

**Whangarei District Council Meeting**  
**Tuesday 16 June 2020**

**Submissions Annual Plan**  
**2020-2021**

**Consultation Document**

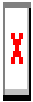
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## 2020-21 Annual Plan Consultation Feedback - Adam - 2020- ANNPLAN-86

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### Your Details:

Name:	Adam
I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation Name:	
Postal Address	

Contact Phone Number:	
Email Address:	

## Your Feedback:

<p>Do you agree with the changes we have made to Year 3 of our Long Term Plan in response to COVID-19?</p>	<p>It doesn't go far enough, rates shouldn't be increased and the wording of this statement is written in a way to make yourselves look better.</p> <p>Car parking should be overhauled, rates should be frozen</p>
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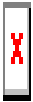
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## 2020-21 Annual Plan Consultation Feedback - Alan Agnew - 2020- ANNPLAN-79

**Receipt Number: 2020-ANNPLAN-79**

### Your Details:

Name:	Alan Agnew
I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation Name:	

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## Your Feedback:

Do you agree with the changes we have made to Year 3 of our Long Term Plan in response to COVID-19?	No rushed no public consultation
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## Suzanne Skullan

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**From:** Kristi Henare <kristihenare@gmail.com>  
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28th May 2020

Please find attached the submission by Alan Agnew.

Thanks Kristi

# WDC Annual Plan 2019-2020 Feedback

- Annual Plan
- Fees and Charges 2019- 2020 Consultation

**Alan Agnes**  
**Three Mile Bush**  
**RD 1 Kamo**  
**Whangarei**  
**Tel: 09 4350141**  
**Email: alanandlesley@gmail.com**

I am writing this submission as an individual, ratepayer and farmer.

Yes, I wish to be heard in support of your submission please.

## Annual Plan Feedback:

### 1. PROPOSED REGIONAL COMMUNITY CENTRE MULTIPURPOSE RECREATION AND INDOOR SPORTS FACILITY FOR ELDERLY & DISABLED IN NORTHLAND

WDC needs to provide space, land and buildings for this Project. My continued campaign for a Community Regional multipurpose facility, complex, centre and obviously my first option is the (ex-Countdown Building) for this Project as per my previous submissions to provide for the elderly and disabled and youth and mothers, grandparents have nowhere to go during the week, bad weather and during school holidays. Special Requirements and Facilities for more Disability Covered Carparking, Safe, Warm, Inviting Environment and in winter it is warm in summer it is cool and also that the seating is suitable for all elderly and disability people which is commonly overlooked by main stream facilities. No consultation for Elderly and disability people for new buildings for design and accessibility. Disappointed in the lack of consultation and no response to my letters, support letters and petition in 2014 with NRC & WDC in regard to the ex-Countdown Land & Building – the obvious extreme waste of ratepayers money with security, fencing and vacant building with maintenance and dangerous asbestos in roof for 4-5 years. Grey Power supports this Project. DPA Northland supports this Project. Regional Elderly & Disability Action Group in Northland supports this project and I have other letters of support for this Project. I believe that WDC Mayor and WDC current Councillors are seriously overlooking the concerns about future planning for Whangarei and Northland for the ever growing elderly and disabled population and the lack of facilities for public use in recreation, social and sports.

### 2. FIRES BANS

My opinion is and that of years with my farming experience is that fires need to be controlled and lit in the summer time because of the wood material being dry and less pollution when burnt and it brings rain. WDC need to have training and workshops for unskilled people who do not know how to light and manage a fire (eg, where to light it, how to light, how to control it and how to plan if it gets out of control). That the Fire Permits are taking too long to issue as the environment can change quickly and then I can not use it and also WDC Staff can cancel fire permits with no explanation. I am concerned that the Fire Trucks are being used as emergency response for car accidents which are occurring too often and Councils and Government are not funding these resources so when we need as rural, urban, lifestyle blocks or farmers need this resource or services they are not available.

### 3. KAURI DIE BACK

I asked at a meeting about Kauri Die Back where is it? The location and where on a map but have also been ignored and concerned that the information and data collected is not made public. I believe that the borer beetles because the kauri tree stick out above the bush and the tree is in the flight path of the beetle and they rest on the bark and branches and leave behind their eggs. Also I have seen this happening out in the farm where trees are dying and the beetles are killing other tree species as well this needs to be investigated as a real concern and could be the reason for Kauri Die Back.

### 4. ROADING

The WDC are currently doing road upgrading in the area but not sealing them which is waste time and ratepayers money as they quickly return to a worse state than before with more potholes and corrugated erosion. Concerned that Wrights Road, Pipiwai roadworks was a waste of time and money for dust control little bits and pieces when the entire road should be sealed at the same time.

### 5. WEEDS ON SIDE OF ROADS

I want to talk about weeds that are on the side of the road next to farm land. This is the responsibility of WDC to maintain road verges. Only when I complain does the WDC say it belongs to NRC and visa versa so someone needs to take responsibility. It is not the farm or land owner should be doing this and WDC should make this part of annual plan for management.

### 6. RUATANGATA COMMUNITY HALL

I asked for an extra street light on another pole which would shine for people with disability and elderly down the ramp – health & safety issues. The light has been changed but the new light is useless and needs to be moved as it isn't working. I have brought this up at WDC Have your Say Meeting and have had no action. The WDC is refusing to give the Community Hall Committee funding there has been no explanation in writing and we need this need actioned for WDC to support our community and local hall. WDC staff have indicated that the community own the hall but WDC gives funding to other Halls in the same situation but refuses to help our Hall.

### 7. GUMTOWN ROAD – CULVERTS TOO NARROW

I have repeatedly asked that the Gumbtown Road is reviewed and accessed as the road is too narrow and there needs to be extra culverts. The Grader Driver blocks the culverts.

### 8. TREE SPECIES & SELECTION FOR FUTURE PLANTING ON ROAD VERGES AND AREAS

I am concerned that the WDC is making unprofessional decisions about what species and type of trees are planted in public areas and near roads and buildings (eg, leaf fall blocking drains and causing flooding, kauri trees next to buildings, root bound trees pulling up footpaths & wastewater, stormwater, powerlines & fences, etc)

### 9. RUBBISH DUMPED ON SIDE OF ROADS

I have concerns about Rubbish Truck having unsecured loads which is spread over the roads and into the water tables and then will pollute the rivers and our Harbours.

### 10. DOG PARK

I would like to say I support the Dog Park but I believe that the drainage is overly excessive and expensive I think this needs to be investigated. Also that WDC should provide wider footpaths for people in wheelchairs with dogs.

1. WDC TOO FOCUSED ON NEW COUNCIL BUILDING PROJECT & BRANDING

You were concerned about the amount of ratepayers money being spent and wasted on patching roads and not fully sealing them.

You are concerned about the amount of investment in the ex-Countdown Building and waste of ratepayers money.

You are concerned about the amount of rates you have to pay for services provided.

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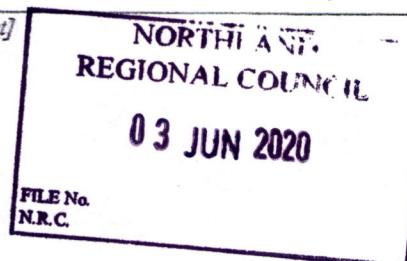
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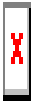






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## 2020-21 Annual Plan Consultation Feedback - Leah Anderson - 2020- ANNPLAN-88

**Receipt Number: 2020-ANNPLAN-88**

### Your Details:

Name:	Leah Anderson
I am making this submission:	As an individual
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	Hikurangi 0181
Contact Phone Number:	02102410100
Email Address:	leahoxville@gmail.com

## Your Feedback:

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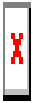
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**Subject:** 2020-21 Annual Plan Consultation Feedback - Jocelyn Apeldoorn - 2020-ANNPLAN-95

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## 2020-21 Annual Plan Consultation Feedback - Jocelyn Apeldoorn - 2020-ANNPLAN-95

**Receipt Number: 2020-ANNPLAN-95**

### Your Details:

Name:	Jocelyn Apeldoorn
I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation Name:	

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Contact Phone Number:	0211833747
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## Your Feedback:

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**From:** Kim Bamber  
**Sent:** 19 May 2020 08:17:09 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** Rates increase

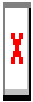
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At a time when many of us are struggling financially WDC wants to increase rates! Many people have lost most or all of their income, please don't increase rates until we've all got on our feet again in another 12-18months to be fair

From Kim Bamber

**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 22 May 2020 23:16:03 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** 2020-21 Annual Plan Consultation Feedback - Paul Barton - 2020-ANNPLAN-65

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## 2020-21 Annual Plan Consultation Feedback - Paul Barton - 2020- ANNPLAN-65

**Receipt Number: 2020-ANNPLAN-65**

### Your Details:

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I am making this submission:	As an individual
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Postal Address	5 Market Garden Way WAIPU 0510

Contact Phone Number:	094321090
Email Address:	paulanitanz65@gmail.com

## Your Feedback:

Do you agree with the changes we have made to Year 3 of our Long Term Plan in response to COVID-19?	I agree with the changes to the 3 year plan as long as it is not reviewed again in 12 months time or at the next rates review to reclaim some of the WDC loss of revenue
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**From:** John Beu  
**Sent:** 27 May 2020 07:28:47 +1200  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Cc:** Cr. Anna Murphy; Jeffrey Devine  
**Subject:** Submission to the Annual Plan (Waiotoi Road Seal Extension Proposal)

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Dear WDC Councillors

Anna Murphy has suggested that I submit this to the Annual Plan thus enabling all WDC Councillors the opportunity to read it.

I wish to revisit our request for a 1KM seal extension from end of existing seal to the second bridge on Waiotoi Road, Ngunguru.

Having viewed the list of roads that are scheduled to have seal extensions during this coming year I am of the opinion the selection process is flawed when the number of properties that use Waiotoi Road are considered. I make the following points.

- 60 residences use the road daily not the 33 used in the seal extension shortlist and most have multiple vehicles in their households
- Our petition presented to the Mayor 2 years ago showed 88% of ratepayers on Waiotoi and Pukenui Roads supported the seal extension
- Now that the paper track between Pukenui and Te Toiroa Roads has been upgraded we have seen a marked increase in vehicular through traffic which has effectively made it a through road thus increasing traffic flow
- The continued maintenance of Waiotoi Road and subsequent dust and runoff had degraded the water quality of our adjacent stream
- The maintenance cost to regrade and roll Waiotoi Road must be significant (last grading and roll 2 weeks ago and is already pot holed and corrugated again)
- The Tutukaka coast contributes approximately \$10m annually to the Whangarei district and we see very little going back into our coastal community
- Waiotoi Road is a school bus route
- Applying the proposed ratepayer contribution scheme the actual cost to WDC is minimal

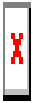
In conclusion I urge you to include Waiotoi Road in this year's seal extension budget.

Kind regards

John Beu

**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 16 May 2020 06:57:52 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** 2020-21 Annual Plan Consultation Feedback - Judy Blackburn - 2020-ANNPLAN-47

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## 2020-21 Annual Plan Consultation Feedback - Judy Blackburn - 2020- ANNPLAN-47

**Receipt Number: 2020-ANNPLAN-47**

### Your Details:

Name:	Judy Blackburn
I am making this submission:	
Organisation Name:	

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## Your Feedback:

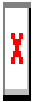
Do you agree with the changes we have made to Year 3 of our Long Term Plan in response to COVID-19?	Whilst I can see why I would have preferred to leave rates as they were to be and keep programs going thus giving more jobs and still offering assistance where needed
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**From:** Whangarei District Council  
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## 2020-21 Annual Plan Consultation Feedback - Peter Blanch - 2020- ANNPLAN-51

**Receipt Number: 2020-ANNPLAN-51**

### Your Details:

Name:	Peter Blanch
I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation Name:	

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## Your Feedback:

Do you agree with the changes we have made to Year 3 of our Long Term Plan in response to COVID-19?	This relates to do we need a new council building. The Covid-19 pandemic has shown that it's possible to work from home. Do we really need to spend millions on a new building.
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# Annual Plan 2020-21 feedback form



## **The closing date for feedback is Thursday 4 June 2020**

As you can see from this Annual Plan 2020-21 Consultation Document, we have had to make some decisions and changes to our plan. Let us know if you think we are on the right track.

### **Points to remember when submitting your feedback**

- Please print clearly. Make sure it can be easily photocopied, read and understood.
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**Email to:** mailroom@wdc.govt.nz

**Deliver to:** Customer Services, Forum North, Rust Ave, Whangārei or Ruakaka Service Centre, Takutai Place, Ruakaka

### **Your details**

Name Stephen Guy

I am making this submission:



As an individual



On behalf of an organisation

Organisation name Body Corporate

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0140

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Email stephen@publicstorage.net.nz



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### Your feedback

Do you agree with the changes we have made to Year 3 of our Long Term Plan in response to COVID-19?

In my personal opinion it is too late to be gathering this feedback. This should have been done at the very start of Level 2 when the Whangarei economy was starting to get back up and running. ~~again~~.

A good starting point would be to give all businesses within the CBD rates relief for the coming quarter (3 months), to try and start boosting the local economy sooner rather than later. I understand the CBD is a broad term, as where do you draw the line between CBD and not. But, if you don't even look at the idea it's hard to come to a conclusion.

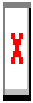
With this wonderful idea of 'shop local' there is going to be many more people entering our CBD from all over Northland. So one thing that needs to be looked at is some sort of parking compensation. Hamilton CBD for example have 2 hour free parking 365 days a year, what is stopping us from doing the same.

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**From:** Whangarei District Council  
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**Subject:** 2020-21 Annual Plan Consultation Feedback - Craig Bowmar - 2020-ANNPLAN-107

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## 2020-21 Annual Plan Consultation Feedback - Craig Bowmar - 2020- ANNPLAN-107

**Receipt Number: 2020-ANNPLAN-107**

### Your Details:

Name:	Craig Bowmar
I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation Name:	
Postal Address	235 Gomez Road RD1

	Hikurangi
Contact Phone Number:	0276639192
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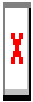
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## 2020-21 Annual Plan Consultation Feedback - Jan Boyes - 2020- ANNPLAN-119

**Receipt Number: 2020-ANNPLAN-119**

### Your Details:

Name:	Jan Boyes
I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation Name:	
Postal Address	Whangarei Heads Rd2397

Contact Phone Number:	0212965447
Email Address:	boyesjan@gmail.com

## Your Feedback:

<p>Do you agree with the changes we have made to Year 3 of our Long Term Plan in response to COVID-19?</p>	<p>Yes, I agree with reducing rates. But not as your plan suggests.</p> <p>I think there should be rates cuts for businesses. Zero rates increase for all.</p> <p>And please cut some allowances and/or salary for councillors and staff - a small percentage (token).</p> <p>Projects/Plans</p> <p>Please look at some projects for later this year, in all departments, and postpone them. Assess ones which the public would like/need and ones that would make the city 'safer' or 'better', and build these. They want libraries, rather than some footpath improvements. Make a list of possible projects and ask, via Facebook or whatever, which of these could be postponed. You might be surprised. Don't do too much cancelling, council contractors need work!</p> <p>CBD.</p> <p>Help shift some business (which are still going) to move out of streets that should be shopping areas no longer. Rush plans to allow charities to turn some empty buildings into small apartments, nothing flash as hopefully they would soon be demolished, the land would have a good planned use in the future, and be rebuilt on soon. (On the outskirts of the CBD, 'temporary' apartments such as these could be bigger with room for car parks etc.)</p> <p>Save money within the organisation.</p>
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Ask staff for their own suggestions (anonymous) about how to cut council spending, often good ideas come from ideas like this. Even turning the heating down 1 degree can save a lot. Staff should not be working in shirt sleeves in winter.

Ask the government to slow down on projects they insist the councils take over. Publicise them, so they could be a general election issue. E.g. Water issues being centralised. (Look at the huge salaries Watercare's bosses have!!)

Don't look for problems with minor infringements, have a positive 'can do' attitude. But mediate, don't upset communities. (Law suits cost money).

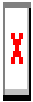
Plan for the future. More work will be done from home, so the larger version of the Council Chambers is not needed. I do think the rebuilding is necessary, just not planned for future larger staff working there. Less planes will fly in the future, Onerahi is a good airport, aim for 6 flights a day of the 50 seaters, that would be great! And Ruakaka or up north are not good alternatives, they are too close to other airports.

A pandemic is a good 'reality check' on excess. Staff need to be reminded their money comes from ratepayers..... Suggest they double check for basic things in projects, e.g so they don't need to dig up recently done work to fix pipes below etc.



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Email Address:	boyesjan@gmail.com

## Your Feedback:

Do you agree with the changes we have made to Year 3 of our Long Term Plan in response to COVID-19?	I agree with lots of them
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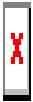
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**Receipt Number: 2020-ANNPLAN-72**

### Your Details:

Name:	Brian Jones
I am making this submission:	On behalf of an organisation
Organisation Name:	Hikurangi Business Association

Postal Address	56 Enwright Road RD 1, Hikurangi 0181
Contact Phone Number:	0274538822
Email Address:	brian.a.jones@xtra.co.nz

## Your Feedback:

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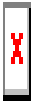
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### Your Details:

Name:	Mary Carthew
I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation Name:	

Postal Address	17 Second Ave Avenues, Whangarei
Contact Phone Number:	0212724072
Email Address:	marycarthew@xtra.co.nz

## Your Feedback:

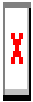
Do you agree with the changes we have made to Year 3 of our Long Term Plan in response to COVID-19?	Yes I agree with the changes made - they are fair and considerate given the changed circumstances
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Organisation Name:	

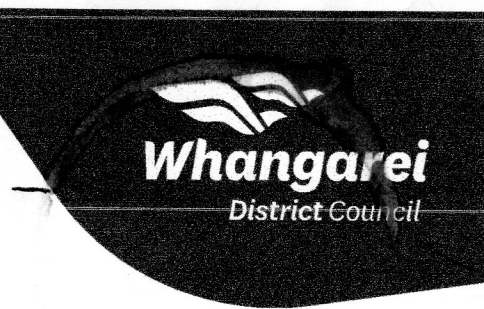
Postal Address	14 Lockheed Place Onerahi
Contact Phone Number:	0220902324
Email Address:	brittanychezcox@gmail.com

## Your Feedback:

Do you agree with the changes we have made to Year 3 of our Long Term Plan in response to COVID-19?	No. I dont believe the council is doing enough to support our community, small businesses or to bring more people to the CBD.
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# Annual Plan 2020-21 feedback form

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## Your details

Name Geoff Crawford

I am making this submission: ☒ As an individual ☐ On behalf of an organisation

Organisation name Crawford Farms LTD

Postal address 150 Crane Rd  
Kamo

Best number to contact you on 021 921 494

Email nvct @ x t Page 48 of 106 . NZ

Rate increase feed back to 8 % increase on targeted rate for Hikurangi Swamp

Long Term Plan response

We farm 450 ha of land on the Hikurangi swamp 95% classed A rate total \$ 97064.00 per annum

\$ 1866 per week

The 8 % rate increase will bring more financial hardship on the back of the largest drought in history.  
(still in Drought)

Drought has cost our farming business \$ 400,000 in extra feed

200 ha of permanent pasture damaged by Crickets, Black Beetle, Paradise ducks and Drought cost of \$100,000

Flooding of 200 mm or more over a 48hr period causes us to have 100 HA land flooded, 300 to 400 mm of rain over a 48/54 hr period caused us 300 ha of land flooded 2014

The cost to re grass is \$ 500 ha

Extra feed is needed and loss of production can cost around \$ 1000 ha so a medium flood will cost around \$ 100/150,000 plus regrassing total around \$ 200/250,000

Scheme needs to be balanced on what is sustainable to maintain in current form with small improvements over time.

The scheme was a public works project done by the government in the late 1960's and handed over to the Council to manage

There are other food schemes in Kaihu, Awanui and Kaeo that are not targeted Rate levies. Why is it that the Hikurangi flood scheme is the only rate targeted to farmers in Northland area, when it is a major improvement for the whole of Whangarei area with jobs and improved land value creating more rates for the council.

The scheme is owned by the WDC who use the depreciation and value of scheme on WDC balance sheet (30 Million)

Farmers don't own scheme but pay the council \$138,000 to oversee it which it increased by 38 % in last 4 years. At an hourly rate of \$ 160, It's hard to believe they spend 16.5 hrs per week on the scheme. Asked for a breakdown but haven't received it yet

We are charged interest on the scheme but when it was in credit no interest was paid into it, can't believe we are charged interest on a scheme that we don't own.

All these issues need to be resolved as the poor long-term direction will rate us off the land.

Every time the rates go up the value of our land goes down rates cannot become another MORTGAGE

4th June 2020

Whangarei District Council  
Private Bag 9023,  
Whangārei  
NORTHLAND 0148.

**Re: Whangarei District Plan 2020-2021 Annual Feedback**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Tenei te mihi ki a koutou,

On behalf of the Creative Northland Board we would like to submit our response to the 2020-2021 Annual Plan Consultation.

Creative Northland knows that there is a lot of great, innovative work happening by Whangarei District Council already to support our arts communities, and to ensure that communities continue to nurture their cultural and social wellbeing.

The purpose of this document is to provide additional guidance on some of the ways you can support the artists, creative workers and arts groups and organisations in your community. Given the strong connections between the arts and other hard-hit sectors such as tourism, hospitality and retail, we encourage you to continue working closely with us and the community to safeguard our creative and artistic capital.

We thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback.

E noho oro mai



Hinurewa te Hau (Hinū)  
General Manager  
**Creative Northland**

# Covid-19

## Creative Northland Respons

The Whangarei District Council plans have been a great resource and we agree with the basis of the proposal changes and would like to comment further on the future advancement of cultural and economic wellbeing for the creative sector in the Whangarei District.

1. Creative Northland acknowledges Whangarei District Councils (WDC) adoption of **He Rautaki Toi ā Rohe ō Whangārei** a strategy for arts, culture and heritage in the Whangārei District 2019–2029 which represents the combined vision of Creative Northland, **Whangārei**. District Council and the Creative Community.
2. COVID19 has shown us that Cultural and Creative Wellbeing are an essential service for many of our communities mental and social wellbeing. There is an opportunity to reflect this in local government planning for a crisis of this nature and how the creative sector cross pollinates with other essential services and create good cultural policy to improve the accessibility to the arts and creative activities that promote artistic endeavours.
3. Like many parts of the community, the arts sector has been significantly impacted by COVID-19. Without access to venues or the ability to gather, many artists and arts practitioners are without a way to make or present their work, and without income – a similar position to that of many people in your community.
4. Although the easing of restrictions at Level 2 will enable many council-owned arts and culture facilities (such as museums, galleries and libraries) to re-open, the restrictions on gatherings, and the need for people to physically distance from one another means that many artists and arts organisations will still be precluded from delivering their work, or required to deliver work to significantly reduced audiences.
5. The creative sector is an essential part of creating vibrant, cohesive and prosperous communities. It also plays a key role in supporting councils to promote the cultural and social wellbeing of their communities, as required under the Local Government Act 2002.
6. Continuing to support and ensure access to the arts and arts activities in the recovery from COVID-19 are ways to ensure that communities stay connected, learn and stay active – all ways to take care of our communities' health and wellbeing.
7. The implementation of the WDCs Arts, Culture and Heritage prepares the ground for a Creative Wellbeing Strategy that identifies areas where culture and creativity are an essential service to ensure that communities continue to nurture their cultural and social wellbeing
8. As you consider your response to COVID-19, particularly during the recovery phase, actively involving people from the creative sector can ensure the plans you make are strategic, innovative, and meet the needs of your community.



9. During Covid Creative Northland supported the community through various online initiatives that fostered a digital space for creatives to communicate, connect and begin discussions of greater collaboration. The online/digital/ platforms worked as a space for empathy, acknowledgement of diversity and understanding for a wide audience who previously may not have felt as if their creativity could be so uplifting or carry such a powerful voice that speaks louder and more positively than we can describe/ understand.
10. Creative Northland will continue to provide forums for artists and creatives to share their ideas and be heard, provide financial assistance when we can, commission small works, ensure continued support for community-led activity, support community spaces, and create clear channels for communication will help our arts community remain connected and supported in their wellbeing and that of our communities.
11. It will also help us to ensure that our city, town or district remains vibrant, prosperous and a great place to live.
12. Ideally there is a piece of advocacy work to be undertaken that would serve to strengthen our roles in our creative communities that may not have been previously present, alongside supporting the arts sector, and it can become another element in the development of a more formal working relationship between WDC and Creative Northland

## **In response: 6. Rent relief for commercial and community tenants:**

13. WDC to consider a support package for commercial tenants facing a 50 per cent loss of revenue, comprising several components that provide immediate relief to tenants so they could continue to meet their contractual obligations to landlords.
14. The government has provided good support for business, however there needs to be support for ongoing occupation costs otherwise many Whangarei businesses will become insolvent through Level 2 to Level 1 resulting in high levels of unemployment and welfare liability to the taxpayer.

## **Forward planning starts now:**

15. Creative Northland wants to work with the council to bring vacant space alive and active on a temporary basis by making rent-free sites available to people who have community-focused and entrepreneurial project ideas, allowing innovators to test their ideas in a low-stakes setting and offering low-cost options short term for such an outcome to provide temporary activation is one solution.
16. Having the opportunity to be granted access to untenanted spaces on a temporary basis would allow us to work with start-ups and innovators to have an opportunity to trial and grow their idea while the building owners seek a suitable commercial tenant.
17. As per Christchurch City Council's plans, they created a new rates rebate scheme which is one mechanism designed to make untenanted spaces a practical option for landowners. This is a one-year trial that grants a rates rebate to owners who make untenanted spaces available for temporary use by licensing them to a trust/non for profit limited liability.

18. The entity would work to broker spaces, arrange insurances, curate projects, and support landowners, support art installations, small business start-ups, food trucks, and temporary gardens, building stronger and better connections with business and community eg. JobLab with NorthChamber.

## **Council owned and operated venues**

19. We have made the assumption that Council is following the [Local Government Response Unit's guidelines for council services and operations at alert level 2](#) when reopening council owned arts and culture facilities such as libraries, galleries, museums and community halls.
20. Any leased premises to an arts organisation, group or artist, remain in contact with those tenants to understand how they're able to use the premises (or not) as alert levels change, consider what options you might have available to provide financial assistance.
21. Consider the example of post-earthquake Christchurch and whether WDC can make public space available to artists, and ease consent and licensing requirements, to support the delivery of unique, creative, community-delivered projects.
22. Use the COVID-19 crisis as an opportunity to encourage our art museum staff to think strategically about what they want their institution to look like in the future, and how they can build their resilience to any future emergencies. Use the opportunity to think about how the institution could better reflect the stories of tangata whenua.

## **Council's own funding programmes**

23. Where possible, Creative Northland encourages councils to avoid reducing the funding they make available to cultural institutions (including museums, galleries and libraries) and for arts organisations and artists to apply for<sup>1</sup>.
24. This is important for helping your arts community to recover from COVID-19, while also ensuring that some of the council's expenditure continues to deliver cultural wellbeing outcomes for the community.
25. Consider whether WDC can divert money that would otherwise have been spent on an arts event or project that is no longer viable into your funding programmes that artists are able to access.
26. You could, for example, consider allocating this money as additional Creative Communities Scheme funding with mechanisms already in place to allow for that process. By doing so, WDC can ensure that its expenditure continues to deliver cultural wellbeing outcomes.
27. Be aware that some of the smaller arts organisations our community are struggling to meet basic costs such as rent and utilities costs. Consider whether any un-allocated arts or community funding could be made available to support meeting those costs.

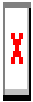
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<sup>1</sup> It is noted that at the last Council meeting on the 28th May, that community groups applying for Annual Operating Fund both Tranche 1 and Tranche there was no change in funding and a one off grant of 2.2% capital increase was granted.

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I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation Name:	

Postal Address	109B King St Hikurangi
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Email Address:	croftsanz@gmail.com

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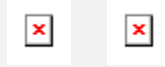
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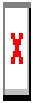
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Name:	NEIL CROWTHER
I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation Name:	
Postal Address	103 MARUA ROAD RD 1

	HIKURANGI
Contact Phone Number:	021438950
Email Address:	info@copygirl.co.nz

## Your Feedback:

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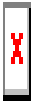
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### Your Details:

Name:	andrew davis
I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation Name:	

Postal Address	200 Ngunguru Ford Rd
Contact Phone Number:	02040518524
Email Address:	andrew@goelectrical.nz

## Your Feedback:

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### **Your details**

Name

Peter Doel

I am making this submission:



As an  
individual



On behalf of an  
organisation

Organisation name

Postal address

8 Toetoe Road

RD 10

Whangarei 0170

Best number to contact you on

4387625

Email

## Your feedback

Do you agree with the changes we have made to Year 3 of our Long Term Plan in response to COVID-19?

No.

You have not provided enough detailed information to make a meaningful submission. This process is supposed to allow ratepayers the opportunity ~~feedback~~ to give feedback on the 2020-2021 annual plan.

Instead this is ignoring all the detail that should make up councils plan for this year and instead limiting submissions to: do you want a rates rise of 2.2% and give away \$3,000,000 to a bunch of anonymous people and organisations that council picks as their favorite charities.

Remember: Like all Kiwis, WDC needs to cut its cloth to fit

By the way how many ratepayers voted for your Civic Centre Development?

Was that the little voices in your head telling you that the silent majority would want it. Maybe the \$20m we got for the Old Boys Rugby site is going to pay for it.



03 JUN 2020

WHANGAREI  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

# Annual Plan 2020-21 feedback form

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### Your details

Name GORDON DOVE

I am making this submission:



As an  
individual



On behalf of an  
organisation

Organisation name

Postal address

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WHANGAREI

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(09) 4363009

Email

## Your feedback

Do you agree with the changes we have made to Year 3 of our Long Term Plan in response to COVID-19?

No! - RESPONSE AS FOLLOWS.

With respect I wish to suggest that in response to the impact of Covid 19 Council adopt an option of zero rates rise for rates in year 2020-2021

This is no more than the response of many towns and large cities throughout New Zealand & in response to the world wide effects of Covid 19.

Every ratepayer in the Whangarei district has in some way or another been affected by financial reductions caused by lockdown, redundancy, and business down-turn.

It makes absolutely no sense to me for the Whangarei District Council to charge and extract rates from cash-strapped ratepayers then after deducting 15% Goods & Services tax to return the balance to some of the ratepayers less of course the distribution charges which (Surprise Surprise) would be paid for by the same ratepayers through Council Salaries and wages.

Council should know and understand



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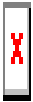
that many residents and ratepayers who can financially afford to do so, already support essential services and projects. This is how it should be - after all this is ratepayers money.

I look forward to  
your response,  
G. Dove.



**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 4 Jun 2020 07:05:05 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** 2020-21 Annual Plan Consultation Feedback - Sally Elson - 2020-ANNPLAN-129

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## 2020-21 Annual Plan Consultation Feedback - Sally Elson - 2020- ANNPLAN-129

**Receipt Number: 2020-ANNPLAN-129**

### Your Details:

Name:	Sally Elson
I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation Name:	
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Contact Phone Number:	0276358508
Email Address:	sallyesteem@hotmail.com

## Your Feedback:

Do you agree with the changes we have made to Year 3 of our Long Term Plan in response to COVID-19?	<p>No- I don't believe rates should rise at all. Every rate payer not just a few need relief. Money goes around. The business centre need rate relief as in a discount not a pay later scheme, not interest free, a total discount to get businesses up and going. Landlords need support to rent out vacant shops. The town centre has always needed help, this will do that, plus the free parking should continue for two hours, more people were in town recently. This also employs the tire markers. Look at other towns who have done this, it's vitalised their towns. Eg Hamilton. It's a shame the new hotel is not in James St bringing people into town joining the basin with town. Not up the hill, who wants to walk up the hill. I hope the council listens.</p>
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## **Submission to the Whangarei District Annual Plan 2020/21**

We are making this submission on behalf of Forum North Trust 2013

Postal address: 225 Ngunguru Rd, RD3, Whangarei 0173

Phone: 0272144409 (Ros Martin) or 022392291 (Calvin Green)

[Ros.martin53@yahoo.co.nz](mailto:Ros.martin53@yahoo.co.nz) or [calvinwgreen@gmail.com](mailto:calvinwgreen@gmail.com)

FNT13 is a group of people passionate about Whangarei and its current and future potential.

FNT13 supports the Council in its goal of providing the district with the economic and social drivers to ensure that the momentum over the past few years is not lost.

The Trust understands that Covid-19 has changed the economic landscape in ways which could never have been foreseen. However, we also believe that the Council has a key role in stimulating growth and security for the district.

We applaud the 10-Point Economic Recovery Response which takes a measured approach to ensure that our district recovers from the fiscal blow it has received, along with the rest of the country and world.

We focus on the planned response to “keep spending to support local contractors and suppliers” to “bring forward major projects” and to “seek potential government funding” – and, in particular to “maintain investment in community development.”

FNT13 welcomes the opportunity for Whangarei residents to make best use of Forum North via the Trust's proposed performing arts precinct, once the facility is vacated by WDC.

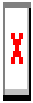
This move would fulfil the promises of many years standing to build a large theatre for the district; one that will not only serve our community for the next 100 years, but also return Forum North to the vibrant, engaging community facility that it once was.

We support Council in taking a lead to move confidently through this crisis to stimulate the local economy.

Thank you.

**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 3 Jun 2020 08:38:00 +0000  
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**Subject:** 2020-21 Annual Plan Consultation Feedback - Wayne fowell - 2020-ANNPLAN-115

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## 2020-21 Annual Plan Consultation Feedback - Wayne fowell - 2020- ANNPLAN-115

**Receipt Number: 2020-ANNPLAN-115**

### Your Details:

Name:	Wayne fowell
I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation Name:	

Postal Address	103 mountain view rd Hikurangi
Contact Phone Number:	0274448150
Email Address:	fowellwayne@yahoo.co.nz

## Your Feedback:

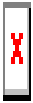
Do you agree with the changes we have made to Year 3 of our Long Term Plan in response to COVID-19?	Yes
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**Subject:** 2020-21 Annual Plan Consultation Feedback - Rebecca Gilbert - 2020-ANNPLAN-106

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## 2020-21 Annual Plan Consultation Feedback - Rebecca Gilbert - 2020- ANNPLAN-106

**Receipt Number: 2020-ANNPLAN-106**

### Your Details:

Name:	Rebecca Gilbert
I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation Name:	
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	Whangarei 0112
Contact Phone Number:	0272084413
Email Address:	yiayia1966@outlook.com

## Your Feedback:

<p>Do you agree with the changes we have made to Year 3 of our Long Term Plan in response to COVID-19?</p>	<p>I agree in part with most of the Year 3 changes . The 10 point recovery response looks viable and fairly responsible - Stage 1 -Stage 2 - Stage 3 - good structure Rates : I agree with your preferred option to reduce overall rates rise as part of a boarder package, however I think 2.2% increase for waste water and refuse management is too high given the public pay enough on kerbside collection bags, high fees at the refuse station and also charges for kerbside collection on coastal sections that have no residents/dwellings on them are covered in general rates. If the only income to cover costs for Refuse management was from rates I would be supportive, but the 2.2 increase should only be for General and Wastewater and .5% increase for Refuse management. Targeted Rates Relief - Communities -I agree Businesses: I am concerned with the "Grant to offset license fees" if you are referring to Alcohol licensing - there should not be ratepayer money going toward off setting fees : Whangarei have just launched a smokefree/vapefree policy and must keep the positive health momentum up instead use this to help with advertising the business instead and plan a Domestic tourism package that appeals to locals as well - you already have a plan to reduce rent raes for businesses the savings made there can go toward licensing fees</p>
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Ratepayers - I would have liked to see a higher percentage go to the Ratepayers - I also feel that ratepayers should not be facing any penalties for 2020-2021 period and for 2021-2022 periods at all, so they can adjust to the increases during this very difficult economic time

Over all;

How will staff be affected in these changes - I know there will be lots of work to keep losses low can these staff be utilised in other sectors?

Will any of these relief efforts be financially recoverable by council in Year 4 or 5 of the LTP

What are the plans for Maori inclusion in movement forward

Research and develop an action plan specifically for Domestic tourism/ Domestic events to keep Whangarei on the domestic Tourism market - this can be done as part of a community initiative instead of high cost marketing companies

Finally - I am not a residential homeowner rate payer but I do pay rates on Maori owned coastal lands with no dwellings or residents on

Kia ora

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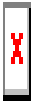
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### Your Details:

Name:	Tod Groombridge
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Organisation Name:	

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Contact Phone Number:	02102795480
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## Your Feedback:

<p>Do you agree with the changes we have made to Year 3 of our Long Term Plan in response to COVID-19?</p>	<p>Yes I agree with the councils covid 19 annual plan changes.</p> <p>I would also like to make a submission for \$15000 of council resources including council planners time, to be allocated to the preparation of a resource consent (including traffic management plan and noise assessment).</p> <p>This consent would be for The Hikurangi Business Association to run fundraising trail bike rides and mountain bike tracks (including kids tracks) on old forestry tracks, on the council owned block of land up Gomez Rd, Hikurangi with the old dam in it.</p> <p>The fundraisers would be set up and organised by the Hikurangi Business Association, in conjunction with local sports clubs, halls, schools and any other community groups with the profits going to the community group.</p> <p>There would be no further financial burden on council as the fundraisers would be self funded going forward with some of the riders fees going towards the maintenance &amp; running costs such as toilets and traffic management.</p> <p>The group wanting to fund raise would need to commit volunteers for the event.</p> <p>With the Covid 19 lock down basically halting pokie machine use, sports clubs are hurting financially and could do with extra funds, these fundraisers would be a more positive way of fundraising for the</p>
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With this model a local group would only need to come up with the volunteers for the mountain biking or trail bike riding and they could have a fundraiser.

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### Your details

Name Carol Guy

I am making this submission:

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As an individual

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On behalf of an organisation

Organisation name C.F. Guy

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Whangarei 0148

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### Your feedback

Do you agree with the changes we have made to Year 3 of our Long Term Plan in response to COVID-19?

My name is Carol Guy. I am owner and landlord of a few City Centre properties.

As we all know our City Centre is struggling.

It has a cancer that is all too common in small cities around N.Z.

But it does not have to be so. Our City Centre is attractive and welcoming. Your council has played a big part in maintaining it's beauty and ambience. And yet, you the Councillors wish to increase our rates!

Basically EUTHANISE what was once a vibrant town centre to be proud of.

During Covid level 3 our tenants were not charged rent. Many now want a rent decrease. Rents in the Strand were comparatively higher 15 years ago than they are today.

The cancer has taken it's toll.

Little Mum and Dad investors are hurting as are all investors of property in the C.B.D.

Our retailers bear the cost of that, and many struggle to survive, whilst the shops in Okara seem to thrive.

If you euthanise our City Centre by rate increases then let the death be on your heads.



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### Your details

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As an individual



On behalf of an organisation

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### Your feedback

Do you agree with the changes we have made to Year 3 of our Long Term Plan in response to COVID-19?

COVID-19 has had a massive effect on everyone in particular local small business owners all around New Zealand. To make this worse you (WDC) are proposing a rates increase - sure that will work. NOT.

If you want Whangarei to thrive you need to start focussing on these small and locally owned businesses as they are what keeps the local economy ticking. If you want to see Whangarei grow a good starting point is ~~to start~~ by giving these small businesses some sort of relief to help them recover from what has been a devastating time for all.

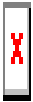
It's a proven fact that locals prefer to go to Okara Park for a multitude of reasons, this is one of the reasons the town centre is struggling as much as it is. It doesn't help that both the rent and rates at Okara are half of what the local business owners are paying within the main street's. If there was to be a rate increase you might as well burn down town including your building and build multistorey apartment blocks - which no-one wants.

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**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 19 May 2020 01:40:59 +0000  
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**Subject:** 2020-21 Annual Plan Consultation Feedback - Phillipa Halse - 2020-ANNPLAN-59

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## 2020-21 Annual Plan Consultation Feedback - Phillipa Halse - 2020- ANNPLAN-59

**Receipt Number: 2020-ANNPLAN-59**

### Your Details:

Name:	Phillipa Halse
I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation Name:	

Postal Address	122 Yovich Road RD1 WHANGAREI 0171
Contact Phone Number:	021543364
Email Address:	jockandpip@gmail.com

## Your Feedback:

Do you agree with the changes we have made to Year 3 of our Long Term Plan in response to COVID-19?	No - other councils in NZ are not increasing their rates because of the financial impact covid has had on families income. There should not be a rates increase while families are struggling to survive.
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**From:** Tony Hamilton  
**Sent:** 3 Jun 2020 20:42:32 +1200  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** Submission on LTP

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I have just done an online submission and all it allowed me to do was answer the question below with 'No', It did not give me a chance to provide reasons and comments, so I am doing that via this email. My receipt number is 2020-ANNPLAN-114.

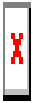
Do you agree with the changes we have made to Year 3 of our Long Term Plan in response to COVID-19?

- No I do not agree with the changes because they do not substantially change what we ratepayers have to face.
- The rates increase should be zero, and in future the increase should only be at the rate of the CPI (not the arbitrarily designed LGCI) This insidious index overlooks the fact that the large number of people on fixed incomes, which are only adjusted either by reference to the average wage, or the CPI, have their fixed income eroded by the application of the LGCI. The use of this index needs to stop.
- The Council should abandon the plan to build new offices. The millions that would free up would allow all the core Council functions and services to still be carried out. The building is not needed - staff losses mean the requirement for space has changed. As per Northern Advocate 29 April "Based on the staff numbers we have now, there will be fewer employees in 12 months," Whangārei District Council (WDC) chief executive Rob Forlong said. "We now have a sinking lid policy, with staff who leave not being replaced. Whilst I can't predict the future and how bad things are going to become, from what I know now, I am not expecting to have redundancies in the short to medium term."
- The parking fees, just increased in the CBD should become 'no fees'. Anecdotal comments I have heard: with the free parking during Level 3 more people were in the CBD - surely that is what is required so make it happen.
- Hundertwasser building: the LTP should be modified to include that, under no circumstances whatsoever should the Council underwrite operating costs. Those who promoted the building should be the ones who pay for the losses that operating this building is certainly going to incur. That ongoing losses were inevitable was clear in the documentation right from the beginning of the consultation process prior to the referendum (and the effect that will now arise from the 'virus' just compounds that problem). Ratepayers should not be lumbered with another huge cost simply because 'Council' knows they can just impose a further compulsory tax on the already overburdened ratepayers.

Tony Hamilton  
PO Box 3286  
Onerahi  
Whangarei 0142  
021547414

**From:** Whangarei District Council  
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## 2020-21 Annual Plan Consultation Feedback - Tony Hamilton - 2020- ANNPLAN-114

**Receipt Number: 2020-ANNPLAN-114**

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Organisation Name:	

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## Your Feedback:

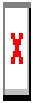
Do you agree with the changes we have made to Year 3 of our Long Term Plan in response to COVID-19?	No
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**Sent:** 28 May 2020 13:09:41 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** 2020-21 Annual Plan Consultation Feedback - Steven Haywood - 2020-ANNPLAN-87

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## 2020-21 Annual Plan Consultation Feedback - Steven Haywood - 2020-ANNPLAN-87

**Receipt Number: 2020-ANNPLAN-87**

### Your Details:

Name:	Steven Haywood
I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation Name:	

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Contact Phone Number:	021752846
Email Address:	steve@masterjeweller.co.nz

## Your Feedback:

Do you agree with the changes we have made to Year 3 of our Long Term Plan in response to COVID-19?	<p>Yes, but there should be more funding for arts and tourism.</p> <p>Free Parking up to 1st of June, has increased business post Covid-19, let do it for the whole winter, still enforcing parking time limits WOF and Registration checks, so to limit the impact on parking income for WDC, would be a great way to encourage locals to shop in the CBD and Town Basin instead of Okara shopping centre they have free parking because the private landlord knows it helps the business tenants.</p> <p>Support the Town Basin Tenants, with the loss of International Tourists need locals to associate the town basin with shopping.</p>
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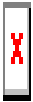
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**From:** Whangarei District Council  
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**Subject:** 2020-21 Annual Plan Consultation Feedback - Marc Head - 2020-ANNPLAN-76

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## 2020-21 Annual Plan Consultation Feedback - Marc Head - 2020- ANNPLAN-76

**Receipt Number: 2020-ANNPLAN-76**

### Your Details:

Name:	Marc Head
I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation Name:	

Postal Address	P.O BOX 1716 WHANGAREI
Contact Phone Number:	094339759
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## Your Feedback:

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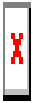
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**From:** Whangarei District Council  
**Sent:** 23 May 2020 23:34:39 +0000  
**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** 2020-21 Annual Plan Consultation Feedback - Robert Terence Heappey - 2020-ANNPLAN-70

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## 2020-21 Annual Plan Consultation Feedback - Robert Terence Heappey - 2020-ANNPLAN-70

**Receipt Number: 2020-ANNPLAN-70**

### Your Details:

Name:	Robert Terence Heappey
I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation Name:	

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Email Address:	bevandterryheapey@gmail.com

## Your Feedback:

<p>Do you agree with the changes we have made to Year 3 of our Long Term Plan in response to COVID-19?</p>	<p>No, I believe it should be a nil increase in rates. You need to realise that we have not just been dealing with Covid 19. We have also been dealing with a severe drought, where farmers and their support services have been badly hit financially, with supplementary feed costs, low production, and the fact that income next season will also be lowered substantially. Council expenditure should only include necessities, not luxuries. The fifty million civic centre plan, should be axed until such a time that our infrastructure needs are met, eg rural roading. There is all this talk on 4 lane main roads, but the rural feeder roads have been left out of the equation year after year, and are badly in need of upgrading. When there is an accident on SH 1, the bypass roads are not adequate to cope with the traffic. Other infrastructures, such as sewerage, storm water and town water supply etc are also high priority.</p> <p>Also, out of work, town property owners will be struggling to meet any increase.</p> <p>Thank you for this opportunity to share our thoughts at this difficult time</p> <p>Regards</p> <p>Bev and Terry Heapey</p>
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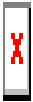
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## 2020-21 Annual Plan Consultation Feedback - Denis Hewitt - 2020- ANNPLAN-56

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## Your Feedback:

Do you agree with the changes we have made to Year 3 of our Long Term Plan in response to COVID-19?	The rates should not be put up any higher at all. People are struggling this year. Been here for over 40 years and rates have gone up with lots of people building around him. The rates are over \$5000.00. Rates should be on a person basis. He has no footpath, sewerage etc. Unfair. Should not be dishing out money out all over the place to different organisations. Should not be building a big new building.
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# Annual Plan 2020-21 feedback form

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## **The closing date for feedback is Thursday 4 June 2020**

As you can see from this Annual Plan 2020-21 Consultation Document, we have had to make some decisions and changes to our plan. Let us know if you think we are on the right track.

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## Your feedback

Do you agree with the changes we have made to Year 3 of our Long Term Plan in response to COVID-19? — not enough more is required to modify

CLIMATE CHANGE and the Whangarei District Council's Annual Plan 2020-2021.

Just because the pandemic COVID 19 has upset the economic 'apple cart' is no reason to ignore the even greater threat to our planet that of CLIMATE CHANGE. Governments, both central and local, are at a cross-roads when it comes to deciding whether to pursue an urgent return to 'business as usual' or to change our behaviour and in so doing develop new and different ways of sustaining the economy and protecting the environment.

The WDC's annual plan in its intent to work to restore business must not ignore the need to reduce our carbon footprint. As the IPCC report urged in October 2018 we simply have to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions. This means that the present plan has to concentrate on council's CORE BUSINESS. This is not the time to indulge in 'nice to have' projects.

Quite rightly the council has decided not to implement the proposed rate increase of 4.2%. But considering the financial distress many people and businesses presently find themselves in as a result of COVID 19, surely a NO RATE INCREASE would be more appropriate.



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With this in mind there can be no financing at present of the following projects.

1. NO NEW CIVIC CENTRE To replace the existing Forum North. We simply cannot afford it
2. No new marina adjacent to the Te Mata o Pōke bridge
3. No cruise ship visits even from Australia to Maarden Point. There is no carbon free transport available anyway.
4. No demolition of the Bach craft gallery, adjoining café and glass works as these are necessary public amenities that generate economic benefits and provide employment. After all the neighbouring Thunderwater centre is unlikely to provide these for some time.

### Reduction in administration costs.

This, it is understood, is already under way.

There is no doubt that the council's administration needs to be streamlined and more cost effective than it has been. Therefore there is no need to expand into a new building at ratepayers expense. Moreover, there needs to be an end to employing costly outside 'experts'. Instead 'in house' staff should be employed as was previously the case in past years.

I must emphasise that we have to find alternative ways of employing people that do not increase our carbon footprint and do not put the environment at risk. Nothing should indicate a recurrence of COVID 19. We have to develop different ways of doing things. I dare not think how much our carbon footprint is being increased by the road works at Otara. For what? Would not rail have solved many of our heavy road transport problems?

CORE INFRASTRUCTURE work has to continue



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### WASTE WATER.

As the independent waste water monitor for Ruakaka I submit the following:-

1) The waste water treatment plant at Ruakaka requires a major upgrade. I discussed this with Andrew Carvill before he resigned from WRC. We cannot keep discharging inadequately treated human effluent into the dunes. The following is needed:-

- a) The treatment of waste needs to be significantly improved that will involve an upgrade of the wetland. Merely increasing vegetation in the Ruakaka pond, as is currently underway, is NOT enough.
- b) Disposal area number 3 within the plant also needs an upgrade as it is so overgrown with vegetation that it no longer works properly and floods out when there is heavy rainfall.

### FRESH WATER SOURCES.

Drought conditions, as we have just experienced, is predicted to become a regular occurrence as a result of Climate Change.

Need to improve the efficient collection of water

- 1) Complete work on Hakea River.
- 2) The Whau Valley and Wilson's Dams need to have time to fill and so water use restrictions have to continue until water levels have improved.
- 3) Work in collaboration with the NRC to stop wasteful use of bore water for non essential purposes:-
  - a) growing grass at the Ruakaka Race Course etc
  - b) monitoring of bore water
- 4) A meter on the fresh water outlet at Sime Road, use to be charged
- 5) Allowable nitrate levels in drinking water to be substantially reduced in view of the threat to human health shown by research in Denmark.



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6) New houses to have tanks to collect roof water. Solving the availability of fresh water to support life is not a problem that can be shelved.

### Funds allocated for COMMUNITY PROJECTS.

These need to be carefully scrutinised and reduced this coming year. Once again we cannot afford them ratewise. For example there should be:-

NO skate parks at Waipu or Ngunguru. Waipu in particular is one of the most affluent areas in the Whangarei District and has already received more than its fair share of council funding. It should follow the example of the poorer Ruakaka and raise its own funds. Indeed fund raising within communities should be encouraged to finance projects if council is to successfully reduce its spending.

### Return of former public land by NIVA AQUICTURE.

This land adjoins the beach and closes next to Marsden Village and was taken without any public consultation quite unnecessarily as the NIVA operations were already fenced off. Now that a new main entrance has been constructed at Te One Street / Sime Road there is no excuse to keep this apparently 'stolen' land. It should therefore be returned to public use.

In conclusion it is not just the effects of COVID 19 that the Whangarei District Council has to consider. COVID 19 is merely a symptom of more to come. It is unlikely that this will be the only pandemic especially with the projected increase in global warming, and introduction of tropical diseases into New Zealand. We need to learn from this whilst at the same time taking into consideration the changes we need to make to modify the progress of Climate Change. This will require



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significant changes to the way the economy is revitalised. We need to reduce the use of, fossil fuel and cement. This will obviously preclude a number of planned projects and will not make re-employment easy. Likewise overseas tourism is unlikely to be rejuvenated in the immediate future. For the first time in this planet's history it is our species that is responsible for climate change and so even in this annual plan the Whangarei District Council should be leading by example and making an effort to change the way it operates as the desired economic recovery cannot be at any price!

Signed

of argant M. Hicks

June 16<sup>th</sup> 2020

Postscript. Cement is recognised to be one of  
not the most carbon intensive of all manu-  
factured materials.