return. I can't see the justification in levying vacant landowners for water supply and removal.</p> <p>This is not a fair or equitable policy change.</p> <p>A uniform charge seems fair.</p> <p>Charging landowners who do not use these services is not.</p>

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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 9

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to both reticulated water and wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
I would not want to see my water rates go up in any way due to others not paying rates or rates going up due to further consumption than what I am using.
<b>Is there anything else you would like to tell us?</b>
Yes I'd like my water rates to go down

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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 15

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to both reticulated water and wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
Happy as it is

## DISTRICT-WIDE RATING FOR WASTEWATER AND WATER PROPOSAL CHANGE



### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 27

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to both reticulated water and wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
Based on your projections we will pay a lot more for the same services when every other part of the region either pay less or a lot less
<b>Is there anything else you would like to tell us?</b>
I understand that these important part of infrastructure has been neglected in all these years and now this type of work has become incredibly expensive but the proposal is making it impossible to maintain a household on a budget

## DISTRICT-WIDE RATING FOR WASTEWATER AND WATER PROPOSAL CHANGE



### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 31

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to both reticulated water and wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
I pay to be connected, but have my own water supply. This new FNDC scheme doesn't address my ability to provide for myself, rather it punishes financially people who are off the great tit by treating us all as equally incapable
<b>Is there anything else you would like to tell us?</b>
Stop charging me to be connected for water I don't use

## DISTRICT-WIDE RATING FOR WASTEWATER AND WATER PROPOSAL CHANGE



### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 35

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to both reticulated water and wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
For the long term, this will lead to inefficient allocation of resources, and encourage building residential units without water tanks and on-site sewerage processing. The present system favours population growth where services are cheapest.

## DISTRICT-WIDE RATING FOR WASTEWATER AND WATER PROPOSAL CHANGE



### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 38

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to both reticulated water and wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
This is unfair to have larger towns paying for the small areas



## DISTRICT-WIDE RATING FOR WASTEWATER AND WATER PROPOSAL CHANGE



### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 39

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to both reticulated water and wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
The benefit will almost disappear in 3 years time for Kerikeri which is likely to mean zero benefit in 5 years time Your calculation is incorrect for the 22-23 Kerikeri. Your calculation is -165 but it should read -105 which raises a red flag for the behind the scene calculations.

## DISTRICT-WIDE RATING FOR WASTEWATER AND WATER PROPOSAL CHANGE



### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 47

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to both reticulated water and wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
Higher usage in areas such as Kerikeri with a considerable multiplying population as opposed to less populated and under valued areas such as Kaikohe, Ohaiwai etc means the low socio-economic population are paying for the higher socio-economic population.

## DISTRICT-WIDE RATING FOR WASTEWATER AND WATER PROPOSAL CHANGE



### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 50

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to both reticulated water and wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
<p>1) Not all locations in the district have access to the same utilities and quality of service, and therefore should not be charged the same as other areas that have access to more utilities and experience better service.</p> <p>2) Lower income areas will be paying more over the four year cycle, but still experience lower quality service, whereas higher income areas will be paying less over the four year cycle but still experience better service.</p> <p>3) Instead of a flat rate for all, high volume users should be charged more to cover the additional fees for improving and developing infrastructure, whereas low volume users should pay for their fair share.</p> <p>4) "Much needed upgrades" would not be required if a more regular maintenance schedule was followed. Any upgrade costs should be distributed fairly depending on your volume usage rate, not over everyone equally. Low volume users should not be penalized for being conscious of saving water.</p>

## DISTRICT-WIDE RATING FOR WASTEWATER AND WATER PROPOSAL CHANGE



### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 51

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to both reticulated water and wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
If you are going to set charges across the district, you need to be in charge of provision across the district. If Kohukohu succeed in getting a very expensive and unnecessary land-based wastewater system, they should pay for it. If you are the experts in wastewater and water, you should be managing the provision instead of letting it become bogged down in endless local discussions of unaffordable schemes.
<b>Is there anything else you would like to tell us?</b>
If FNDC were to get a grip and properly manage water and waste water systems, then of course it would be fairer to charge the same across the board - for a similar level of provision, responsibility and accountability.

## DISTRICT-WIDE RATING FOR WASTEWATER AND WATER PROPOSAL CHANGE



### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 54

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to both reticulated water and wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
I think you should only pay for the water and wastewater that you use. It seems unfair to charge everyone the same when some use water to fill pools etc that others don't have. We the rest of the community should not have to make up for the use of others.

## DISTRICT-WIDE RATING FOR WASTEWATER AND WATER PROPOSAL CHANGE



### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 60

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to both reticulated water and wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
We are with doubtless bay water scheme and pay to much for water which no one person or group should own

## DISTRICT-WIDE RATING FOR WASTEWATER AND WATER PROPOSAL CHANGE



### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 67

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to both reticulated water and wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
It doesn't make financial sense for me in particular to choose the scheme because I live in Kaikohe. If I could stand to drink the water here I might accept the changes but our water smells and tastes like bleach. It is odd to say the least.

## DISTRICT-WIDE RATING FOR WASTEWATER AND WATER PROPOSAL CHANGE



### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 79

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to both reticulated water and wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
With rates ever going up, I dont think its fair to add MORE money every year for the next four years ro Kaikohe where I live and a discount in other areas, They should be paying more as there is a larger population. I completely disagree with this proposal, we cannot afford this and we dont get anything further from it. You say its becoming expensive for everyone, yet you want to make the lower socio-economic areas have to pay more, whilst the Kerikeri etc get discounts. NO. I DISAGREE. I think it is only fair that it remains as is.
<b>Is there anything else you would like to tell us?</b>
As above, I completely disagree. It is not a fair proposal and does NOT benefit everyone at all. We are already sturuggling to pay our ever increasing rates, we just cannot afford the proposed \$651 increase over the next few years. It will literally cripp



## DISTRICT-WIDE RATING FOR WASTEWATER AND WATER PROPOSAL CHANGE



### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 80

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to both reticulated water and wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
It will cripple many home owners

## DISTRICT-WIDE RATING FOR WASTEWATER AND WATER PROPOSAL CHANGE



### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 83

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to both reticulated water and wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
I am a single mother of 2 children who can barely afford to live without having to pay higher rates when other places with higher income levels like Kerikeri get theirs lowered.
<b>Is there anything else you would like to tell us?</b>
Since I have owned my home (18 months) my rates have risen to almost beyond my capability to pay. If u raise water costs I have zero idea how me and my kids will survive.

## DISTRICT-WIDE RATING FOR WASTEWATER AND WATER PROPOSAL CHANGE



### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 92

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to both reticulated water and wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
I prefer the current user pays rating model

## DISTRICT-WIDE RATING FOR WASTEWATER AND WATER PROPOSAL CHANGE



### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 95

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to both reticulated water and wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
<p>The scheme based rate system means that those who benefit from a scheme pay for it, which is fundamentally fair. The proposal is not fair or equitable for many reasons, including:</p> <p>(1) Scheme users are the same people who receive a reduction in costs as they no longer have to maintain their own water collection / sewage disposal systems;</p> <p>(2) Scheme users receive most of the environmental benefits, as they live in the area;</p> <p>(3) Where septic tanks are replaced, section sizes can be reduced, allowing extra subdivision to occur- a windfall profit to the landowner, which would significantly exceed the extra rates cost. Other ratepayers should not have to subsidise this private profit;</p> <p>(4) Where a scheme becomes necessary due to subdivision, the correct mechanism to charge for this is the development contribution, dropped by Council many years ago;</p> <p>(5) Spreading costs across the district could be used to subsidise services for people who connect but do not pay rates. Putting in a scheme conditional on local rate payment is a good opportunity to raise and resolve these non-payments;</p> <p>(6) Spreading costs across the district may well mean that small schemes miss out on subsidies from central government as the projects are now fundable by FNDC;</p> <p>(7) Many people have paid significant rates in the past to buy new or upgraded schemes- these ratepayers end up with a very unfair situation where they have had to pay for their schemes, but now they have to also pay for everyone else's.</p>

## DISTRICT-WIDE RATING FOR WASTEWATER AND WATER PROPOSAL CHANGE



### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 99

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to both reticulated water and wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
Because my house is in Kaikohe and the highest costs are in Kerikeri. The vast differences of income and access to services is skewed towards Kerikeri people already having immense privileges while Kaikohe is under invested in. When Kaikohe had a drought several years back, the town was not supported by other towns. Kerikeri and other coastal places that are treated as holiday homes areas should have higher rates to match the higher property valuations. Kaikohe would also be subsidising Kerikeri business heavily dependent on irrigation without employing many Kaikohe locals.

## DISTRICT-WIDE RATING FOR WASTEWATER AND WATER PROPOSAL CHANGE



### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 104

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to both reticulated water and wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
I am a low user very concerned with water/waste water being charged abnormally. I have been told we secured partial water rights from new dam being made. Why we have to pay extra when we havent been given proper clean water for years. We have run our bores to nothing now requiring us to pay more ridiculous.
<b>Is there anything else you would like to tell us?</b>
Kerikeri should pay more with the horticulture use is not acceptable to me. Tankers from our area to refill their over use.

## DISTRICT-WIDE RATING FOR WASTEWATER AND WATER PROPOSAL CHANGE



### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 110

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to both reticulated water and wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
Why should i pay for water im not using? Im am only one person and do my best to keep water usage to a minimum already. Those that overuse water should carry that cost! Not us small users, unfair proposal.

## DISTRICT-WIDE RATING FOR WASTEWATER AND WATER PROPOSAL CHANGE



### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 111

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to both reticulated water and wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
<p>While I think it's fair the user pays, it appears your chart of future rates based on this scheme, will affect the people who can least afford it, i.e. Kaikohe in the short term and Kawakawa in the long term. I'm not saying this isn't something that should be considered however areas such as Kerikeri (where I live) have a negative rates adjustment yet there are quite wealthy people in Kerikeri (not me) who can afford it.</p> <p>I lived on Waiheke for 12 years and I agree, having people rated off the island is not good practice. Particularly for those who have lived there for generations and have either had to subdivide or leave. I honestly don't know what the answer is except less population!</p>



## DISTRICT-WIDE RATING FOR WASTEWATER AND WATER PROPOSAL CHANGE



### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 117

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to both reticulated water and wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
At this stage I see that Kaikohe will be amongst the highest areas having an increase in rates, places like Hihi, Kaeo, Kawakawa, Keri keri, Kohukohu, Opononi, Whangaroa all have amounts taken off their rates when most of these are out of the way places, why should Kaikohe who are most central have to compensate these places. I know there is a proposal that more housing will be going ahead in Kaikohe and Kawakawa, also we have the prison in the back yard who has been draining our town supply water in Kaikohe for years, not even sure if it has unplugged from our system yet??/

## DISTRICT-WIDE RATING FOR WASTEWATER AND WATER PROPOSAL CHANGE



### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 127

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to both reticulated water and wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
we currently own 316 Kerikeri road. We have a 25 meter frontage on this road with a rental unit. we now pay \$8300 in rates which includes waste water. Water supply is on top of this. We are pensioners and find this rate a huge burden. I suspect this amalgamation will mean we pay more. we can not afford any more!!

## DISTRICT-WIDE RATING FOR WASTEWATER AND WATER PROPOSAL CHANGE



### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 132

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to both reticulated water and wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
The poor will again subsidise the wealthy. It's an entitled scam on those least able to afford it

## DISTRICT-WIDE RATING FOR WASTEWATER AND WATER PROPOSAL CHANGE



### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 133

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to both reticulated water and wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
As a rate payer that resides in paihia, we already suffer with the outrageous rates charges in this district. This will further increase financial pressure on us rate payers.

## DISTRICT-WIDE RATING FOR WASTEWATER AND WATER PROPOSAL CHANGE



### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 137

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to both reticulated water and wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
I object on the grounds that I do not wish to pay increased rates to cover people who choose to live in outlying areas. If the time comes that the rates in my area increase to cover costs, I would not expect people in other communities to help pay it. I appreciate the socialist idea, but do not support it.

## DISTRICT-WIDE RATING FOR WASTEWATER AND WATER PROPOSAL CHANGE



### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 143

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to both reticulated water and wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
I can't afford what we get charged now, and in the proposal ours goes up, not good enough, as we don't get enough services for what we pay now.

## DISTRICT-WIDE RATING FOR WASTEWATER AND WATER PROPOSAL CHANGE



### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 152

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to both reticulated water and wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
I'm happy with what I pay now

## DISTRICT-WIDE RATING FOR WASTEWATER AND WATER PROPOSAL CHANGE



### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 171

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to both reticulated water and wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
Hard to agree when I don't have enough information.



## DISTRICT-WIDE RATING FOR WASTEWATER AND WATER PROPOSAL CHANGE



### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 210

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to both reticulated water and wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
<p>Submission re future rates.</p> <p>1. Wastewater: I am a direct descendant of Tupuna's of Te Uri O Hua Hapu, along with many others in Ngapuhi Nui territory. My whangau do own and are shareholders on whenua which is affected by this rating system, which after viewing council proposal, does not appeal to me.</p> <p>The fact that this sewerage system was introduced with half the village residents being tenants at our meetings wasn't what we considered fair. The landlords are residents in e.g. Ruakaka, not at all what we call similar status? So will our rates go to maintain the richer property owners needs? = NO MORE = We lost a lot of our whenua thru colonisation and this looks like another "CON-JOB".</p> <p>People should look at researchers on Waitangi Tribunal Claims for Ngapuhi and not accept what officials quotes, as genuine and beneficial for us all.</p> <p>Septic tanks bran new, would have cost less than the sewerage system of \$6,000,000 and provide work for our own people in NZ. The sewerage ponds in Cumbers Road would be a health hazard future use, as heavy rain does make it overflow into the Wairoro Awa which travels down to Ngapipito Road and links up with other outflows.</p> <p>(Details removed for privacy) did inform council of that problem, but nothing much was done. Our whanau tends to an old "Wahi Tapu" that is access through a neighbouring property and we usually wash off in Wairoro Awa, named ("Kukune". Kohewhata B1). Our (Detail removed for privacy) father, was buried there in 1990. I did not accept the sewerage system and stayed with the septic tank.</p> <p>The correct name was and is "Wairoro" at the entry to Kaikohe Bridge, opposite the Rawiri Taiwhanga Park, which was Tupuna Land.</p> <p>2. Water Supply: I am satisfied with the supply but, when used by others like road works, we end up with dirty water. This was done recently, when the road that was damaged by Top Energy vehicles, used, when constructing and delivering supplies for the 3rd Geothermal Power Station, a few years ago, wasn't in a safe condition. So that did affect our customers</p>

## DISTRICT-WIDE RATING FOR WASTEWATER AND WATER PROPOSAL CHANGE



before the Parakirahi Ngawha Waiariki Pools, were redeveloped. I am one of the Trustees, who are owners along with descendants of original Tupuna.

The ditch on the Ngawha Springs Road, heading down to the pool on the left side does not have one, from the corner or in front of the Lodge building towards the trees next door up from the pools.

At the end of the pine trees growing there, is a rough ditch, that has a drainpipe or culvert installed sloping down covering about 50 mtrs. A continuation of about 100 mtrs to the pools, is no proper ditch or drain existing at all at present, just overgrown grass edge.

In the village, there is a drain that runs the R)side of the first house at our main road and the back of my property supposedly under Puia Street to an outflow opposite. The council had a lot of issues by neighbours but they never did much about it. That drain or creek does not flow out, so it rises at the back of us and the state house section, Puia Street where it sits. As this has been here for years, where the heck did our rates go to? Were they sent to the new developing areas in Kerikeri or paying for Far North District Council Office in Kerikeri.

So, I want areas for richer people to pay a higher rate than us poorer aged ones who are the were the original Tangata Whenua who did a lot of assistance for the settlers of 'Niu Tiren'i' and were robbed by the Authorities who continues to do so. **TOTALLY AGAINST COUNCILS PROPOSAL.**

## DISTRICT-WIDE RATING FOR WASTEWATER AND WATER PROPOSAL CHANGE



### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 4

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to both reticulated water and wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
Yes
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
It's a fairer way to rate residents for public services.

## DISTRICT-WIDE RATING FOR WASTEWATER AND WATER PROPOSAL CHANGE



### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 13

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to both reticulated water and wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
Yes
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
There's a net saving for us in Paihia and that infrastructure (particularly the water filtration plant) needs to be renewed urgently. The fire dept have indicated the water pressure can be below the required standard for their needs.

## DISTRICT-WIDE RATING FOR WASTEWATER AND WATER PROPOSAL CHANGE



### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 30

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to both reticulated water and wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
Yes
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
Based on your projections we will pay a lot more for the same services when every other part of the region either pay less or a lot less
<b>Is there anything else you would like to tell us?</b>
I do not agree with the amount to be charged, overall the increase for my area without change was \$514 increase and under new scheme would be \$527 increase over the period of the proposal. Charging every property that is connected to Waste and Water \$1815

## DISTRICT-WIDE RATING FOR WASTEWATER AND WATER PROPOSAL CHANGE



### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 33

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to both reticulated water and wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
Yes
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
I believe water is an essential service and costs should be shared across as wide a group as possible.

## DISTRICT-WIDE RATING FOR WASTEWATER AND WATER PROPOSAL CHANGE



### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 41

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to both reticulated water and wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
Yes
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
Rates are very expensive for me being just the single bread winner
<b>Is there anything else you would like to tell us?</b>
Credit back rates for those projects that were not deligered in one financial year

## DISTRICT-WIDE RATING FOR WASTEWATER AND WATER PROPOSAL CHANGE



### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 59

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to both reticulated water and wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
Yes
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
If the change is cheaper then yes. Rates & water rates are too high especially for pensioners living in central Kerikeri.



## DISTRICT-WIDE RATING FOR WASTEWATER AND WATER PROPOSAL CHANGE



### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 73

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to both reticulated water and wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
Yes
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
A district-wide rate is more practicable long-term.

## DISTRICT-WIDE RATING FOR WASTEWATER AND WATER PROPOSAL CHANGE



### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 74

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to both reticulated water and wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
Yes
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
Well it's a no brainer really, i would hate to see homeowners and Tenants an area such as Hihi being priced out of affordability for thsse services even though I don't live there. I think a District t wide scheme would be fairer and affordable for the whole of the Far North.
<b>Is there anything else you would like to tell us?</b>
I vote for District wide Rates Scheme 100%

## DISTRICT-WIDE RATING FOR WASTEWATER AND WATER PROPOSAL CHANGE



### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 75

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to both reticulated water and wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
Yes
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
Seems fair ish, why not make it the same for the whole region.

## DISTRICT-WIDE RATING FOR WASTEWATER AND WATER PROPOSAL CHANGE



### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 89

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to both reticulated water and wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
Yes
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
Less cost for smaller population areas

## DISTRICT-WIDE RATING FOR WASTEWATER AND WATER PROPOSAL CHANGE



### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 93

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to both reticulated water and wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
Yes
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
it make sense for the region to better support all surrounding areas and improve infrastructure

## DISTRICT-WIDE RATING FOR WASTEWATER AND WATER PROPOSAL CHANGE



### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 100

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to both reticulated water and wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
Yes
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
More evenly spread costs
<b>Is there anything else you would like to tell us?</b>
We are connected to the Doubtless Bay water scheme for reticulated water which I do not think is a council scheme. If this is the case you may consider my responses as though connected to wastewater only

## DISTRICT-WIDE RATING FOR WASTEWATER AND WATER PROPOSAL CHANGE



### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 107

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to both reticulated water and wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
Yes
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
From the information supplied it seems to be the most cost effective option.
<b>Is there anything else you would like to tell us?</b>
I trust the costings supplied are reliable and not subject to change once you have general approval?

## DISTRICT-WIDE RATING FOR WASTEWATER AND WATER PROPOSAL CHANGE



### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 116

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to both reticulated water and wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
Yes
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
It will be more equitable with those on lower incomes still able to access basic water and wastewater services.



## DISTRICT-WIDE RATING FOR WASTEWATER AND WATER PROPOSAL CHANGE



### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 119

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to both reticulated water and wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
Yes
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
It seems fairer to spread the cost over everyone.

## DISTRICT-WIDE RATING FOR WASTEWATER AND WATER PROPOSAL CHANGE



### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 123

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to both reticulated water and wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
Yes
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
Long term reductions in rates.

## DISTRICT-WIDE RATING FOR WASTEWATER AND WATER PROPOSAL CHANGE



### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 126

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to both reticulated water and wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
Yes
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
Probably will work better for district

## DISTRICT-WIDE RATING FOR WASTEWATER AND WATER PROPOSAL CHANGE



### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 130

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to both reticulated water and wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
Yes
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
Choosing to support thinking this will decrease my rates which increased by \$600 last year in Kaitaia

## DISTRICT-WIDE RATING FOR WASTEWATER AND WATER PROPOSAL CHANGE



### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 136

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to both reticulated water and wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
Yes
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
I don't understand either schemes? But I do know I'm happy if it lowers the cost of water and rates. It is a real struggle to get by at the moment for everyone. And I hope this isn't a trick to raise our prices.
<b>Is there anything else you would like to tell us?</b>
Water and rates are huge chunks of a house owners finances it shouldn't be this expensive, even rubbish is ridiculous rate payers who live in their homes shouldn't have to pay for rubbish. I hope the land rates and water rates come down in price because f

## DISTRICT-WIDE RATING FOR WASTEWATER AND WATER PROPOSAL CHANGE



### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 205

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to both reticulated water and wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
Yes
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
RE: FNDC Rates – Proposal to Remove Scheme Based Targeted Rates for Water and Wastewater Reticulated Infrastructure  This Feedback is provided on behalf of Turnstone Trust. Turnstone Trust owns land at 126 Kerikeri Road, Kerikeri. The land is entirely within the Area of Benefit for the Kerikeri Wastewater Scheme as shown below:

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**Kerikeri Wastewater Area of Benefit (AOB)**

**Legend**

- Current Wastewater Reticulation
- 2016 Wastewater AOB
- Existing Wastewater AOB
- Long Term Plan Wastewater AOB

**District Plan Zones**

- Coastal Living
- Commercial
- Conservation
- Industrial
- Lakes & Rivers
- Quail Ridge Country Club
- Recreational Activities
- Residential
- Rural Living
- Rural Production

The online Feedback requests responses to the following questions:  
 What type of connection do you have?  
 Turnstone land has an existing reticulated connection for Woodlands Motel. The entirety of the land is within the Area of Benefit for the Kerikeri wastewater scheme and there is also existing reticulated water supply.

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Do you support that proposal to change the way the Council rates for reticulated water and wastewater to a district wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate and why?

Turnstone supports the proposal to change to a district wide rate rather than a scheme-based rate because it is fairer to all ratepayers and everyone benefits as a result of Council managing and providing for growth in an integrated manner. There are areas within the District, subject to significant growth. Alongside this growth is a need to upgrade, extend and increase the capacity of reticulated water and wastewater infrastructure. Appropriate and quality infrastructure benefits all aspects of the environment and communities in the Far North.

Turnstone would like to reserve the ability to present their submission in person.



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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 7

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to just reticulated wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
The hidden problem is the 30 % rise in rates over 4 years. How do you justify that and why are you not being transparent about that to ratepayers
<b>Is there anything else you would like to tell us?</b>
Personally I support the current system where each area pays for its own scheme. I live in Russell. Why should other communities subsidize our scheme. Our sewerage system leaks and previous council politicians and staff have covered up the leaks and disc

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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 8

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to just reticulated wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
Rates paid in the area should remain for that area

## DISTRICT-WIDE RATING FOR WASTEWATER AND WATER PROPOSAL CHANGE



### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 20

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to just reticulated wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
The increase in wastewater rates will have me out of home and pocket alone.
<b>Is there anything else you would like to tell us?</b>
Charges for wastewater have been in place on our section in Ahipara yet there is NO wastewater connection.

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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 23

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to just reticulated wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
Many people , (including us), use only rainwater. Although we could be connected to reticulated water we have no plans to do so. It would not be fair to charge us for something we don't use. We are connected to waste water but are only in our house 5-6 months of the year. We reside in America the balance of the time.

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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 28

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to just reticulated wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
We live in Coopers Beach and whilst we could get connected to Doubtless Bay water supply which is a private company. We would need to upgrade our hotwater storage and are happy with our water tanks

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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 29

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to just reticulated wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
I have a holiday home that I already pay for the "average" waste water used. Why would I want to pay even more than the 400% I'm already paying now ? Seem ridiculously unfair to those that don't live in the houses but already pay a full share as if we did.
<b>Is there anything else you would like to tell us?</b>
Holiday houses shouldn't have to pay a full year's waste water rates !

## DISTRICT-WIDE RATING FOR WASTEWATER AND WATER PROPOSAL CHANGE



### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 32

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to just reticulated wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
We only have a private reticulated water supply in our area and we have our own water tank supply so don't see why we should pay for reticulated water for others.

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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 40

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to just reticulated wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
I'm not keen on paying for water when I have set up my own tank etc.



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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 42

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to just reticulated wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
We are not connected to a COUNCIL water system so cannot be charged for something we do not have.

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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 46

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to just reticulated wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
Because we pay enough in rates and should be covered by pur rates

## DISTRICT-WIDE RATING FOR WASTEWATER AND WATER PROPOSAL CHANGE



### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 48

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to just reticulated wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
We only have reticulated wastewater. This property is a holiday home which we only use occasionally. We cannot see why we should be charged extra as it is not occupied every day and the rates that we currently pay should more than cover any extra costs.

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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 53

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to just reticulated wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
Highest proposed rate increase for my area, even if only wastewater (not even water). This does not seem right!

## DISTRICT-WIDE RATING FOR WASTEWATER AND WATER PROPOSAL CHANGE



### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 55

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to just reticulated wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
We use tank water only so can not understand why we would need to pay for a system we don't use. Have no problem with the wastewater proposal

## DISTRICT-WIDE RATING FOR WASTEWATER AND WATER PROPOSAL CHANGE



### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 58

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to just reticulated wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
Should be area specific. Pay your area costs, not subsidise other areas.

## DISTRICT-WIDE RATING FOR WASTEWATER AND WATER PROPOSAL CHANGE



### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 61

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to just reticulated wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
As I general principle I endorse user pays. The current proposal is a cross subsidy whereby some areas within FNDC subsidize others. The current system clearly identifies costs where they lie, and should be retained. NZ went through a very difficult socio-economic revolution in the mid 1980s within which we learned that subsidies distort reality.
<b>Is there anything else you would like to tell us?</b>
Some areas will need significant expansion/upgrade, such as the Kerikeri/Paihia scheme, where there is substantial growth. This may well be due to poor planning, but cross-subsidy is not the solution.

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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 68

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to just reticulated wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
It don't think its fair to charge us for water connection when we use tank water



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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 76

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to just reticulated wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
I am a single person paying a mortgage on my own under trying times. I have a water tank for my water supply and connected to wastewater supply. I dont think my rates should go up in regards to water supply as it doesn't effect me. I'm already qualify for rates reduction because my income is so low with only 30 hours a week. Seeing how much my rates will go up over the next 4 years is very troubling and causing me to stress out. I think it should be a case by case situation.

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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 81

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to just reticulated wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
Two reasons... small community and our plant shouldn't cost as much to run compared to a larger populated community. Those in higher soci economical areas with a much larger use should pay more. Our area already doesn't benefit from money getting spent to provide resources as much as others e.g. footpaths, street lights, parks bbq areas etc... we have to travel so again a money thing. Also absolutely no way would we manage those rate hikes with the high general cost of living and interest rates at this time.
<b>Is there anything else you would like to tell us?</b>
Not a fair scheme to smaller rural communities.

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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 85

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to just reticulated wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
Because it is unfair. My rates are higher than most as it is. Kerikeri who have so many more services than our area should have the largest increase

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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 88

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to just reticulated wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
The increase in my area seems the highest and I will not afford to subsidise the other areas.

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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 96

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to just reticulated wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
I think you should be charging per pan per household, as a household with 3 toilets and 10 people will pay the same as a couple with 1 toilet so the processing will be totally different as should the cost. How will you know who has legally or illegally connected to the system, as I can guarantee there will be some.
<b>Is there anything else you would like to tell us?</b>
We have a sewer main going through our section and there are no records of depth. Is this going to be replaced and moved as we have hit it once due it only being approximately 3-400mm under the drive in which the council has consented ?? We cannot level t

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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 97

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to just reticulated wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
I don't want to pay extra for services that are not applied to my property.

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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 106

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to just reticulated wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
On tank water and will never need to use council water so am not paying for something not going to use. Also every race should have to pay not have one lot not paying

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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 114

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to just reticulated wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
Because we already pay extremely high rates and this proposal will not only increase our rates bills now,it will be used as a lever to Increase rates unchallenged Into the future. Also ,with the cost of living and current economic climate ,this proposal will only exacerbate these problems on communities that can least afford it
<b>Is there anything else you would like to tell us?</b>
Yes,how about doing something that reduces rates for a change.



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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 118

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to just reticulated wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
The scheme comes across as robbing the rich to help the poor. I do not know if I might benefit from the new water scheme or end up paying more. I am neither rich nor very poor but always just over any threshold for assistance. I am on a fixed income (superannuation) and have no other money coming in. I may own my home but any rise in costs makes me wonder for how long. I have tanks and have only had to buy water twice in 8 years. I could connect to the private Doubtless Bay water - I prefer not to. I think water for everyone should be top of council's list - even at the expense of other projects - good water is everyone's right.
<b>Is there anything else you would like to tell us?</b>
I would like to see all homes (new and old) having tanks - for those times when the water system is under stress. I also think the commercial users of water should be paying a commercial cost for it. e.g There are huge avocado farms going in - they sh

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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 125

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to just reticulated wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
new wastewater capacity should be paid by the developers that require the added capacity

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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 135

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to just reticulated wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
I collect my own water and pay all maintenance to maintain tanks on my property so i don't appreciate paying for water supply. You should create an opportunity for properties to install tanks then people will be more mindful on how much they use.
<b>Is there anything else you would like to tell us?</b>
I will only continue to pay for waste water.

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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 145

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to just reticulated wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
We have already paid off original treatment plant installation and reticulated for our area. Why should we now have to pay for other areas.

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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 149

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to just reticulated wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
Our rates are all ready to high for the service that are provided and our money wasted no none core functions that the council should be improving first

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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 153

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to just reticulated wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
what happened to user pays? I don't see why I should pay nearly \$500 more over the next few years to pay for another areas problems as well as the normal rate increases.

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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 154

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to just reticulated wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
I am strongly opposed to this proposal. Wastewater charges should be charged on the basis of what this service costs to provide ratepayers who are connected to it in each location. For different reasons some locations will always have to bear a higher cost than others. Your proposal is highly discriminatory. To subsidise those ratepayers in higher cost locations by those in lower cost locations is grossly unfair. Wastewater costs should strictly be on a user pay basis. Your proposal sees our particular wastewater charges increase by 46% over the next 3 years. That is absurd and we totally reject that.
<b>Is there anything else you would like to tell us?</b>
As a council you need to find cost efficiencies. As ratepayers we see a lot of ratepayer income being wastefully ploughed into "nice to have projects" instead of vital services and infrastructure.

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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 161

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to just reticulated wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
<p>PROPOSED NEW RATING FOR WATER &amp; WASTEWATER</p> <p>WATER SYSTEM - we are OPPOSED to this proposed NEW rate system as we do not have any COUNCIL WATER SUPPLY in Cable Bay, Far North so we do not think we can be charged for something we DO NOT HAVE.</p> <p>WASTEWATER - We are connected to the Council Wastewater system.</p>



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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 14

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to just reticulated wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
Yes
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
Because it has been very frustrating to see that systems in areas of higher population being improved/renewed and significant Govt funding contributing to them, while areas of lower populations do not seem to have the same sort of resources or facilities. Supplies of potable water might be assumed, but rural areas are closer to third than first world in this respect... along with so many other services made available in centres of population. Areas of lower density populations seem to be asked to pay more for less, or for overall poorer systems and services. Fairer distribution of costs across the whole area is a significant step forward to my mind.

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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 36

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to just reticulated wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
Yes
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
It is an equitable solution. Everyone deserves the same service for the same fee.

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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 44

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to just reticulated wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
Yes
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
We only get waste water reticulation but I would favour a simpler more evenly spread cost. I would trust the reasoning of the council representatives for making this change

## DISTRICT-WIDE RATING FOR WASTEWATER AND WATER PROPOSAL CHANGE



### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 52

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to just reticulated wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
Yes
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
Change to district-wide is the fair option, all water and WWTP's will eventually require upgrading/renewal. If the present way of rating wastewater services remains it will be a burden and possibly unaffordable for many homeowners.

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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 56

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to just reticulated wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
Yes
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
I have lived in Hihi for over 33 years since then I have had to fund 2 sewerage upgrades neither of which were effective for long term sewerage treatment I dont want to have to pay for another one
<b>Is there anything else you would like to tell us?</b>
I think it is a huge council problem that they keep issuing building permits to an area that cannot cope with the current sewerage it has, Hihi has always been a busy holiday spot we spent years with the smell of sewerage wafting over the fields in the mo

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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 84

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to just reticulated wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
Yes
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
Seems fair
<b>Is there anything else you would like to tell us?</b>
But there's a risk that it becomes unfair if developments are undertaken in some areas that require a lot of expenditure that is then funded by everyone in the district. This can be mitigated by development contributions ensuring that the developers are n

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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 90

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to just reticulated wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
Yes
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
<p>The notion of common good for the community. Spreading the fixed-costs of projects throughout the full community enables the provision of services that benefits the whole community. Some things, such as enhanced health via provision of clean water and safe treatment of waste benefits all in the community. The carry benefits to the community irrespective of whether a person has contributed to the cost of the service. In effect, it is a good that everyone should have and therefore everyone should contribute to the cost on some basis. Given the presence of social benefits, it is not possible to create a true "user pays" model for such services if it so desired.</p> <p>Sewage and water can incur significant fixed-costs associated with establishment and enhancement. The rating model favours provision of such services to centres that have a large population base and can therefore spread the fixed-cost wider.</p> <p>The model places a higher cost per head on smaller population centers and pushes people and employment towards living in the towns thereby adding further social costs.</p> <p>The northern Iwi have been long established in many distinctive localities. Their turangawaewae is a critical aspect of well-being and cultural identity. The collective community is obligated under the Treaty of Waitangi to protect the treasures of Maori and this includes the land and well-being of the people. Imposing additional costs upon such communities undermines such objectives.</p> <p>The smaller and more isolated communities already incur additional costs re accessing health and education but there are measures in place to address these arising from a central tax base. A similar approach needs to be used for water and sewage.</p>

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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 101

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to just reticulated wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
Yes
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
If it means rates in these scheme areas are spread uniformly to support infrastructure needs that have been installed, and/or where maintenance and replacements are required.
<b>Is there anything else you would like to tell us?</b>
It is however, common knowledge, where systems were available on construction, some ratepayers opted out to cut down on their rates and this I cannot abide. There is way too much of this attitude in Northland. If Council along with Central Govt is provid



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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 102

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to just reticulated wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
Yes
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
It's fairer ... everyone should have access to water and/or waste water services without a penalty on location. Some areas are on Tank water and only use waste water service yet pay huge rates for waste water. While others get both services and pay much less.

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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 103

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to just reticulated wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
Yes
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
This proposal is fairer to all. We need to share these costs. It's not acceptable to have non-compliant schemes.
<b>Is there anything else you would like to tell us?</b>
I live in Mangonui, but couldn't tell from the information provided how the proposal affected our property. I know our wastewater is treated in Taipa, but couldn't tell which area listed was relevant. The Council should ensure that relevant information

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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 112

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to just reticulated wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
Yes
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
The high cost in some areas is unfair for those rate payers and result in financial stress.

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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 134

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to just reticulated wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
Yes
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
It looks more sustainable for our family budget

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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 146

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to just reticulated wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
Yes
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
The service level received by the ratepayer is equal in all areas, that is the ratepayers ability to flush a toilet, dispose of grey water is the same wherever the property is situated.
<b>Is there anything else you would like to tell us?</b>
There is a significant public benefit to providing a reticulated service to all schemes. The ability to maintain clean waterways, beaches and harbours benefits all users, not just those connected to the system . I have previously, through email to Councillor Court, submitted to Council my views on this issue with particular regard to the proposed Hihi wastewater scheme upgrade. Please refer to that correspondence for a fuller consideration of my submission.

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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 150

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to just reticulated wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
Yes
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
It seems a rational and fair approach to payment for services.

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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 151

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to just reticulated wastewater
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
Yes
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
Agree with reason to meet compliance of infrastructures district wide.

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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 5

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to just reticulated water
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
The big question is whether it is giving FNDC more or less income from rates? If less, what is the point? Far North is massively lacking in infrastructure whether it be water, wastewater or stormwater, so you should be holding onto every dollar you get from it in rates, and investing in new infrastructure.
<b>Is there anything else you would like to tell us?</b>
FNDC should enforce rates on ALL land in the Far North. The amount of land in the district which FNDC gets no rates from is out of control. By doing this, FNDC would be able to provide exceptional infrastructure upgrades (and roading) to the entire distri



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Submission No: 18

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to just reticulated water
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
Looking at the chart, savings are only made in Kerikeri if you are connected to the wastewater. If you are just connected to the water supply, there is actually an increase in rates.

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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 19

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to just reticulated water
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
I am not opposed to a change to district-wide rates in theory, but the pricing examples in the table do not seem fair for properties only connected to reticulated water and not wastewater. The table shows a large rate increase for this group (I am particularly looking at Kerikeri).

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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 69

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to just reticulated water
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
I feel this is inequitable for those who are not connected as they will be paying twice for their services.
<b>Is there anything else you would like to tell us?</b>
The implications of the three waters reform do not appear to have been considered. One of the "benefits of the reform is about managing these costs. Not sure the timing is right for this proposal.

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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 70

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to just reticulated water
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
We do not support the proposal because it will result in a significant increase in our water charges whilst subsidising other areas. A targeted rate is much fairer with user pays and ensures that those enjoying the services pay for the services being supplied..
<b>Is there anything else you would like to tell us?</b>
The calculations are very misleading as the change in rates has been netted off ie the wastewater and water supply amounts. Our property does not have the facility to connect to the waste water service and this would mean an increase from \$117 to \$291 for

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Submission No: 78

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to just reticulated water
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
Why should the tourist area and well build shopping areas pay less then us in rural FNDC. Our town don't grow and we have helping tourist spot who get heaps from tourism during holiday times.
<b>Is there anything else you would like to tell us?</b>
Leave Moerewa rates as they are.

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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 82

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to just reticulated water
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
I don't support this as we live in moerewa and we have to pay for our waste water as we have septic tanks. This is \$500 and is quite costly and don't believe it is at our cost to pay for other area's problems
<b>Is there anything else you would like to tell us?</b>
No cost to moerewa!!!!

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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 98

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to just reticulated water
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
Because people should only pay for the services they receive, and if people select to purchase a home in an area with an expensive scheme, that was their choice. I don't wish to subsidise people that have gone into a home and then complain about the cost.

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Submission No: 109

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to just reticulated water
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
It appears council cannot provide reticulated water and wastewater in an efficient manner. It would be more cost effective in the majority of cases for land owners to provide these services for themselves rather than through reticulated services. To then have to pay for these services district wide when I have already paid to provide them myself is very frustrating. Even though I am on the reticulated network I have barely used it and use my own tank water instead.



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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 113

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to just reticulated water
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
I am concerned about the increase in rates for reticulated water and wastewater for some rate payers, in particular those in Kaikohe and Kaitaia.
<b>Is there anything else you would like to tell us?</b>
It would be useful to know what the received government funding to upgrade schemes in Kaikohe and Kawakawa is, in order to know what effect this might have on the proposed district-wide rate change.

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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 122

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to just reticulated water
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
Reason, if price increase, i expect to have my septic tank cleaned for free, not be charged @ \$580 every five years to clean. This is also in our rates demand also.
<b>Is there anything else you would like to tell us?</b>
You have had long enough and knew long ago about these stations and you being negligent of duties, is now passing the cost to the rate payers. Thats the thing, every 3 years, new bum, new seat, new brainfart comes along and your projected cleaning / Main

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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 147

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to just reticulated water
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
I don't know what i am agreeing to, for that i need concrete information, not just "thr proposal". How is this calculated?
<b>Is there anything else you would like to tell us?</b>
I am okay with what i am paying for water at the moment, the quality is acceptable.

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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 206

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to just reticulated water
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
We/I'm happy with the system as is, please do not change. It's affordable for us, how it's set up.

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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 21

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to just reticulated water
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
Yes
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
Believe in equitable solutions, and surely there must be administrative, process saves, if the system is managed consistently.

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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 25

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to just reticulated water
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
Yes
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
Although we are not connected to wastewater and hardly ever use town water (several water tanks) it's a fairer contribution.

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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 34

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to just reticulated water
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
Yes
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
We're all part of FNDC and should be all treated the same.

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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 43

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to just reticulated water
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
Yes
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
This proposal effectively moves water supply to a single, unified FNDC water supply regardless of location. It spreads evenly amongst all FNDC water consumers.



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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 91

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to just reticulated water
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
Yes
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
This will increase my water rates but I support a more equitable approach that can help support other communities and improve the current water services which critically need investment to bring it up to the required level of service and help promote growth.

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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 108

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to just reticulated water
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
Yes
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
Less administration so expect this to remain the most cost effective option.
<b>Is there anything else you would like to tell us?</b>
I would like to be sure that the cost estimates supplied are accurate and not subject to change.

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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 204

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Connected to just reticulated water
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
<p>I am on tank water and have a septic tank. My granny flat is connected to town supply, but it is rarely lived in, I keep it available for friends /family visiting, so most of the time the water isn't used.</p> <p>I have long realised Kerikeri's infrastructure was inadequate and needing upgrading. I think your proposals are fair, a good way to move forward and help smaller communities.</p> <p>However, in my case, I hardly use wastewater/water services. If this means eventually having both these services for future generations, then it seems the most sustainable way to obtain these going forward.</p> <p>As long as the money IS spent on infrastructure and not admin and other bureaucratic services.</p>

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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 155

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
N/a
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
N/a
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
I may have read the information incorrectly but it sounded like you are targeting those that 'could' be connected. We use neither service as do all of our neighbours. There is no infrastructure for connection to either service. Your message seems to imply that if you 'could be connected' you will pay additional rates. Your circular does not cover the event of someone who could be connected declining those connections.
<b>Is there anything else you would like to tell us?</b>
I think the circular was badly written.

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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 160

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
N/a
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
N/a
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
I collect my own water not interested in paying been doing this all my life
<b>Is there anything else you would like to tell us?</b>
Thank you for your response, what really worries me is I have lived on the same land for over 50 years, what happens when you are able to connect me? Will you force me to pay regardless??

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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 162

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
n/a
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
n/a
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
However Developers and hence purchasers should pay the full cost of provision of these services 2. Water should be metered. It is expensive to provide good water and there needs to be an incentive to use less. Water your lawn , fill your pool. You pay

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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 167

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
n/a
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
n/a
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
<p>Tena koe</p> <p>I make my submission with regard to the proposed changes for water across our district. There is no mention of people being able to or encouraged to collect their own rain water and manage thier own supply. If all did this we would not need an FNDC supply. Of course all would never do that, however for those that do,what provision is the council making to not charge those who manage their own supply. Some homes within towns already collect their own water. When rate payers collect and manage their own water why would the council change them. The council should provide an incentive to those who collect and manage their own water. We should have a category for water "connected but not used, to cover those who make no demand on the council system. Many properties have satisfactory septic tanks and no requirement to connect to any council sewerage system.</p> <p>There is a wider issue here of people having the opportunity to self manage and not to be forced to use a council system, many of which are less than good. A good example is the many places that have water restrictions during summer on a council manage system that is poor and badly managed by council. Council is often not the only or even the best solution. We need to share the management when ratepayers stand willing to provide for themselves. There is no great call for councils to run everything as history tells us that few council get it right and one of the bad points is that councils force people to use their less than ideal systems.</p> <p>I would like the council to demonstrate why council must control every thing and ignore the value that individuals can and do make to support themselves. If only a small share of people provide for themselves this would take a heavy pressure off the presently poorly manage council systems.</p> <p>I am not in favour of the suggested 3 waters proposal, however it cannot be said that FNDC has managed our water well. The systems seem to be run on if something leaks then go and fix it. There is lilte effective long term planning that has resulted in better water systems and improvements being made over time. Our in house water management skills are less than satisfactory and no assigned responsibilities. So nobody is held to account and nobody is answerable</p> <p>I do appreciate being consulted, however that credit will be lost if submissions are not dealt with and included in the outcomes.</p>

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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 170

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
N/a
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
N/a
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
As our water charges will remain close to what we already pay, and because I can see costs will certainly rise, I would like to suggest that the Council apply to the ministry responsible for distribution of GST and give to all local body councils a fund for water supply and maintenance.



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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 172

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
n/a
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
N/a
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
I register my agreement in making the charges standard over the whole district. I register my strong disagreement with the implication that property owners will be charged for sewage services available even if the property is not connected or using it.

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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 174

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
n/a
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
n/a
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
<p>Taking a business option brings me to the question of why we need this “band-aid” approach to a problem the Council has created?</p> <p>The background is interesting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We have Potable water issues throughout the North, namely: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Kaitaia: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Should have been attended to 8 years ago at a cost of \$4.5 million</li> <li>• Current cost is at \$15.3 million - evidently under budget.....</li> <li>• Suggest you check with Steve McNally</li> </ul> </li> <li>o Kerikeri: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>? Waste water system is inadequate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$30 million spent in the AoB for 800 properties</li> </ul> </li> <li>? We have commercial property in the AoB. Costs are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rates \$173.69 capital cost for Potable water</li> <li>• Property uses 9 cubic litres every 6 months at a cost of \$30.87 – \$3.43 per cubic litre</li> <li>• Assuming the six months is a year then 9 cubic litres should be 18 cubic litres, the cost \$61.74 per year</li> <li>• Total cost \$235.43 per cubic litre</li> </ul> </li> <li>? Waste Water <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All of the above becomes Wastewater</li> <li>• Our Rates for Waste Water is \$1,281.05 being capital and operating costs</li> <li>• \$71.17 per cubic litre</li> </ul> </li> <li>? Total water costs are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$306.60 per cubic litre</li> </ul> </li> <li>? Another property we own in the AoB has a public storm water drain crossing the property</li> <li>? That means we have 300 m2 we cannot build on (about 9% of the total property size)</li> <li>? There are no easements</li> <li>? There is no relief in Rates</li> </ul> </li> <li>o Russell:</li> </ul> </li></ul>

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? The Potable water Resource Consent is held by an Australian company registered in Sydney

- o Kaikohe:

? Potable water source is from private land

? Therefore, there is a need for to build a dam – cost unknown

Part of my current responsibilities is looking after Cornerstone Church investments. Their properties are within the AoB and are deemed Residential.

On the lower property Cornerstone would like to build apartments, 20 in total, mainly for young people who work in the retirement sector – there is no adequate accommodation available for these people.

How can I give them the go-ahead without knowing our Waste Water system can cope?

Your answer would be “get a Resource Consent”. However, Resource Consents cost money.

On our commercial property in the AoB we have plans for 21 apartments – the same issue applies.

Therefore, the cause of all this still remains with the Council in charge of Water.

We cannot afford all of that and history tells us why.

Solution:

A company is formed consisting of Council holding 50% and private enterprise holding the other 50% - all local people.

At the moment we have no control – Council holds 100% and the Community has no say. We elect the Councilors, not the employees.

You have put forward a solution for the current crises but have NOT FIXED THE CAUSE.

The Central Government knows the Local Government has no control over Water but has political issues in legislating correctly.

It is certainly worth discussing.

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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 190

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
n/a
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
n/a
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
<p>Please accept our submission which relates to waste water.</p> <p>The current measuring system for waste water disposal is a 'cross the board' measurement from property to property. This is an archaic, unmeasurable, and therefore inaccurate and highly inequitable system.</p> <p>Unfair is the better word.</p> <p>As a commercial property we are currently being charged under a pan tax system as opposed to a measured outflow of waste water.</p> <p>A perfect example of this inequitable measuring and charging system is the example of the BP Petrol Station with two pans being flushed hundreds of times each day compared to our 10 apartments/pans only being flushed two or three times a day.</p> <p>In summary obviously we produce far less waste water than the petrol station but are being charged far more in 'pan tax rates'/waste water rates.</p> <p>What is not clear to us is the distinction between pan tax and or waste water and whether or not we are being charged with both.</p> <p>Could this be clarified as it will make the submission clearer.</p>

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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 198

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
n/a
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
n/a
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
<p>I am a ratepayer in the East Coast area. I make the following submissions.</p> <p>(1) I note that the initial envisaged annual increases for East Coast are            \$910 to \$997 = 10% increase            \$997 to \$1124 = 13% increase            \$1124 to \$1322 = 15% increase</p> <p>These are extraordinary proposals, utterly beyond the current unacceptable rate of inflation.</p> <p>(2) Since Council's proposals were circulated, the Three Waters legislation has been enacted. Under this legislation payment for these services will be made by Central Government (ie by taxpayers) and no longer by Local Government ie by ratepayers. I wish to be assured that when this occurs, FNDC will no longer either under the present or the proposed system continue to make charges for these services. To do so would of course mean that ratepayers would be charged twice for the same service ie once as rate payers and once as tax payers.</p> <p>I have raised this concern by email with my local representative Felicity Foy. It is a matter of concern to me that Councillor Foy has declined to reply to my email. This suggests that FNDC does indeed harbour hope of continuing to obtain ratepayer money for a service it will soon no longer need to fund.</p>

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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 202

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
n/a
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
n/a
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
<p>1. Introduction: Something must change, to ensure council can deliver the levels of service it has committed to.</p> <p>Maybe by reducing the size of the land area, which is currently 3500 sq mtrs down to 700 sq mtrs, enabling individuals/adjoining properties, to install their own wastewater treatment systems.</p> <p>Hence no burden or costs to council.</p> <p>possabily subsidized by local government?</p> <p>Install in every new build, a minimum size water tank, and grey/black water tank, prior to wastewater treatment system!</p> <p>Every individual on a minimum 700 sq mtere block should have the oportunity to either connect to council waste water system or install there own treatment system.</p> <p>2 Proposal; This proposal will not affect ratepayers, who are not connected to (or not able to connect to ) any council wastewater or water scheme.</p> <p>3 The why, Another way to look at this, is to ask what will happen if we don't change our Methodology? We seam to have an abundance of water, a water tank is a must.</p> <p>Compliance: more regular authoriety compliance . Keep it simple .</p> <p>5 Funding impact of what we are proposing. Mangonui / Coopers Beach/ Cable bay /Taipa are missing on the list.</p> <p>Why is that.</p> <p>For the well being of the people in the above area, are we considered at all as rate payers ?</p>

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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 156

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
N/a
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
I strongly believe that the system should remain as it is and areas should pay for their own services equally - what is proposed looks to be subsizing the most affluent smaller communities such as paihia, Russell and whangaroa and charging that extra amount to less affluent communities such as kaikohe and kaitaia, this seems immoral to me

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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 168

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
N/a
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
As a Kerikeri Ratepayer I feel very concerned to read this. You make this proposal sound like it is a good idea. but our rates are already outrageously high for the value of the property we have which is one quarter of the size of our previous property but the rates are more. Any increase in rates will make it very difficult for us to afford. We do not use much water either. So I am not happy as sadly do not trust the council and feel that invariably your proposal will mean an increase in our water rates.



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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 184

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
N/a
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
I dispute with this proposal

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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 189

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
n/a
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
As a ratepayer of two properties in Kohukohu, I am fully against targeted rates for sewage, and demand to have a fairer system for our district. I back a region wide system so we no longer are forced to pay out to something that we have already paid for and continue to pay for services we do not receive

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## Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 194

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
n/a
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
no
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
<p>In regard to the proposed 'excessive wastewater rate increase' for Hihi is absolutely overwhelming it is an already trying and financially difficult time for many whanau. There are no recommendations or alternative infrastructure options proposed for Hihi residents, only an increase in which Hihi residents will suffer immensely.</p> <p>Why - Manage affordability??? For who? Why is Hihi so significantly different to all other areas?</p> <p>We say 'No - we do not support or agree'.</p> <p>We purchased our property in Hihi in October 2021, it is our retirement home which we plan to move to in six to eight years following our son moving on from college. It is currently rented out by a property manager based in Doubtless Bay, and we live in Auckland in a rental property, where I work and have served the Royal NZ Navy for over 30 years.</p> <p>We are currently a one-salary earning military family living with two children (13yrs old at college and 24yr old who lives at home due to anxiety and mental health issues), my wife is seeking work. We returned to NZ following living in Canada for two years during Covid-19 as a military family posting, this gap has proved challenging for my wife seeking work.</p> <p>The proposed amount (as per screenshot for Hihi - 2023-2024 an increase of \$928 will force us into financial hardship, and with a forecast of 2024 - 2025 to be over \$4270 per annum our dream to retire in the Far North will cease.</p> <p>My wife has whanau in Paihia, Kawakawa, Kerikeri, Kaikohe and Karetu, we are no strangers to the Far North, she spent her childhood holidays with her whanau across the Far North, her iwi affiliation being Ngapuhi. We loved our camping holidays with many navy friends based in Hihi, Monganui and Taita hence our motivation to move up north and why we purchased in Hihi. We intend to semi-retire and believe our collective expertise could support community and youth initiatives, my wife has worked with local authorities, for council community strategies in Porirua and Kapiti supporting rangatahi and the vulnerable.</p> <p>Please understand the strain this places on many families, this is our home the one we have worked so hard in hopes to reside in and retire. This wastewater funding impact proposed will be the end of our dream.</p>

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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 197

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
n/a
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
<p>Submission to the Proposal District-wide targeted rates for water and wastewater.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. I support the move to a district-wide rating system for water and wastewater.</li> <li>2. The information provided as a consultative document does not meet the criteria for consultation due to it's ambiguities and inaccuracies.</li> <li>3. It would appear that Council has not followed the correct decision making process as the only option considered is to apply the current defective rating system on a district-wide basis. Given the proposal is to address the challenge to adequately fund reticulated water supply and wastewater treatment in the Far North, decisions must be made on a far wider scope.</li> </ol> <p>Required:</p> <p>That Council recognise that the current approach has not met the standards required and therefore provide for proper consultation as part of the Annual Plan process before making any changes.</p> <p>In light of my claims above, I attach information in support and a further page of issues with the consultation document.</p> <p>I wish to speak to this submission.</p> <p>Consultation requirements not met.</p> <p>The LGRA 2002 sets out the requirements for consultation which include:</p> <p>"82(a) that persons who will or may be affected by, or have an interest in, the decision or matter should be provided by the local authority with reasonable access to relevant information in a manner and format that is appropriate to the preferences and needs of those persons:"</p> <p>The impact for most affected persons will be the change to their rates and to this end the consultative document includes tables purporting to show the changes in rates for the current year and the next three years.</p> <p>Issue 1. Insufficient and Ambiguous Information.</p>

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Given that the current rating system for wastewater consists of three capital rates for each scheme and two operating rates for the district, the provision information based on a single future rate is insufficient information for many ratepayers.

From the document it is not possible to confirm the rating change for the following groups of ratepayers

1. Wastewater Capital Availability Rate. Ratepayers subject to this charge do not pay the operating rate but no separation of rates is given so approximately 10% of wastewater ratepayers are unable to see the impact on their rates.

Further these ratepayers may be misled by the second paragraph of the proposal into thinking that as they are ratepayers who are not connected to any Council wastewater scheme, they will not pay any charge in future.

2. Wastewater Subsequent Pan Rates. Again there is no mention of the impact of this rate which is levied on over 20% of the pans and currently accounts for over 15% of wastewater rates.

The use of the singular description in "a district-wide targeted rate for wastewater treatment" could be interpreted as meaning that there will be no subsequent pan rate in future or that the currently reduced rate will be replaced by a full charge.

In fact the calculations appear to be based on the continuation of the current structure of multiple rates.

### Issue 2. Data not in accordance with Long Term Plan

While I accept that Council wishes to use the most up-to-date information in their forecasts, the rate calculations are not in agreement with the LTP.

1. The amounts shown in the consultative document will raise over 8% more than shown in the LTP for the three future years.

2. In the LTP, Council resolved to moderate the impact of depreciation on strategic assets by 24% for the years 2021/22 to 2023/24. Having requested the information re the rate calculations, I note the following regarding the depreciation not funded.

2.1 For 2022/23, the percentage of depreciation not funded ranges from 16.8 to 24% of the depreciation over the schemes, with most schemes being close to the 24%.

2.2 In 2023/24 the range widens from 14.3% to 24%. Looking at the increase in depreciation for Hihi, it suggests the possibility that new developments have not been included in the calculation.

2.3 There should be no depreciation not funded in 2024/25 and 2025/26 according to the LTP. However while this applies to three large wastewater schemes, all other schemes have depreciation not funded with the ranges from 9.8% to 20.4% in 2024/25 and 6.0% to 17.5% in 2025/26.

In the absence of an explanation this appears to be a blatant manipulation of the rate calculations.

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3. While the number of weighted SUIPs show minor adjustment between 2022/23 and 2023/24, no further changes have been made. So rating figures assume nil growth in contrast to the Proposed District Plan where, for example, fully serviced Kerikeri Central is shown with an expected growth rate of 1.5% pa from 2022 to 2027.

Currently active approved developments in Kerikeri will add over 270 users to both water and wastewater schemes over the next few years.

Issue 3. Future Growth.

While Growth is mentioned as a reason for the proposal, no information is given of the impact of such growth. In particular I note that council is currently reviewing its District Plan with detailed zones based on the availability of these services. In some cases these include areas not currently being serviced, but which would presumably become subject to Availability rates when the PDP is approved. This should at least be mentioned as part of consultation.

Decision Making Process

The consultation document makes reference to the need to consult under LGRA S78 and S79.

However it would appear that the preceding section S77 has not been followed.

“S77 (1) A local authority must, in the course of the decision-making process,—

(a) seek to identify all reasonably practicable options for the achievement of the objective of a decision; and

(b) assess the options in terms of their advantages and disadvantages; and ...”

No information has been provided to indicate that any options other than the proposal were even considered. I provide below some of the issues which should have at least been reviewed as part of the process.

Capital Rate.

Council accepts the concept of there being two classes of cost, referred to as operating and capital, and that these should be rated differently.

1. How much should the capital rate yield? The current basis of depreciation plus interest leads to the anomalous situation whereby higher amounts occur in the years after new expenditure and reduced amounts as assets age,

1.1. Consider a rate of return on asset value.

1.2. Currently no deduction is made for capital component of fees received. For example bulk water supply is charged at the operating rate per cubic metre.

1.3 Council has introduced public good charges – surely most of these rates should be set against the capital rate requirements.

2. How should the rates be split between different users? As the peak capacity required is a major determinant of the cost of a scheme, surely this should be the key driver, not the

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potential annual use. The current discount for the capital component of subsequent pans defies logic.

2.1 Adjust the subsequent pan charge to full rate on each subsequent pan.

2.2 Adjust the availability charge to apply to each separate use from the granting of resource consent for subdivision or land use change. Council has to provide capacity for future development and this change would provide a fair contribution from developers once they have approval. Currently in Kerikeri wastewater area there are over 200 approved dwelling units for which no service rates will be received until after construction is completed and a further 100 dwellings until titles are issued.

3. Rate remissions should not apply to service capital rates. The capacity has to be made available so full charge should apply on equity grounds. For example there are a number of contiguous properties which do not meet the Valuer General's Rules to be treated as a single unit, but Council permits this treatment. At any time the second title can be sold with a right to build a dwelling and connect to services.

Operating Rate.

Assuming Council is to balance its budgets for these services, then the amount required from the operating rate becomes the total rate requirement less the capital rate as calculated after the above changes.

Affordability.

Council uses affordability as an argument for the proposed new rating structure. But does not appear to have made any moves to consider ways to reduce costs or increase income. For example Development Contributions could have been in place to reduce capital rate requirements.

Subsidies.

Council has received government subsidies in recent years to assist with capital costs. It is normal for these subsidies to come with a condition requiring the benefit to attach to a particular set of users, usually the ratepayers of a service area. At present the benefit is attached to a scheme by reducing the borrowing needed for the subsidised project. Just transferring the total interest costs to a district-wide capital rate will mean the benefit is also spread district-wide.

Among possible solutions are:

1. Use a return on asset value to set the amount required from capital rate. Then apply a remission to those ratepayers who should benefit by spreading the amount of subsidy over those ratepayers for a number of years.
2. If continuing with current basis for capital rate, add a notional interest for the amount of subsidy to the capital rate required and apply a remission as above using amount of interest added.

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Option 1 is simple for Council to operate as the remission and rating units, once calculated, would remain constant over the period chosen. For example 10% of subsidy per year over 10 years or 5% over 20 years.

This would also permit correction to be made in respect of the recent subsidy to Kerikeri wastewater which was provided to extend the scheme but has been applied over existing users as well as the extension.

Areas of Benefit.

Given the current status of the Proposed District Plan with its Urban zones based on the availability of these services, the impact of these changes should have been considered.

Issues with Proposal Document

1. Introduction.

The first paragraph claims to “address the challenge to adequately fund reticulated water supply and wastewater treatment in the Far North.” It does nothing to address funding, only to revise the split of costs between ratepayers.

The claim that there have been significant increases in the cost of maintaining water services because of ageing infrastructure is an admission of failure in production of the 2021-31 LTP or is irrelevant. Changes to compliance standards and inflation changes may have impacted costs.

The final paragraph of the Introduction refers to the requirement for consultation under LGRA 2002 but does not clarify if this is supposed to be such consultation or merely seeking input prior to such consultation as part of the preparation of the 2023/24 Annual Plan. It should not be necessary to refer back to Council meeting agenda and minutes to see that this purports to be Consultation under LGA 2002

2. Proposal.

“The proposal is to remove the current scheme-based targeted rates for water and wastewater and replace them with a district-wide targeted rate for water supply and a district-wide targeted rate for wastewater treatment.”

The use of the singular when referring to the proposed system implies one wastewater rate and one water rate. This is misleading to those ratepayers currently charged an Availability rate or Additional Pan rate.

Unless Council is intending to rate at a higher level, the proposal does nothing to enable the claims

made in the final paragraph. This proposal is purely about who pays for the necessary improvements.

3. The why.

The Compliance paragraph explains Councils problem and should be part of the Introduction.

The Affordability paragraph is the explanation for the why of the proposal.



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The Growth paragraph is irrelevant unless Council is proposing to raise extra rates after the change in rating methodology. Further the information provided in the Funding Impact section does not anticipate any growths in number of connections.

#### 4. Informed decision-making.

As there is a lack in information being provided to the ratepayers, how can they be considered as informed. In fact misinformed would be a better description in view of the erroneous figures supplied.

#### 5. Funding impact of what we are proposing.

At best the design used provides the funding impact for those residential ratepayers subject to a single supply of the services. No information provided for some 15% of users with Availability or Subsequent Pan charges.

Unfortunately the actual information displayed is incorrect for all future years thus rendering the information valueless.

5.1. Number of Users. The number of users for the three future years is constant at a marginal increase over that for the current year. This despite the current approved growth. In Kerikeri alone there are developments under way that will increase number of connections to both water and wastewater by over 270 and a further approval for 56 that is to commence work in the next few months.

5.2 Depreciation Not Funded. The 2021-31 LTP contained a resolution to moderate the impact of depreciation on strategic assets for three years to 2023/24. The table contains rates calculated on the basis of 14% to 24% depreciation not funded for 2022/23. It would appear possible that new assets have been omitted from the calculation.

The big problem arises in 2024/25 and 2025/26 where there should be no depreciation not funded. That is true for just three large wastewater schemes! For the others the percentage of depreciation not funded ranges from 9.8% to 20.4% in 2024/25 and 6.0% to 17.5% in 2025/26.

5.3 No correction for Government Subsidies. Where Council has received a Government subsidy for work on a scheme, this normally carries a condition that it must be applied to that scheme. Under the current rating system this was achieved by the reduction in debt required for the capital works. This reduced the interest charge and thus the capital rate, over the period of debt repayment, some twenty years. How will this be processed with a district-wide rate?

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Submission No: 199

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
n/a
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
I am not happy about the new district-wide water and wastewater proposal because people who conserve and take care of water will be subsidising people who are wasteful and don't care. It has always been user pays under this new scheme households don't have any incentive at all to conserve water. I believe that will encourage wasteful behaviour. I would like to be kept informed of the latest developments of this topic.
<b>Is there anything else you would like to tell us?</b>
Our rates in Kaitaia are over \$3000 per annum. Outside my house is open drains that have a covert that is too high for the water to drain. If your proposal goes ahead we will get another rise in rates in order to provide a service that isn't anywhere near

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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 201

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
n/a
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
no
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
<p>I am paying far too much now for the supply of water. My land rates are now unaffordable. Any additional cost will be not affordable due to the current cost of living. We pay a ridiculous amount of rates now.</p> <p>Please do not increase. This council needs to consider the serious effect to rate payers. The cost has become over the top.</p>

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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 203

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
n/a
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
<p>I am totally against this preposterous idea!</p> <p>Looking at your graph, it indicates that I, one person in my household will be paying more to pay for someone else's household usage! How in God's name is that fair!</p> <p>I am very careful with my water usage and do not want to pay for others wasteful ways!</p> <p>Already my rates have gone up by \$400 since July and my annual cost of living has increased by more than \$1500 a year and I currently spend approximately \$30 per week on food!</p> <p>WTF are you people thinking!</p> <p>I would rather sell up and move out of the north than give you anymore money, simple!</p> <p>Very disgruntled home owner</p>

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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 211

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
N/a
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
<p>I am a directly affected Ratepayer, as I own properties connected to different water and wastewater systems, and am also a tenant (leasee) of a connected commercial premises. I am affiliated to the Kerikeri Ratepayers and Residents Association; and, The Paihia and Districts Residents and Ratepayers Association.</p> <p>I am opposed to the proposed District-Wide Rating system for water and wastewater services; I wish to note that the brochure mailed to Ratepayers (dated November 2022) notifying us of the proposed changes to the rating system contains information that is neither an accurate account of the impacts of the proposed new rating method on Ratepayers in different areas of benefit nor does it present a comprehensive assessment of the alternative methods available for achieving the intended outcomes (more affordable and fairer, to upgrade systems to achieve compliance with "stricter Government regulations").</p> <p>Furthermore, Council already conducted a long anticipated full Rating Review in 2021. Elected representatives at that time settled upon a system which continued with targeted rates by each scheme, for capital expenditure (CAPEX) but which socialised (shared equally) the operating costs (OPEX) of all schemes across all connected (and available to connect) properties.</p> <p>At that time Council also introduced a 'public good' Rate to all properties (or SUIPs) which are not connected (or able to be within an area of benefit of a scheme), in recognition of the broader public benefits to all residents and visitors to the Far North, in having public potable water and wastewater schemes in townships. Townships which host Government agencies, schools, hospitals, police stations, community facilities such as reserves, libraries, sports venues, halls and the like.</p> <p>It must be noted that little has changed re "Government Standards" requiring upgrades since that required 6 yearly Rates Review was concluded less than 2yrs ago, other than a local government election seeing some new elected representatives in chambers. However, 5 of the current 11 were in Council at the time Council decided to retain a Rating method targeting CAPEX of each scheme to the users of each scheme.</p> <p>Key points for your consideration:</p> <p>The proposal seeks to socialise (share) the cost of (alleged) required upgrades to achieve compliance with higher or stricter Government Standards. However, the proposal will also socialise the cost of upgrades intending to provide for future demand.</p> <p>That is, increased capacity which enables and caters to further growth and development, within areas Council might choose to direct further growth into. Council can focus growth and development via changing zones and rules associated with them, to promote development in</p>

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some townships more than others. For example the extensive “mixed-use zone” surrounding the existing CBD of Kerikeri; by placing a lot of community facilities within close proximity to some townships, and none in other townships; by favouring transport networks feeding into and around some townships while neglecting other areas (not providing adequate parking or transit hubs for example).

This proposal is not introducing a more affordable or fairer rating system, but rather, it will see areas which are NOT being considered areas for growth and development helping to pay the cost of new capacity (by either enlarging the Area of Benefit to cover a larger area, or by changing the zone rules to allow for more intensive development) in other areas where growth is being directed. The documentation pertaining to this review of the rating policy, does not discuss who are the beneficiaries of future upgrades, prompted by either an increase in the capacity of water and wastewater networks and/or by the changed zones and rules associated with changing zones. Ratepayers who benefit directly from such upgrades ought to be able to pay for those upgrades, while those who do not benefit (and are in fact hamstrung in their development aspirations, by inadequate provision/capacity of infrastructure) ought not have to share in paying for those who do.

The principal of “user pays” is relevant to meeting the financial costs of meeting demand for infrastructure. Catering to future demand is meant to be a focus for strategic planning, and the documents for this consultation do not describe where / areas of benefit – to be allowed to grow and development and which will be made to stay at the same level as currently accommodated.

Council has still not reconsidered Development Contributions, so new capacity is being taken up by developers at an alarming rate.

Other areas have been told they will see upgrades (e.g. Paihia new water supply), and yet nothing has eventuated. The document provided is not clear about what new infrastructure is included in the estimated (average) rates noted in the table in the consultation document.

Another factor motivating this proposed change to the Rating policy (prior to delivering essential upgrades, to achieve compliance with higher or stricter Government standards/regulations) is a perception that smaller communities with low numbers of SUIPs connected to a scheme are unable to afford the high cost of the upgrade to achieve compliance. In the past, there has been concerted lobbying to get Government to subsidize the cost of achieving compliance with higher standards. In the past Government provided a subsidy for sewage schemes, that saw the Ministry of Health come up with \$7million, that all ended up to the new Kerikeri scheme – which only brought in a small extended area of benefit, and so directly benefitted only a small number of ratepayers.

If Government is making regulations that some communities can not afford, then Government ought to be deciding if those communities are not sustainable while compelling councils to meet standards. Perhaps Government needs to provide funds to allow those communities to achieve the health and safety standards Government establishes, or allow them to revert to other forms of development and lifestyles, as with the half of all Ratepayer Residents for the Far North, who are not connected to a sewerage scheme or to reticulated water scheme.

### Redress

Council must acknowledge that it has rushed to notification of this proposed change to Rating method, and has failed to deliver accurate information.

Abandon this review, until you have assessed all the rating options more accurately, and presented more comprehensive analysis of the options for the consideration of the Ratepayers and Residents of the Far North.

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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 173

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
n/a
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
Yes
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
District wide sounds fair

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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 187

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
n/a
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
Yes
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
<p>I support a return to district wide wastewater rates, it is long overdue but better late than never.</p> <p>Thanks to Wayne Brown and his then councillors the Kohukohu community ( less than 100 connections) has been overcharged for the last 10 years by a few hundred thousand dollars and that caused enormous distress in our community where the average income is very low.</p>



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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 188

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
n/a
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
yes
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
I am in favour of the district rate for us all. Kind Regards and thank you.

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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 192

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
n/a
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
Yes
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
This is to confirm that I support the proposed district-wide targeted rate for water and wastewater services. This will be a much fairer and equitable method and will result in lower rates for small communities who have been penalised in the past.

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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 193

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
n/a
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
yes
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
<p>The Russell Protection Society wishes to support a District wide rate for the provision of sewerage. It should be acknowledged that there are two components, namely a capital charge and a maintenance/operating charge. The provision of sewerage services is a challenging issue for small, isolated coastal communities because they have a small rating base and yet there are often expensive and serious environmental issues associated with inadequate sewage treatment and disposal. On that basis we support a District wide rate on both the capital charges and maintenance costs associated with sewerage schemes within the District.</p> <p>The situation is somewhat different for the provision of community water services. In Russell the ratepayers have already paid for their own individual water systems and therefore wish to safeguard this investment and the personal control that it provides over that service. This has the added benefit of helping to control stormwater discharges in Russell, which is becoming increasingly important with climate change. The people of Russell value self sufficiency and longer term sustainability, as evidenced by our efforts in recycling and water usage. On that basis we do not support a community water system for Russell or a District wide levy to support this.</p>

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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 195

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
n/a
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
Yes
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
I can still afford this increase so I will give you my blessing on this one. But turn down the three waters proposal please.

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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 196

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
n/a
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
Yes
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
I am in favour of a universal water charge with the proviso the cost exemption for rural / other users who cannot connect to the council system is not interpreted, as other costs have been, as 'yes but you benefit from the connections when you go to town etc,

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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 213

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
n/a
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
Yes
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
I realise that the submission date for feedback on this has closed. However, and for what it's worth, I would like to add my support for this proposal. I live in Kerikeri and can clearly see the disparity between the services and provisions in my district, and those of neighbouring ones. I do not want to see these social inequities deepen, and would support most proposals that help even the playing field. I am happy to pay slightly higher rates if it means that our friends in Kaikohe and Kawakawa avoid crippling rates increases. I do not want to move forward if it means leaving others behind.

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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 186

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
n/a
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
<p>I am in favour of your proposed shift to district-wide rating for water and wastewater, but I think and know, that it is not realistic. Already right now many people are not able any more to pay for petrol and diesel, neither to have enough money for food and housing. If water supply becomes more expensive than now, many people will not be able to buy your water any more. If – as you say – stricter government regulations require higher water prices, you should make it very clear to the government, that they should forget about overspending the consumers' money for stricter regulations and their costly planning and respective preparations, because the consumers are unable to bear these higher costs. You and the government cannot spend more money than the consumers have. How?</p> <p>For hundred years the water supply and wastewater run-off has worked. So, why these permanent changes, which most people cannot afford any more, but do need water? New Zealand has an alarmingly quickly escalating inflation and a lasting economical breakdown. Please, make it very clear to the government, that they must consider that and be realistic, instead of costly pondering about stricter water regulations, which most people cannot pay for and, thus, do not want at all.</p>

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### Comments relating to the proposed change

Submission No: 178

<b>Which scenario best describes your situation</b>
Various
<b>Do you support the proposal to change the way we rate for reticulated water and wastewater to a district-wide rate instead of a scheme-based rate?</b>
No
<b>Can you explain why you chose that option?</b>
<p>Changes to Rating System for Water &amp; Wastewater Services</p> <p>I strongly disagree with the proposed methodology of charging a standard fee for all those able to connect to a council system.</p> <p>The justification of this proposal is that "If we continue charging for water and/or wastewater services the way we do, rates for property owners in some communities will become unaffordable. If network costs become too high, property owners may not be able pay for these services."</p> <p>The whole purpose of targeted rates is that the rate reflects the service. If the proposal is accepted then the council should also take responsibility for the installation of and charge a standard fee for all septic systems not connected to a council system. This would ensure that a council approved system was in place and cost all landowners the same whether they are on a forestry block in the middle of the district or on a waterfront beach. This would make it more affordable for those who wished to build on prime waterfront land but find the current rates and wastewater system requirements unaffordable.</p> <p>It is council's responsibility to ensure that charges are equitable across ratepayers for the services council provides, not to ensure that all ratepayers are able to pay their share. Property valuations are used as a basis for general rates on the assumption that those with higher valued properties are able to pay higher rates. This is well known to be untrue where families have lived on what was once remote coastal properties or simple sections in popular towns are faced with very high rates as they become prime real estate. Council offers relief to owners by deferring rates until the property is sold. Similar relief can be offered for those connected to expensive water or wastewater systems.</p> <p>The FNDC also needs to take a lot of responsibility for the state of the systems in the way it has handled the funding of depreciation and use of development contributions over the years. The removal of development contributions removed the ability to fund increased systems as development took place. The desire to grow exceeded the desire to ensure adequate infrastructure was able to be provided during a period of exceptional growth. Council would be far better addressing this issue.</p>

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**5.2 ANNUAL PLAN DELIBERATIONS - 2023/24****File Number: A4212105****Author: Angie Thomas, Team Leader - Accounting Services****Authoriser: Janice Smith, Acting Chief Executive****PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

The purpose of this report is to provide background information and to present financial considerations to assist in decision-making for the 2023/24 Annual Plan.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- The statutory purpose of the Annual Plan is to confirm differences from what was proposed in the corresponding year of the current Long-Term Plan 2021-2031.
- The Consultation Document putting proposals to the public was adopted on 21 March 2023.
- The purpose of this deliberations report is to provide the information required to enable Council to make final decisions to minimise the rates requirement for the 2023/24 financial year while contributing to the economic recovery of the district and ensuring minimal impact on levels of service.
- Each recommendation is referenced to the relevant section in the attached discussion document.

**RECOMMENDATION****That Council:****1. Consultation items;****Partnering with the Turner Centre to better deliver arts and culture for the district**

- i) **That Council accept the proposal to take over the ownership of the Turner Centre building.**
- ii) **That additional operating budgets of \$71K are included in the annual plan for the**
  - a) **Fixed cost grant**
  - b) **Maintenance of the external fabric of the building**
- iii) **That Council repays the outstanding balance of the Westpac loan of circa \$1.1M and ceases the guarantee and ongoing interest payments.**
- iv) **That staff develop an operating agreement in conjunction with the Turner Centre Board**

**Enabling housing development on Māori Freehold Land**

- i) **That Council adopt the policy R23/15 Enabling Housing Development on Māori Freehold Land as proposed.**
- ii) **Staff establish clear application guidelines.**

**Amend Council rates remission policies to include R23/15**

***That Council approves amendment to current and future policies to include R23/15 Enabling housing development on Māori freehold land.***

**Other issues raised**

**That Council notes all other comments made in the submissions but makes no change to the Annual Plan 2023/24.**

**2. Adopt Fees and Charges**

- a. That Council amends the attached Schedule of Fees and Charges for 2023/24 to replace, cancel and amend partial fee types for Resource Consents, Building Consents, Compliance, and Cemeteries.
- b. That Council adopts the Schedule of Fees and Charges for 2023/24.

**3. Additional capital programme requests**

- a. That Council approves the additional capital programme funding of

Year	Value (\$millions)
2023/24	4.980
2024/25	2.875
2025/26	2.070

As outlined in detail within the report.

- b. An additional \$50k operational budget is required for professional fees to progress the stormwater resource consents capital project for the Te Hiku drainage district.
- c. That Council approves to amend the 2023/24 capital programme with the projects totalling \$19.7M that have been rescheduled from 2022/23.
- d. The total capital programme for 2023/24 is \$105.2M which excludes the additional requests.

**4. Rate increases and debt ceiling**

- a. That Council notes the rate increases and debt ceiling benchmarks in the next 3 years from 2023/24 to 2025/26.

**5. Other issues**

- a. That Council approves the reinstatement of \$100k for Placemaking for the Te Hiku Community Board.
- b. That Council approves the role of Coordinator to Te Kuaka Committee of \$87k and includes this sum in the operational budgets.

**1) BACKGROUND**

This is the second annual plan process carried out for the 2021-31 Long Term Plan.

A number of workshops were held to review both operational and capital expenditure. Staff have taken a further look to provide further analysis on the capital programme for the 2022/23 and outer years which has resulted in a now proposed 7.75% rate increase.

The purpose of this deliberations report is to provide the information required to enable Council to make final decisions to set the rates requirement for the 2023/24 financial year while considering minimal impact on levels of service.

**Annual Plan process**

The statutory purpose of the Annual Plan is to confirm differences from what was proposed in the corresponding year of the current Long-Term Plan 2021-2031.

Community consultation/engagement is required only on those changes that are considered 'significant'. Typically, submitters will also provide feedback on other topics not discussed in the Consultation Document. Such feedback is recorded, analysed and considered alongside feedback on the specific proposals.

As highlighted in the Consultation Document 2023/24, the Council has focused on delivering the key infrastructure and services, but this has come with a number of challenges including Cyclone

Gabrielle and other weather events, this has compounded with the highest level of inflation imposing significant extra costs nationally.

The Consultation Document putting proposals to the public was adopted on 21 March 2023. Also consulted on at the same time were proposed fees and charges for 2023/24. Consultation of the two items in tandem is the usual process for the Annual Plan and fees and charges.

Council plans to adopt the final Annual Plan on 29 June 2023 at an ordinary Council meeting.

### Consultation

Consultation was carried out from 24 March 2023 until 24 April 2023 on proposals to:

- Partnering with the Turner Centre to better deliver arts and culture for the district

I support this proposal	I don't support this proposal	I'm not sure	N/a
623	50	12	5

- Enabling housing development on Māori Freehold Land (policy)

I support the conditions in the draft policy	I do not support the conditions in the draft policy	I'm not sure	N/a
270	60	220	140

692 submissions provided feedback on both consulted and non-consulted topics. 18 submitters asked to speak at verbal submissions held both in person and digitally on 17 May 2023.

There were a large number of submissions received in support of the Turner Centre proposal as the consultation document was shared amongst user groups and other organisations that support or use the Centre. These submitters did not necessarily respond to the second proposal leaving an unsure or n/a response. The overall general comments the majority related to the increase in rates (13 comments) as well as comments relating to activities (7), planning/regulatory/governance (6), wellbeing (2), spending, fees (3), other (3).

## 2) DISCUSSION AND OPTIONS

### 1.a Partnering with the Turners Centre to better deliver arts and culture

The general consensus from the submissions received is the value that communities across the district place on the Turner Centre seeing it not only as a hub for arts and culture but the importance for ongoing development in that space. Acknowledging that the current operations have been under immense economic pressure due to COVID-19, economic downturn and now continuing economic pressures for the near future.

Total operating costs budgeted for 2023/24 \$71k which includes \$45k grant.

The balance of the loan is \$1.1M circa.

#### Option 1 Adopt the Partnering with the Turner Centre to better deliver arts and culture for the district proposal

Allows the Centre to continue to function and develop opportunities within the arts and culture sector across the district. A management agreement with the Turner Centre Board will need to be developed in consultation with the Turner Centre Board and be presented to Council for discussion prior to adoption.

#### Option 2 Do not adopt the Partnering with the Turner Centre to better deliver arts and culture for the district proposal.

Unless there was alternative financial support, the Centre would probably have to cease operations. Reducing the options for people and communities within this space. There would also be an

economic impact throughout the tourism and hospitality industry as some events would have utilised accommodation providers throughout the district.

### **1.b Enabling housing development on Māori Freehold Land (policy)**

#### **Option 1 Adopt the policy with proposed conditions and criteria**

For 2023/24 Council proposes a new rating policy to enable housing development on Māori Freehold Land through the remission of rates. Council has Policy R23/13 – Incentivising Māori Economic Development this policy will sit alongside to better assist Māori in both areas of development and provide housing opportunities on Māori Freehold Land. This is a requirement under section 114A of the Local Government Rating Act and this policy needs to be in place by 1 July 2024.

#### **Option 2 Amends the conditions in the draft policy**

While the council is required to have this policy, changes can be made to the policy to best fit.

The term could be reduced to a sliding scale of 1 to 5 years:

Year 1 – 100% remitted

Year 2 – 75% remitted

Year 3 – 50% remitted

Year 4 – 25% remitted

Year 5 – 0% remitted

## **2. ADOPT FEES AND CHARGES**

As part of preparations for the LTP 2024-34, fees and charges are being thoroughly reviewed by staff to ensure the following:

- Fees are being applied correctly and consistently.
- Fees meet the pre-requisite requirement of being cost recovery (where applicable)
- Resource consent fees have been reviewed and recalculated to address past inconsistencies and bring those fees to where practical and reasonable cost recovery.
- This is an ongoing process, aligning with the LTP process and all fees are reviewed annually.

There were three direct submissions received through the Special Consultative Process (LGA 2002, Section 83) that ran at the same time as the Annual Plan consultation process.

- Submitter No. 1 in total support of the proposed fees changes as outlined in the Schedule, except for correcting the clerical error of 2022/23 to increase the fee for oversize double depth internments.
- Submitter No. 2 objection to all fee increases, commenting that services were not equitable across the district.
- Submitter No. 3 supported in part the changes in resource consents and objected to all other proposals.

Three comments were also received through the Annual Plan submissions. Two supporting the proposed changes - one in general and would like to see the reintroduction of developer contributions, one specifically supporting the hourly fees for resource consents, however suggested that building consents be a fixed fee. There were two objections specifically resource consent fees, one to the calculation of resource consent fees and the other to the increase of fees.

#### **Option 1 Adopt fees and charges 2023/24**

There are no reasons for the Council not to proceed to adopt the proposed Fees and Charges for the forthcoming year.

**Option 2 Don't adopt the proposed Fees and Charges Schedule 2023/24**

If the proposed Fees and Charges Schedule 2023/24 are not adopted, then fees and charges will remain for the next year or until Council determines a suitable timeframe, noting that if there were any increases in the resource consents area, we would be required to carry out a Special Consultative Process again, allowing time for consultation, verbal submissions, and deliberations to take place.

Any additional shortfall in fees as budgeted would then be required from the general rate to cover any area where cost recovery was not able to be met.

**3. ADDITIONAL CAPITAL PROGRAMME REQUESTS**

Throughout the Annual Plan process staff have completed an extensive review on the current and future years of the capital programme.

Additional new capital projects have been requested by staff to be included in the Annual Plan 2023/24:

Cost centre	Project name	Additional LOS request			Justification /comment
		2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	
<b>Carparks</b>	Okaihau Car Parking, Cycle Trail	-	-	500,000	Support use of Cycle Trail and economic growth
<b>Halls</b>	Kohukohu Hall Renewals	600,000	-	-	Renewal project commenced FY23 requires additional funding to complete
<b>Maritime</b>	Maritime, lighting meters	50,000	-	-	New project - metering of all DF lighting and power supplies which draw power from street lighting required to ensure power cost is at correct rate and sustainment costs are reduced. Without metering a 3 monthly audit is required at an average cost of \$3k per audit per location.
	Opononi Maritime Boat Trailer Park	500,000	1,500,000	400,000	New project - identified to address known safety risks and facility restrictions
<b>Parks &amp; Reserves</b>	Minor works, Northern	-	350,000	350,000	Parks & Reserves - New budget to meet unplanned works across all Ward rated DF cost centres
	Minor works, Eastern	350,000	350,000	350,000	Parks & Reserves - New budget to meet unplanned works across all Ward rated DF cost centres

	Minor works, Western	350,000	350,000	350,000	Parks & Reserves - New budget to meet unplanned works across all Ward rated DF cost centres
	Taipa Point Reserve Stormwater mitigation	100,000	200,000	-	Linked to Roothing project
	Amokura Reserve, Kerikeri	-	120,000	-	Community identified project
	Kowhai Park Footpath, Kaikohe	-	5,000	-	Community identified project
	Playground, Rawene	-	-	120,000	Relocate public playground currently located within leased property
	Objects & Statues	80,000			Various Objects and statues require renewal as identified in condition assessment programme
<b>Toilets</b>	Kerikeri Motorhome & Caravan Dump Station	250,000			Kerikeri Dump station on leased land, Lessor has indicated that the renewal of the lease is unlikely.
<b>Stormwater</b>	Stormwater Reactive Renewals (LOS funds required to increase budget available)	200,000			Continued budgetary provision required to meet urgent unplanned works
	348a SH12 Omapere Stormwater	500,000			Additional budget required to undertake work agreed to via a signed discharge agreement with property owner
	Sommerville Ave Kaitaia	300,000			Agreed contribution to Roothing project being delivered in FY24
	Stormwater Resource Consents - Te Hiku	500,000			Additional \$50k professional fees budget will be required to support this project
	Kerikeri Stormwater Network Improvements Stage 2, 7 Hone Heke	250,000			RFS4110914 refers - Council committed to stage II works
<b>Wastewater</b>	Russell WWTP	350,000			Work required to address existing abatement notice

	Reactive Health & Safety - District Wide	400,000			To address known H&S needs
<b>Water</b>	Reactive Health & Safety - District Wide	200,000			To address known H&S needs
		<b>4,980,000</b>	<b>2,875,000</b>	<b>2,070,000</b>	

#### Option 1 Include all new capital programme requests

That all new capital programme requests are accepted as there are no rating impacts in the 2023/24 year of the Annual Plan but will impact in the future years once completed. These will be all loan funded.

If the stormwater resource consent capital project for the Te Hiku drainage district is approved, the additional \$50k operational budget will need to be considered to support this project. This will be for professional fees and will have a rating impact.

#### Option 2 Partially or exclude all capital programme requests

That only a select group of projects be included in the Annual Plan 2023/24 or exclude all of the additional requests and will be reviewed during the Long-Term Plan (LTP) 2024-34 process.

If the stormwater resource consent capital project for the Te Hiku drainage district is approved, the additional \$50k operational budget will need to be considered to support this project. This will be for professional fees and will have a rating impact.

## 4. RATE INCREASES AND DEBT CEILING

Disclosure requirements as per The Financial Reporting and Prudence Regulations 2014 alongside the Financial Strategy ensures we are prudently managing revenues, expenses, assets, liabilities and general financial dealings.

### Rates (increase) affordability

This benchmark compares planned rates with quantified limit on rates contained in the Financial Strategy of the Long Term Plan (LTP) 2021-31.

The quantified limit is that the rates increase should not exceed LGCI plus 3.5%. This is indicating that the limit is nearing for 2023/24 and exceed in 2024/25.

	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Quantified limit on rates increase	7.80%	6.90%	6.40%
Proposed increase within limit	7.75%	11.11%	4.71%

### Debt Affordability (external debt)

This benchmark compares debt planned debt with a quantified limit on borrowing contained in the Financial Strategy. The quantified limit is that net debt be no higher than 175% of total revenue excluding capital subsidies.

This is indicating the limit in 2025/26 will be exceeded.

	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26
Limit	255,746	274,609	285,379
Borrowing	182,779	235,613	306,658

71.5%

86%

107%

## 5. OTHER ISSUES

Te Hiku Community Board has requested the reinstatement of \$100k for Placemaking. This was removed in error during the process and has been committed for Master Planning.

The establishment of the Te Kuaka Committee has identified a number of legacy issues that are being worked on and the administrative workload that has eventuated is more than can be coped with. The Committee are requesting a co-ordination role of \$87k similar to the Community Board Co-ordinator roles that support those boards.






These will incur a combined additional 0.187% on rates.

### Reason for the recommendation

## 3) FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND BUDGETARY PROVISION

The decisions made at this meeting will determine the financial implications and rates for the 2023/24 financial year.

## ATTACHMENTS

1. **APFinalAnalysis2023 - A4212041** [↓](#) 
2. **F&Csubmissions2023 - A4211793** [↓](#) 
3. **Fees\_and\_charges\_schedule\_202324 - A4212234** [↓](#) 
4. **TC - Kerikeri Civic Trust Loan Guarantee - A4215657** [↓](#) 
5. **Rate Change AP24 Presentation - A4217147** [↓](#) 



**Compliance schedule:**

Full consideration has been given to the provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 S77 in relation to decision making, in particular:

1. A Local authority must, in the course of the decision-making process,
  - a) Seek to identify all reasonably practicable options for the achievement of the objective of a decision; and
  - b) Assess the options in terms of their advantages and disadvantages; and
  - c) If any of the options identified under paragraph (a) involves a significant decision in relation to land or a body of water, take into account the relationship of Māori and their culture and traditions with their ancestral land, water sites, waahi tapu, valued flora and fauna and other taonga.
2. This section is subject to Section 79 - Compliance with procedures in relation to decisions.

<b>Compliance requirement</b>	<b>Staff assessment</b>
State the level of significance (high or low) of the issue or proposal as determined by the <a href="#">Council's Significance and Engagement Policy</a>	Decisions at this meeting lead to the adoption of an Annual Plan for the coming financial year. Consultation has been carried out on significant variations to the corresponding year in the current Long Term Plan.
State the relevant Council policies (external or internal), legislation, and/or community outcomes (as stated in the LTP) that relate to this decision.	Local Government Act 2002, Significance and Engagement Policy, 2018-28 Long Term Plan.
State whether this issue or proposal has a District wide relevance and, if not, the ways in which the appropriate Community Board's views have been sought.	District-wide relevance. Community Board chairs have been involved in all meetings and workshops relating to this Annual Plan.
State the possible implications for Māori and how Māori have been provided with an opportunity to contribute to decision making if this decision is significant and relates to land and/or any body of water.	Significant consultation and engagement has been undertaken, both for the 2018-28 Long Term Plan and in the preparation of this Annual Plan.
Identify persons likely to be affected by or have an interest in the matter, and how you have given consideration to their views or preferences (for example – youth, the aged and those with disabilities).	Significant consultation and engagement has been undertaken, both for the 2018-28 Long Term Plan and in the preparation of this Annual Plan.
State the financial implications and where budgetary provisions have been made to support this decision.	Decisions will set budgets and determine rates for the financial year 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021.
Chief Financial Officer review.	The Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report



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**INTRODUCTION**

Council agreed to consult with the community on two items for the Annual Plan 2023/24. They were:

- Partnering with the Turner Centre to better deliver arts and culture for the district
- Enabling housing development on Māori Freehold Land

Prompted by a media release, local news outlet the Northern Advocate ran a story on the Annual Plan consultation. The main focus of the story was the Turner Centre proposal.

We posted twice on social media; one was a written post with a link that reached 737 people organically, 18 people reacted and 5 shared the post. We also posted a short video with a link in the caption that reached 3200 people, 1800 viewed for longer than three seconds, 708 viewed for longer than 15 seconds. The video had 115 reactions and 64 comments across 14 shares. Across both posts, a total of 134 people clicked through to the Far North District Council webpage where they could find more information and submit.

A letter was sent via email to Te Kahu o Taonui, Te Pouahi o Tai Tokerau, Ngāpuhi, and Ngāti Rēhia and our general consultation database was also notified.

**Overall responses total**

692\*

*\*Two submissions were received after the closing date. These have been counted as part of the overall response.*

**WHAT WE ASKED**

**1. Partnering with the Turner Centre to better deliver arts and culture for the district**

Management of the Turner Centre, as an arts and culture venue, will continue to be the responsibility of the charitable company, The Centre at Kerikeri Limited, with annual reporting to council. Maintenance and core operational costs, like power and insurance, will become the council's responsibility. Ownership of the building would be transferred at zero-cost to council. The council already owns the land.

This proposal will give the charitable trust-owned entity the space and scope to do what they do best; deliver arts programming at a community and commercial level. It will continue to seek external funding opportunities to support this. It will also give the council the opportunity to provide community hall facilities to the wider Kerikeri community.

**The options**

1. The council takes over ownership of the Turner Centre building with The Centre at Kerikeri Limited managing the facility. This is our preferred option. This option would add 0.3 per cent to the general rates portion of a property owner's annual rates total. The exact dollar amount would vary from ratepayer to ratepayer but for most it would add little more than the price of a cup of coffee each year.
2. Do not take over ownership of the Turner Centre building. This is not our preferred option. The Far North risks losing the centre as a key community, arts and culture facility and the future of the building itself would be uncertain.

**Question proposed in the consultation document**

We are proposing to take over ownership of the Turner Centre building, with the Turner Centre Charitable Trust continuing to manage the facility.

- I support this proposal
- I do not support this proposal
- I'm not sure

**ANALYSIS**

**Question 1 responses**

Overall responses total	Yes	No	I'm not sure	N/a
690	623	50	12	5

Response by ward	BOI-Whangaroa	Kaikohe-Hokianga	Te Hiku	Outside Far North	Not provided	Total
I support this proposal	444	29	51	37	62	623
I do not support this proposal	29	6	11	-	7	53
I'm not sure	8	2	2	-	-	12
N/a	-	-	1	1	-	2

## SYNOPSIS OF COMMENTS

In regards to the Turner Centre comments below, there were some phrasing that was shared with support groups and included in their submissions in whole or part. Comments have been s

### In support:

- Arts, culture and creativity greatly add to the wellbeing of our community and the FNDC has an obligation to provide this for our communities. Council needs to develop sustainable partnerships with organisations such as the Turner Centre to ensure that arts, culture and creativity play a vital part in community wellbeing across the District.

The Turner Centre brings arts and cultural programming into the region that would otherwise not visit the Far North and without the facility, it will leave us without access to high quality arts, culture and creativity.

Access to the arts develops community cohesion, resilience, increases community spirit, builds community identity and makes the region a better and more vibrant place to live! Without FNDC taking on ownership of the Centre, we will lose this valuable asset and it will greatly impact our access to arts, culture and creativity. Without this valuable asset, it will leave Te Tai Tokerau without access to the large amount of high quality arts, culture and creativity that the Centre presents and greatly contributes towards making our region a vibrant place to live.

Volunteers: The Turner Centre enables me to contribute to and participate in my community through volunteering opportunities. I feel more connected to our community, and know that I belong.

Community Groups: The Turner Centre gives our community groups access to facilities for rehearsals, meetings, hui and community performances at a discounted price. Without the Centre, we would not have a space dedicated to the performing arts.

- I live outside of Kerikeri and value the high quality arts and cultural programming that comes to the Far North via the Turner Centre. Without this valuable asset, it will leave Te Tai Tokerau without access to the large amount of high quality arts, culture and creativity that the Centre presents and greatly contributes towards making our region a vibrant place to live.
- The Turner Centre is an integral part of our community. It will be a huge loss if it has to close. I personally use this facility as do many others.
- The operation of the Turner Centre has allowed artists who grew up locally to return to display and share their talents with people who made significant contributions to their development over many years. Our son was able to do this, and he relished the opportunity.

### Against:

- NO, NO, NO! There are other more urgent priorities for the funds that it would take to service this building etc. It is a nice to have but not a necessity in the current times. Has there been any research done on what percentage of people from outside of Kerikeri currently use, have access to or benefit from the centre? I would like to see a lot more resource put into the Kaikohe and surrounding township to bring it up to a better standard for that community instead of always looking like the poorer cousin. This would help address the social issues in the town and make provision for a place where the people of the Kaikohe area, in particular the youth could have access to. Not everyone have the means to travel to Kerikeri especially when there is no public transport. What about Okaihau, Horeke and other rural communities. Kaikohe needs to be the main focus and priority, not throwing more resource at Kerikeri.
- I like the way the Charitable trust is running the Turner Centre and how it supports the arts. I do not trust that the council will not, in the future, change the use of the venue. Given the way the Auckland Council views the importance of the arts - ie negatively, I fear this could be a virus spreading through councils and we won't be immune. In Ireland they actually support artists by paying them. I am happy with the status quo, thank you.
- Not a core activity

- It should not be up to rate payers to subsidize this sort of business.
- *We have already paid for the centre to be built, if it cant support itself now, then forever we will be paying for something thats just going to drain our rates money for a white elephant, when the rates could be used more productively. Sell the centre and see if someone can make it work!!!*

#### **I'm not sure:**

- I would very much appreciate seeing more indigenous performances at Turner Center. Perhaps a series of Waiata performance from all of the schools between Whangarei and Kaitaia to reveal the pure beauty of our Kiwi culture.
- I do not think the arts should be supported by rate payers at this time of huge and impossible to cope with cost of living. How many people are going to lose their homes or leave the country all together because of this? I don't care that you have put this stuff into your long term plan, you need to change that... and stop paying for un necessary costs NOW>..... we will be leaving the country if this continues and your taxable base will become less and less, just like all the nurses leaving NZ. What will it take for you to realise that passing on your loss of income due to this government's economic destruction of the last 3 years and the future due to no tourism, that's gone as the cost of living hits potential tourism amongst the middle classes... only the wealthy and they are not enough to make up for the loss of major tourism are going to be able to afford to travel. Again, you can't keep people in a small country who keeps kicking people so hard, it becomes impossible to live here even in just a very basic shack. I am ashamed to send pictures back to my home in the US of people here now living on the streets, closing health care services, people living in shacks of ply as the only thing they can afford now. Your country used to be great, but you have allowed it to disintergrate.... too far, even Mexico looks brilliant compared to here...
- This proposal should be funded by a targeted rate. The majority of our district won't be ever attending any events at the Turner Centre. It seems a bit hypocrite to propose a big rates increase and take on this project, which is a "nice to have" but definitely not a "must have".

## **WHAT WE ASKED**

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### **2. Enabling housing development on Māori Freehold Land**

This policy will give Māori Freehold Landowners the opportunity to apply for reduced rates if they intend to develop the land to provide housing. There are a number of criteria that the applicant needs to meet. These include:

- The land must be suitable for development and have a resource consent
- Applicants must apply for a building consent and code of compliance once building is complete
- Applicants will need to obtain suitable professional advice and appropriate financial arrangements for the development
- If the development does not proceed, rates will no longer be remitted.

Rates will not be remitted indefinitely. If the application is successful, rates will be remitted on a sliding-scale over a number of years.

- Years 1 - 3 - 100% remitted
- Years 4 - 5- 75% remitted
- Year 6 - 50% remitted
- Year 7 - 25% remitted
- Year 8 - 0% remitted

#### **The options**

1. The council adopts the draft Enabling Housing Development on Māori Freehold Land Policy with the proposed conditions. This is our preferred option.
2. The council amends the conditions in the draft policy. Let us know what changes you would like to make to the conditions. Remember, we are required to have this policy so not adopting it is not an option.

#### **Question proposed in the consultation document**

We are proposing to adopt the Enabling Housing Development on Māori Freehold Land Policy with the conditions proposed in the draft policy. Remember, we are required to have this policy so not adopting it is not an option.

- I support the conditions in the draft policy

- I do not support the conditions in the draft policy
- I'm not sure

**Question 2 responses**

Overall responses total	Yes	No	I'm not sure	N/a
690	270	60	220	140

Response by ward	BOI-Whangaroa	Kaikohe-Hokianga	Te Hiku	Outside Far North	Not provided	Total
I support the conditions in the draft policy	183	15	31	17	24	
I do not support the conditions in the draft policy	36	8	12		6	
I'm not sure	164	9	10	13	22	
N/a	98	5	12	8	17	

**SYNOPSIS OF COMMENTS**

The vast majority of people who commented on the first question either did not respond or were not sure in regards to question 2. Comments have been selected at random.

**In support:**

- Because it's their land. The public have no rights or interest and they will not part with it. It's wrong for us to treat Maori land like freehold land. They can't access the capital or use it for security
- Not adopting it is not an option...!
- All people should have access to good quality housing.
- It is too difficult to build on Maori Freehold Land as banks do not finance. Only Kiwibank. How pathetic.

**Against:**

- If you are referring to Social housing within Kerikeri - unfettered housing development that is not commensurate with the existing plan fundamentally changes the face of a town. International studies show that today's intensive housing development = Tomorrow's slums and occur when social housing is not "pepper potted" as per the existing council plans.
- I do not believe in favouritism towards any ethnic group. Reducing or forgoing rates for Maori is RACIST. Why can't council stop spending money on park art (eg) and reduce rates for EVERYONE.
- The time scale for rate remittance seems very long. Once the development is undertaken the remittance should have a much shorter timeframe as the return will have been gained well before the timeframe suggested.
- There is a more challenging issue as well in that all should be treated equally, no matter who owns the land. Understand the value of the land being used but wonder if some other incentive should be considered. The area where this land is located has limited population and therefore rates to support infrastructure already

I think it would be better to scale the rates over 10 years.

1-5 at 100%

6-7 at 75%

8-9 at 25%

10 at 0%

I think this reduction time frame would be reflective of the rising construction cost & interest rates to better ensure the completion of any Māori land development

- Not a core activity.

**Unsure:**

- I support the Policy in theory but I don't understand where the Draft Policy references the capability of the FNDC to provide the Infrastructure required to support further development. We are already under stress to provide basic infrastructure, and further developments (in and around Kerikeri ) will further stress the capacity of services. We need to get the horse before the cart. The wellbeing of our people, the whenua and future generations must be considered before any decision is made.
- Don't really understand it to be honest
- I don't know anything about this and think it's a bit outside my scope of interest.

**General comments**

General comments were split into sections and pertained to:

Type	Response
Facilities	6
Fees and charges	2
Governance	2
Other (general comments)	3
Planning	2
Rates related (increase/other)	13
Regulatory	1
Roading	1
Spending	2
Wellbeing	2

**Examples of comments:**

- Paradise Road Park is NOT used. Make it into an exercise safe place for DOGS. Can we have some public toilets at the Coopers Beach shops. More disability down to the beach through Coopers Beach Shops. All steps and gravel on footpaths as the properties' dirt gets through to the paths! Dangerous. Also trim back Hibiscus branches steps down to beach. It's a "get your head down". dangerous. FNDC need a bus stop at Coopers Beach shops. Noise Control need to be quicker than an hour and plus. Postponement of Rates need to produce a end of Rates year printout more timely than 6 months later!
- I have noticed that there is a lack of amendments for many rural communities many without utilities many without council facilities yet there residents are expected to pay rates without gaining anything the question is simple are we buying another facility another resource for Kerikeri to add to their already huge stock pile of resources.
- You are all wrong, these rates increases will hurt the poor and small businesses and again, you kick us when we are down.... this has to stop... you are ruining this country.... how can rate rises be good for anyone but corrupt overspending in councils... cut costs, don't indulge your wants, you must change to needs.... get out of LGNZ for a start and save a bundle there... no more funding for arts.... unnecessary at this time... stop spending where you cannot afford it, um, where WE cannot afford it. You are only contributing to the problem of survival in this country for the poor, the elderly, the low income and small businesses.... surely you see that... I wish the reserve bank would stop raising it's rates... we cannot see how that possibly works to stop inflation... all it does is create more and more poverty... it seems to me that is the desired outcome in this country now... get rid of as many people as you can one way or the other to another country or the grave with serious mental stress when they cannot pay their mortgage or rates or bills or put food on the table... how can you do this to people?
- The wellbeing of our people, the whenua and our mokopuna must be considered before any decision is made.







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Submission No: 1

<b>Surname</b>	Anon		
<b>First name</b>			
<b>Organisation</b>		<b>Position</b>	
<b>Do you support the proposed adjustments to the Resource Consent installment fee to increase the initial payment in line with actual charges currently invoiced for an application?</b>			
Yes			
<b>Do you support the proposed adjustment for hourly processing charges to align with current market rates for planners' services?</b>			
Yes			
<b>Do you support the proposal to introduce fees for Engineering Plan Approvals?</b>			
Yes			
<b>Do you support the proposal to introduce a charge for professional services involved in the pre-application and concept meetings?</b>			
Yes			
<b>Do you have any further comments about the proposal to amend resource consent fees?</b>			
<b>Do you support the proposal to introduce fees for the certificates, licenses and permits activity specifically the Food Control Programme?</b>			
Supply of thermometers : Yes Supply of additional food control plan documents: Yes Supply of additional national programme document pack: Yes			
<b>Do you support the removal of fees relating to the following:</b>			
Building consents - fixed and banded fee applications: Yes Environmental health license - fee for applications for charitable organisation : Yes Environmental health license - fee for applications for market food premises and mobile shop: Yes Bylaw license - fee for applications for keeping animals, poultry and bees, and entertainment premises: Yes Water supply - Standpipes metered fee section: Yes			
<b>Do you support the increase in the following fees to better reflect actual costs?</b>			
Vehicle crossing application and inspection fees: Yes Building consent hourly processing fees: Yes			
<b>Do you support the increase to the fee for oversize double depth internments?</b>			
No			
<b>Do you have any further comments about fees and charges?</b>			
<b>Which ward do you live in?</b>	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)		

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Submission No: 2

<b>Surname</b>	Anon		
<b>First name</b>			
<b>Organisation</b>		<b>Position</b>	
<b>Do you support the proposed adjustments to the Resource Consent installment fee to increase the initial payment in line with actual charges currently invoiced for an application?</b>			
No			
<b>Do you support the proposed adjustment for hourly processing charges to align with current market rates for planners' services?</b>			
No			
<b>Do you support the proposal to introduce fees for Engineering Plan Approvals?</b>			
No			
<b>Do you support the proposal to introduce a charge for professional services involved in the pre-application and concept meetings?</b>			
No			
<b>Do you have any further comments about the proposal to amend resource consent fees?</b>			
<b>Do you support the proposal to introduce fees for the certificates, licenses and permits activity specifically the Food Control Programme?</b>			
Supply of thermometers : No Supply of additional food control plan documents: No Supply of additional national programme document pack: No			
<b>Do you support the removal of fees relating to the following:</b>			
Building consents - fixed and banded fee applications: No Environmental health license - fee for applications for charitable organisation : No Environmental health license - fee for applications for market food premises and mobile shop: No Bylaw license - fee for applications for keeping animals, poultry and bees, and entertainment premises: No Water supply - Standpipes metered fee section: No			
<b>Do you support the increase in the following fees to better reflect actual costs?</b>			
Vehicle crossing application and inspection fees: No Building consent hourly processing fees: No			
<b>Do you support the increase to the fee for oversize double depth internments?</b>			
No			
<b>Do you have any further comments about fees and charges?</b>			
Equitable outcomes is needed in remote or less affluent areas like Kaikohe, Kaitaia, Panguru. Why charge the same costs and charges in these areas as would be charged in affluent well off communities like Kerikeri? You dont need to look far to realise tha			
<b>Which ward do you live in?</b>	Kaikohe-Hokianga (West)		

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Submission No: 3

<b>Surname</b>	Anon		
<b>First name</b>			
<b>Organisation</b>		<b>Position</b>	
<b>Do you support the proposed adjustments to the Resource Consent installment fee to increase the initial payment in line with actual charges currently invoiced for an application?</b>			
Yes			
<b>Do you support the proposed adjustment for hourly processing charges to align with current market rates for planners' services?</b>			
Yes			
<b>Do you support the proposal to introduce fees for Engineering Plan Approvals?</b>			
No			
<b>Do you support the proposal to introduce a charge for professional services involved in the pre-application and concept meetings?</b>			
No			
<b>Do you have any further comments about the proposal to amend resource consent fees?</b>			
<b>Do you support the proposal to introduce fees for the certificates, licenses and permits activity specifically the Food Control Programme?</b>			
Supply of thermometers : Yes Supply of additional food control plan documents: No Supply of additional national programme document pack: No			
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Building consents - fixed and banded fee applications: Yes Environmental health license - fee for applications for charitable organisation : Yes Environmental health license - fee for applications for market food premises and mobile shop: Yes Bylaw license - fee for applications for keeping animals, poultry and bees, and entertainment premises: Yes Water supply - Standpipes metered fee section: Yes			
<b>Do you support the increase in the following fees to better reflect actual costs?</b>			
Vehicle crossing application and inspection fees: No Building consent hourly processing fees: No			
<b>Do you support the increase to the fee for oversize double depth internments?</b>			
Not sure			
<b>Do you have any further comments about fees and charges?</b>			
<b>Which ward do you live in?</b>			

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### Other Fees and charges comments (via the Annual Plan submission process)

- We support the proposed changes to Fees and Charges based on the “user pays” principal. We are also still strongly in favour of re-introducing Development Fees to ensure Developers pay for the impact on infrastructure.
- Re the Fees- Resource Consent hourly fee makes sense to me. Building Consent should be a fixed fee in my opinion.
- The proposal for Resource Consent fees and charges increase is not in line with the private sector or the actual costs for hourly processing charges. The shortfall will need to be absorbed into the general rates or obtained through other fees. In my opinion private development should be self-funding. The hourly processing charges for the Resource Consents are 10-30% lower than what they should be. This creates budget pressure in these areas and resourcing issues.

The charge out rates are not equitable across the schedule. A clear example is the comparison of rate charges between the Building consent and Resource consent fees. A Resource Consent Engineer is proposed to be charged out at \$190/ hour and a Development engineer proposed to be \$265/hour effectively similar roles. I declare that I am an employee of Far North District Council in the Resource Consents team.

- Yes. Stop tripling the costs of council fees. I've recently learned that the Resource Consent fee has increased from \$1750 to \$4900 in under 3 years. This is OUTRAGEOUS and completely unexplainable.



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## Animals

### Dogs

Registration fee for desexed dogs	1 July 2023 – 31 August 2023	Full fee and late registration penalty 1 September 2023 – 30 June 2024
	Pet dog	\$57.00
Classified dangerous dog	\$85.50	\$129.00
Working / pig dog	\$45.00	\$66.00
Disability assist dog (approved organisation certified)	No charge	No charge
Multiple dog discount (Register five dogs, get the sixth dog free)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Discount for Gold Card or Community Card holders	10%	10%

Full fee, penalty and debt recovery costs are incurred between 1 September 2023 and 30 June 2024.

Registration fee for non-desexed dogs	1 July 2023 – 31 August 2023	Full fee and late registration penalty 1 September 2023 – 30 June 2024
	Pet dog	\$68.00
Working / pig dog	\$55.00	\$79.00
Disability assist dog (approved organisation certified)	No charge	No charge
Multiple dog discount (Register five dogs, get the sixth dog free)	\$0.00	\$0.00
Discount for Gold Card or Community Card holders	10%	10%

Full fee, penalty and debt recovery costs are incurred between 1 September 2023 and 30 June 2024.

Other fees	
Re-homing dog registration fee (applies to dogs re-homed by the SPCA or via Council pounds).	\$41.00
Dog adoption. Fee includes microchipping, dog registration until the end of the current year, vet check, vaccinations and desexing (if required).	Actual costs
Microchipping	\$34.00
Small dog collar	\$13.00
Large dog collar	\$18.00
Replacement registration tag (per tag)	\$5.00

#### De-sexed dog registration

Registration of desexed dogs is free for the first year of the dog's life (desexing certificate to be supplied) for the current registration year only. All other years shall be at normal fee.

Note: All fees are GST INCLUSIVE at the current rate of 15% unless otherwise stated (where applicable)



**Dog impounding**

Impounding	\$77.00
Second impounding	\$115.00
Third and subsequent impounding	\$158.00
Daily handling	\$16.00 per day
Veterinary care	Actual costs

Impounding fee contributes to covering the cost of collecting of the dog that is covered by the general ratepayer and serves as a form of penalty for the individuals own dog being collected.

**Other animals****Stock impounding**

Bovine (bull, cow, ox) where one to five head of stock are impounded	\$106.00
Bovine (bull, cow, ox) where six to 10 head of stock are impounded	\$209.00
Bovine (bull, cow, ox) where 11 plus head of stock are impounded	\$316.00
Equine (horse) where one to five are impounded	\$118.00
Equine (horse) where six to 10 are impounded	\$224.00
Equine (horse) where 11 plus are impounded	\$329.00
Ovine (sheep)	\$35.00
Calves, foals, lambs, piglets (feeding off the mother) – no impounding or sustenance charge	No charge
Sustenance fees for impounded stock (per head per day)	\$10.00
NAIT (National Animal Identification and Tracing) tagging	Actual costs
Advertising costs (Advertising of impounded stock as required prior to auction / disposal)	Actual costs + \$17.00 admin cost
Transport of stock to pound	Actual costs + \$17.00 admin cost
Officers time (per hour)	\$100.00

Note: All fees are GST INCLUSIVE at the current rate of 15% unless otherwise stated (where applicable)

## Building consents

### Building notes

It is important to note that each building project and site may be different, so please use this information as a guideline only.

Total consent costs may not be known until the consent has been processed to approval.

For an indication of fees payable with your building consent application, please use our building fee calculator or contact our building staff on free phone 0800 920 029 (Northland land lines only) or 09 401 5200.

### When are building fees payable?

If your building project falls under the criteria for fixed fee applications, then you will be paying a fee as stated in the consolidated fees schedule. This fee will be required when lodging your application.

If your building project falls outside the criteria for fixed fee applications, then you will be in the banded fee bracket. These fees will be calculated based on processing time and will be invoiced at time of issue of your consent.

When issuing a Code Compliance Certificate a check is done to see if there are any outstanding inspection or processing fees and these will be invoiced at this time.

In all cases, Council payment terms apply to all issued invoices.

### How do I work out the estimated value?

This is the total value of the building work including GST. Usually the designer or architect supplies the contract square metre rate and Council checks this against national statistics, the MBIE website, Building Economist and Codeword's publications.

### Why do I get charged for inspections in advance?

Council policy is to release building consents as soon as possible. Estimated inspection fees are paid in advance to assist this process to avoid delays for all parties.

### What are 'actual costs' and what will they include?

- Processing, inspections and administration services
- It may also include external services engaged to carry out reviews for Council e.g. New Zealand Fire Service and Heritage NZ etc.
- Disbursements like scanning, copying, telephone, travel and postage.

### What are external services and why are they applicable to my application?

External services are usually for New Zealand Fire Service design review, engineering technical or weather-tightness review for complex design or when unproven methods are

proposed or input from Heritage NZ for any archaeological reviews.

### When does my consent become commercial and trigger the higher fees?

Generally when the building use is associated with public use and the engagement of employees

Some descriptions of these building types include:

- Communal residential (hostel / prison)
- Communal non-residential (church / school)
- Commercial (bank / service station)
- Industrial (agricultural building / sewage plant)

These classified uses attract the higher fee due to the additional design complexity and use of specified systems.

### What happens if I don't go ahead with my building consent, do I get a total refund?

This function is carried out on a case-by-case basis and no full refund is provided due to administration and cost overheads. In normal cases there will be a refund for unused inspections, and BRANZ / MBIE levies.

If processing has already begun, partially complete or fully completed fees will be deducted accordingly.

### Other fee information

Some levies are set by other agencies and are not affected by this proposal.

All fees are GST inclusive unless otherwise stated.

Building application fees are based on the project value of the building works, simple structures or minor type applications.

### Fixed fee applications

This fee applies to building work with a project value of less than \$20,000.

This fee applies to residential projects only.

This fee applies to specific works as listed in the chart below – the fee includes:

- Building processing
- District plan processing (where applicable)
- Inspections as nominated (additional inspections will be charged at the current fee rate)
- Code compliance certificate application fee.

This fee is non-refundable due to the reduced fee offered for these services.

<b>General building fees</b>	
Amended plans application	Actual costs
BRANZ Levy (applies to project values above \$20,000)	\$1.00 per \$1,000.00
MBIE Levy (applies to project values above \$20,000)	\$1.75 per \$1,000.00
Building warrant of fitness annual renewal	Actual costs
Building warrant of fitness audit report and inspection fee	Actual costs
Building warrant of fitness (audit only)	Actual costs
Certificate of acceptance application installment (actual processing costs are calculated and applied)	\$584 + actual costs
Certificate of public use application	Actual costs
Certificate of title request	\$42.00
Change of use application installment (actual processing costs are calculated and applied)	Actual costs
Code compliance certificate application	Actual costs
Older code compliance certificate application (includes review of building consents if over four years old)	Actual costs
Compliance schedule and statement	Actual costs
Compliance and accreditation levy (maximum levy fee \$276.00)	\$1.40 per \$1,000.00
Condition assessment report application	\$110.00
Enforcement action under the Building Act (Notice to fix notice, dangerous or insanitary notice and breach investigation)	Actual costs
Exemption from requiring building consent application	Actual costs
Extension of time application	\$110.00
Field advice notice	\$200.00
Inspections – residential	\$230.00
Inspections – commercial	\$350.00
Request for information (charged on any application type)	Actual costs
Scanning charge per application	\$12.00
Section 72 hazard notification	Actual costs
Section 75 building on two or more allotments notification	Actual costs
Specific expertise – inspection and processing required	Actual costs
Swimming pool inspections	\$314.00
Waiver / modification waiver application to existing building consent	Actual costs
Weekly building consent report (charge per annum)	\$680.00
<b>Hourly processing fees</b>	
Development Engineer	\$265.00
Building Manager / Compliance Manager	\$225.00
Team Leader / Senior Building Officer / Senior Building Specialist	\$200.00
Building Officer / Building Compliance Officer	\$185.00
PIM Officer (District Plan check)	\$160.00
Building Administration / Compliance Administration	\$170.00

Note: All fees are GST INCLUSIVE at the current rate of 15% unless otherwise stated (where applicable)

**Vehicle crossings**

Vehicle crossing application and vehicle crossing inspection fee	\$300.00
<i>A bond deposit (minimum \$1,000.00) may be set to ensure construction of vehicle crossing</i>	
Vehicle crossing inspection fee	\$200.00
Re-application fee for expired approvals	\$77.00
Application for RAPID number	\$30.00
Replacement RAPID signs	\$11.00

Note: All fees are GST INCLUSIVE at the current rate of 15% unless otherwise stated (where applicable)

## Bylaw enforcement

### Bylaw license application

General bylaw license incorporates fees for:-	\$117.00 per application
Application for advertising signs	
Application for brothel signs	
Reclaiming of seized advertising signs	\$88.00 per sign

Note: All fees are GST INCLUSIVE at the current rate of 15% unless otherwise stated (where applicable)

## Cemeteries

### Burial plots

Burial plot	\$1,152.00
Interment single depth	\$1,010.00
Interment double depth	\$1,145.00
Interment child (under 10)	\$249.00
Interment - oversize single depth	\$1,113.00
Interment - oversize double depth	\$1,217.00
Disinterment fee	\$2,247.00
Statutory holiday surcharge	\$556.00
Special circumstance surcharge (e.g late arrival or additional processing)	\$521.00

### Ash burial

Ash berm (Russell)	\$523.00
Ash berm (All others)	\$269.00
Grave digging for ash burial	\$222.00
Concrete cap	\$115.00

### Other fees

Cemetery fees (e.g search fee, headstone, memorial permit, installation fee)	\$40.00
Memorial bench	Actual costs

Note: All fees are GST INCLUSIVE at the current rate of 15% unless otherwise stated (where applicable)

## Certificates, licenses and permits

### Alcohol licensing

The following fees are set under the Sale and Supply of Alcohol (Fees) Regulations 2013

Application fee - Managers Certificates	\$316.25
Renewal fee - Managers Certificates	\$316.25
Temporary License fee	\$296.70
Temporary Authority fee	\$296.70
Certificate of Compliance Liquor application - please see Page 25 - Resource consents for this fee	
Advertising of an alcohol application	\$47.50

### Premises - On, off and club licenses

Fee category and cost / risk rating score		Application fee	Annual fee
		<i>Set by legislation</i>	<i>Set by legislation</i>
Very low	0-2	\$368.00	\$161.00
Low	3-5	\$609.50	\$391.00
Medium	6-15	\$816.50	\$632.50
High	16-25	\$1,023.50	\$1,035.00
Very high	26 plus	\$1,207.50	\$1,437.50

### Special licenses - risk based fees (see definition below)

	<i>Set by legislation</i>
Class 1	\$575.00
Class 2	\$207.00
Class 3	\$63.25

### Special license definition

Class 1	a large event (400+) people, or more than three medium events (100 - 400 people), or more than 12 small events (fewer than 100 people)
Class 2	One to three medium events (100 - 400 people), or Three to 12 small events (fewer than 100 people)
Class 3	One or two small events (fewer than 100 people)

### Amusement devices and entertainment premises

*Set by legislation*

These fees are set under Section 11 of the Amusement Devices Regulations 1978 and are applicable to devices such as merry-go-rounds, Ferris wheels and roller coasters, bumper cars and boats, indoor go-karts, mini-bikes, parasails, jet skis, bungee jumping. Bouncy castles, inflatable slides and non-powered playground equipment are not amusement devices and so you do not require a permit.

Amusement devices only; one device, for the first seven days of operation or part thereof	\$10.00
Amusement devices only; for each additional device operated by the same owner, for the first seven days or part thereof	\$2.00
Amusement devices only; for each device, for each further period of seven days or part thereof	\$1.00

### Collection and transportation of waste and diverted materials

Waste collector's license	\$543.00 per annum
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Note: All fees are GST INCLUSIVE at the current rate of 15% unless otherwise stated (where applicable)

**Environmental health licenses**

(Per annum) Health (Registration of Premises) Regulations 1966 annual renewal 1 July. Pro rata fees for new application throughout the registration year.

Health (hairdressers, mortuaries, camping grounds and septic tank cleaners)	\$349.00
Charitable organisations (churches etc) (remove)	Remove
Re-inspection	\$202.00
Change of ownership (new certificate)	\$61.00
Replacement of lost certificate	\$29.00

**Fire prevention**

Section clearance (includes administration charge, site inspection if required and contractors' actual costs)	\$108.00 + actual costs
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**Food Act****Food Control Plan (FCP)**

Template FCP registration	\$310.00
Thermometer	\$30.00
Additional food control plan document	\$28.00
Renewal of registration (annual renewal)	\$232.50
Additional processing time	\$155.00
Registration amendment	\$155.00
FCP verification fixed fee	\$542.50
Failure to attend scheduled verification	\$155.00
Compliance and monitoring fee	\$155.00

**National Programme (NP)**

NP registration	\$250.00
NP renewal (renewal required every 2 years)	\$142.50
Additional national programme document pack	\$28.00
Additional processing time	\$155.00
Registration amendment	\$155.00
NP verification fixed fee	\$387.50
Failure to attend scheduled verification	\$155.00
Compliance and monitoring fee	\$155.00

**Gaming Act 2003**

Gaming venue relocation and TAB venue application license fees	\$434.00
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Note: All fees are GST INCLUSIVE at the current rate of 15% unless otherwise stated (where applicable)



**Mobile shop, stall, hawkers, alfresco dining and tour operators' licenses (Road Use Bylaw)****Definitions:**

**Mobile shop** means a vehicle (including a trailer) from which goods are offered for sale in any public place but does not include any vehicle used exclusively for the delivery of pre-ordered goods, nor any stall.

**Hawker** means any person who carries any goods for sale from property to property but does not include any person delivering pre-ordered goods, or any person exposing goods for sale in any public place, nor any mobile shopkeeper.

**Tour operator** means any person who offer tourist activities in a specific site in a public space.

**Regular annual licenses**

Mobile shop	<b>Non-food</b>	
	Annual	\$544.00
	Seasonal - one month	\$48.00 per month
	<b>Food related</b>	
	Annual	\$810.00
	<i>This fee is for the license to trade in a permitted public place. A food license will also be required</i>	
	Seasonal*	\$69.00 per month
Coffee vendor only	Annual	\$270.00
	Seasonal*	\$27.50 per month
Hawkers	Annual	\$350.00
	Seasonal*	Pro rata \$33.00 per month
Market food premises and mobile shop (remove)		Remove
Street stalls (Fundraising events, charitable trusts, or street appeal collectors) Maximum 20 per year		No charge
Tour operators license		\$215.00

\* Minimum of one month

**Alfresco dining license****All licenses renewable on 1 July each year**

Application and renewal fee	\$113.00
Site inspection	\$79.00
One table	\$56.00
Two tables	\$112.00
Three tables	\$170.00
Four tables	\$225.00
Five tables	\$282.00
New application received during licensing year	Pro rata, according to number of tables (however the application fee and site inspection will be charged at full fee)
Re-inspection fee	\$56.00
Change of new ownership - new licensee	\$61.00

Note: All fees are GST INCLUSIVE at the current rate of 15% unless otherwise stated (where applicable)

## Leases and licenses of reserves / change of reserve status

### Change of reserve status – processing charges

Change of classification of reserve	\$355.00
Revocation of reservation of reserve	\$355.00

Note: This charge covers administrative costs and is to be paid on application for reserve status. This charge is not payable in cases where the application can be processed in conjunction with a request to lease the reserve, in which case the lease processing charge listed below covers the costs. Applicants will be required to meet other costs that may apply – Department of Conservation fees, resource consent application fees, survey costs etc.

### Leases of reserves (one year or more) – processing charges

New lease of reserve; e.g. local purpose or recreation (including grazing leases)	\$473.00
Renewal of lease of reserve; e.g. local purpose or recreation	\$238.00

Administration charges to be paid on application for the lease. When applicable, applicants will also be required to meet legal expenses, Department of Conservation fees, resource consent and / or liquor license application fees.

### Easements under Reserves Act – processing charge

Easement over reserve (plus any addition)	\$465.00
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### Leases of Reserves (one year or more) – rentals per year

Lease by commercial operator (e.g. motor camp, carpark)	Individually determined on percentage of Government value
Lease by semi-community group (e.g. bowling club, school)	\$118.00
Lease by community group (e.g. Marae committee)	\$118.00
Grazing leases	By tender process

Note: Lessees are also required to pay rates and in some cases, where the lessees are occupying council owned buildings, they are required to reimburse council when annual insurance premiums are paid.

### Temporary license to occupy reserves – processing charges

New license for grazing or other purposes	\$118.00
Renewal of license for grazing purposes	\$58.00

### Rentals

Licenses by commercial operator	Individually determined on percentage of Government value
Licenses by semi-community and community groups	\$118.00
Grazing licenses	By tender process

### Permits to occupy reserves – less than one month

No processing charge but written application required	No charge
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### Use of reserves

Commercial use (e.g. circus) per showing	\$89.00
Plus deposit (refundable if no turf damage)	\$651.00
Community use ground rental	No charge

Note: All fees are GST INCLUSIVE at the current rate of 15% unless otherwise stated (where applicable)

**Paihia Village Green - stallholders / exhibitors**

Residents of the Far North District (per site / per day)	\$10.00
Non-residents of the Far North District (per site / per day)	\$21.00
Community activities (e.g. Carols by Candlelight)	No charge
Hire of entire village green	By negotiation with Focus Paihia

Note: All fees are GST INCLUSIVE at the current rate of 15% unless otherwise stated (where applicable)

## Legal services

### Hourly rates

In-house Counsel	\$286.00
Property Legalisation Officer	\$111.00
Travelling costs – from nearest Council office	As per IRD mileage rates schedule

Note: All fees are GST INCLUSIVE at the current rate of 15% unless otherwise stated (where applicable)

## Libraries

### Item replacement

All items: Replacement value of item plus administration fee	Actual costs and \$10.00 per item
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### Borrowing

Local resident borrower	No charge
Organisation borrower (limited users)	\$31.00
Replacement borrower card	\$2.20
Interloan search	from \$6.00
Book repairs	from \$5.20

We no longer charge overdue fees on any borrowed items.

### Faxing

#### Local

Transaction fee	\$2.60
Per page thereafter	\$1.00

#### National

Transaction fee	\$2.60
Per page thereafter	\$1.00

#### International

Transaction fee	\$2.60
Per page thereafter	\$1.00

#### Incoming fax

Per page (one to four pages)	\$2.60
Per page thereafter (fifth page)	\$1.00

Note: All fees are GST INCLUSIVE at the current rate of 15% unless otherwise stated (where applicable)

## Marine

<b>Hokianga vehicle ferry</b>	
Children concession	\$4.00
Foot / car passenger – single	\$2.00
Passenger concession	\$10.00
Motorcycle – one way	\$5.00
Campervan – one way	\$40.00
Light vehicle (vehicles <2200 kg – trailers / caravans)	\$20.00
Resident light vehicle	\$7.00
Light vehicle concession – five trips	\$30.00
Light vehicle concession – 10 trips	\$55.00
Heavy vehicle single trip – per axle	\$15.00
Heavy vehicle concession – 10 trips	\$100.00
Special sailings	\$150.00

Note: All fees are GST INCLUSIVE at the current rate of 15% unless otherwise stated (where applicable)

## Official information

### Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA) information requests

Staff time per half hour (first hour free)	\$38.00 per half hour
Plan print	\$5.00
Photocopying	\$0.20

Copies of documents required to be available at a reasonable charge under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (All postage payable).

### Annual supply of agendas and minutes

Council	Actual costs
Community boards – per board	Actual costs
All Community boards	Actual costs
All agendas (Council, community boards, hearings)	Actual costs
Hearings agendas	Actual costs

### Other Council publications

Hard copy of Annual Plan, Long Term Plans and Annual Report	Actual costs
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### Photocopying charges

A4 (black and white)	\$0.20
A4 (colour)	\$1.00
A3 (black and white)	\$0.40
A3 (colour)	\$2.00

Charges for supply of information when the information is not required to be provided free under the Local Government Official Information and Meeting Act, where the aggregate amount of staff time spent to action the request exceeds half an hour.

### Document scanning

One to five pages	\$1.00
Six or more pages	\$2.00

### Operative District Plan

Text volume	\$190.00
Map volume	\$170.00
Map pages (individual)	Actual costs
Text and maps (printed)	\$357.00

### Rating information

Rate book (per book – annual)	Actual costs
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Note: All fees are GST INCLUSIVE at the current rate of 15% unless otherwise stated (where applicable)

## Property information

### Electronic property file request

Collating and providing the property file online (per property file)	\$25.00
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### Digital data supply

DCDB parcels – per parcel	\$0.20
Staff time (per hour)	\$95.00
USB stick (with data on it)	\$6.00

### Physical map requests (paper and pdf)

Staff time (per hour)	\$95.00
Hard copy – A3	\$46.00
Hard copy – A2	\$56.00
Hard copy – A1	\$79.00
Hard copy – A0	\$95.00
Soft copy (PDF format) – A3	\$46.00
Soft copy (PDF format) – A2	\$46.00
Soft copy (PDF format) – A1	\$46.00
Soft copy (PDF format) – A0	\$46.00
USB stick (with data on it)	\$6.00

Note: Where a request covers more than one property and/or requires additional time to process, the charges will be based on 10-minute intervals according to the schedule. FNDC does not provide A4 maps. These are accessible and printable via the mapping website [www.fndcmaps.govt.nz](http://www.fndcmaps.govt.nz)

### Property information products – maps

Vector maps: locality plan, property plan, property boundaries, addresses, legal description, area – A4	Actual costs
Street map (Cadastral) – reproduction costs	Actual costs

### Land Information Memoranda (LIM's)

LIM application – All properties	\$312.00
Research fee – where extensive research is required. (This is additional to the application fee)	\$38.00 per half hour

### Residential rates postponement fees

Establishment fee: includes legal costs, and production of documents for registering statutory land charge (includes LINZ fee)	\$300.00
Annual administration fee for maintaining rates postponement	\$50.00

Note: All fees are GST INCLUSIVE at the current rate of 15% unless otherwise stated (where applicable)



## Resource consents

Resource consent fees are calculated based on BERL Forecasts of Price Level Change Adjustors (with some rounding). This means that fees may increase each year in accordance with the changes to the BERL Forecast.

Notes:

1. These fees have been rounded up to the nearest whole dollar
  2. All fees GST inclusive unless otherwise stated
- Instalment fees are charged at the following stages: application lodgement;
  - limited or notification process; and
  - hearings process.

Where the instalment paid does not cover the actual processing costs Council shall require the applicant to pay an additional charge following the issuing of decision. Council reserves the right to interim invoice applications monthly where costs have been incurred and exceed the instalment fee paid.

An applicant shall upon request be provided an itemised breakdown of costs. For the purposes of these charges the terms 'actual and reasonable cost'\* and 'standard charges' shall include but not be limited to:

- FNDC staff time for receiving, processing and issuing a decision
- Inspections
- Travel – breakdown of costs, etc.
- Administrative / technical support
- Contract services (e.g. landscape architect, engineers) engaged by Council to fulfil obligations of the Resource Management Act 1991; and
- Disbursements including photocopying, phone and postage.

An applicant required to pay an additional charge has a right of objection to the council in respect of that requirement and has a right of appeal to the Environment Court in respect of Council's decision on that objection.

All fees and charges are INSTALMENTS unless otherwise stated at the top of the particular table.

\* Actual and reasonable cost based on an hourly rate, mileage and disbursements will be deducted from the instalment fee or charged to determine the final fee payable.

The following table has been modified to merge similar fees.

### Application for resource consent, designation or heritage orders

Applications made under the Resource Management Act: \$1,500.00

- Simple land use (single Zone Rule breach with no engineering assessment required)

This instalment is payable at the time of lodgement. Actual processing costs will be calculated and invoiced after the decision is issued. Interim invoicing may apply.

Applications made under the Resource Management Act: \$1,204.00

- Change or cancellation of consent condition – Sec 127
- Change or cancellation of consent notice condition - 221(3)
- Outline plan consideration (176A)
- Application for extension – Sec 125 lapsing a consent
- Fast track Consents

This instalment is payable at the time of lodgement. Actual processing costs will be calculated and invoiced after the decision is issued. Interim invoicing may apply.

Applications made under the Resource Management Act: \$2,500.00

- Land use

This instalment is payable at the time of lodgement. Actual processing costs will be calculated and invoiced after the decision is issued. Interim invoicing may apply.

Note: All fees are GST INCLUSIVE at the current rate of 15% unless otherwise stated (where applicable)

**Application for resource consent, designation or heritage orders**

Applications made under the Resource Management Act:	\$2,900.00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Subdivision 1-4 lots</li> </ul>	
This instalment is payable at the time of lodgement. Actual processing costs will be calculated and invoiced after the decision is issued. Interim invoicing may apply.	
Applications made under the Resource Management Act:	\$4,800.00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Subdivision 5-8 lots</li> </ul>	
This instalment is payable at the time of lodgement. Actual processing costs will be calculated and invoiced after the decision is issued. Interim invoicing may apply	
Applications made under the Resource Management Act:	\$6,500.00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Subdivision 9+ lots</li> </ul>	
This instalment is payable at the time of lodgement. Actual processing costs will be calculated and invoiced after the decision is issued. Interim invoicing may apply.	
Applications made under the Resource Management Act:	\$2,700.00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discharge to land</li> </ul>	
This instalment is payable at the time of lodgement. Actual processing costs will be calculated and invoiced after the decision is issued. Interim invoicing may apply.	
Applications made under the Resource Management Act:	\$2,900.00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updating of cross lease flats plans</li> </ul>	
This instalment is payable at the time of lodgement. Actual processing costs will be calculated and invoiced after the decision is issued. Interim invoicing may apply	
Applications made under the Resource Management Act:	\$4,900.00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Combined subdivision / land use</li> </ul>	
This instalment is payable at the time of lodgement. Actual processing costs will be calculated and invoiced after the decision is issued. Interim invoicing may apply.	
Applications made under the Resource Management Act:	\$1,933.00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National Environmental Standards for Plantation Forestry</li> <li>National Environmental Standards for Contaminated Soil</li> </ul>	
This instalment is payable at the time of lodgement. Actual processing costs will be calculated and invoiced after the decision is issued. Interim invoicing may apply.	
Notices of requirement for a designation and / or heritage order	\$2,800.00
Removal of or alteration to a notice of requirement	\$840.00
Simple Sect 127 change of conditions (minor changes and where the approval remains consistent with the original proposal, no engineering assessment is required and there are no parties affected by the change)	\$671.00

Note: Deemed permitted boundary activities and deemed permitted marginal or temporary activities' fees can be found under 'Approvals and certificates'.

**Limited notification for resource consents, notices of requirement and heritage orders**

Land use and subdivision; combined land use and subdivision; notices of requirement; heritage orders; discharge to land.	\$5,000.00
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Note: Where an instalment fee has already been paid, Council will require the balance owing to be paid before limited notification proceeds.

Note: All fees are GST INCLUSIVE at the current rate of 15% unless otherwise stated (where applicable)

**Public notification for resource consents, notices of requirement and heritage orders**

Land use and subdivision; combined land use and subdivision; discharge to land; changes to consent conditions – Section 127; notice of requirements; heritage orders.	\$8,000.00
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Note: Where an instalment fee has already been paid, Council will require the balance owing to be paid before notification proceeds.

**Hearings**

Hearings required for any resource consent or other permission.	\$1,933.00
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**Hearing fee**

- Cost of third party / hearing commissioners will be charged at actual costs
- Staff and consultant costs will be charged at actual costs
- Miscellaneous charges (copying, venue hire, printing, etc.) will be charged at actual costs
- All costs will be itemised
- The final fee in any one application will be determined by the Team Leader, Resource Consents or his / her appointee
- All charges will be actual and reasonable costs less the instalment fee.

Note: Actual and reasonable costs based on an hourly rate, mileage and disbursements will be deducted from the instalment fee or charged to determine the final fee payable.

**Monitoring**

Monitoring fee – monitoring of resource consents (including Certificate of Compliance). Based on two inspections being required when charged.	\$384.00
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**Approvals and certificates – installment**

*These fees are calculated in instalment and are payable at the time of lodgement. Actual processing costs will be calculated and invoiced after the decision is issued. Interim invoicing may apply.*

Certificate under Sec 221 (consent notice), certificate under Sec 222 (completion certificate), approval of survey plan Sec 223	\$262.00
Cancellation of building line restriction Sec 327A LGA 1974	\$240.00
Outline plan waiver	\$156.00
224 (c) Certificate without engineering conditions	\$612.00
224 (c) Certificate with engineering conditions	\$1,136.00
Section 243 Cancellation of Easement	\$480.00
Deemed permitted boundary activities and deemed permitted marginal or temporary activities	\$480.00
Earthworks permit – includes administration and one inspection	\$480.00
Engineering Plan Approvals (RMAEPA)	\$760.00
Any meeting booked in advance relating to a resource consent application. Actual and reasonable costs will be calculated based on the charge rate associated with the staff member(s) required to attend and for any research required prior to the meeting. This includes Pre-Application Meetings and Concept Development Meetings.	Actual and reasonable costs

**Other approvals, certificates and fixed fees**

Preparation of covenant against transfer of allotments – Sec 240	\$480.00
Any other certificate, authority, requirements, or actions requested of Council under the provisions of the Resource Management Act, the Local Government Act or any other related legislation	\$480.00

Note: All fees are GST INCLUSIVE at the current rate of 15% unless otherwise stated (where applicable)

<b>Other approvals, certificates and fixed fees</b>	
Savings certificate issued under Sec 226(1)(e). Determination of and extension of existing use (Section 10)	\$925.00
Creation of right of way under Sec 348 Local Government Act	\$925.00
Section 139 Certificate of Compliance, Section 139(A) Existing Use Certificate	\$1,276.00
Fees or charges levied on Council by other organisations; i.e. District Land Registrar, Department of Conservation	Actual and reasonable costs charged by the other organisation and Council admin charge
Request for consideration of District Plan change. Plus, actual and reasonable costs charged to Council by any other organisations and applicable hourly staff rates. This is the required lodgement fee should a change be requested. Should the requested change be accepted by the Council for processing as a private plan change, all additional costs will be charged	\$14,001.00
Charge for supplying information in respect of plans and resource consents per half hour, and any other associated costs that apply to the request	Actual and reasonable costs
Any report required by Council in determining / processing a resource consent per half hour, and any other associated costs that apply to the request	Actual and reasonable costs
CT – producing certificates of title; easement instruments; consent notices	\$41.00 per search
Scanning charge – per application	\$12.00 per application
Post approval charge. Part of administration associated with consents, statutory reports, inquiries and complaints about consents	\$228.00

<b>Liquor compliance certificates</b>	
Certificate of Compliance Liquor application	\$467.00

<b>Hourly processing charges</b>	
Principal Planner and Manager; Resource Management	\$210.00
Resource Consent Engineer	\$190.00
Team Leader	\$200.00
Senior Planner	\$190.00
Intermediate and Resource Planner	\$185.00
Resource Planner	\$180.00
Consent Planner	\$160.00
Planning Technician and Monitoring Officer	\$155.00
Consultants	Actual and reasonable costs
Note: The actual costs the consultants charge plus a Council administration charge will apply. Please ask Council what charge may apply if your consent application has been allocated to a Consultant Planner or Consultant Engineer.	
Other – Professional services (Pre-application meetings and concept development meetings)	Actual and reasonable costs

<b>Travel costs for resource consents</b>	
The travel cost is derived from the time the Council officer spends in a vehicle travelling to the site from the nearest Council service centre (Kaikohe, Kaitaia and Kerikeri), charged at the Inland Revenue Department mileage rate. Actual time spent on site will be charged for at the appropriate hourly rate.	As per the IRD mileage rate schedule

<b>Development contributions</b>	
Far North District Council does not currently charge development contributions.	

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## Rubbish disposal services at transfer stations

<b>Rubbish</b>	
<b>At transfer station</b>	
Per bag (standard 65L)	\$3.00
Oversized bag (130L)	\$6.00
Wheelie bin (240L)	\$11.00
Loose material per m <sup>3</sup>	\$46.00
Compacted material per m <sup>3</sup>	\$74.50
Greenwaste m <sup>3</sup>	\$22.00

<b>Whole tyre disposal</b>	
<b>At transfer station</b>	
Motorcycle tyre	\$3.50
Passenger car tyres	\$5.00
Light truck and 4x4 tyres	\$8.00
Truck tyres	\$16.00
Tractor and super single	\$23.00
Earth mover tyres	Not accepted

<b>e-Waste</b>	
<b>Transfer station pricing for householders</b>	
TV's CRT	\$10.00
TV's flat screen	\$10.00
Computer CRT	\$10.00
Monitors LCD	\$5.00
<b>PC's</b>	
Desktop / laptop / server	\$5.00 each
UPS's	\$5.00
Laptop batteries	\$5.00
Network equipment	\$5.00
<b>Printers</b>	
Printers / scanners / fax	\$5.00 each
Photocopier small / medium	\$10.00
Photocopier large	\$10.00
Copier cartridges	\$4.00 per kg
<b>Household appliances etc.</b>	
Heaters (No oil filled)	\$3.00
Vacuums	\$3.00
Microwaves	\$5.00
<b>Consumer electronics</b>	
DVD and VCR players	\$3.00
Stereo system and games	\$3.00
Radios etc	\$3.00
<b>Other</b>	
Cell phones	No charge

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## Stormwater

Any works on Councils' stormwater network can only be undertaken by Council approved contractors. Excludes charges included with rates.

Activity / service	
Application fee for a stormwater connection	\$49.00
Application fee to build close to, or excavate close to a public storm water line not within a legal road*	\$49.00
New connection	Quote to be provided
Approximate marking of single of single location services of mains with minimum 3 days' notice	Quote to be provided
Accurate marking of mains including excavation with minimum 10 day notice	Quote to be provided
Accurate marking of mains including excavation with minimum 10 day notice or location of mains over a wide area	Quote to be provided
Urgent location of mains	Quote to be provided

\*If site visit required additional costs of staff time, administration and mileage apply.

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## Transport

### Road closures

Applications for motor sprint events	\$156.00
Note: if event spans more than one ward an extra \$50 per ward is chargeable	
Applications for parades	\$54.00
Other road closures will be charged based on an estimated cost at normal charge out rates – minimum	\$54.00

Note: all advertising costs are the responsibility of the applicant.

### Traffic overweight permit

Traffic overweight permit	\$144.00
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## Venues for hire

<b>Corporate and private hireage</b>	<b>Full day (8:30-5:00)</b>	<b>Half day</b>	<b>Hourly</b>
Kaeo – Meeting room	\$80.00	\$45.00	\$15.00
Kerikeri – Procter Library	-	-	\$20.00
Kerikeri – John Butler Centre, Tane Mahuta room	\$100.00	\$55.00	\$20.00
Kaikohe Memorial Hall – Entire complex	\$300.00	Full day or hourly only	\$40.00
Kaikohe Memorial Hall – Supper room and kitchen	\$200.00	Full day or hourly only	\$30.00
Kaikohe Memorial Hall – Main hall only	\$150.00	Full day or hourly only	\$25.00
Kaikohe Memorial Hall – Bond	\$300.00	Full day or hourly only	\$40.00

<b>Community groups</b>	<b>Full day (8:30-5:00)</b>	<b>Half day</b>	<b>Hourly</b>
Kaeo – Meeting room	\$40.00	\$20.00	\$10.00
Kerikeri – Procter Library	-	-	\$15.00
Kerikeri – John Butler Centre, Tane Mahuta room	\$50.00	\$30.00	\$15.00
Kaikohe Memorial Hall – Entire complex	\$150.00	Full day or hourly only	\$25.00
Kaikohe Memorial Hall – Supper room and kitchen	\$75.00	Full day or hourly only	\$20.00
Kaikohe Memorial Hall – Main Hall only	\$50.00	Full day or hourly only	\$15.00
Kaikohe Memorial Hall – Bond	\$150.00	Full day or hourly only	\$25.00

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## Wastewater

Any works on Councils wastewater networks can only be undertaken by Council approved contractors. Excludes charges included with rates.

Activity / service	
Administration fee for a wastewater connection	\$49.00
Administration fee to build close to/over or excavate close to a public sewer not within a legal road*	\$49.00
Upgrade or modify existing connection	Quote to be provided
New connection provided by Council's contractor up to 150mm main (includes connection to main and one metre of pipe from Council main)	Quote to be provided
New connection provided by Council's contractor to mains greater than 150mm or connection lengths greater than one metre or where a manhole / chamber is required	Quote to be provided
New connection to a pressure wastewater network provided by Council's contractor	Quote to be provided
Inspection by Council officers of connection work not undertaken by Council's contractor (single connection)	Quote to be provided
Inspection by Council Officers of connection work not undertaken by Council's contractor (multiple connections)	Quote to be provided

### Wastewater connected rate for all new connections

Where a property connects to sewerage after 1 July in any year, the connection fee will include a sum in lieu of a rate. The amount of the fee will be calculated on the basis of one twelfth (1/12) of the relevant capital, operating and additional pan rates for the scheme concerned for every complete month until 30 June in the following year.

### Service availability charge where a new wastewater connection is provided but the property does not connect

Where sewerage is made available to a property after 1 July in any year but the property does not connect, the connection fee will include a sum in lieu of a rate. The amount of the fee will be calculated on the basis of one twelfth (1/12) of the relevant availability rate for the scheme concerned for every complete month until 30 June in the following year.

Approximate marking of single location services of mains with minimum three days' notice	Quote to be provided
Accurate marking of mains including excavation with minimum 10 day notice	Quote to be provided
Accurate marking of mains including excavation with minimum 10 day notice or location of mains over a wide area	Quote to be provided
Urgent location of mains	Quote to be provided
Inspection of onsite wastewater system by Council Monitoring Officer*	\$97.00 per hour
Sampling of onsite wastewater system by Council Monitoring Officer	Actual costs

\*If site visit required additional costs of staff time, administration and mileage apply.

### Approved commercial operators discharge fees

Cubic metre rate	\$33.00 / m <sup>3</sup>
Lost card replacement	\$35.00 per card

Note: All fees are GST INCLUSIVE at the current rate of 15% unless otherwise stated (where applicable)

## Water supply

Any works on Councils' water supply networks can only be undertaken by Council approved contractors. Excludes charges included in rates.

Activity / service	
Administration fee for a water connection	\$49.00
Administration fee to build or excavate close to a public water main not within a legal road*	\$49.00
<b>Water connected rate for all new connections</b>	
Where a property connects to water after 1 July in any year, the connection fee will include a sum in lieu of a rate. The amount of the fee will be calculated on the basis of one twelfth (1/12) of the relevant capital rates for the scheme concerned for every complete month until 30 June in the following year.	
<b>Service availability charge where a new water connection is provided but the property does not connect</b>	
Where water is made available to a property after 1 July in any year but the property does not connect, the connection fee will include a sum in lieu of a rate. The amount of the fee will be calculated on the basis of one twelfth (1/12) of the relevant availability rate for the scheme concerned for every complete month until 30 June in the following year.	
Non-standard water connections including meter and meter box	Quote to be provided
Standard 20 mm water meter connection in footpath within five metres of main	Quote to be provided
Standard 20 mm water meter connection in berm within five metres of main	Quote to be provided
Relocation of existing service or meter	Quote to be provided
Approximate marking of single location services of mains with minimum three days' notice	Quote to be provided
Accurate marking of mains including excavation with minimum 10 day notice	Quote to be provided
Accurate marking of mains including excavation with minimum 10 days' notice, or location of mains over a wide area	Quote to be provided
Urgent location of mains	Actual costs
Meter checking fee (calibration check – refundable if meter incorrect)	\$491.00
Restrictor installation	Quote to be provided
Special meter readings	\$98.00
<b>Standpipes metered (Direct from Broadspectrum) (Remove section)</b>	
Weekly hire (minimum charge one week)	Remove
Charge rate per m <sup>3</sup>	Remove
<b>Bulk water supply</b>	
Bond	\$2,051.00
Annual administration fee (covers billing and vehicle inspection)	\$684.00 for first vehicle \$353.00 for each subsequent vehicle
Charge rate per m <sup>3</sup>	Standard domestic rate in the area concerned

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**Water by meter rates**

Potable water	Per M <sup>3</sup>	Information to be supplied from final 2023/24 rates calculations.
Non-potable water	Per M <sup>3</sup>	
<b>Non-metered rates</b>		
Non-metered potable rate	Per SUIP	
Non-metered non-potable rate	Per SUIP	

**Location of services****Marking of approximate services locations**

Urgent (within 24 hours)	Quote to be provided
Programmed (within 3 days)	Quote to be provided
Dig up and locate (10 days' notice)	Quote to be provided

Note: All fees are GST INCLUSIVE at the current rate of 15% unless otherwise stated (where applicable)



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**TO : COUNCIL**

**FROM : GM: FINANCE & BUSINESS PERFORMANCE**

**WRITER : IAN SIVYER, GM FINANCE & BUSINESS PERFORMANCE**

**ISSUE : KERIKERI CIVIC TRUST LOAN GUARANTEE**

**Executive Summary:** This report is to update Council on the loan guarantee agreement for the Kerikeri Civic Trust. This report also seeks support for Council to continue to guarantee the loan and cover interest payments.

**REPORT:**

**1. Background**

In 2004, Council resolved to guarantee a loan of \$1.5 million for the Kerikeri Civic Trust, to construct the Centre at Kerikeri, based on a Memorandum of Understanding between Council and the Trust signed in 2003. This was subsequently increased to \$1.9 million in 2005. As part of this MOU and guarantee, Council has paid the interest costs for the loan. The present loan agreement expires on 13 May 2010.

Following discussion at the February Audit and Finance Committee Meeting, the General Manager Finance and Business Performance was requested to work with the Civic Trust to obtain competitive quotes for a new loan. Quotes were obtained from both Westpac (the existing provider) and ASB Bank (Council's primary banker). The renewal terms offered by Westpac were the best offered, and are:

**Term:** 3 years

**Amount:** \$1.9 million

**Interest Rate:** Floating at a margin of 1%. At the time of the offer, this equated to a rate of 4.2% on a 90 day basis. There is an option to convert to a fixed rate at 5 banking days notice. On current interest rates, the annual cost to Council would be \$80,000, less than half the current cost to Council.

**Prepayment:** As Council has provided for potential repayment of the loan of \$113,000 per annum from 2011/12 through to 2018/19 in its Long Term Community Council Plan, the terms allow for partial repayment of principal at 5 banking days notice. In addition, the Trust's operating company is working on initiatives to generate more income, which could assist in repaying the loan.

The guarantee document has been reviewed by FNDC's Legal Services Team. The document is in standard form, but needs some changes for Council. These will be worked through between Council's legal team and Westpac before signing.

## 2. Options & Assessment

If the loan is allowed to expire in May 2010, the bank is likely to request repayment of the \$1.9 million from Council as guarantor. By continuing with the guarantee under the revised terms, Council will incur reduced interest costs (refer to Section 3 of this report, Financial Implications).

## 3. Financial Implications

Savings over interest payments of \$80,000 per annum at present interest rates. Further savings as loan is repaid in the future.

## 4. Policy Context

Council has an established strategy on this matter. It is in accordance with the Council resolutions in 2004 and 2005. It is also in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding (Appendix A) that was signed in 2003.

## 5. Implications for Māori

There are no specific implications for Maori over and above any other ratepayer.

## 6. Community Board Views

There are no specific implications for Community Boards.

## 7. Legislative Compliance

The relevant legislation in relation to this issue is Section 12 of the Local Government Act. The information provided in this report and the recommended resolution complies in all respects with relevant legislation.

In relation to Section 79 of the Local Government Act 2002, this issue is considered to be of low significance.

## RECOMMENDATION:

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That the report, "Kerikeri Civic Trust Loan Guarantee", be received;

And that Council approves the continuation of the guarantee and interest payments under the terms offered by Westpac in accordance with clause 4 A & B of the Memorandum of Understanding between Far North District Council and the Kerikeri Civic Trust.

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Ian Sivyer  
**GM: FINANCE & BUSINESS PERFORMANCE**

20 April 2010

**APPENDIX I****MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**BETWEEN THE FAR NORTH DISTRICT COUNCIL (the Council)**  
**AND THE KERIKERI CIVIC TRUST (the Trust)**

**BACKGROUND**

- A. Both parties are committed to the provision of a new facility for the Far North District to be developed in Kerikeri to provide for the performing and creative arts and indoor recreation needs of the community and to serve as a base for a Centre of Excellence to be established ("the project").
- B. The Trust is recognised as the body which has undertaken the role of raising the necessary funds and to build a new complex in Cobham Road, Kerikeri and to appoint a community based Management Committee to operate such facility.
- C. The Trust now requires the sum of \$1.5 million dollars either by way of a cash grant or several cash grants plus its other revitalised fundraising efforts or failing that by way of underwriting, to enable it to draw down major funding from external charitable trusts and secure other donors to enable construction to start on the new facility.
- D. The Trust has made an approach to the Council to provide a guarantee to enable the project to commence while the Trust continues fundraising the guarantee to be for a maximum of \$1.5 million dollars.
- E. The Council, having satisfied itself as to the prospects of success of the Trust's fundraising efforts, has agreed to enter into a scheme of arrangement to enable the Trust to proceed with construction and to enhance its (the Trusts) ability to secure the necessary funding on the

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basis that any call on the guarantee is contingent on the Trust fundraising target not being fully achieved.

- F. The Trust has employed the services of a professional fundraising organisation. The Trust acknowledges that in addition to the efforts of the professional fundraiser, that it has an obligation to demonstrate genuine intent to energetically fundraise itself, and to exhaust all avenues to achieve its fundraising targets with the objective of ensuring that the Council will only be required to provide the guarantee as a last resort.

**IT IS HEREBY AGREED**

1. The Trust will establish a six monthly meeting programme including a written report to the Council; the report to be on fundraising progress.
2. The Trust will develop a quarterly newsletter to keep all interested parties informed as to progress on fundraising.
3. The Trust will continue with its fundraising efforts in order to secure the balance of the funding needed to provide for the community a new Bay of Islands Cultural Centre incorporating the proposed New Zealand Centre of Excellence.

The Trust has identified Stage I of the project and this has a budget of \$5.675 million dollars (as at 30 June 2003) and the balance of fundraising referred to in this clause is \$1.6 million dollars.

The Trust will give first priority to raise the \$1.6 million dollars but will not be precluded from accepting funds for other specific purposes if this is deemed by Council to be advantageous to the project. These funds (if any) will be held separately from those held for Stage I.

The above clause shall not be used by the Trust to shelter funds from the Trusts first obligation to repay the total amount of any principal owing to its banker including the \$500,000 referred to in clause 6.

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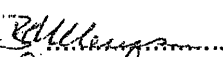
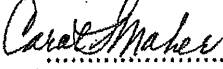
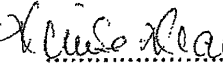
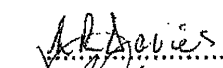
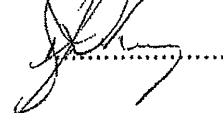
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4. The Trust will if cash flow requires seek from its bankers a loan to a maximum of \$1.5 million dollars on the following basis:
  - (a) The application for loan will be supported by a guarantee from the Council to the level required by the Lender
  - (b) The Trust will endeavour to secure an interest only loan with flexible repayment options and the Council will pay the interest as it falls due.
5. That the Trust will undertake that from the drawdown of any loan facility any monies received by the Trust as the result of continuing Stage 1 fundraising efforts will be applied to the reduction in the amount of the loan principal thereby reducing the interest cost to the Council; provided that no reduction shall be made until final costs of Stage 1 have been provided for.
6. Five years after the guarantee is triggered, the Council shall have the option to call up any liability under the guarantee from the Trust provided that if the balance is less than \$500,000.00 the Council will write off the liability of the Trust by using its statutory powers to raise the funds by a charge on properties in the Eastern Ward (or the same area if subsequently renamed) on terms fixed by the Council.
7. In the event that the Council is required to indemnify the Trust for unfunded principal by way of a rate, per clause 6 above, the Council be credited with an equivalent value of access to the Cultural Centre over the period of the rate by way of a discount on seat prices or such other method the Trust through its Management Committee deems appropriate; the distribution of such discount to be agreed between the Council and the Bay of Islands Cultural Centre Management Committee.

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8. The Council agrees to publicly endorse the Stage I fundraising by any reasonable means when requested by the Trust and to encourage new donors to come forward.
9. It is also agreed that before assent is able to be given to this agreement by Council that the following conditions are met to Council's satisfaction:
  - (a) A three year business plan for the Cultural Centre is produced showing estimated operational income and expenditure and key assumptions made in its creation. And that this business plan be signed off by two trustee members and two community members of the management committee, and that the business skills of the management committee be outlined in that business plan.
  - (b) That the Trust produces a statement to the effect that it intends to own and operate the Cultural Centre after its construction and to direct the ongoing management of the facility.
  - (c) That the Trust produces an up to date report on building cost estimates signed by the Project Manager.

For the Kerikeri Civic Trust

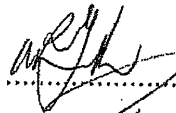
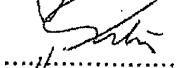
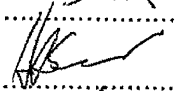

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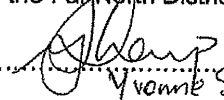
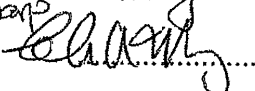
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24 March 2010

The Trustees  
Kerikeri Civic Trust  
C/- Ian Sivyer,  
GM Finance and Business Performance  
Far North District Council  
Private Bag 752  
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Dear Ian,

#### OFFER OF CONTINUATION OF FUNDING FOR KERIKERI CIVIC TRUST

We are pleased to present our offer of continued finance for the Kerikeri Civic Trust. Please also find enclosed a copy of our guarantee and loan documentation for the review of the council as requested.

Our mission at Westpac is to "earn all our customers business" so we place a high value on developing relationships that delight our clients. I am personally committed to providing all resources necessary to meet and exceed your expectations to continue delivering the services we are offering. We look forward to continuing and growing a mutually successful banking relationship.

Should you require any further information about our proposal, please feel free to contact me on either of the following numbers;

Phone (09) 367 3842  
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Kind regards

Simon Copeland  
Senior Corporate Manager  
Westpac New Zealand Limited

## Rate Increase Annual Plan 2023-24

<b>Opening Rate AP Workshop 28.02.23</b>		<b>10.69</b>
<b>Changes actioned from workshop</b>	<b>Total Value</b>	<b>Rate Impact</b>
<b>Contractor &amp; Professional Fees</b>	- <b>761,198</b>	<b>-0.76186</b>
Release external legal cost provisions not being utilised	- 256,223	-0.26
Provision for contract increases RSL	7,576	0.01
Provision for contract increases for swimming pools	13,254	0.01
Delay start of maintenance contract for Waipapa Sports Hub	- 102,501	-0.10
Remove half budgeted costs for Tree/ Palm Management	- 125,050	-0.13
Reduce budget for bylaw monitoring & consultant fees	- 112,000	-0.11
Reduce budget for FN2100 & regional accessibility strategy	- 60,000	-0.06
District Plan implementation per AP workshop 28.02.23	850,000	0.85
Russell landfill closure (additional budget to come from better off fund)	180,000	0.18
Reduce Project Feasibility budgets	- 399,750	-0.40
Reduce Conditional Assessments budget	- 400,000	-0.40
Reduce Ventia reactive works budget	- 150,000	-0.15
Professional Services Unit recovery updates	- 206,505	-0.21
<b>Travel &amp; General Expenses</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>0.03</b>
Non-regulatory/ incentive policies for District Plan activities	30,000	0.03
<b>Grants &amp; Donations</b>	- <b>99,000</b>	<b>-0.10</b>
Release placemaking funds from Eastern Ward FY24 only	- 99,000	-0.10
<b>Interest Cost</b>	- <b>100,641</b>	<b>-0.10</b>
Reduction to interest of loans from FY23 capex reforecasting	- 100,641	-0.10
<b>Vehicle &amp; Property Costs</b>	<b>37,051</b>	<b>0.04</b>
Reduction to interest of loans from FY23 capex reforecasting	37,051	0.04
<b>Depreciation</b>	- <b>1,142,767</b>	<b>-1.14</b>
Reduction to depreciation for current projects FY23 capex reforecasting	- 1,142,767	-1.14
<b>Closing Rate AP Workshop 28.02.23</b>		<b>8.66</b>
<b>Further Changes</b>	<b>Total Value</b>	<b>Rate Impact</b>
<b>Fees &amp; Charges</b>	<b>477,164</b>	<b>0.48</b>
Water by metre to bring inline with rate FIS	477,164	0.48
<b>Allocations, rounding and internal changes</b>	- <b>98</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Personnel</b>	<b>49,147</b>	<b>0.05</b>
Changes from realignment	49,147	0.05
<b>Contractor &amp; Professional Fees</b>	- <b>288,964</b>	<b>-0.29</b>
Rate Review/ GIS Mapping, Finance	20,000	0.02
Cemeteries Management non capitalisable components budget increase	9,600	0.01
Reduction to Ventia Contract for additional FTE provided by FNDC	- 158,718	-0.16
Maintenance budget for Ferries per resolution 2023/39	311,998	0.31
PSU recovery - realignment updates	- 456,274	-0.46
Updates to Drainage planned works 23-24 per committee	144,627	0.14
IBIS fee increase	5,000	0.01
PSU recovery updates	- 197	0.00
Project Darwin savings on opex	- 165,000	-0.17
<b>Interest Cost</b>	- <b>453,257</b>	<b>-0.45</b>
Reduced loans from capital projects reforecast	- 453,257	-0.45
<b>Separate Funds</b>	- <b>151,748</b>	<b>-0.15</b>
Draw from Drainage Reserves per committee	- 151,748	-0.15
<b>Depreciation</b>	- <b>528,359</b>	<b>-0.53</b>
Reduced from capital projects reforecast	- 528,359	-0.53
<b>Current Rate Increase</b>		<b>7.75</b>

### 5.3 NOMINATION OF PRESIDENT FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT NEW ZEALAND

**File Number:** A4212097

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#### TAKE PŪRONGO / PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To formalise a nomination on behalf of Far North District Council for the President of Local Government New Zealand.

#### WHAKARĀPOPOTO MATUA / EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- Councils across New Zealand have been given an opportunity to provide a local authority nomination for the role of president for Local Government New Zealand;
- Any elected member is positioned to stand for the role of President nominated by one member Council;
- The nomination is required to be seconded by another member Council;
- Far North District Council has been approached by New Plymouth District Council to second their nomination of Mayor Neil Holdom for the role of President;
- The submission to support this nomination is required by close of business on 31 May 2023, and with timelines being very tight, this decision cannot be deferred to the next meeting on 1 June 2023;

#### TŪTOHUNGA / RECOMMENDATION

**That Council seconds the candidate nomination of Mayor Neil Holdom of New Plymouth District Council for President of Local Government New Zealand.**

#### 1) TĀHUHU KŌRERO / BACKGROUND

Council has been approached by New Plymouth District Council with a formal request to second their nomination of Mayor Neil Holdom for President of Local Government New Zealand.

The process for nominating a candidate requires another member Council to second the nomination for the purpose of validating the submission.

A copy of the President nomination form is attached.

Whilst Council may put forward their support of the nomination, should there be other candidates, the final decision on appointment will be determined by election at the Local Government New Zealand AGM on Wednesday, 26 July 2023.

#### 2) MATAPAKI ME NGĀ KŌWHIRINGA / DISCUSSION AND OPTIONS

At the writing of this report the Far North District Council had only been approached by the New Plymouth District Council for support of their nomination.

#### Take Tūtohunga / Reason for the recommendation

To endorse the decision to support the nomination.

#### 3) PĀNGA PŪTEA ME NGĀ WĀHANGA TAHUA / FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND BUDGETARY PROVISION

There are no financial implications as a result of this report.

#### ĀPITIHINGA / ATTACHMENTS

1. **President nomination form - A4212115**  

**Hōtaka Take Ōkawa / Compliance Schedule:**

Full consideration has been given to the provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 S77 in relation to decision making, in particular:

1. A Local authority must, in the course of the decision-making process,
  - a) Seek to identify all reasonably practicable options for the achievement of the objective of a decision; and
  - b) Assess the options in terms of their advantages and disadvantages; and
  - c) If any of the options identified under paragraph (a) involves a significant decision in relation to land or a body of water, take into account the relationship of Māori and their culture and traditions with their ancestral land, water sites, waahi tapu, valued flora and fauna and other taonga.
2. This section is subject to Section 79 - Compliance with procedures in relation to decisions.

<b>He Take Ōkawa / Compliance Requirement</b>	<b>Aromatawai Kaimahi / Staff Assessment</b>
State the level of significance (high or low) of the issue or proposal as determined by the <a href="#">Council's Significance and Engagement Policy</a>	Low
State the relevant Council policies (external or internal), legislation, and/or community outcomes (as stated in the LTP) that relate to this decision.	n/a
State whether this issue or proposal has a District wide relevance and, if not, the ways in which the appropriate Community Board's views have been sought.	The role is representative of the District and Council.
State the possible implications for Māori and how Māori have been provided with an opportunity to contribute to decision making if this decision is significant and relates to land and/or any body of water.  State the possible implications and how this report aligns with Te Tiriti o Waitangi / The Treaty of Waitangi.	This is a governance nomination to a local authority regulating body and as such has no particular implication for Māori
Identify persons likely to be affected by or have an interest in the matter, and how you have given consideration to their views or preferences (for example – youth, the aged and those with disabilities).	None – this report relates only to a nomination
State the financial implications and where budgetary provisions have been made to support this decision.	There are no specific financial implications
Chief Financial Officer review.	The Chief Financial Officer has not reviewed this report

PRESIDENT NOMINATION FORM



# PRESIDENT NOMINATION

**PLEASE FILL IN THIS FORM TO NOMINATE AN  
ELECTED MEMBER AS LGNZ'S PRESIDENT.**

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- // Any elected member as of 31 May 2023 can stand for President, as per rule F2 of LGNZ's constitution.
  - // The nomination must be proposed by one member council. Any two of that council's Mayor/Chair, Deputy Mayor/Chair or Chief Executive need to sign below.
  - // A candidate can be nominated by their own council.
  - // The nomination must be seconded by another member council. Any two of that council's Mayor/Chair, Deputy Mayor/Chair or Chief Executive need to sign below.
  - // Nominations need to be emailed back to LGNZ at [nominations@lgnz.co.nz](mailto:nominations@lgnz.co.nz) by close of business on Wednesday 31 May.
  - // If only one valid nomination is received, that person will immediately be declared President-elect by the Returning Officer, which is LGNZ's Chief Executive.
  - // If more than one nomination is received, an election will be carried out at LGNZ's AGM on Wednesday 26 July in Christchurch, using the preferential voting system. Member authority voting entitlements will be distributed along with the voting papers.
  - // The nomination and election process are carried out in accordance with LGNZ's Constitution.
  - // Please direct any procedural questions to LGNZ Deputy CE Scott Necklen, [scott.necklen@lgnz.co.nz](mailto:scott.necklen@lgnz.co.nz).



PRESIDENT NOMINATION FORM



**We nominate** Neil Holdom  
**of** New Plymouth District Council **for President**

**Nominated by** [council name]

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

E-SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ E-SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

**Seconded by** [council name]

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

E-SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ E-SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

**I accept this nomination**

CANDIDATE'S NAME: Neil Holdom

CANDIDATE'S E-SIGNATURE: 

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

**Here is my candidate blurb for inclusion in voting papers and on the LGNZ website: (500 word max)**

Dear colleagues and peers,

Right now, both as a sector and membership organisation, we are shrinking. Our communities need us to grow.

Speaking to our peers it is clear that to achieve growth, the status quo must change.

United, we are a force to be reckoned with. But to reach our potential we have to be focused, more credible, more professional and be the champion of subsidiarity in the face of growing centralisation.

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## 5.4 ENDORSEMENT OF REMITS SUBMITTED BY KAPITI COAST DISTRICT COUNCIL AND INVERCARGILL CITY COUNCIL TO THE 2023 LGNZ AGM

**File Number:** A4217506

**Author:** Joshna Panday, Democracy Advisor

**Authoriser:** Jacine Warmington, Group Manager - Strategic Relationships

### PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To formalise the support provided to Kapiti Coast District Council and Invercargill City Council on their respective remit applications for consideration at the 2023 Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) Annual General Meeting (AGM).

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- An application for a remit submission requires the support of an LGNZ zone, sector or five Councils.
- The Kapiti Coast District Council and Invercargill City Council have requested the support of 2 respective remit applications to be submitted to LGNZ for inclusion on the 2023 LGNZ AGM agenda.
- The requests are to offer support by 23 May 2023 to ensure timely submission by Wednesday, 24 May 2023.
- Due to the timeframe for deliverables, this report could not be postponed to the next Council meeting, 1 June 2023

### RECOMMENDATION

**That the Far North District Council endorse the support provided to Kapiti Coast District Council and Invercargill City Council on the following remits to be submitted to the 2023 Local Government New Zealand AGM:**

**Kapiti Coast District Council - Kiwisaver**

**Invercargill City Council - Young Elected Members Network**

### 1) BACKGROUND

Each year LGNZ calls for proposed remits to be considered at their Annual General Meeting. Nominating Councils must have endorsement from 5 other Councils. The AGM votes on these proposals and adopted remits become LGNZ Policy.

The respective remits proposed by Kapiti Coast District Council and Invercargill City Council have been received by Far North District Council, requesting support to validate an application to LGNZ.

The applications for each of the remits are attached.

### 2) DISCUSSION AND OPTIONS

An overview of the remit and the importance as suggested by the applicant is listed below:

#	Remit	Importance as per application
1.	Kapiti Coast District Council - Kiwisaver	This remit is about equity. For 16 years, since its inception, KiwiSaver has been available for ALL New Zealanders, who - usually reside in New Zealand, and are aged between 18 and 65 and work. And for the entire time, our sector has been the only group in our country who have been excluded from the accruing savings, and any ability to benefit from personal and employer contributions and annual Government contributions.

		<p>KiwiSaver has evolved into a sort of universal benefit for all to use during our lifetimes, whether it is for a first home deposit, during a personal or community emergency, or as a form of life insurance.</p> <p>Unfortunately, those elected members who are most fiscally disadvantaged fall into two groups. The young, who we are trying so hard to attract to the sector, and those with the experience of 2 or 3 or more triennium behind them, who can count in the tens of thousands, the negative effects on their KiwiSaver balances on their 65th birthday.</p> <p>We meet all the criteria to be eligible for KiwiSaver benefits, all we ask for is to be treated like all other New Zealanders.</p>
2.	Invercargill City Council - Young Elected Members Network	<p>This remit is critically important as it addresses the pressing issue of a lack of a standardised and independent process for handling complaints and escalating issues within local government.</p> <p>Currently, councils handle their own problems in an ad-hoc manner, leaving many complaints unanswered and individuals feeling unsafe to come forward. This absence of a clear and impartial process undermines transparency, accountability, and public trust in local government. It also fails to provide legal protection for complainants and increases the risk of defamation.</p> <p>By establishing a comprehensive framework that includes a complaints / issues / support / mediation forum and a tiered escalation process, this remit aims to promote fairness, protect complainants, restore public confidence, strengthen local democracy, and ensure timely and effective issue resolution. It will also enable economies of scale for Councils as with a centralised system it means that Councils are not left trying to justify the cost of an investigation against the cost of allowing behaviour to remain unchallenged<sup>1</sup>.</p> <p>In September 2021, the LGC released the report to the Minister of Local Government. The report noted the wide variety of approaches of how Councils deal with complaints or issues and the total inability to deal efficiently with breaches. The recommendations have been placed on hold until the outcome of the Future of Local Government is resolved – while there is some merit to this approach as it allows changes to be done together, there is a very clear need for a standardised complaints process, improved tools to Councils and a reinforcing of the COC<sup>2</sup> process. This should also include the education / best practice guidance the LGC reference in the report.</p>

<sup>1</sup> The current costs to Councils of Councillor "HR" is not known, Code of Conduct investigations for ICC have generally cost at least \$10,000.00. The cost of this proposed system needs to be balanced against the costs of other interventions (Commissioners in Tauranga and the intervention at ICC).

<sup>2</sup> Code of Conduct

**Reason for the recommendation**

To endorse the support on the two remits proposed by Kapiti Coast District Council and Invercargill City Council.

**3) FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND BUDGETARY PROVISION**

There are no financial implications in endorsing (or not), remits at the LGNZ AGM.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. **Kiwisaver Remit Application Form - A4217804** [↓](#) 
2. **Remit Draft - Young Elected Members Network - A4217661** [↓](#) 

**Compliance schedule:**

Full consideration has been given to the provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 S77 in relation to decision making, in particular:

1. A Local authority must, in the course of the decision-making process,
  - a) Seek to identify all reasonably practicable options for the achievement of the objective of a decision; and
  - b) Assess the options in terms of their advantages and disadvantages; and
  - c) If any of the options identified under paragraph (a) involves a significant decision in relation to land or a body of water, take into account the relationship of Māori and their culture and traditions with their ancestral land, water sites, waahi tapu, valued flora and fauna and other taonga.
2. This section is subject to Section 79 - Compliance with procedures in relation to decisions.

<b>Compliance requirement</b>	<b>Staff assessment</b>
State the level of significance (high or low) of the issue or proposal as determined by the <a href="#">Council's Significance and Engagement Policy</a>	This is a matter of low significance.
State the relevant Council policies (external or internal), legislation, and/or community outcomes (as stated in the LTP) that relate to this decision.	n/a
State whether this issue or proposal has a District wide relevance and, if not, the ways in which the appropriate Community Board's views have been sought.	These are matters considered to have national impact that we have opportunity to comment on from a district perspective. The views of the Community Boards have not been sought due to time constraints.
State the possible implications for Māori and how Māori have been provided with an opportunity to contribute to decision making if this decision is significant and relates to land and/or any body of water.	Some of the remits will have a higher impact or require a higher level of engagement with Māori than others and will be considered should the applications reach LGNZ AGM
Identify persons likely to be affected by or have an interest in the matter, and how you have given consideration to their views or preferences.	Elected members will be impacted across the nation.
State the financial implications and where budgetary provisions have been made to support this decision.	There are no financial implications or need for budgetary provision in formulating a view on these remits.
Chief Financial Officer review.	The Chief Financial Officer has not reviewed this report.

# Remit

application form



## // HOW TO SUBMIT A REMIT

Remits are positions or policies put to LGNZ's AGM for a vote.

Any remit needs the support of either an LGNZ zone, sector or five councils.

LGNZ reviews all proposed remits to ensure they meet the criteria below.

If your council wants to propose a remit for consideration by the 2023 AGM, please complete this form and email it, along with any supporting information, to [agm@lgnz.co.nz](mailto:agm@lgnz.co.nz) by Wednesday 24 May.

If you have any questions about the remit process, or want help completing your application, please contact Grace Hall, Director of Policy and Advocacy at [grace.hall@lgnz.co.nz](mailto:grace.hall@lgnz.co.nz)

## // THE PROCESS FROM HERE

Once LGNZ receives your proposed remit, it will be considered by our Remit Screening Committee. This Committee is made up of LGNZ's President, Vice-President, Chief Executive and Director of Policy and Advocacy. The Remit Screening Committee will determine whether your proposed remit satisfies the criteria, and whether or not to put it forward to the 2023 AGM.

We will let you know whether your remit is going forward to the AGM by 2 June.

## // CRITERIA FOR REMITS

- 01** The remit is relevant to local government as a whole, not just a single zone, sector or council.
- 02** The remit relates to significant matters, including constitutional and substantive policy, rather than matters that can be dealt with administratively.
- 03** The remit concerns matters that can't be addressed through channels other than the AGM.
- 04** The remit does not deal with issues that already being actioned by LGNZ. This covers work programmes underway as part of LGNZ's strategy.

REMIT APPLICATION FORM

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**COUNCIL PROPOSING REMIT:**

Kāpiti Coast District Council

**CONTACT NAME:**

Mayor Janet Holborow

**PHONE:**

02108947590

**EMAIL:**

janet.holborow@kapiticoast.govt.nz

**REMIT:**

This proposed remit asks LGNZ, Local Government NZ to lobby on our behalf for Government to enable all ~~Local Government elected members in Aotearoa NZ~~ under the age of 65 to be eligible for KiwiSaver benefits included with their remuneration.

**WHO SUPPORTS THE PROPOSED REMIT?**

List either the LGNZ zone, sector group or five councils that support the remit.

**WHY IS THIS REMIT IMPORTANT?**

Briefly describe what the issue is and why it requires action.

Max. 150 words

This remit is about equity. For 16 years, since its inception, KiwiSaver has been available for ALL New Zealanders, who - usually reside in New Zealand, and are aged between 18 and 65 and work. And for the entire time, our sector has been the only group in our country who have been excluded from the accruing savings, and any ability to benefit from personal and employer contributions and annual Government contributions. KiwiSaver has evolved into a sort of universal benefit for all to use during our lifetimes, whether it is for a first home deposit, during a personal or community emergency, or as a form of life insurance. Unfortunately, those elected members who are most fiscally disadvantaged fall into two groups. The young, who we are trying so hard to attract to the sector, and those with the experience of 2 or 3 or more triennium behind them, who can ~~count in the tens of thousands the negative effects on their~~ KiwiSaver balances on their 65th birthday. We meet all the criteria to be eligible for KiwiSaver benefits, all we ask for is to be treated like all other New Zealanders.

**BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT:**

You may wish to include:

- // What has caused this issue?
- // Relevant legislation, policy or practice
- // Key statistics to show the scope of the issue
- // An outline of what your council/ others have already done to address this issue or bring about the proposed change

Max 500 words

In 2013, responding to an inquiry from a newly elected councillor, the Department of Internal Affairs office explained that LG elected members were excluded from receiving KiwiSaver because they got remuneration, and weren't technically employed, but that this was a matter of sorting out the mechanics.

They sorted it out to the extent that Members of Parliament became eligible for it, but still not our sector. The Remuneration Authority Report on Members of Parliament Remuneration (July 2021) says 'MP's elected after 1992 are entitled to a superannuation subsidy contribution. The scheme can be Kiwisaver or registered retirement savings...'

Elected Members have submitted the need for KiwiSaver entitlement at every Remuneration Authority Review. There have been letters written to every Minister of Local Government since 2013, and there have been a few.

In June 2022, Minister Kieran McNulty was appointed Associate Minister for Local Government, he embarked on a road trip to spend time at every council table. At our table, he and our local MP were shocked to hear that no LG elected member in New Zealand was entitled to KiwiSaver benefits and they put it on their matters for action list.

We finally heard back in January 2023, when we were asked to submit to the Local Government Sector review, and asked to make sure there were plenty of requests for KiwiSaver to entitlement to push the issue to the top of the list for change.

In April 2023, the newly formed LGNZ Community Board Executive Committee members voted unanimously to seek the support of councils for an LGNZ remit regarding central government action on KiwiSaver, for all elected members.

As a sector, we have only one National body to lobby alongside us and for us, and this remit to LGNZ is the next step. This is an opportunity to thank the LGNZ executive for their past support of elected members on this issue. We again seek active support from LGNZ on this issue to enable us all to be treated fairly, like everyone else, so that our sector can thrive.

And we seek membership support to make this happen for all elected members now and in the future.

REMIT APPLICATION FORM

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**HOW DOES THIS REMIT RELATE TO LGNZ'S CURRENT WORK PROGRAMME?**

Briefly describe how the proposed remit aligns with LGNZ's strategy and policy priorities but does not duplicate existing or planned work.

*Approx. 150 words*

It is very appropriate for the issue of KiwiSaver entitlement for elected members to be actively promoted by LGNZ because it is over 10 years since a similar remit made it through to the AGM remit stage. It also aligns well with the Local Government sector review process currently underway in the house.

It aligns with LGNZ's strategy and policy in that KiwiSaver, 'the universal benefit' builds fiscal resilience for elected members of all ages. It is a lifelong and life-changing benefit for those young candidates LGNZ is trying so hard to attract to the sector.

Remembering that during our tenure as elected members, to be our best for our communities leaves very few hours in any day for paid employment or the operation of private businesses on the side. And while we work so hard our computer-generated monthly remuneration summaries show that we are paid in some cases \$4 an hour. ...without even KiwiSaver benefits. In reality, this is financial punishment.

The fact is we already meet all criteria to be eligible for KiwiSaver, and to be excluded is an omission that must be addressed, so the appeal is made to our National Body to assist on our behalf.

**HOW WILL YOUR COUNCIL HELP LGNZ TO MAKE PROGRESS ON THIS REMIT?**

Briefly describe the steps that your council would be prepared to take to assist LGNZ to progress the remit.

*100 – 300 words*

All of us are in a position to lobby those elected members in our networks and each of us has a local Member of Parliament to write to. Our councils can support LGNZ's work in our submissions. The Local Government sector is full of elected people who are, by nature very giving people, caring for their community and its issues and wanting to create something better for their communities. that is commendable. But sometimes people who are so giving forget to think of themselves, and so it may feel strange or out of sorts to be asking for something for ourselves.

So, A plea - I ask you to support this remit for every experienced elected member who has been in council for a decade or more, facing retirement age, and a decade-sized hole where the accrued Kiwisaver benefits and savings their neighbors have, should be. It is not equality of any sort.

I ask you to support this remit for all the newly elected members, who are facing the reality of juggling their council commitments, with jobs, bringing up families, and that \$4 an hour rate in their pay slip that can feel like being elected was more like a 3 yr sentence than an accomplishment.

And lastly, I ask you to support every future bright young new candidate by ensuring they get every benefit they are entitled to from Kiwisaver for life.

**SUPPORTING INFORMATION AND RESEARCH**

PLEASE ATTACH TO YOUR EMAIL:

- // A copy of this application form.
- // Evidence of support from an LGNZ zone or sector group or five councils. This could be in the form of emails, letters or zone/sector group meeting minutes or resolutions.
- // Any further contextual/background information you'd like to share, combined in a single PDF file.



**COUNCIL PROPOSING REMIT:** Young Elected Members Network

**CONTACT NAME:** Alex Crackett, Logan Soole

**PHONE:** 021 53 59 53

**EMAIL:** alex.crackett@icc.govt.nz

**REMIT:**

Requests an investigation into the creation of an LGNZ independent, national process to handle complaints, ensuring fairness, protection, and accountability in local government. Working with the Local Government Commission<sup>1</sup> to implement findings from its September 2021 Report – *Local Government Codes of Conduct*<sup>2</sup> (the report).

**WHO SUPPORTS THE PROPOSED REMIT?**

Young Elected Members Network *(In draft, yet to be formally ratified in meeting)*  
Invercargill City Council *(Full council to consider 23 May 2023)*

**WHY IS THIS REMIT IMPORTANT?**

This remit is critically important as it addresses the pressing issue of a lack of a standardised and independent process for handling complaints and escalating issues within local government.

Currently, councils handle their own problems in an ad-hoc manner, leaving many complaints unanswered and individuals feeling unsafe to come forward. This absence of a clear and impartial process undermines transparency, accountability, and public trust in local government. It also fails to provide legal protection for complainants and increases the risk of defamation.

By establishing a comprehensive framework that includes a complaints / issues / support / mediation forum and a tiered escalation process, this remit aims to promote fairness, protect complainants, restore public confidence, strengthen local democracy, and ensure timely and effective issue resolution. It will also enable economies of scale for Councils as with a centralised system it means that Councils are not left trying to justify the cost of an investigation against the cost of allowing behaviour to remain unchallenged<sup>3</sup>.

In September 2021, the LGC released the report to the Minister of Local Government. The report noted the wide variety of approaches of how Councils deal with complaints or issues and the total inability to deal efficiently with breaches. The recommendations have been placed on hold until the outcome of the Future of Local Government is resolved – while there is some merit to this approach as it allows changes to be done together, there is a very clear need for a standardised complaints process, improved tools to Councils and a reinforcing of the COC<sup>4</sup> process. This should also include the education / best practice guidance the LGC reference in the report.

<sup>1</sup> Referred to as LCG for the balance of this remit

<sup>2</sup> *Local Government Codes of Conduct / Ngā tikanga whanonga Kāwanatanga ā-Rohe, Report to the Minister of Local Government, September 2021, Wellington*

<sup>3</sup> The current costs to Councils of Councillor "HR" is not known, Code of Conduct investigations for ICC have generally cost at least \$10,000.00. The cost of this proposed system needs to be balanced against the costs of other interventions (Commissioners in Tauranga and the intervention at ICC).

<sup>4</sup> Code of Conduct

**BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT:**

*Recent examples – GDC situation, ICC DIA investigation, allegations of sexism, sexual harassment, general relationship breakdowns and issues in Tauranga, Wellington and Dunedin last term.*

We acknowledge that issues arise across local government that require investigation, inquiry, or mediation.

The absence of a national standardised and independent process for handling complaints and escalating issues within local government has led to the pressing need for action<sup>5</sup>. Currently, councils handle their own problems on an ad-hoc basis, leaving many complaints unanswered and individuals hesitant to come forward. This lack of a clear and impartial process undermines transparency, accountability, and public trust in local government. It also fails to provide legal protection for complainants and increases the risk of defamation. The COC inquiry is often very expensive and results in sanctions (if approved by a majority of Councillors in some cases) in what can only be called the "wet bus ticket".

The intense scrutiny placed on local body governance by the community emphasises the need for regular external support to drive positive change. Without such support, unresolved issues can ultimately lead to the involvement of the DIA<sup>6</sup> and the appointment of a commissioner, representing a worst-case scenario.

Relevant legislation, policy, or practice has not adequately addressed this issue, resulting in gaps and inconsistencies in handling complaints. COC process enables the issue to be escalated to the Chief Executive. Informal conduct complaints are to be escalated to the Mayor, however if the Mayor is part of the problem this doesn't provide for a safe environment.

If a councillor is to escalate to a COC complaint, often this results in a very public fight which also generally results in a public apology that doesn't really resolve anything.<sup>7</sup>

It appears to the sector that where there is no national process or independent forum in which to take these issues, issues have been left to escalate or fester leading to governance breakdowns.

The absence of legal protection for complainants further exacerbates the problem, discouraging individuals from raising legitimate concerns.

We acknowledge that the process of investigation opens the sector up to media enquiry and does not protect the complainant coming forward. While this is keenly felt by the communities in which it is occurring, it also does a disservice to local democracy and local government generally.

Given the degree of intense community scrutiny on local body governance, the sector recognises that regular, external support is necessary to shift the dial.

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<sup>5</sup> This new body could be set up by LGNZ and could be covered by membership fees, which will also have economies of scale for Councils as it means there will be one body rather than the current ad hoc system. This could also be something provided by the LGC in the future.

<sup>6</sup> Department of Internal Affairs

<sup>7</sup> In a worst case scenario can lead to Defamation proceedings in the High Court.

Many terms of reference used to investigate complaints often fail to address the core issues comprehensively<sup>8</sup>. Consequently, the necessary outcomes required to restore confidence in councils or individuals are not adequately addressed, resulting in slow progress and ongoing dissatisfaction.

By establishing a comprehensive framework that includes a complaints / issues / support / mediation forum and a tiered escalation process, this remit aims to promote fairness, protect complainants, restore public confidence, strengthen local democracy, and ensure timely and effective issue resolution as well as being cost effective for Councils.

Taking action is crucial to uphold good governance, address grievances, and maintain the integrity of local government institutions.

#### **How does this remit relate to LGNZ's current work programme?**

This remit aligns to the current work programme around Governance as a model COC is prepared at the start of each term of Council. However, as noted there is a gap in Councils abilities to deal with issues when they arise leading either to expensive COC investigations with little ability to do anything or to Terms of Reference for external investigations. This remit seeks LGNZ to work with the LGC to put in place the appropriate mechanisms to help Councils resolve complaints.

#### **How will ICC help LGNZ to make progress on this Remit?**

ICC<sup>9</sup> in the previous term had a DIA lead intervention after conflict within Council, and in this current term a number of issues have been raised as the result of a Councillors actions outside of Council. Because of these ICC is able to share its experience with the sector and Commission and is well placed in being able to provide evidence of what happens when it goes wrong and what can help. ICC would also be willing to provide assistance to make submissions and lead a working group to engage with the LGC and Ministers office as needed.

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<sup>8</sup> A terms of reference can also be manipulated to ensure that the review has a very narrow or very wide scope to ensure that the key or central issues do not receive the treatment needed.

<sup>9</sup> Invercargill City Council

## 5.5 ENDORSEMENT OF REMITS SUBMITTED BY HAMILTON CITY COUNCIL TO THE 2023 LGNZ AGM

**File Number:** A4216562

**Author:** Joshna Panday, Democracy Advisor

**Authoriser:** Jacine Warmington, Group Manager - Strategic Relationships

### PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To formalise the support provided to Hamilton City Council on 3 remit applications for consideration at the 2023 Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) Annual General Meeting (AGM).

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- An application for a remit submission requires the support of an LGNZ zone, sector or five Councils.
- The Hamilton City Council has requested the support of 3 remits to be submitted to LGNZ for inclusion on the 2023 LGNZ AGM agenda.
- The request is to offer support on all 3 remits by 19 May 2023 to ensure timely submission by Wednesday, 24 May 2023.
- Due to the timeframe for deliverables, this report could not be postponed to the next Council meeting, 1 June 2023

### RECOMMENDATION

**That the Far North District Council endorses the support provided to Hamilton City Council on the following remits to be submitted to the 2023 Local Government New Zealand Annual General Meeting:**

**Virtual Quorum**

**Kiwisaver for Elected Members**

**Development of a shared understanding and centralised framework of wellbeing.**

### 1) BACKGROUND

Each year LGNZ calls for proposed remits to be considered at their Annual General Meeting. Nominating Councils must have endorsement from 5 other Councils. The AGM votes on these proposals and adopted remits become LGNZ Policy.

Three remits proposed by Hamilton City Council have been received by Far North District Council requesting support to validate an application to LGNZ.

The application for each of the remits are attached.

Due to the timeframe of the application closing date, Kahika-Mayor Moko Tepania has offered support to all three remits.

### 2) DISCUSSION AND OPTIONS

An overview of the remit and the importance as suggested by the applicant is listed below:

#	Remit	Importance as per application
1.	Virtual Quorum	Allowing Members attendance via audio-visual link can better allow flexibility and ability for Members to manage both their own health and their own schedules. Allowing Members attendance via audio-visual link can better allow flexibility and

		ability for Members to manage both their own health and their own schedules.
2.	Kiwisaver for Elected Members	Currently, Elected Members are treated as independent contractors, with no obligation of the organisation KiwiSaver deductions or contribute to Members' KiwiSaver. This could be viewed as a disadvantage and a barrier to some being elected.
3.	Development of a shared understanding and centralised framework of wellbeing	<p>The Local Government (Community Wellbeing) Amendment Act (2019) restored the four aspects of wellbeing to the mandate of all councils in New Zealand.</p> <p>The Act “provides for local authorities to play a broad role in promoting the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of their communities, taking a sustainable development approach”. Unfortunately, the Act does not define what wellbeing, or the four dimensions (social, economic, environmental or cultural) mean.</p> <p>Given the importance of wellbeing to central and local government, it would be helpful to bring together the different frameworks and interpretations into a shared understanding of wellbeing. A lack of a centralised framework and shared understanding has led to multiple wellbeing frameworks and definitions being referenced and used. This adds complexity for Councils and other organisations and reduces the positive impact that the inclusion of wellbeing in the Act could have. It also makes it harder for central and local government to work together in partnership to improve wellbeing.</p> <p>Hamilton City Council Deputy Mayor, and Chair of Zone Two, Angela O’Leary raised this issue directly with Hon Kieran McAnulty, Minister for Local Government, at a Zone Two forum earlier this year. He suggested he would support work by LGNZ to bring everyone into alignment in this sphere. It will be important that central government is fully engaged in the conversation.</p>





### Reason for the recommendation

To endorse the support on all 3 remits proposed by Hamilton City Council.

### 3) FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND BUDGETARY PROVISION

There are no financial implications in endorsing (or not), remits at the LGNZ AGM.

### ATTACHMENTS

1. Remit application form 2023 - online quorum - A4216651 [↓](#) 
2. Remit application form 2023 - EM kiwisaver and remuneration - A4216655 [↓](#) 
3. Remit application form 2023 - wellbeing - A4216657 [↓](#) 
4. Remit annex - wellbeing - A4216653 [↓](#) 

**Compliance schedule:**

Full consideration has been given to the provisions of the Local Government Act 2002 S77 in relation to decision making, in particular:

1. A Local authority must, in the course of the decision-making process,
  - a) Seek to identify all reasonably practicable options for the achievement of the objective of a decision; and
  - b) Assess the options in terms of their advantages and disadvantages; and
  - c) If any of the options identified under paragraph (a) involves a significant decision in relation to land or a body of water, take into account the relationship of Māori and their culture and traditions with their ancestral land, water sites, waahi tapu, valued flora and fauna and other taonga.
2. This section is subject to Section 79 - Compliance with procedures in relation to decisions.

<b>Compliance requirement</b>	<b>Staff assessment</b>
State the level of significance (high or low) of the issue or proposal as determined by the <a href="#">Council's Significance and Engagement Policy</a>	This is a matter of low significance.
State the relevant Council policies (external or internal), legislation, and/or community outcomes (as stated in the LTP) that relate to this decision.	n/a
State whether this issue or proposal has a District wide relevance and, if not, the ways in which the appropriate Community Board's views have been sought.	These are matters considered to have national impact that we have opportunity to comment on from a district perspective. The views of the Community Boards have not been sought due to time constraints.
State the possible implications for Māori and how Māori have been provided with an opportunity to contribute to decision making if this decision is significant and relates to land and/or any body of water.	Some of the remits will have a higher impact or require a higher level of engagement with Māori than others and will be considered should the applications reach LGNZ AGM
Identify persons likely to be affected by or have an interest in the matter, and how you have given consideration to their views or preferences.	Elected members will be impacted across the nation.
State the financial implications and where budgetary provisions have been made to support this decision.	There are no financial implications or need for budgetary provision in formulating a view on these remits.
Chief Financial Officer review.	The Chief Financial Officer has not reviewed this report.

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Once LGNZ receives your proposed remit, it will be considered by our Remit Screening Committee. This Committee is made up of LGNZ's President, Vice-President, Chief Executive and Director of Policy and Advocacy. The Remit Screening Committee will determine whether your proposed remit satisfies the criteria, and whether or not to put it forward to the 2023 AGM.

We will let you know whether your remit is going forward to the AGM by 2 June.

## // CRITERIA FOR REMITS

- 01** The remit is relevant to local government as a whole, not just a single zone, sector or council.
- 02** The remit relates to significant matters, including constitutional and substantive policy, rather than matters that can be dealt with administratively.
- 03** The remit concerns matters that can't be addressed through channels other than the AGM.
- 04** The remit does not deal with issues that already being actioned by LGNZ. This covers work programmes underway as part of LGNZ's strategy.

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<b>COUNCIL PROPOSING REMIT:</b>	Hamilton City Council _____
<b>CONTACT NAME:</b>	Michelle Hawthorne _____
<b>PHONE:</b>	+6472450008 _____
<b>EMAIL:</b>	Michelle.Hawthorne@hcc.govt.nz _____
<b>REMIT:</b>	Virtual Quorum _____
<b>WHO SUPPORTS THE PROPOSED REMIT?</b>	Hamilton City Council _____
List either the LGNZ zone, sector group or five councils that support the remit.	
<b>WHY IS THIS REMIT IMPORTANT?</b>	Allowing Members attendance via audio-visual link can better allow flexibility and ability for Members to manage both their own health and their own schedules.
Briefly describe what the issue is and why it requires action. <i>Max. 150 words</i>	_____
<b>BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT:</b>	During various stages of Covid-19 lockdowns, Elected Members were able to attend and count as part of the quorum via audio-visual link. Members had found that the allowances made through the Epidemic Preparedness notice allowed some flexibility to attend and count towards the quorum, while working from home due to sickness or due to other commitments. The lapse of the Epidemic Preparedness notice has impacted the ability of Members to attending via audio-visual link.
You may wish to include:	Currently, Council and Committee Chairs allow for Members to attend meetings, as well as join in the discussion and vote via audio-visual link under the Standing Orders. However, those attending via audio-visual link do not count towards the required quorum, despite taking part in the discussion and vote.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>// What has caused this issue?</li> <li>// Relevant legislation, policy or practice</li> <li>// Key statistics to show the scope of the issue</li> <li>// An outline of what your council/ others have already done to address this issue or bring about the proposed change</li> </ul>	
<i>Max 500 words</i>	_____



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**HOW DOES THIS REMIT RELATE TO LGNZ'S CURRENT WORK PROGRAMME?**

Briefly describe how the proposed remit aligns with LGNZ's strategy and policy priorities but does not duplicate existing or planned work.

*Approx. 150 words*

Allowing attendance via audio-visual link allows a more inclusive local democracy, provides a stronger local government, and effectively advocates for the priorities indicated within the four pillars of leadership.

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**HOW WILL YOUR COUNCIL HELP LGNZ TO MAKE PROGRESS ON THIS REMIT?**

Briefly describe the steps that your council would be prepared to take to assist LGNZ to progress the remit.

*100 – 300 words*

Hamilton City Council will continue to advocate for the ability to include virtual attendance in the quorum, both through the LGNZ remit, but also individually.

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**SUPPORTING INFORMATION AND RESEARCH**

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<b>REMIT:</b>	Kiwisaver for Elected Members <hr/>
<b>WHO SUPPORTS THE PROPOSED REMIT?</b>	Hamilton City Council <hr/>
List either the LGNZ zone, sector group or five councils that support the remit.	
<b>WHY IS THIS REMIT IMPORTANT?</b>	Currently, Elected Members are treated as independent contractors, with no obligation of the organisation KiwiSaver deductions or contribute to Members' KiwiSaver. This could be viewed as a disadvantage and a barrier to some being elected. <hr/>
Briefly describe what the issue is and why it requires action. <i>Max. 150 words</i>	
<b>BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT:</b>	Currently, Councillors are considered independent contractors, rather than employees of Council. As such, they are expected to set aside their own KiwiSaver contributions, rather than the organisation deducting the amount directly from their payments. In order to make changes to this, there would need to be a change in the legislation (Employment Relations Act 2002) to allow for organisations to deduct KiwiSaver from salaries allocated to independent contractors.  Hamilton City Council advocates for the change to legislation which would allow KiwiSaver deductions to be taken from Councillors salaries.  Council notes that the topic of Elected member remuneration has been addressed in the draft report He mata whāriki, he matawhanui, prepared as part of the Review into the Future for Local Government, <a href="#"><u>resulting in the key recommendations 17 and 18 (pg 21)</u></a>
You may wish to include:	
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Briefly describe how the proposed remit aligns with LGNZ's strategy and policy priorities but does not duplicate existing or planned work.

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This proposed remit aligns with LGNZ's strategy and policy priorities by creating a more inclusive local democracy by creating less barriers for new Councillors, and speaks to the four pillars of guidance including connect, advocate, develop, and include.

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**HOW WILL YOUR COUNCIL HELP LGNZ TO MAKE PROGRESS ON THIS REMIT?**

Briefly describe the steps that your council would be prepared to take to assist LGNZ to progress the remit.

*100 – 300 words*

Hamilton City Council will continue to advocate for the change to the legislation to allow KiwiSaver deductions to be made through organisational finance teams.

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<b>CONTACT NAME:</b>	James Clarke <hr/>
<b>PHONE:</b>	027 808 9580 <hr/>
<b>EMAIL:</b>	james.clarke@hcc.govt.nz <hr/>
<b>REMIT:</b>	That LGNZ advocates to central government for the <hr/>
<b>WHO SUPPORTS THE PROPOSED REMIT?</b>	TBC <hr/>
List either the LGNZ zone, sector group or five councils that support the remit.	
<b>WHY IS THIS REMIT IMPORTANT?</b>	The Local Government (Community Wellbeing) Amendment Act (2019) restored the four aspects of wellbeing to the mandate of all councils in New Zealand. <hr/>
Briefly describe what the issue is and why it requires action. <i>Max. 150 words</i>	
<b>BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT:</b>	Currently there are multiple definitions and frameworks used to explain, define, and measure wellbeing. Navigating these causes significant extra and unnecessary work for Councils and other organisations. If there were an agreed understanding of what wellbeing means, and a consistent framework that could be followed - accepting that there will always be local or organisational differences - this would allow central government agencies and local government to work more effectively together.  At a national level:  The Local Government (Community Wellbeing) Amendment Act restored the four aspects of wellbeing - see details in annex. The then Local Government Minister Nanaia Mahuta said "Re-inserting the four well-beings back into the Local Government Act will acknowledge the valuable role <hr/>
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LGNZ state they will empower councils across New Zealand who know their communities best to support them to thrive – culturally, economically, socially, and environmentally. They will support and advocate for councils, ensuring the needs and priorities of their communities and residents are heard loud and clear at the highest levels of central government. They will unite, motivate, and equip our councils to move mountains for our communities.

The development of a shared understanding and

**HOW WILL YOUR COUNCIL HELP LGNZ TO MAKE PROGRESS ON THIS REMIT?**

Briefly describe the steps that your council would be prepared to take to assist LGNZ to progress the remit.

*100 – 300 words*

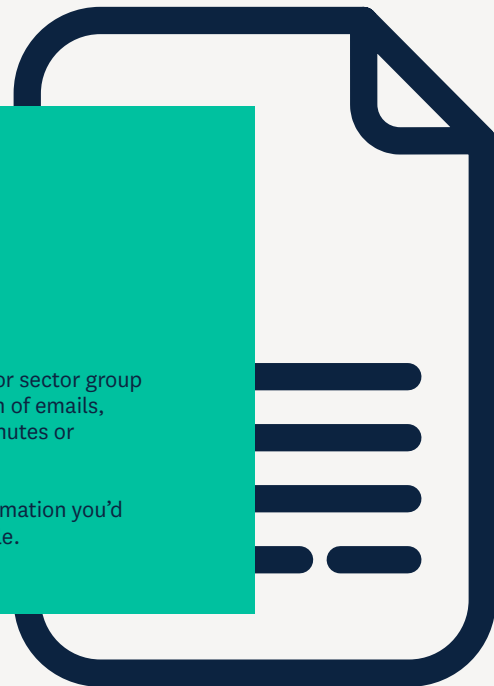
Aligning with LGNZ’s four leadership pillars, we believe we can assist with:

Whakahono // Connect - Hamilton City Council is active in Hamilton and across New Zealand, building connections with others focused on wellbeing and those working in this field. We will continue to identify, approach and work with others who may be able to support promotion of a shared framework and language for wellbeing across the country.

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***That LGNZ advocates to central government for the development of a shared understanding and centralised framework of wellbeing***  
**ANNEX**

## CHANGE TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT

**The Local Government (Community Wellbeing) Amendment Act** restored the four aspects of wellbeing, as below:

Section 3(d)

**From** *“Provides for local authorities to play a broad role in meeting the current and future needs of their communities for good-quality local infrastructure, local public services, and performance of regulatory functions”.*

**To** *“Provides for local authorities to play a broad role in promoting the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of their communities, taking a sustainable development approach”.*

Section 10(1)(b)

**From** *“To meet the current and future needs of communities for good-quality local infrastructure, local public services, and performance of regulatory functions in a way that is most cost-effective for households and businesses”.*

**To** *“In promoting the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of communities in the present and for the future”.*

## EXAMPLES OF DIFFERENT FRAMEWORKS FOR WELLBEING USED NATIONALLY

**The Public Finance (Wellbeing) Amendment Act**, requires Treasury to provide an independent report on the state of Wellbeing in New Zealand at least every four years. To enable this, the **Treasury’s Living Standards Framework (LSF)** was developed. The LSF is a flexible framework that prompts thinking about policy impacts across the different dimensions of wellbeing, as well as the long-term and distributional issues and implications of policy.

In late 2021 the LSF was updated to better reflect culture and children’s wellbeing, including being more compatible with te ao Māori and Pacific cultures. It introduced three levels:

Level 1: Our Individual and Collective Wellbeing

This level of the framework includes 12 domains: Health; Knowledge and skills; Housing; Environmental amenity; Leisure and play; Cultural capability and belonging; Work, care and volunteering; Family and friends; Engagement and voice; Safety; Income, consumption and wealth; and Subjective wellbeing.

Level 2: Our Institutions and Governance

The institutions can be disaggregated into six spheres: Whanau, Hapu and Iwi; Firms and markets; Families and households; Central and local government; Civil society; and International connections. What sets each sphere apart is a common set of values, roles and rules.

Level 3: The Wealth of Aotearoa New Zealand

Our wealth is divided into four categories Natural environment; Financial and physical capital; Social cohesion; and Human capability, along with culture, which underpins it all.



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The LSF is one of two wellbeing frameworks at the Treasury.

**He Ara Waiora**, meaning a pathway towards wellbeing, is the second wellbeing framework at the Treasury. He Ara Waiora is a framework that helps the Treasury to understand waiora, often translated as a Māori perspective on wellbeing.

**Ngā Tūtohu Aotearoa – Indicators Aotearoa New Zealand** - In early 2018, then New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern announced the Government's plan for New Zealand to become the first country in the world to embed wellbeing and sustainable development in its budget decision-making process, by using measures of social, cultural, and environmental progress. It was agreed that Stats NZ would be well placed to partner with Treasury to develop this new approach to budget decision-making. Ngā Tūtohu Aotearoa – Indicators Aotearoa New Zealand was developed, with 109 Wellbeing indicators outlined on their website, with the stated purpose that *"These indicators are collections of data and research that help us measure the state or condition of particular aspects of our wellbeing"*. 'Wellbeing' is a broad term that covers the conditions we experience in our general existence – both as individuals and as broader groups or communities. Wellbeing encompasses our health, happiness, success, and security.

**Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency Benefits Framework** - This framework is aligned with the Ministry of Transport's Transport Outcomes Framework and Treasury's Living Standards Framework.

**The Transport Outcomes Framework** sets a purpose for the transport system centred around the wellbeing of New Zealanders and the liveability of places. It outlines five outcome areas to contribute to this purpose: inclusive access, healthy and safe people, economic prosperity, environmental sustainability, and resilience and security. The Transport Outcomes Framework provides clarity for everyone involved, what they are aiming to achieve, why it is important and how they will work together to achieve the goals.

**The Pacifica Wellbeing Framework**, the **Māori Wellbeing framework (He Ara Waiora)**, the Children's Commissioner's **Wellbeing Wheel** and **He Ara Oranga Wellbeing Outcomes Framework** are wellbeing frameworks in the health and education sectors.

**United Nations 17 Sustainable Development goals** - the SDGs are a global strategy to end poverty, protect the planet and promote prosperity and peace. Specifically, Goal 3 is to ensure healthy lives and promote wellbeing for all at all ages.



**6 TE WĀHANGA TŪMATAITI / PUBLIC EXCLUDED****RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC****RECOMMENDATION**

That the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting.

The general subject matter of each matter to be considered while the public is excluded, the reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter, and the specific grounds under section 48 of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are as follows:

<b>General subject of each matter to be considered</b>	<b>Reason for passing this resolution in relation to each matter</b>	<b>Ground(s) under section 48 for the passing of this resolution</b>
<b>6.1 - Interim Chief Executive Officer Appointment (Update) - Under Separate Cover</b>	s7(2)(h) - the withholding of the information is necessary to enable Council to carry out, without prejudice or disadvantage, commercial activities	s48(1)(a)(i) - the public conduct of the relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting would be likely to result in the disclosure of information for which good reason for withholding would exist under section 6 or section 7

**7 KARAKIA WHAKAMUTUNGA / CLOSING PRAYER**

**8 TE KAPINGA HUI / MEETING CLOSE**