

Whangarei District Council

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Submissions relating to the Long Term Plan 2021 - 2031

Volume Two

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Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Rebekah Clark - 2021-LTP-SUB-365

Receipt Number: 2021-LTP-SUB-365

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Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard at the hearing?	No
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Your feedback:

Key issue - How will we pay for what we need - Rates Options (see page 17)	OPTION 2: Limit the rates increase to LGCI plus 2% only in years one to three
Why?	

Key issue - Spaces for gathering (see page 24)	OPTION 2: Put budget towards only ONE of the following: Oruku Landing Conference and Events Centre, Hihiaua Cultural Centre, and existing facilities at Forum North.
Why?	it will not be fair to put money into one only project or to a council owned facility. to me the Hihiaua Cultural Centre is the most important but can see the benefits of multiple sites/competition

Key issue - Climate change and sustainability (see page 28)	OPTION 2: Put \$7.4m of new funding towards climate change mitigation and adaptation and waste minimisation.
Why?	but please do not allow our waste to be sent somewhere else to be dealt with unless it is to be reused for the benefit of the environment

Key issue - Revitalising our city centre (see page 32)	OPTION 2: Spend \$21m to make improvements to James and John St as well as either Robert St or Cameron Street.
Why?	

Tell us what you think - any further comments on key issues or other points raised in the Consultation document:

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Subject: Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Yvonne Clark - 2021-LTP-SUB-228

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Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Yvonne Clark - 2021-LTP-SUB-228

Receipt Number: 2021-LTP-SUB-228

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Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard	No
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Your feedback:

Key issue - How will we pay for what we need - Rates Options (see page 17)	OPTION 2: Limit the rates increase to LGCI plus 2% only in years one to three
Why?	More affordable

Key issue - Spaces for gathering (see page 24)	OPTION 1: Allocate budget across three sites (Oruku Landing Conference and Events Centre, Hihiaua Cultural Centre, and existing facilities at Forum North).
Why?	All the facilities should be supported for everyone to benefit from

Key issue - Climate change and sustainability (see page 28)	OPTION 1: Put \$3.7m of new funding towards climate change mitigation and adaptation and waste minimisation.
Why?	We can't ignore the issue

Key issue - Revitalising our city centre (see page 32)	OPTION 3: No additional funding for the city centre.
Why?	Build a Westfields instead and turn it into inner city apartments. The inner city shopping is dead, it's too late to revive the town has already been allowed to fragment too far. Spend the money linking the town basin to the warehouse development.

Tell us what you think - any further comments on key issues or other points raised in the Consultation document:

Stop pouring good money after bad in the central city. Town has moved, if you are going to flatten James St and John St put a Westfields in or put one in near Port Rd. Link the town basin to Port Rd shopping.

From: Whangarei District Council
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Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Ben Clearwater - 2021-LTP-SUB-73

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Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard	No
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Your feedback:

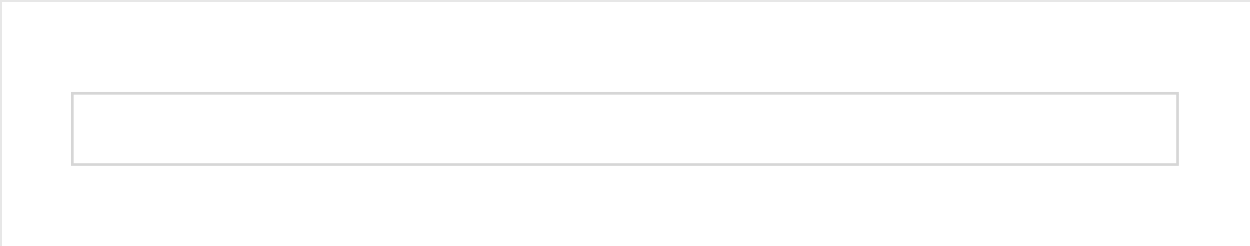
Key issue - How will we pay for what we need - Rates Options (see page 17)	OPTION 1: Rates increase in year one (2021) of 2% + 2.5% Local Government Cost Index (LGCI) + 2% 'catch up'. Rates increase in years two and three (2022-23) of 2% + 2.5% LGCI.
Why?	

Key issue - Spaces for gathering (see page 24)	OPTION 1: Allocate budget across three sites (Oruku Landing Conference and Events Centre, Hihiaua Cultural Centre, and existing facilities at Forum North).
Why?	

Key issue - Climate change and sustainability (see page 28)	OPTION 1: Put \$3.7m of new funding towards climate change mitigation and adaptation and waste minimisation.
Why?	

Key issue - Revitalising our city centre (see page 32)	OPTION 2: Spend \$21m to make improvements to James and John St as well as either Robert St or Cameron Street.
Why?	

Tell us what you think - any further comments on key issues or other points raised in the Consultation document:



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Subject: Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Steve close - 2021-LTP-SUB-27

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Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Steve close - 2021-LTP-SUB-27

Receipt Number: 2021-LTP-SUB-27

Your details:

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Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard	No
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Your feedback:

Key issue - How will we pay for what we need - Rates Options (see page 17)	OPTION 2: Limit the rates increase to LGCI plus 2% only in years one to three
Why?	<p>Why such a big rate increase, lots of us can't afford it where will it end.</p> <p>Get your house in order stop all this fancy town building and useless projects. Stick to the basics. Rates can't keep going up Every year.</p>

Key issue - Spaces for gathering (see page 24)	
Why?	None of them, Fund it privately,

Key issue - Climate change and sustainability (see page 28)	OPTION 3: No new funding towards climate change or waste minimisation.
Why?	Again what climate change, spend money on your waste minimisation

Key issue - Revitalising our city centre (see page 32)	OPTION 3: No additional funding for the city centre.
Why?	Not needed

Tell us what you think - any further comments on key issues or other points raised in the Consultation document:

Please no rate rise, sort your spending out,

Tar seal country metal roads that have housing on them. Waiotoi and Pukenui roads st
Ngunguru are a disgrace to council.

Spend some money on getting rid of or recycling Plastic.

Stop waisting OUR MONEY

From: Whangarei District Council
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Subject: Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Dustin Cole - 2021-LTP-SUB-45

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Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Dustin Cole - 2021-LTP-SUB-45

Receipt Number: 2021-LTP-SUB-45

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Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard	No
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Your feedback:

Key issue - How will we pay for what we need - Rates Options (see page 17)	
Why?	My submission is for more carparks adding revenue to WDC should it require a significant rates hike?

Key issue - Spaces for gathering (see page 24)	OPTION 1: Allocate budget across three sites (Oruku Landing Conference and Events Centre, Hīhīaua Cultural Centre, and existing facilities at Forum North).
Why?	

Key issue - Climate change and sustainability (see page 28)	OPTION 1: Put \$3.7m of new funding towards climate change mitigation and adaptation and waste minimisation.
Why?	

Key issue - Revitalising our city centre (see page 32)	OPTION 1: Spend \$13m to make improvements to James and John St.
Why?	

Tell us what you think - any further comments on key issues or other points raised in the Consultation document:

I'd like to propose more carparks at the town basin. With the addition of that park no one asked for, it's left the town basin with a severe shortage of carparks for families wanting to visit the shopping center.

From: Rhiannon Cooper
Sent: 1 Apr 2021 03:56:45 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: Submission

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Tēnā koe,

I am writing in support of option 3 - new theatre in Whangārei.

Ngā mihi nui
Rhiannon Cooper

From: Whangarei District Council
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To: Mail Room
Subject: Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Bruce Copeland - 2021-LTP-SUB-218

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Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Bruce Copeland - 2021-LTP-SUB-218

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Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard	No
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Your feedback:

Key issue - How will we pay for what we need - Rates Options (see page 17)	OPTION 1: Rates increase in year one (2021) of 2% + 2.5% Local Government Cost Index (LGCI) + 2% 'catch up'. Rates increase in years two and three (2022-23) of 2% + 2.5% LGCI.
Why?	A relatively small rate increase will enable Council activities to continue and should provide economic support to Northland during a difficult time for tourism

Key issue - Spaces for gathering (see page 24)	OPTION 1: Allocate budget across three sites (Oruku Landing Conference and Events Centre, Hihiaua Cultural Centre, and existing facilities at Forum North).
Why?	Government funding is a significant advantage, I just hope proper business plans are in place for making this significant investment work in the long term

Key issue - Climate change and sustainability (see page 28)	OPTION 2: Put \$7.4m of new funding towards climate change mitigation and adaptation and waste minimisation.
Why?	Council spends a massive percentage of its budget on roads which I guess will continue to be massive carbon emitters. Even option 2 is wholly inadequate. Council must take responsibility for its own emissions and also the resulting emissions from its investment choices. In particular it needs to set goals for reducing vehicle kilometres travelled on roads.

Key issue - Revitalising our city centre (see page 32)	OPTION 2: Spend \$21m to make improvements to James and John St as well as either Robert St or Cameron Street.
Why?	Discouraging cars in the city centre and revitalisation helps meet councils climate change obligations and done well should be a carbon friendly economic stimulus for the local economy

Tell us what you think - any further comments on key issues or other points raised in the Consultation document:

We live part time at Lang's Beach. WDC consented a significant subdivision called Blue Moon. There were significant development levies paid. When asked whether they could be used for local projects, our Councillors said there were none in the LTP. It's still not obvious whether there are any planned projects, as the consultation is general and only specific with large expenditure. I do see the Waipu Cycleway mentioned as a possibility. WDC also takes significant rates from this area due to the high property values. We'd appreciate a small mention in the LTP.

Specific feedback. Please build a proper footpath between Lang's and Waipu Cove. Particularly in summer this is very popular and the current level of amenity is inadequate and dangerous. Families sometimes resort to pushing prams on the road because it's too difficult on the rough gravel path. The Waipu Coastal Walkway is promoted on the WDC website and many travel websites, including Chinese language apps. Many visitors visit and are wholly unprepared for the low standard of amenity. WDC's position has been to avoid allocating money to raise the standard to what's expected in an urban environment, opting instead to call it a trail. Allocation of funds to build a proper track is long overdue.

It feels that the South East corner of WDC is overlooked in WDC plans. It doesn't often get a direct mention. Whangarei DC amenities seem to be few, with little investment going into maintaining WDC assets

From: Whangarei District Council
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Subject: Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Jane Cotterill - 2021-LTP-SUB-374

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Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Jane Cotterill - 2021-LTP-SUB-374

Receipt Number: 2021-LTP-SUB-374

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Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard	No
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Your feedback:

Key issue - How will we pay for what we need - Rates Options (see page 17)	
Why?	

Key issue - Spaces for gathering (see page 24)	OPTION 3: Build a Whangarei District Council-owned theatre on the current Forum North site.
Why?	Utilise existing space

Key issue - Climate change and sustainability (see page 28)	OPTION 2: Put \$7.4m of new funding towards climate change mitigation and adaptation and waste minimisation.
Why?	This is a massive issue that urgently needs to be addressed.

Key issue - Revitalising our city centre (see page 32)	OPTION 3: No additional funding for the city centre.
Why?	<p>Personally, I don't feel like putting such large amounts into the city centre will necessarily improve things.</p> <p>Although an upgrade in these streets would be lovely, I feel that the money could be shared amongst various projects.</p>

	I would love to see rents decreased so that more small businesses can have stores and have either free parking or free bus services to allow easier access into the centre of town.
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Tell us what you think - any further comments on key issues or other points raised in the Consultation document:

<p>Ideas:</p> <p>community composting facility, appropriate recycling bins throughout town to separate from waste, more car parks or cheaper/free parking, focus on supporting the growth of small local businesses.</p>
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LONG TERM PLAN 2021-31 FEEDBACK FORM

THE CLOSING DATE FOR FEEDBACK IS
THURSDAY 1 APRIL 2021

31 MAR 2021

WHANGAREI
DISTRICT COUNCIL

We would love your feedback on some key issues for our District.

POINTS TO REMEMBER WHEN SUBMITTING YOUR FEEDBACK

- Please print clearly. Make sure it can be easily photocopied, read and understood.
- All feedback is considered public under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act, so it may be published and made available to elected members and the public.
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HOW TO GET THIS FORM TO US

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

YOUR DETAILS

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Email _____

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission at a traditional hearing on 13-14 April?

☐ Yes ☒ No

YOUR FEEDBACK

Please give us your feedback on the key issues raised in the Consultation Document.

KEY ISSUE – HOW WILL WE PAY FOR WHAT WE NEED – RATES OPTIONS (SEE PAGE 17)

☒ **OPTION 1:** Rates increase in year one (2021-22) of 2% + 2.5% Local Government Cost Index (LGCI) + 2% 'catch up'.

Rates increase in years two to ten (2022-31) of 2% + 2.5% LGCI.

☐ **OPTION 2:** Limit the rates increase to LGCI plus 2% only across ten years of the Plan

WHY?

There should be no rates increase.

Council is inefficient and mismanaging rate payers affairs.

Operating costs are excessive and have to be reduced.

KEY ISSUE – SPACES FOR GATHERING (SEE PAGE 24)

☒ **OPTION 1:** Allocate budget across three sites (Oruku Landing Conference and Events Centre, Hihiaua Cultural Centre, and existing facilities at Forum North).

☐ **OPTION 2:** Put budget towards only ONE of the following: Oruku Landing Conference and Events Centre, Hihiaua Cultural Centre, or existing facilities at Forum North. Please state which site in your comments.

☐ **OPTION 3:** Build a Whangarei District Council-owned theatre on the current Forum North site.

~~THE~~ **WHY?** DEVELOPMENTS ARE UNWARRANTED AND A WASTE OF RATEPAYERS FUNDS

KEY ISSUE – CLIMATE CHANGE AND SUSTAINABILITY (SEE PAGE 28)

- ☐ **OPTION 1:** Put \$3.7m of new funding towards climate change mitigation and adaptation and waste minimisation.
- ☐ **OPTION 2:** Put \$7.4 of new funding towards climate change mitigation and adaptation and waste minimisation.
- ☒ **OPTION 3:** No new funding towards climate change or waste minimisation.

WHY?

KEY ISSUE – REVITALISING OUR CITY CENTRE (SEE PAGE 32)

- ☐ **OPTION 1:** Spend \$13m to make improvements to James Street and John Street.
- ☐ **OPTION 2:** Spend \$21m to make improvements to James Street and John Street as well as either Robert Street or Cameron Street.
- ☒ **OPTION 3:** No additional funding for the City Centre.

WHY? COUNCIL OVER THE YEARS HAS RECEIVED SUBSTANTIAL RATES FROM JAMES & JOHN STS. BUT HAS BLOWN IT ELSEWHERE. VEHICLE ACCESS SHOULD NOT BE REDUCED

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK – ANY FURTHER COMMENTS ON THE KEY ISSUES OR OTHER POINTS RAISED IN THE CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

THE PROPOSED INCREASE IN DEBT FROM \$195m TO \$361m IS GROSSLY EXCESSIVE.

Submission on long Term Plan

Rate increase feed back to 8 % increase and long term buildup of funds on targeted rate for Hikurangi Swamp to fund new pumps at an estimated cost of 40 million

Long Term Plan response

We farm 500 ha of land on the Hikurangi swamp 95% classed A rate total

\$ 100300 per annum

\$ 1928 per week

The 8 % rate increase will bring more financial hardship on the back of the largest drought in history 2020 and another really dry year 2021 .In July 2021 we suffered a once in a 500 year weather boom that cost our farming business \$ 480,000 loss of income and an extra \$ 400,000 in costs

The Drought of 2020 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)

The scheme was developed on the understanding that you pay as you go.

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.

The scheme is poorly run and overseen by the WDC as it is a bit of a pain the arse very hard to get any direction from them. I have listed below an option for a long- term management

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

The long- term plan currently of building up a nest egg of 40 million still wont stop us getting flooded.

Any new infrastructure that is needed to up grade the scheme needs outside investment or a long 30 year loan is agreed to so current land owners and future owners share the burden

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

FUTURE OPERATION AND OWNERSHIP

As a Farming landowner we already under severe cost pressures, may need to find a more cost efficient operational model instead of continuing with the District Council's comfortable cost plus methods. Many landowners see inefficiencies, rising costs, debt and interest charges rating burdens, plus some loss of confidence in their own ability to survive.

Discontent over structure and management has been increasing for some years and there are good reasons for a new arrangement with continued District Council ownership but with operational responsibility transferred to some form of Landowners' Trust. This would be similar to other successful examples within the Whangarei District, and could be an improvement on the present situation.

It could prove beneficial to both partners, and if Auckland gobbles up more local government (3 Waters) then owners of the scheme might need to be in a stronger position to manage it rather than finding themselves more remote.

While it was and still is the landowner's millions invested in the asset, it has been flicked off between local authorities for one dollar with the original owners still paying for everything. The scheme has endured a history of local government changes that have not served those rural landowners well.

Failure to act now could see the scheme becoming the biggest cow milked, as local government and well intentioned but un-informed idealists start sucking the economic life out of the scheme.

None of the above are really new to farming, however, when new imported problems and mushrooming demands of the new social bureaucracy are added to the natural challenges of such an important flood control scheme, then there are serious questions and issues that require solutions.

SharePoint document links:

 [Sub mission 2021](#)

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Submission from Geoff Crawford 021921494

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Subject: Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Hinurewa te Hau - 2021-LTP-SUB-290

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Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Hinurewa te Hau - 2021-LTP-SUB-290

Receipt Number: 2021-LTP-SUB-290

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Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard	Yes
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Your feedback:

Key issue - How will we pay for what we need - Rates Options (see page 17)	OPTION 1: Rates increase in year one (2021) of 2% + 2.5% Local Government Cost Index (LGCI) + 2% 'catch up'. Rates increase in years two and three (2022-23) of 2% + 2.5% LGCI.
Why?	<p>Creative Northland is aware that the draft Plan has been prepared based on Option 1 allowing Council adequate funding to deliver all activities and services as outlined in this Draft Long Term Plan.</p> <p>Some of those activities relate to arts, culture and heritage activities which include</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">* organising and facilitating events* maintaining parks* running our libraries and other community facilities. <p>Creative Northland supports an increase to help us provide things that make Whangarei a great place to live and work. For example He Rautaki Toi a Rohe o Whangarei (Whangarei Districts Arts & Culture Strategy 2019-2029) benefits all by continuing to invest more than ever in communities, delivering more facilities and cultural/infrastructure for our people to enjoy.</p>

Key issue - Spaces for gathering (see page 24)	OPTION 1: Allocate budget across three sites (Oruku Landing Conference and Events Centre, Hihiaua Cultural Centre, and existing facilities at Forum North).
Why?	Creative Northland supports the 'Spaces for Gathering' Option

	<p>1 on this point</p> <p>* Cultural infrastructure provide's the critical spaces where we come together to create, share and enjoy arts and culture. Delivering cultural infrastructure plays a role in creating great places that bring people together, great places to live, work, visit and do business.</p> <p>In supporting Option 1 we see a number of challenges for our creative and cultural sector which relates to Oruku Landing conference and events centre.</p> <p>1. Oruku Landing may not be deemed a cultural space per se it is a commercial development initiative therefore the level of investment into this initiative should not be at the expense of a council owned theatre space or Hihiaua Culture Centre which are seen by the community as cultural spaces where communities are formed on connection, spaces they call there own, are easily accessible and can facilitate a community's activities and create culture. It is unlikely that Oruku could achieve if they operate solely under a bums on seat's model without elements of social enterprise relevant.</p> <p>2. Hihiaua Cultural Centre and the current Forum North Site (historic activity) shows how everyone can access the infrastructure they need to make culture part of their everyday lives and cultural well-being.</p> <p>However, while this activity will now be described under 'cultural well-being', this is a term not defined in the Act; it is intended to have an everyday meaning embracing the range of potential activities.</p> <p>Creative Northland's preference has been Option 3 as it has</p>
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	<p>been part of our mandate to see a new theatre space developed. Previous WDC Long Term Plans have committed budget to develop a new theatre space. We have supported consultation and proposals presented to WDC by Forum North 2013 Trust for the management rights to redevelop the existing theatre and Footprint of Forum North.</p> <p>To be a vibrant liveable city Whangarei District requires fit-for-purpose an sustainable spaces to support growth of the cultural sector and creative industries, Option 1 is more viable for the future.</p>
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Key issue - Climate change and sustainability (see page 28)	OPTION 2: Put \$7.4m of new funding towards climate change mitigation and adaptation and waste minimisation.
Why?	<p>Creative Northland believes when it comes to climate change, creativity is not optional. To retain a resilient and livable planet, we need to do things differently, better, and quickly. In light of our competing commitments to energy security and fuel prices, that means rethinking our ends, our means, and our conception of ourselves.</p> <p>We understand that Local government has responsibilities to plan for and provide infrastructure, and to avoid or reduce the risk of hazards such as floods, storms, and sea level rise, and waste management.</p> <p>We have many creatives within our district who want to be part of the solution and help our local communities live within the planet's mean.</p>

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Key issue - Revitalising our city centre (see page 32)	OPTION 2: Spend \$21m to make improvements to James and John St as well as either Robert St or Cameron Street.
Why?	<p>Creative Northland supports the revitalising of our city centre to make James and John St more attractive and accessible for all. We would like to see this extended to Robert Street to create a hub which works for the existing and future communities of Whangarei CBD and existing businesses who have a loyal customer base. It's an opportunity to see more diverse range of retail shops to attract more people into the area and bringing the wow factor into our city spaces: fun, interactive installations, street art, games and performance.</p> <p>He Rautaki Toi a Rohe o Whangarei Strategy supports public engagement plans letting everyone know what is happening and when, and encouraging our people to enjoy our city: working, shopping and playing.</p>

Tell us what you think - any further comments on key issues or other points raised in the Consultation document:

Creative Northland supports the trust model for Northland Events Centre as we believe it will give the necessary flexibility that is required to implement the WDCs Event Strategy and seek investment/funding from key agencies and other philanthropic entities.

Creative Northland would like to see He Rautaki Toi a Rohe o Whangarei (An Arts & Cultural Strategy for the Whangarei District) 2019-2029 included in the Long Term Plan

- * to monitor and invest in cultural infrastructure delivery
- * that funding is supported by WDC in the partnership model that is identified on Pg 12 of the Strategy.
- * that creativity and access to culture thrives across the Whangarei district through a strategic and coordinated approach to cultural infrastructure planning.

We would ask you to consider increasing funding for arts and culture over each year of your long-term plan and adopting a policy that requires council infrastructure projects to include art or design elements - and continue to bring artists into planning from the outset.

With current new infrastructure being considered in the Long Term continue to work with Mana Whenua and Maori Arts collectives and organisations to identify opportunities and where the greatest needs are. Ensure Maori representation on your councils Creative Community Scheme Committee, commit to including people with lived experience of disability.

Commit to doing a stock take to understand which arts organisations and groups in our community aren't currently receiving funding and work with Creative Northland to address these gaps.

On behalf of the Creative Northland Board we thank you for the opportunity to make this submission and look forward to presenting.

E noho oro mai
Hinurewa te Hau
GM, Creative Northland

From: Whangarei District Council
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Subject: Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Jeremy Croft - 2021-LTP-SUB-175

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Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Jeremy Croft - 2021-LTP-SUB-175

Receipt Number: 2021-LTP-SUB-175

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Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard	No
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Your feedback:

Key issue - How will we pay for what we need - Rates Options (see page 17)	OPTION 2: Limit the rates increase to LGCI plus 2% only in years one to three
Why?	

Key issue - Spaces for gathering (see page 24)	OPTION 1: Allocate budget across three sites (Oruku Landing Conference and Events Centre, Hihiaua Cultural Centre, and existing facilities at Forum North).
Why?	

Key issue - Climate change and sustainability (see page 28)	OPTION 1: Put \$3.7m of new funding towards climate change mitigation and adaptation and waste minimisation.
Why?	

Key issue - Revitalising our city centre (see page 32)	OPTION 1: Spend \$13m to make improvements to James and John St.
Why?	

Tell us what you think - any further comments on key issues or other points raised in the Consultation document:

Whangarei as a city seems to be growing rapidly yet the CBD is getting left behind. Hunderwasser will be a great addition to the waterfront but we are still lacking in the hospitality department. Friends of ours visited recently and mentioned how little the options were for a nice place to stay.

Oruku landing will be a great asset for our community, not only bringing jobs back to the CBD area but a great place to visit for a night or two. I think Oruku along with Hunderwasser will really light up the waterfront which is still very much underutilised!!

From: Whangarei District Council
Sent: 29 Mar 2021 18:38:31 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Felice Croft - 2021-LTP-SUB-272

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Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Felice Croft - 2021-LTP-SUB-272

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Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard at the hearing?	No
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Your feedback:

Key issue - How will we pay for what we need - Rates Options (see page 17)	OPTION 1: Rates increase in year one (2021) of 2% + 2.5% Local Government Cost Index (LGCI) + 2% 'catch up'. Rates increase in years two and three (2022-23) of 2% + 2.5% LGCI.
Why?	

Key issue - Spaces for gathering (see page 24)	OPTION 1: Allocate budget across three sites (Oruku Landing Conference and Events Centre, Hīhīāua Cultural Centre, and existing facilities at Forum North).
Why?	<p>Option one is the best option as it covers multiple projects for Whangarei, that each serve a different purpose to meet different needs within the community.</p> <p>Oruku Landing have secured almost 75% of the required funds from central government which limits the exposure and investment on behalf of ratepayers. The job creation and alignment with local training institutions such as Northtec will also benefit Whangarei and Northland.</p> <p>Given that this project is spearheaded by Northlanders they have made a pledge to involve local companies as opposed to other council run projects that had some contracts awarded out of region.</p>

Key issue - Climate	OPTION 1: Put \$3.7m of new funding towards climate change
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change and sustainability (see page 28)	mitigation and adaptation and waste minimisation.
Why?	

Key issue - Revitalising our city centre (see page 32)	OPTION 1: Spend \$13m to make improvements to James and John St.
Why?	Currently there is a disconnect between the CBD and the waterfront - It would be great to develop a connection between the two that encouraged pedestrian traffic.

Tell us what you think - any further comments on key issues or other points raised in the Consultation document:

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Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Catherine Danks - 2021-LTP-SUB-161

Receipt Number: 2021-LTP-SUB-161

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Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard	No
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Your feedback:

Key issue - How will we pay for what we need - Rates Options (see page 17)	OPTION 1: Rates increase in year one (2021) of 2% + 2.5% Local Government Cost Index (LGCI) + 2% 'catch up'. Rates increase in years two and three (2022-23) of 2% + 2.5% LGCI.
Why?	Pay for improvements which we need in this city

Key issue - Spaces for gathering (see page 24)	OPTION 2: Put budget towards only ONE of the following: Oruku Landing Conference and Events Centre, Hīhīāua Cultural Centre, and existing facilities at Forum North.
Why?	<p>Hihiaua Cultural Centre is my preference</p> <p>Development has already started with stage 1 finalised</p> <p>This area is amazing and such an asset to Whangarei and the people of Whangarei especially Maori which make up a large proportion on our population.</p> <p>Another thing is the fact that it is drawing in Europeans to learn about Maori culture in an embracing environment. This is so important and a unique space for Whangarei</p>

Key issue - Climate change and sustainability (see page 28)	OPTION 2: Put \$7.4m of new funding towards climate change mitigation and adaptation and waste minimisation.
Why?	Climate change is one of the most important issues the world has today if not the most important. And we get hit quite badly here in the north

Key issue - Revitalising our city centre (see page 32)	OPTION 1: Spend \$13m to make improvements to James and John St.
Why?	The connecting streets between the waterfront and the city centre

Tell us what you think - any further comments on key issues or other points raised in the Consultation document:

I would like the council to continue developing the waterfront area ie the Loop and the Hihiaua area

LONG TERM PLAN 2021-31 FEEDBACK FORM

THE CLOSING DATE FOR FEEDBACK IS
THURSDAY 1 APRIL 2021

We would love your feedback on some key issues for our District.

POINTS TO REMEMBER WHEN SUBMITTING YOUR FEEDBACK

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HOW TO GET THIS FORM TO US

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Email to: mailroom@wdc.govt.nz
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YOUR DETAILS

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Organisation name

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Whangarei

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Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission at a traditional hearing on 13-14 April? ☐ Yes ☒ No

YOUR FEEDBACK

Please give us your feedback on the key issues raised in the Consultation Document.

KEY ISSUE - HOW WILL WE PAY FOR WHAT WE NEED - RATES OPTIONS (SEE PAGE 17)

☒ **OPTION 1:** Rates increase in year one (2021-22) of 2% + 2.5% Local Government Cost Index (LGCI) + 2% 'catch up'.

Rates increase in years two to ten (2022-31) of 2% + 2.5% LGCI.

☐ **OPTION 2:** Limit the rates increase to LGCI plus 2% only across ten years of the Plan

WHY?

Don't fully understand, but
why not.

KEY ISSUE - SPACES FOR GATHERING (SEE PAGE 24)

☐ **OPTION 1:** Allocate budget across three sites (Oruku Landing Conference and Events Centre, Hihiaua Cultural Centre, and existing facilities at Forum North).

☒ **OPTION 2:** Put budget towards only ONE of the following: Oruku Landing Conference and Events Centre, Hihiaua Cultural Centre, or existing facilities at Forum North. Please state which site in your comments.

☐ **OPTION 3:** Build a Whangarei District Council-owned theatre on the current Forum North site.

WHY?

Great option for bringing
people into the basin area. This
is the best area for people to
visit in the city.

KEY ISSUE - CLIMATE CHANGE AND SUSTAINABILITY (SEE PAGE 28)

- ☐ **OPTION 1:** Put \$3.7m of new funding towards climate change mitigation and adaptation and waste minimisation.
- ☒ **OPTION 2:** Put \$7.4 of new funding towards climate change mitigation and adaptation and waste minimisation.
- ☐ **OPTION 3:** No new funding towards climate change or waste minimisation.

WHY? More investment is required for recycling plastic materials and more education is needed! Climate change is always something we need to invest in!

KEY ISSUE - REVITALISING OUR CITY CENTRE (SEE PAGE 32)

- ☐ **OPTION 1:** Spend \$13m to make improvements to James Street and John Street.
- ☒ **OPTION 2:** Spend \$21m to make improvements to James Street and John Street as well as either Robert Street or Cameron Street.
- ☐ **OPTION 3:** No additional funding for the City Centre.



WHY? The city needs a revamp. They have done city upgrades in the UK and they look great. Cardiff is a great example.

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK - ANY FURTHER COMMENTS ON THE KEY ISSUES OR OTHER POINTS RAISED IN THE CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

More tar sealed roads please - Prescott Rd in Ruakaka would be my recommendation. This road is important for tsunami evacuations.

From: Justin Davies
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Thanks
Justin

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Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Simon Davies-Colley - 2021-LTP-SUB-275

Receipt Number: 2021-LTP-SUB-275

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Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard	No
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Your feedback:

Key issue - How will we pay for what we need - Rates Options (see page 17)	OPTION 2: Limit the rates increase to LGCI plus 2% only in years one to three
Why?	With appropriate allocation of funds to Council fundamentals only, rates can be kept at reasonable levels.

Key issue - Spaces for gathering (see page 24)	OPTION 1: Allocate budget across three sites (Oruku Landing Conference and Events Centre, Hīhīāua Cultural Centre, and existing facilities at Forum North).
Why?	

Key issue - Climate change and sustainability (see page 28)	OPTION 3: No new funding towards climate change or waste minimisation.
Why?	

Key issue - Revitalising our city centre (see page 32)	OPTION 3: No additional funding for the city centre.
Why?	Council should re-focus Whangarei towards the riverside (as essentially every other successful town/city has done).

Tell us what you think - any further comments on key issues or other points

raised in the Consultation document:

From: Whangarei District Council
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Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Camille de Andrad - 2021-LTP-SUB-15

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Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard at the hearing?	No
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Your feedback:

Key issue - How will we pay for what we need - Rates Options (see page 17)	OPTION 2: Limit the rates increase to LGCI plus 2% only in years one to three
Why?	<p>There is a difference between what 'we need' and what 'we want'. There has been a lot of expenditure over the past 5 years or so that is not necessary. A pocket park that very few use, yet it cost 1 million dollars. Replacement playground when the existing one was fine as it was. A water park to compliment a building that very few wanted. Where are the facilities for those who do not live in town? Whangarei Heads have very few facilities of any kind. We no longer have a refuse station, we have nothing for our teenagers, our roads are a mess, and I am sure that many other communities are in the same boat. Why would we want to pay more rates when we get very little for it. The council needs to focus on core services-water, roading, existing facilities; instead of spending more money on facilities that will benefit a few, not the majority. Do not keep heaping more debt on the ratepayers, many of whom will see very little benefit from those rises. The ratepayer is not here to subsidise a few who are set to make a lot of money out of these projects (the events centre on Riverside Drive is one example), and vanity projects for standing councillors and mayor.</p>
Key issue - Spaces for gathering (see page 24)	OPTION 2: Put budget towards only ONE of the following: Oruku Landing Conference and Events Centre, Hihihua

	Cultural Centre, and existing facilities at Forum North.
Why?	Oruku Landing Conference and Events Centre is the brainchild of a group of businessmen to make a lot of money on the backs of ratepayers and taxpayers alike. It is not a necessity and the majority will not benefit from it. Upgrade what we already have, and if those who have put forward this idea want to do it, then let them, out of their own pockets. DO NOT put more debt on the ratepayers to serve a few. Our demographic would suggest that the majority would not be able to afford to attend the events that would be held at this centre. Rates should be spent to benefit the majority, not the minority. Put the money towards Hihihua or Forum North. Or better still-just don't spend the money at all.

Key issue - Climate change and sustainability (see page 28)	OPTION 3: No new funding towards climate change or waste minimisation.
Why?	What exactly does climate change mitigation even mean? It will probably just see more people employed and contracted with very little outcome, other than exorbitant wages/contract rates. How about the council look at better recycling facilities and receptacles, instead of bins which lose half their contents on a windy day. These usually end up littering our countryside and waterways/oceans. User/Pays is not very friendly towards the user or the environment.

Key issue - Revitalising our city centre (see page 32)	OPTION 3: No additional funding for the city centre.
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Why?	What is the point of making improvements when people will not park in the city because the parking price has increased? Make parking cheaper and more of it. Nobody uses the multi-storey carpark, why not make people more aware of it? Where are all of these so called visitors who are going to come and see the Hundertwasser building and dine at all these eateries going to park? Until that is sorted, no money should be spent on the inner city.
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Tell us what you think - any further comments on key issues or other points raised in the Consultation document:

Council seem to be spending a lot of money on wants not needs. Our roads are a shambles, our youth have nowhere to go. It seems like the money is being spent on things that would suit a certain demographic-middle class, middle age ratepayers; nobody else is really getting heard. Stop wasting money. Fix the roads properly. I don't use the sewage system, the water system, have no paths, no street lights, I rarely go into town. I pay to keep the kiwi safe. Yet, we have no facilities out this way. Nothing for our youth to do. I will not be able to afford to go to events at the Oruku yet I am expected to accept a rates increase to fund it so a bunch of businessmen can make huge profits on the backs of ratepayers. STOP SPENDING OUR MONEY ON FRIVOLOUS THINGS THAT WILL END UP COSTING THE RATEPAYER UNTOLD IN THE FUTURE. Start representing all of Whangarei, not just the middle class and above.

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Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Roger de Bray - 2021-LTP-SUB-17

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Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard	Yes
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Your feedback:

Key issue - How will we pay for what we need - Rates Options (see page 17)	
Why?	

Key issue - Spaces for gathering (see page 24)	
Why?	

Key issue - Climate change and sustainability (see page 28)	
Why?	

Key issue - Revitalising our city centre (see page 32)	
Why?	

Tell us what you think - any further comments on key issues or other points raised in the Consultation document:

My issue is the lack of effective control of the noise produced by the operation of the

Northland Emergency Trust helicopter operation. Noise levels are in excess of those allowed at the airport but the operation is allow to continue in a residential 1 area. The district plan specifically excludes helicopter operation or bases in the area.

An exemption was allowed in the previous plan for "emergency helicopter operation" to allow rescue and emergency event attendance. I seek a change in wording to preclude this wording being used to allow operation of a significant air ambulance operation.

A more comprehensive document has been prepared.

From: Whangarei District Council
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Subject: Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Carina de Graaf - 2021-LTP-SUB-353

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Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Carina de Graaf - 2021-LTP-SUB-353

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Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard at the hearing?	No
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Your feedback:

Key issue - How will we pay for what we need - Rates Options (see page 17)	OPTION 1: Rates increase in year one (2021) of 2% + 2.5% Local Government Cost Index (LGCI) + 2% 'catch up'. Rates increase in years two and three (2022-23) of 2% + 2.5% LGCI.
Why?	

Key issue - Spaces for gathering (see page 24)	OPTION 1: Allocate budget across three sites (Oruku Landing Conference and Events Centre, Hīhīaua Cultural Centre, and existing facilities at Forum North).
Why?	

Key issue - Climate change and sustainability (see page 28)	OPTION 1: Put \$3.7m of new funding towards climate change mitigation and adaptation and waste minimisation.
Why?	

Key issue - Revitalising our city centre (see page 32)	OPTION 1: Spend \$13m to make improvements to James and John St.
Why?	

Tell us what you think - any further comments on key issues or other points

raised in the Consultation document:

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Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Danny de Graaf - 2021-LTP-SUB-135

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Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard	No
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Your feedback:

Key issue - How will we pay for what we need - Rates Options (see page 17)	OPTION 1: Rates increase in year one (2021) of 2% + 2.5% Local Government Cost Index (LGCI) + 2% 'catch up'. Rates increase in years two and three (2022-23) of 2% + 2.5% LGCI.
Why?	ease of payment

Key issue - Spaces for gathering (see page 24)	OPTION 1: Allocate budget across three sites (Oruku Landing Conference and Events Centre, Hīhīāua Cultural Centre, and existing facilities at Forum North).
Why?	<p>The jobs that will be created.</p> <p>The training of our young and older locals through NorthTec that could lead to actual employment in the construction of the Oruku Landing Conference and Events Centre is huge</p> <p>The local businesses that will be involved in building it.</p> <p>The events that will come once this facility is built bringing more visitor numbers would be great for our local economy.</p> <p>This facility will be responsible for the building of a hotel which in turn will bring all number of events to whangarei and the greater northland.</p>

Key issue - Climate change and sustainability (see page 28)	OPTION 1: Put \$3.7m of new funding towards climate change mitigation and adaptation and waste minimisation.
Why?	it can be staged to increase with the outcomes of the initial funding in the first instance

Key issue - Revitalising our city centre (see page 32)	OPTION 1: Spend \$13m to make improvements to James and John St.
Why?	A staged approach would be best. lets do James and John Street first - then reflect on Robert and Cameron Street - AFTER we see what the initial improvements do in James and John Street.

Tell us what you think - any further comments on key issues or other points raised in the Consultation document:

I think this long term plan is balanced.
The approach of having initial investment to start in all it is great.
we will have moderate rates increases rather than a huge rate increase

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Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - San Dekker - 2021-LTP-SUB-160

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Your feedback:

Key issue - How will we pay for what we need - Rates Options (see page 17)	OPTION 1: Rates increase in year one (2021) of 2% + 2.5% Local Government Cost Index (LGCI) + 2% 'catch up'. Rates increase in years two and three (2022-23) of 2% + 2.5% LGCI.
Why?	All things considered, it isn't much of an increase. And with everyone contributing, will add so much to the council budget

Key issue - Spaces for gathering (see page 24)	OPTION 3: Build a Whangarei District Council-owned theatre on the current Forum North site.
Why?	I think money should be placed on something that will attract a wider variety of people, not just individuals needing a conference center. There are many conference facilities available over the district. Put the money into something that will bring more people to whangarei

Key issue - Climate change and sustainability (see page 28)	OPTION 2: Put \$7.4m of new funding towards climate change mitigation and adaptation and waste minimisation.
Why?	Climate change is a global issue that affects more than just us humans and our economy. We desperately need to take action to gather resources and information in order to prepare for the future. We can throw money at buildings all we like, but what is the point if Mother Nature will eventually reclaim the land it was all built on anyway? Plus how cool would it be for Whangarei to lead the world into a

	more sustainable future!
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Key issue - Revitalising our city centre (see page 32)	OPTION 2: Spend \$21m to make improvements to James and John St as well as either Robert St or Cameron Street.
Why?	<p>I agree with making improvements to the internal streets of Whangarei, so long as it's not just an "updated" version of what we already have. Do something bold and different and give people reason to check it out!</p> <p>The Hundertwasser building will attract many out of towners, considering how many people stop in Kawakawa just to look at the toilets!? So I think we should provide an attractive inner city to draw those people into town as well.</p>

Tell us what you think - any further comments on key issues or other points raised in the Consultation document:

There are lots of things that people want, but I think providing people with what they need will be remembered.

From: Whangarei District Council
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Subject: Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Rae Dennison - 2021-LTP-SUB-236

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Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Rae Dennison - 2021-LTP-SUB-236

Receipt Number: 2021-LTP-SUB-236

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Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard	No
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Your feedback:

Key issue - How will we pay for what we need - Rates Options (see page 17)	OPTION 1: Rates increase in year one (2021) of 2% + 2.5% Local Government Cost Index (LGCI) + 2% 'catch up'. Rates increase in years two and three (2022-23) of 2% + 2.5% LGCI.
Why?	Additional 2% is a fair increase when other parts of New Zealand are facing much greater increases, for example Auckland is facing a 5% increase.

Key issue - Spaces for gathering (see page 24)	OPTION 2: Put budget towards only ONE of the following: Oruku Landing Conference and Events Centre, Hīhītaua Cultural Centre, and existing facilities at Forum North.
Why?	<p>Oruku Landing.</p> <p>Putting money towards Oruku Landings seems to be the most financially smart decision. By putting down \$23 mil, we will receive an additional \$60 mil finding from the central government plus private investment for building the hotel. That is the best return on investment for money spent.</p>

Key issue - Climate change and sustainability (see page 28)	OPTION 1: Put \$3.7m of new funding towards climate change mitigation and adaptation and waste minimisation.
Why?	

Key issue - Revitalising	OPTION 2: Spend \$21m to make improvements to James and
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our city centre (see page 32)	John St as well as either Robert St or Cameron Street.
Why?	The main street of a city is certainly a destination for visiting tourists, both Kiwi and international. When I think of Tauranga, there's the bustling main street at the Mount, Taupo has a busy city centre along the lake front as well as Queenstown. A welcoming main street is currently what we're missing in Whangarei, it certainly will create an attractive city centre connecting our main street and waterfront.

Tell us what you think - any further comments on key issues or other points raised in the Consultation document:

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Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Kate Dent - 2021-LTP-SUB-3

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Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard	No
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Your feedback:

Key issue - How will we pay for what we need - Rates Options (see page 17)	OPTION 1: Rates increase in year one (2021) of 2% + 2.5% Local Government Cost Index (LGCI) + 2% 'catch up'. Rates increase in years two and three (2022-23) of 2% + 2.5% LGCI.
Why?	

Key issue - Spaces for gathering (see page 24)	OPTION 1: Allocate budget across three sites (Oruku Landing Conference and Events Centre, Hihihua Cultural Centre, and existing facilities at Forum North).
Why?	I'm really excited about developing the waterfront area and making Whangarei a destination location. Water taxis would be brilliant, too! It would be great to have restaurants and bars on both sides of the harbour, not just the town basin area.

Key issue - Climate change and sustainability (see page 28)	OPTION 1: Put \$3.7m of new funding towards climate change mitigation and adaptation and waste minimisation.
Why?	

Key issue - Revitalising our city centre (see page 32)	OPTION 1: Spend \$13m to make improvements to James and John St.
Why?	The town centre DESPERATELY needs a good funding

	<p>injection. It looks "dead", there are so many empty shops, and it could be a really bustling vibrant area. The guys who own Bocky boo have done an amazing job of transforming that part of the centre and I'd love that vibe to carry through town right across to the waterfront.</p>
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Tell us what you think - any further comments on key issues or other points raised in the Consultation document:

<p>Excited to see a council who believes in the growth of Whangarei as an exciting and interesting place to live and visit. Love the work you've done with the kamo path, waterfront, new parks , etc. Keep it coming.</p>
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From: Whangarei District Council
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Subject: Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - George - 2021-LTP-SUB-109

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Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - George - 2021-LTP-SUB-109

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Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard	Yes
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Your feedback:

Key issue - How will we pay for what we need - Rates Options (see page 17)	OPTION 2: Limit the rates increase to LGCI plus 2% only in years one to three
Why?	

Key issue - Spaces for gathering (see page 24)	OPTION 3: Build a Whangarei District Council-owned theatre on the current Forum North site.
Why?	

Key issue - Climate change and sustainability (see page 28)	OPTION 3: No new funding towards climate change or waste minimisation.
Why?	

Key issue - Revitalising our city centre (see page 32)	OPTION 2: Spend \$21m to make improvements to James and John St as well as either Robert St or Cameron Street.
Why?	

Tell us what you think - any further comments on key issues or other points raised in the Consultation document:

The documentation does not provide sufficient information for the community to provide
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informed consultation.

For example, information about the Oruku Landing Conference and Events Centre was provided in the Supporting Documents, but it was not.

Until sufficient information about all the proposed project is provided, WDC should stop the the current consultation processes.

From: Paul Dickens-Jacobs
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I gladly back option 3 (New Stage) as a theater goer and as someone who performs on stage.

- Paul Dickens-Jacobs

Disability Advisory Group

Long Term Plan Submission for Review

NOTE: Members of the group are willing to speak to their submission at a verbal hearing.

Introduction

The Whangarei District Council Disability Advisory Group functions to advise them on the most pressing issues affecting the disabled residents in our community. The Long-Term Plan (2021-2031) aims to build a clearer picture around Council's vision for our future within the next 10 years, by focusing on three core aspects that impact our District: **Housing, public access and civil defence**. This will be carried out alongside the vision proposed by the WDC, of which includes the idea that Whangarei should be an "inclusive, sustainable and resilient District."

This document aims to provide feedback about the types of things disabled people want included in the Long-Term Plan, in accordance with the **United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities** (UNCRPD) and the **New Zealand Disability Strategy Action Plan**. The spirit and core idea of oneness in **Te Tiriti o Waitangi (Treaty of Waitangi)** should also be upheld.

Item # 1: Housing

It has been estimated by a 2013 Disability Survey that over 20,5011 people living in Whangarei identify as disabled. Out of this number, 36% were aged 65 and over, with Maori people in our community also being in the highest percentile. According to the 2019 District Growth Strategy, the numbers will continue to climb over the next 10 years. Primary disabilities included intellectual, hearing and vision impairments, but there is a wide spectrum including but not limited to mobility (wheelchair and scooter users) and "invisible" disabilities such as those affected by chronic illness. Housing is a top agenda when it comes to our community, and many feel that accessible housing should be prioritised in the same way as housing for our elderly residents, especially as the two can intersect. Points raised include:

- The Disability Advisory Group (DAG) asks that the District be prepared for this increase by acknowledging the benefits of Universal Design, which is "accessible to all people, regardless of age, disability and other factors." There should not be a feeling of segregation and disabled residents should feel safe. Universal Design should be more readily incorporated into the building of any facilities in our District.

- This would come in the form of apartments or more ideally, level-access houses or bungalows. Townhouses or multi-storey complexes are not ideal for disabled residents, especially as lifts and elevators can easily break down.
- There is concern that driveways and residential access points are not level and it has been suggested that they be dropped by around 10MM to allow for safer access.
- In general, there should be more wheelie bins accessible in these areas and in town, and there is also a charge on top of rubbish rates, leading to dumped rubbish - this can then go on to get stuck in the wheels of scooters and wheelchairs, for example.
- More consultation with Whangarei Accessible Housing Trust is required in order to ensure higher levels of care and safety. It has been noted that many disabled residents experienced maintenance issues with their housing. Disabled people need to feel like they will be able to live independently and safely in their community. For housing and community in general, for the safety of disabled residents, animal control should be more looked into. Currently, it is 3 incidents occurring over 24 months that stop people owning animals, putting vulnerable disabled adults at as much risk as children.
- Housing should ideally be close to CBD and public transport for easier access to their community, in accordance with the Council's idea of social well-being.
In terms of general living, it has been noted that the rate increase of 6.55% is horrific for people who have lost jobs and had to take a lower income because of COVID-19. \$2.66 per week is not a true figure, add in increases to tip fees, rubbish bags etc. This would be even more detrimental to disabled residents who already are doing their best to survive and should be considered.

Item #2: Public Access

Accessibility is one of the most important and key issues facing disabled people in Whangarei. Lack of accessibility leads to people feeling isolated, and thus excluded, from their community. The DAG asks that Council review the following points with extreme care and consideration:

- DAG has noted that there are many tripping and falling hazards throughout the District, particularly for visually-impaired residents. Some of the main problem areas include Hatea River Walk, our local Pak N' Save, and the paths around and connected near to Okara Shopping Centre. It has been requested that there should be kick rails around the Hatea boardwalk area to protect wheelchairs from slipping over the side. Amendments to the coloured boardwalk at Town Basin are also requested. Tree roots that have been unattended to and raised along footpaths also pose a hazard as people are tripping over those, particularly vision-impaired/blind residents.
- Amendments to pedestrian crossings and the shared Cameron Laneway are a priority, as the high traffic speed in particular endangers disabled residents, especially those who are

deaf and blind and cannot hear or see cars coming. Kerb cuts and raised kerbs with drops also bar access in many places around the community.

- The implementation of an audio crosswalk with a countdown could be useful to blind residents, in order to give them time to cross.
- Access to public events and easy-access parking, along with properly meeting the needs of all residents (ie. interpreters for deaf and hearing-impaired people), should be encouraged. Parking in town in particular is expensive for many including disabled residents, so currently, people are parking where it is free in the Okara Park Shopping Centre. More free parking should be looked into. Mobility charging points are also suggested and encouraged for scooters in particular, as battery drainage is a huge issue and can affect the access a user has and their engagement in the community.
- More accessible beaches and theatres would be incredibly beneficial towards community participation.
- Better access from main street in town to the Town Basin and the Hatea Loop has also been requested, as right now, there isn't a direct route that connects these areas easily, particularly for residents who struggle with mobility.
- The inclusion of more Changing Places facilities and accessible bathrooms throughout our district would save time and travel and accommodate the high needs of our disabled community.
- A crowdsourced app to recommend places in Whangarei based on how accessible a place is, and leave reviews for others to take heed of, in order for the individual to decide where is best for them to visit.
- Sensory areas with more shade coverage would be ideal to autistic residents, as would better signage and a mapping system so people with orientation difficulties can find their way easily through Whangarei. Clear and effective communication should also incorporate NZSL and braille.
- It has been suggested, particularly by the parents of autistic children and autistic residents, that better safety measures such as fencing, be added to areas such as the Town Basin and its playground, where there are "high water and traffic risks."
- On the topic of water, the local dam is open and could present as a drowning hazard for vulnerable people.
- Better opportunities for disabled employment should be implemented and sensitivity training encouraged.
- The implementation of better transportation from rural to non-rural ideas for better social and community inclusion. Investment into an Accessibility Fund and permanent public access audits are highly encouraged. When it comes to documentation around the Plan such as the digital and physical copies, the words "disability" and "disabled" should be more heavily included, and representations of us, such as pictures, more widely used to avoid ableism and promote inclusion. In the current Plan, there are no mentions of the disabled community and DAG asks that this be rectified.

Item # 3: Civil Defence

DAG wishes to stress the importance of civil defence procedures when it comes to the safety of disabled people. Disabled residents are at high risk when natural disasters or national emergencies, particularly due to the rapid onset of climate change. Points that have been raised around this area include:

- In Whangarei, evacuation procedures for wheelchair and scooter users are putting the onus on the person to sit and wait last to be rescued. There needs to be consistent practices across the board in order to meet their needs. While most information is accessible to disabled residents, “social stories” with clear, concise language for intellectually-disabled residents should be readily available. There are many with learning disabilities who would not understand what was happening in an emergency without them. According to the **Northland Civil Defence Emergency Plan**, 44,000 people in Northland are vulnerable - 29% of the population. This includes the disabled community.
- The consensus is that disability is not thought of as something majorly impactful in an emergency. For example, in this District, a blind or deaf person who lives alone could be completely cut off from the outside world for days without proper adequate support, and so could an independent wheelchair user. According to the Emergency Plan, 68% of households in Northland have less access to various forms of communication. In terms of disability safety, there should be actual tangible strategies to take this into account. Awareness is great, but only the first step.
- While Civil Defence NZ appears to have a clear understanding of disabled autonomy and the UNCRPD at a national level, Whangarei needs to step up and deliver specific regional practices that hold safety and well-being in high regard.
- Council focus **SHOULD** be on the physical outcomes of these events on disabled people. A focus on civil defence within the Plan should include physical, tangible action to support us and should include explicit mention of disability in general, as opposed to solutions such as upgrading tsunami warnings.

SharePoint document links:



[DAG LTP WITH AMENDMENTS](#)

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Hello,

Here is the submission by the Disability Advisory Group for the Long Term Plan.

Kindest regards
Alice Cove-Smith
DAG Member

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From: Whangarei District Council
Sent: 31 Mar 2021 07:42:12 +0000
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Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Anahita Djamali - 2021-LTP-SUB-368

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Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard	Yes
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Your feedback:

Key issue - How will we pay for what we need - Rates Options (see page 17)	OPTION 1: Rates increase in year one (2021) of 2% + 2.5% Local Government Cost Index (LGCI) + 2% 'catch up'. Rates increase in years two and three (2022-23) of 2% + 2.5% LGCI.
Why?	It is vital that Council continues to invest in core services and to continue to invest and revitalise the city.

Key issue - Spaces for gathering (see page 24)	OPTION 1: Allocate budget across three sites (Oruku Landing Conference and Events Centre, Hihiaua Cultural Centre, and existing facilities at Forum North).
Why?	

Key issue - Climate change and sustainability (see page 28)	OPTION 2: Put \$7.4m of new funding towards climate change mitigation and adaptation and waste minimisation.
Why?	<p>I support this increase as the best option given but do not believe that this level of spending will be sufficient to reach our vision of a zero carbon economy. There needs to be more of an emphasis on realigning the existing budget to shift spending towards climate action and away from carbon emissions.</p> <p>Whangarei District Council need to examine the spending they have locked in for the future and analyse the effects these have on climate change emissions. Building more carbon intensive infrastructure will lead to an increase in car dependency.</p>

	We need to dramatically accelerate walking and cycling initiatives and divert more waste from landfill.
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Key issue - Revitalising our city centre (see page 32)	OPTION 2: Spend \$21m to make improvements to James and John St as well as either Robert St or Cameron Street.
Why?	

Tell us what you think - any further comments on key issues or other points raised in the Consultation document:

Focus on active transport improvements in our area such as cycling infrastructure and improving walkability and planting more street trees and water fountains.

Invest more in telling the pre-european history of sites around Whangarei within council owned parks and stop portraying Māori as constantly warring and brutish.

Stop managing the Hikurangi Flood Scheme through the targeted rate. I believe it costs WDC a lot more to manage this scheme than what is currently charged to land owners within the scheme. The WDC holds too much risk in regards to managing the scheme and risks prosecution under the current management regime. This area should be a wetland and managing the flood scheme is becoming less and less viable with climate change. The responsibility for this scheme and the consent should be handed back to the land owners to manage.

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Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Kara Dodson - 2021-LTP-SUB-90

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Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard at the hearing?	No
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Your feedback:

Key issue - How will we pay for what we need - Rates Options (see page 17)	OPTION 1: Rates increase in year one (2021) of 2% + 2.5% Local Government Cost Index (LGCI) + 2% 'catch up'. Rates increase in years two and three (2022-23) of 2% + 2.5% LGCI.
Why?	

Key issue - Spaces for gathering (see page 24)	OPTION 1: Allocate budget across three sites (Oruku Landing Conference and Events Centre, Hīhīaua Cultural Centre, and existing facilities at Forum North).
Why?	

Key issue - Climate change and sustainability (see page 28)	OPTION 1: Put \$3.7m of new funding towards climate change mitigation and adaptation and waste minimisation.
Why?	

Key issue - Revitalising our city centre (see page 32)	OPTION 2: Spend \$21m to make improvements to James and John St as well as either Robert St or Cameron Street.
Why?	

Tell us what you think - any further comments on key issues or other points

raised in the Consultation document:

26 MAR 2021

WHANGAREI
DISTRICT COUNCIL

HAVE YOUR SAY KŌREROTIA!

This Consultation Document outlines what we are proposing for the next 10 years.

We want you to tell us what you think of this Plan, the options we have outlined, and what we are proposing. We are also consulting on changes to our fees and charges and various policies. All of the supporting documents are available on our website. If you do not have access to the internet or would prefer a hard copy, please call us to request them.

CONCURRENT CONSULTATIONS

Alongside this Consultation Document we are also consulting on our:

- Revenue and Financing Policy
- Rates, Remissions and Postponement Policy
- Development Contributions Policy
- Fees and Charges 2021-22

Consultation on these policies and fees and charges will be publicly notified on Council's website. People interested in the proposals will be able to present their views during a formal submission period from 1 March to 1 April 2021. This will be followed by formal hearings where any submitter may choose to speak to their submission.

GIVING US YOUR FEEDBACK

You can tell us:

- through the online submission form on our website www.wdc.govt.nz/HaveYourSay
- via email to mailroom@wdc.govt.nz
- in person, by dropping off a completed feedback form at any Council Service Centre, or by calling our contact centre on +64 9 430 4200 (0800 932 463)
- by post, by sending your feedback to our mailing address as shown on the feedback form

You may also like to support your formal submission by posting or messaging on Facebook, www.facebook.com/WhangareiDC.

How to make your feedback as effective as possible

- Use the feedback form and attach extra information, if required. This means we have all the information we need to process your feedback.
- Provide us with your contact details so we can email you, write to you or call you to keep you informed.
- Submissions on operational issues will be directed through our Customer Relations Management (CRM) process.

LONG TERM PLAN 2021-31 FEEDBACK FORM

**THE CLOSING DATE FOR FEEDBACK IS
THURSDAY 1 APRIL 2021**

We would love your feedback on some key issues for our District.

POINTS TO REMEMBER WHEN SUBMITTING YOUR FEEDBACK

- Please print clearly. Make sure it can be easily photocopied, read and understood.
- All feedback is considered public under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act, so it may be published and made available to elected members and the public.
- Your feedback will not be returned to you once lodged with Council. Please keep a copy for your reference.
- You can also attend a hearing, scheduled for 13-14 April, to speak to your submission.

HOW TO GET THIS FORM TO US

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Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission at a traditional hearing on 13-14 April? ☐ Yes ☒ No

YOUR FEEDBACK

Please give us your feedback on the key issues raised in the Consultation Document.

KEY ISSUE – HOW WILL WE PAY FOR WHAT WE NEED – RATES OPTIONS (SEE PAGE 17)

- ☐ **OPTION 1:** Rates increase in year one (2021-22) of 2% + 2.5% Local Government Cost Index (LGCI) + 2% 'catch up'.
Rates increase in years two to ten (2022-31) of 2% + 2.5% LGCI.
- ☒ **OPTION 2:** Limit the rates increase to LGCI plus 2% only across ten years of the Plan

WHY? Because you are self serving and arrogant.
The correct option is OPTION 3: Reduce rates by 2% per annum across the ten years of the plan.
This is possible by Council revisiting its historical scams and reducing/removing funding. Money saved in this way belongs to ratepayers so less rates bill

KEY ISSUE – SPACES FOR GATHERING (SEE PAGE 24)

- ☐ **OPTION 1:** Allocate budget across three sites (Oruku Landing Conference and Events Centre, Hihiaua Cultural Centre, and existing facilities at Forum North).
- ☒ **OPTION 2:** Put budget towards only ONE of the following: Oruku Landing Conference and Events Centre, Hihiaua Cultural Centre, or existing facilities at Forum North. Please state which site in your comments.
- ☐ **OPTION 3:** Build a Whangarei District Council-owned theatre on the current Forum North site.

WHY? Because you are self serving and arrogant.
Fund the Hihiaua cultural centre only.
Do not waste any money on Oruku Landing Conference and events centre you forced us to fund Oruku Events Centre and Forum North - it appears you did not tell the truth then so you do not get another chance

KEY ISSUE - CLIMATE CHANGE AND SUSTAINABILITY (SEE PAGE 28)

- ☐ **OPTION 1:** Put \$3.7m of new funding towards climate change mitigation and adaptation and waste minimisation.
- ☐ **OPTION 2:** Put \$7.4 of new funding towards climate change mitigation and adaptation and waste minimisation.
- ☒ **OPTION 3:** No new funding towards climate change or waste minimisation.

WHY? *Because you are arrogant and self serving.*

Climate change is a national issue to be funded by central government / tax payers. Waste minimisation should be business as usual which our current rates should be covering. Did I mention Councillors are deceitful? No extra rates to be paid for this

KEY ISSUE - REVITALISING OUR CITY CENTRE (SEE PAGE 32)

- ☐ **OPTION 1:** Spend \$13m to make improvements to James Street and John Street.
- ☐ **OPTION 2:** Spend \$21m to make improvements to James Street and John Street as well as either Robert Street or Cameron Street.
- ☒ **OPTION 3:** No additional funding for the City Centre.

WHY? *Because you are arrogant self serving and deceitful*
You are wasting too much rates money and have been for far too long. Seriously reduce your current spending and stop borrowing more and more money. No extra rates to be paid for this

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK - ANY FURTHER COMMENTS ON THE KEY ISSUES OR OTHER POINTS RAISED IN THE CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

You need to pull your socks up. For far too long you have treated ratepayers with contempt and it is time that you started to really earn your exorbitant salaries

From: Whangarei District Council
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Hearing:

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Your feedback:

Key issue - How will we pay for what we need - Rates Options (see page 17)	OPTION 1: Rates increase in year one (2021) of 2% + 2.5% Local Government Cost Index (LGCI) + 2% 'catch up'. Rates increase in years two and three (2022-23) of 2% + 2.5% LGCI.
Why?	

Key issue - Spaces for gathering (see page 24)	OPTION 1: Allocate budget across three sites (Oruku Landing Conference and Events Centre, Hīhīāua Cultural Centre, and existing facilities at Forum North).
Why?	

Key issue - Climate change and sustainability (see page 28)	OPTION 2: Put \$7.4m of new funding towards climate change mitigation and adaptation and waste minimisation.
Why?	

Key issue - Revitalising our city centre (see page 32)	OPTION 1: Spend \$13m to make improvements to James and John St.
Why?	

Tell us what you think - any further comments on key issues or other points raised in the Consultation document:

I support plans to keep improving our cycleway and shared path network because it makes it easier to get around.

I would also like to see expanded bike and walking access into various paper roads eg paper road that goes from Kowharewa on the Tutukaka Coast up hill to near the lookout at frying pan corner on Ngunguru-Matapouri Rd. This would provide an alternative to visitors and locals who currently walk and cycle on the busy Tutukaka Block Road which has no footpath provision.

I support the maintenance and upgrading of tracks and parks and reserves as per the LTP.

I would love to see some park and reserve 'hidden gems' given signage, such as reserves in front of waterfront houses which often appear as though an extension of private property.

I endorse the blue-green networks which I would like to see continue to expand outside of the just the CBD.

From: Whangarei District Council
Sent: 29 Mar 2021 08:42:43 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Fiona douglas - 2021-LTP-SUB-270

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Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Fiona douglas - 2021-LTP-SUB-270

Receipt Number: 2021-LTP-SUB-270

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Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard	No
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Your feedback:

Key issue - How will we pay for what we need - Rates Options (see page 17)	OPTION 2: Limit the rates increase to LGCI plus 2% only in years one to three
Why?	

Key issue - Spaces for gathering (see page 24)	OPTION 2: Put budget towards only ONE of the following: Oruku Landing Conference and Events Centre, Hīhīāua Cultural Centre, and existing facilities at Forum North.
Why?	Its time to fully support the Hihiaua cultural centre which will be an awesome venue

Key issue - Climate change and sustainability (see page 28)	OPTION 2: Put \$7.4m of new funding towards climate change mitigation and adaptation and waste minimisation.
Why?	Because without a healthy environment people will not thrive. Our district is very vulnerable to any climate change as it has large coastlines and only 1 hour between West and East coast. We could get cut off from supply chains so we need to have healthy soils to grow healthy crops.

Key issue - Revitalising our city centre (see page 32)	OPTION 3: No additional funding for the city centre.
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Why?	
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Tell us what you think - any further comments on key issues or other points raised in the Consultation document:

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From: Cam Dow
Sent: 31 Mar 2021 07:43:00 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: Cam Dow LTP Submission
Importance: High

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Hi there,

Here are my thoughts in support of the proposal for a new lyric theatre at Forum North complex:

The building of a high quality theatre will motivate the teen and young adult performers to stay in the region and perform in shows and events. A new exciting venue will provide a place for them to hone their skills, and to keep coming back; growing the arts sector in Whangarei. The arts are food for the soul and great for one's well-being.

People need theatre to go see in these post-Covid times. The higher quality facility means a greater variety of shows can be staged in Whangarei. More shows, and of a higher quality, motivates people to get involved, and for people to come and watch, generating quality returns.

I moved to Whangarei from Palmerston North in 2016. When I didn't know anybody, the theatre community made me feel welcome, and gave me a home away from home. I have made strong and lifelong friendships. There is precious little that brings people closer together than going through the ride of creating a show. Many people coming together with a common goal. This new lyric theatre will be a beacon in the cultural community of Whangarei, and give us the best chance of appealing to a wide audience. I would love as many people to be a part of the theatre experience as possible; on, off and behind the stage.

Let's protect theatre & performance in Whangarei!

With many thanks,

Cam Dow

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From: Whangarei District Council
Sent: 25 Mar 2021 00:17:21 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Hayden Dragicevich - 2021-LTP-SUB-181

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Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Hayden Dragicevich - 2021-LTP-SUB-181

Receipt Number: 2021-LTP-SUB-181

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Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard	No
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Your feedback:

Key issue - How will we pay for what we need - Rates Options (see page 17)	OPTION 1: Rates increase in year one (2021) of 2% + 2.5% Local Government Cost Index (LGCI) + 2% 'catch up'. Rates increase in years two and three (2022-23) of 2% + 2.5% LGCI.
Why?	

Key issue - Spaces for gathering (see page 24)	OPTION 2: Put budget towards only ONE of the following: Oruku Landing Conference and Events Centre, Hīhīāua Cultural Centre, and existing facilities at Forum North.
Why?	

Key issue - Climate change and sustainability (see page 28)	OPTION 3: No new funding towards climate change or waste minimisation.
Why?	It's a waste of money.

Key issue - Revitalising our city centre (see page 32)	OPTION 3: No additional funding for the city centre.
Why?	Again that is an absurd amount of money to revitalise that part of town.

Tell us what you think - any further comments on key issues or other points raised in the Consultation document:

I live in the Bream Bay Area, work in Whangarei.

I would like to see the improvement of parks and facilities in the One Tree Point and Ruakaka area.

One Tree Point an awesome idea would be a water park for children in the new landing subdivision near the large pond.

A water park has two or three taps on a short timer that children can push onto a water obstacle while the water runs back into the pond through drains kids can divert with man made obstacles. I've seen them in other parts of the country and are awesome ideas, by adding a small playground swings slide etc this will make a nice area family's can walk to and enjoy. These parks grow little boys minds massively.

One Tree Point boat ramp:

An improvement is needed here at the ramp to make it more user friendly. I am aware some sort of groin or rock wall will be needed on one or either side and then a pontoon out the centre. I use the ramp over the marina as a lot of locals I have also had the misfortune of trying to retrieve the boat with the family on board after the wind came up and had a terrible time. With the ever increasing amount of boaties this needs to be improved and used better. What about a small wharf out so that boats can tie up to and visit the yacht club functions similar to Parua Bay Tavern. A wharf that has a break water or pontoons on one side and is all tide usable. Don't forget a lot of locals swim here as well so would be nice to keep that in mind.

From: Whangarei District Council
Sent: 22 Mar 2021 06:44:46 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Claire Drake - 2021-LTP-SUB-128

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Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Claire Drake - 2021-LTP-SUB-128

Receipt Number: 2021-LTP-SUB-128

Your details:

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Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard at the hearing?	Yes
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Your feedback:

Key issue - How will we pay for what we need - Rates Options (see page 17)	OPTION 1: Rates increase in year one (2021) of 2% + 2.5% Local Government Cost Index (LGCI) + 2% 'catch up'. Rates increase in years two and three (2022-23) of 2% + 2.5% LGCI.
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Why?	I accept there are infrastructure needs that require the Council to collect some extra rates in the short term. I would particularly like to see our local road sealed, and this would be part of our contribution to this
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Key issue - Spaces for gathering (see page 24)	
Why?	I do not know enough about this

Key issue - Climate change and sustainability (see page 28)	OPTION 1: Put \$3.7m of new funding towards climate change mitigation and adaptation and waste minimisation.
Why?	I have chosen this option but would like all the funding put towards waste minimisation, as I am doubtful about a lot of the policies being advocated in relation to climate change

Key issue - Revitalising our city centre (see page 32)	OPTION 1: Spend \$13m to make improvements to James and John St.
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Why?

The City Centre certainly needs revitalisation, but I suspect we cannot afford all we would like at present

Tell us what you think - any further comments on key issues or other points raised in the Consultation document:

Most of the options put forward in the previous questions relate to Whangarei City. We recently visited the Far North and were surprised that the roads were generally better than many of our roads.

We live on the unsealed part of McLean Road Waipu, and I would particularly like the Council to plan to seal this road as it is exceptionally busy, with constant through traffic, and it is used as a detour for large vehicles which cannot cross the Cove Road bridge. We have lived here for four years and during that time the traffic has increased enormously. In the dryer parts of the year, dust is a major nuisance , and given that we provide our own sewerage and water, our rates could be used to provide some benefits in addition to rubbish collection.

We understand that the road was scheduled for sealing in the early 2000's but was taken off the list in 2008 at the time of the financial crisis. Surely it is now time with the increased population in Waipu, to give this work priority.

From: Whangarei District Council
Sent: 24 Mar 2021 19:02:40 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - cathie draper - 2021-LTP-SUB-151

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Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - cathie draper - 2021-LTP-SUB-151

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Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard	No
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Your feedback:

Key issue - How will we pay for what we need - Rates Options (see page 17)	OPTION 2: Limit the rates increase to LGCI plus 2% only in years one to three
Why?	increased population number so the rates income is already available naturally

Key issue - Spaces for gathering (see page 24)	OPTION 1: Allocate budget across three sites (Oruku Landing Conference and Events Centre, Hihiaua Cultural Centre, and existing facilities at Forum North).
Why?	<p>the forum north is already a good theatre it just needs an upgrade</p> <p>it is good to support new business to create a variety of choices with the landing conference centre</p> <p>there is so much scope to build on the hihiaua cultural centre</p> <p>keep the momentum up, it is starting to disappear already!</p>

Key issue - Climate change and sustainability (see page 28)	OPTION 1: Put \$3.7m of new funding towards climate change mitigation and adaptation and waste minimisation.
Why?	there are many other areas where this concern is being addressed already

Key issue - Revitalising our city centre (see page	OPTION 2: Spend \$21m to make improvements to James and John St as well as either Robert St or Cameron Street.
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32)	
Why?	the centre needs to connect with the town basin to allow pedestrian movement between it all.

Tell us what you think - any further comments on key issues or other points raised in the Consultation document:

population growth all areas need dog parks, new wastewater treatment plants, new water collection dams, bus services which can be used by workers going to work (at present the trials were too late in the day), planning where green areas are expected with all of the residential developments - there are not enough people play areas (sport or playgrounds) or dog parks for all of the suburbs or towns in our area.

sewerage tanks should be compliant with a regular inspection certificate to stop leakage into our water ways.

the hikurangi swamp should be built into an eel business for our economy. we may find the money from an eel meat etc business is more viable than farming. a natural solution.

another business to build on is flax. this should be developed as a business to bring another plant to take over the role of non native pine trees for our paper needs.

as part of the native tree planting councils should be supporting building a higher valued wood work business and this could be show cased down at the different community centres around whangarei.

the rates rise is unnecessary, the values of properties has risen as has the number of properties which are paying rates in Northland. there are job losses and it is hard for businesses to continue creating employment. a rates rise is counter productive to create a vibrant community as WDC is claiming to produce.

From: Whangarei District Council
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To: Mail Room
Subject: Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Kathleen Drumm - 2021-LTP-SUB-348

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Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Kathleen Drumm - 2021-LTP-SUB-348

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Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard at the hearing?	No
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Your feedback:

Key issue - How will we pay for what we need - Rates Options (see page 17)	OPTION 1: Rates increase in year one (2021) of 2% + 2.5% Local Government Cost Index (LGCI) + 2% 'catch up'. Rates increase in years two and three (2022-23) of 2% + 2.5% LGCI.
Why?	Let's catch up but more spending on the city attractions, brining vibrancy to the CBD and in beautifying public places, not just on roads.

Key issue - Spaces for gathering (see page 24)	OPTION 1: Allocate budget across three sites (Oruku Landing Conference and Events Centre, Hīhīaua Cultural Centre, and existing facilities at Forum North).
Why?	Allocate budget across Oruku Landing and Hihiaua only. I don't see the point in spending any more on Forum North as its a decrepit building and long past its use-by date, especially with a new Council building underway.

Key issue - Climate change and sustainability (see page 28)	OPTION 2: Put \$7.4m of new funding towards climate change mitigation and adaptation and waste minimisation.
Why?	

Key issue - Revitalising our city centre (see page	OPTION 2: Spend \$21m to make improvements to James and John St as well as either Robert St or Cameron Street.
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32)	
Why?	this is great and so very much needed.

Tell us what you think - any further comments on key issues or other points raised in the Consultation document:

From: Whangarei District Council
Sent: 22 Mar 2021 06:16:42 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Nic Duffy - 2021-LTP-SUB-127

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Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Nic Duffy - 2021-LTP-SUB-127

Receipt Number: 2021-LTP-SUB-127

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Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard at the hearing?	No
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Your feedback:

Key issue - How will we pay for what we need - Rates Options (see page 17)	OPTION 2: Limit the rates increase to LGCI plus 2% only in years one to three
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Why?	Times are tough right now, rates going up will just cause more hardship for some people and give others the chance to moan about it.
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Key issue - Spaces for gathering (see page 24)	OPTION 2: Put budget towards only ONE of the following: Oruku Landing Conference and Events Centre, Hīhītaua Cultural Centre, and existing facilities at Forum North.
Why?	I'm not too bothered about this area

Key issue - Climate change and sustainability (see page 28)	OPTION 1: Put \$3.7m of new funding towards climate change mitigation and adaptation and waste minimisation.
Why?	Population growth continues and we need to protect the planet

Key issue - Revitalising our city centre (see page 32)	OPTION 1: Spend \$13m to make improvements to James and John St.
Why?	Two streets is enough and other money can be used to tidy up other parts of the cbd. The place is dead, a repaint on some

	buildings - however I know some or most are not council owned.
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Tell us what you think - any further comments on key issues or other points raised in the Consultation document:

Parking of course is an issue but I'm unsure what can be done here. Or if anything will, huge budget to make car parks.

A Westfield shopping centre would be amazing- however this budget is huge, unsure where it would go though. The CBD would be best place however too many businesses would be disrupted. The town basin is our best asset, we need a vibe to come to Whangarei, also making the cbd feel safe, there is no nightlife here.

From: Whangarei District Council
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To: Mail Room
Subject: Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Glenn Edney - 2021-LTP-SUB-273

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Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Glenn Edney - 2021-LTP-SUB-273

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Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard	No
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Your feedback:

Key issue - How will we pay for what we need - Rates Options (see page 17)	OPTION 1: Rates increase in year one (2021) of 2% + 2.5% Local Government Cost Index (LGCI) + 2% 'catch up'. Rates increase in years two and three (2022-23) of 2% + 2.5% LGCI.
Why?	While I disagree with some of the order or priority in this plan, it is clear that more investment in the district is needed.

Key issue - Spaces for gathering (see page 24)	OPTION 2: Put budget towards only ONE of the following: Oruku Landing Conference and Events Centre, Hīhītaua Cultural Centre, and existing facilities at Forum North.
Why?	The extra money the council would need to put in for the conference centre could better much better used elsewhere in the plan. We do not need a conference centre! This is a case of the WANTS not the NEEDS!

Key issue - Climate change and sustainability (see page 28)	OPTION 2: Put \$7.4m of new funding towards climate change mitigation and adaptation and waste minimisation.
Why?	It is astounding to me that even though the council voted to declare a climate emergency, the amount of funding and work being put into climate adaptation and mitigation is sultry compared to new sports facilities or conference centre for example. Council must take climate breakdown seriously. This is the biggest threat and challenge modern humanity has ever faced but most of this plan is in reality supporting business as

	usual. Very disappointing and ultimately your current lassitude will cost cost lives, livelihoods and exponentially more \$ than this whole 10 year plan put together. WAKE UP COUNCIL!
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Key issue - Revitalising our city centre (see page 32)	OPTION 3: No additional funding for the city centre.
Why?	As per my the previous question. The city centre is looking pretty good and could be improved further without this additional spending.

Tell us what you think - any further comments on key issues or other points raised in the Consultation document:

Policy in the so-called Blue-Green section is woefully inadequate. Council is very focused on water treatment, waste water etc, which is understandable and necessary. However, there seems to be a big lack of understanding just how degraded our coastal ecosystems have become. Where is the budget for wetland regeneration?, where is the budget for the regeneration of the Mauri of our harbours estuaries and coasts?

From: Whangarei District Council
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To: Mail Room
Subject: Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Ben Edwards - 2021-LTP-SUB-132

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Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Ben Edwards - 2021-LTP-SUB-132

Receipt Number: 2021-LTP-SUB-132

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Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard	No
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Your feedback:

Key issue - How will we pay for what we need - Rates Options (see page 17)	OPTION 2: Limit the rates increase to LGCI plus 2% only in years one to three
Why?	Ratepayers are not an endless supply of money

Key issue - Spaces for gathering (see page 24)	OPTION 1: Allocate budget across three sites (Oruku Landing Conference and Events Centre, Hihiaua Cultural Centre, and existing facilities at Forum North).
Why?	

Key issue - Climate change and sustainability (see page 28)	OPTION 3: No new funding towards climate change or waste minimisation.
Why?	Because its a bottomless pit to throw money into. With the science around it ever changing. Also waste minimisation shouldn't be included with a question about 'climate change', it should be undertaken anyway.

Key issue - Revitalising our city centre (see page 32)	OPTION 2: Spend \$21m to make improvements to James and John St as well as either Robert St or Cameron Street.
Why?	I firmly believe a raised pedestrian bridge with disabled access should be built connecting the town basin to the city centre.

	Safer and quicker for pedestrians and also doesn't add even more delays to a very busy stretch of road
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Tell us what you think - any further comments on key issues or other points raised in the Consultation document:

I firmly believe that there should be a raised pedestrian bridge between the town basin and the city centre

From: Whangarei District Council
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Subject: Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Sarah Edwards - 2021-LTP-SUB-384

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Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Sarah Edwards - 2021-LTP-SUB-384

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Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard	No
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Your feedback:

Key issue - How will we pay for what we need - Rates Options (see page 17)	OPTION 2: Limit the rates increase to LGCI plus 2% only in years one to three
Why?	

Key issue - Spaces for gathering (see page 24)	OPTION 3: Build a Whangarei District Council-owned theatre on the current Forum North site.
Why?	

Key issue - Climate change and sustainability (see page 28)	OPTION 3: No new funding towards climate change or waste minimisation.
Why?	

Key issue - Revitalising our city centre (see page 32)	OPTION 2: Spend \$21m to make improvements to James and John St as well as either Robert St or Cameron Street.
Why?	

Tell us what you think - any further comments on key issues or other points raised in the Consultation document:

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From: Whangarei District Council
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Subject: Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Ellen - 2021-LTP-SUB-210

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Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Ellen - 2021-LTP-SUB-210

Receipt Number: 2021-LTP-SUB-210

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Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard	No
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Your feedback:

Key issue - How will we pay for what we need - Rates Options (see page 17)	OPTION 1: Rates increase in year one (2021) of 2% + 2.5% Local Government Cost Index (LGCI) + 2% 'catch up'. Rates increase in years two and three (2022-23) of 2% + 2.5% LGCI.
Why?	

Key issue - Spaces for gathering (see page 24)	OPTION 3: Build a Whangarei District Council-owned theatre on the current Forum North site.
Why?	

Key issue - Climate change and sustainability (see page 28)	OPTION 1: Put \$3.7m of new funding towards climate change mitigation and adaptation and waste minimisation.
Why?	

Key issue - Revitalising our city centre (see page 32)	OPTION 1: Spend \$13m to make improvements to James and John St.
Why?	

Tell us what you think - any further comments on key issues or other points raised in the Consultation document:

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From: Whangarei District Council
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To: Mail Room
Subject: Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Bev Ennis - 2021-LTP-SUB-66

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Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Bev Ennis - 2021-LTP-SUB-66

Receipt Number: 2021-LTP-SUB-66

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Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard at the hearing?	No
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Your feedback:

Key issue - How will we pay for what we need - Rates Options (see page 17)	OPTION 2: Limit the rates increase to LGCI plus 2% only in years one to three
Why?	<p>Most of our area are retired people or young families. Our pensions barely cover our outgoings now and this would be detrimental to us.</p> <p>The rates we have paid over the years should have been enough to continue with repairs and maintenance yearly.</p> <p>In our area alone there are approximately</p> <p>Name Region Population</p> <p>Estimate</p> <p>1996-06-30 Population</p> <p>Estimate</p> <p>2001-06-30 Population</p> <p>Estimate</p> <p>2006-06-30 Population</p> <p>Estimate</p> <p>2013-06-30 Population</p> <p>Estimate</p> <p>2018-06-30 Population</p> <p>Estimate</p> <p>2020-06-30</p> <p>One Tree Point (Marsden Bay) Northland 970 920 1,000 1,610 2,300 2,650</p> <p>Area: 2.59 km² – Density: 1,024/km² [2020] – Change:</p>

	<p>+7.33%/year [2018 → 2020]</p> <p>Which will bring in increased council revenue.</p> <p>There is no transport service in the area,</p> <p>Things like the Hunterwiser centre should be self funded and not be funded by council.</p> <p>Road maintenance is a joke, roads are getting "overlaid" because works are not being done in timely and proper workmanship manner in the first place, costing more. Roads in our area are getting revealed when there is no need for it to be done. They should be put to,tender and not given to just one l,e, Fulton Hogan.</p> <p>Council staff need to be accountable. At the moment our rates fund their wages and we see so many not actually working.</p>
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Key issue - Spaces for gathering (see page 24)	OPTION 3: Build a Whangarei District Council-owned theatre on the current Forum North site.
Why?	To save money and use existing buildings

Key issue - Climate change and sustainability (see page 28)	OPTION 3: No new funding towards climate change or waste minimisation.
Why?	We don't need it

Key issue - Revitalising our city centre (see page 32)	
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Why?	Not required
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Tell us what you think - any further comments on key issues or other points raised in the Consultation document:

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Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Ron Esveld - 2021-LTP-SUB-277

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Your feedback:

Key issue - How will we pay for what we need - Rates Options (see page 17)	
Why?	Previously answered

Key issue - Spaces for gathering (see page 24)	
Why?	Previously answered

Key issue - Climate change and sustainability (see page 28)	
Why?	Previously answered

Key issue - Revitalising our city centre (see page 32)	
Why?	Previously answered

Tell us what you think - any further comments on key issues or other points raised in the Consultation document:

KAMO SHARED PATH. Additional utilities.

The shared paths throughout the city are fantastic! well done all !

Some suggestions for making them even better as follows:

1) To reduce glare off the concrete which can be problematic, particularly in bright sunshine, suggest adding black oxide to the concrete for the last stage to Station Road.

This could easily be added as a change to any existing specifications

2) Similarly, added extra seating with shade covers over along the entire route

3) Build drinking fountains at regular intervals (as has been done on the Hatea Loop).

Capitalise on existing water mains by building these close to where the path and streets cross.

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Subject: Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Taleesha Eyles - 2021-LTP-SUB-223

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Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Taleesha Eyles - 2021-LTP-SUB-223

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Your feedback:

Key issue - How will we pay for what we need - Rates Options (see page 17)	OPTION 1: Rates increase in year one (2021) of 2% + 2.5% Local Government Cost Index (LGCI) + 2% 'catch up'. Rates increase in years two and three (2022-23) of 2% + 2.5% LGCI.
Why?	Let's get things moving.. Here's hoping the salaries rise with the cost of owning your own home etc

Key issue - Spaces for gathering (see page 24)	OPTION 2: Put budget towards only ONE of the following: Oruku Landing Conference and Events Centre, Hīhītaua Cultural Centre, and existing facilities at Forum North.
Why?	<p>I think Council should do one thing and do it well whilst still being able to have enough budget to continue to maintain the existing facilities at this time.</p> <p>The Oruku Centre is the way to go!</p>

Key issue - Climate change and sustainability (see page 28)	OPTION 3: No new funding towards climate change or waste minimisation.
Why?	<p>I think individuals should take this responsibility on themselves. We could spend this council money only to have it wasted by people who don't give a rats arse.</p> <p>Perhaps more value would be in education around this topic</p>

Key issue - Revitalising	OPTION 1: Spend \$13m to make improvements to James and
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our city centre (see page 32)	John St.
Why?	I think we need to draw people into the CBD

Tell us what you think - any further comments on key issues or other points raised in the Consultation document:

Oruku Landing.. This would be amazing and I'd love to see it go ahead.

Submission to LTP 2021-2031 in relation to planned changes in policy affecting rates remission on properties with more than one dwelling. Ref Letter 21/107 PID 170748 of 15/03/2021

Submission made by G R Faber as an individual. Contact Grant@faberconsulting.co.nz ph 021938878

I wish to be present in person but will be away and hope that I can present on line Via Zoom if WDC provide for this. (Please note that the letter referenced above was dated 15/3/2021 and received on 27/3/2021. This then gave only three days for submission and short notice on dates to appear in person in mid April. Once again the WDC consultation process has not given reasonable notice to ratepayers.)

My basis for submission is that the proposed change to remove rates rebates on some properties that carry an unfair rate burden are short sighted, will have a long term detrimental impact to many special places in the region, and act against many of the long term WDC and NRC objectives.

Background:

The property in question here was purchased in 1998 as a long term multi-general family legacy property because of its special coastal location and high biodiversity values. It comprised 42Ha of a subdivided farm with no dwellings. Of note some 30% of the land area was covenanted when purchased.

Over the past 22 years my wife and I, supported by now adult children and their children have worked solidly to improve the biodiversity and special nature of the property. This includes: propagating and planting over 50,000 native trees to plant out what was grazed farmland, extensive work to eradicate possum, goats and other pests, active involvement in Kiwi conservation including stoat trapping since 2002 and active participation/management roles in the Backyard Kiwi programme we helped form in 2002, current work under way to extend the covenanted area significantly to include the native plantings developed over the past 20 years.

The basis for the second dwelling on the property was as a solution to the town planning criteria for the land classified as Outstanding Coastal landscape when the house was built in 2002. The height restrictions imposed meant that it was not possible with the design to have sufficient guest bedrooms in the limited roof space as a full two stories would exceed the height restrictions. Rather than build a home that had a very large footprint, and therefore high visual impact on the landscape, the guest rooms were incorporated into a separate stand alone building located some 70 metres from the main house. As this building has a separate entrance and kitchen it became classified as a second residence by the WDC definitions.

Issues with the proposed criteria:

1. The underlying premise of the WDC approach to rating is that those with valuable properties can afford to pay more. This ignores the fact that properties that have unique and special environmental characteristics have become valuable because of their unique natural landscapes but the value is not related to available commercial return. In many cases the value of this uniqueness has resulted from significant input and work on the land over a long period by the landowner. These properties are typically unsuitable to economically farm in any way, and zoning prevents other many other business related uses. The only alternative for the landowner to address the heavy rates burden is to: a) develop through subdivision thus destroying much of these special landscapes that both WDC and NRC work hard to preserve through the special zoning classifications or b) sell the property to someone who can afford the rates. This ultimately leads to offshore ownership (despite current regulation on sales of special land there are many ways around the OIO rules as is evident).
2. The use of WDC resource should be a key factor in rates determination. Typically properties affected by proposed change have low use of many WDC services. E.g. In this case the property has no Council sewerage or water services, the landowner (together with adjacent landowners) seals and maintains

the access road from the end of the formal council road (this sealing includes much of a Council paper road), public road access is over a kilometre of poorly maintained council unsealed road, the weekly rubbish collection is available but we have to drive our rubbish 1.5km to a collection point.

3. The two dwelling rates remission is based on occasional use of the second dwelling. The intent of this is that the second dwelling is not a separate household and has only occasional use and so has only minor incremental use of council services. In this case total occupancy is typically 3 months of the year. Of this the majority is family use with on average 30 – 40 days being rented as holiday accommodation. The proposed change now focuses on the rental as now disqualifying the property from any rates remission despite the Council services use being minor for a short period as outlined. The majority of accommodation provided to visitors to Northland is provided by small operator low occupancy accommodation such as this (tourism being Northlands largest industry). These services are typically marginally profitable and usually undertaken for other than economic return, typically be retired couples as we are, who enjoy hosting. In now rate targeting landowners who provide accommodation to visitors in this way the long term effect will be detrimental to our tourism industry in Northland where this home host type accommodation is a widespread and special feature.

Summary:

The WDC rating calculation basis has a fundamental flaw in that it results certain properties having to pay a “disproportionate share of general rates” (WDC wording). These properties typically attract a high land value due to unique location and high landscape and conservation values. This value derives from this uniqueness rather than any ability to generate return from the land. In fact in many cases retaining the unique nature is a core focus of WDC and NRC policies e.g. outstanding coastal landscape zoning. This has been long recognised, and for many years the Council has applied a rates remission for qualifying properties. The qualification criteria used is a course set of criteria which do not fit the circumstances of all properties.

WDC now proposes that any property that has a second dwelling for occasional use that develops any income from this dwelling, regardless of circumstance or extent of rental, shall no longer qualify for remission. As outlined in this submission this proposed change has no logical basis and is in fact detrimental to the long term objectives of WDC and NRC policy in preserving special character properties. It also works against small accommodation providers (typically retired host operators) who are the backbone of accommodation provision to Northlands tourism industry. The end result, if this rate remission ruling change is adopted, will be placing on the landowners affected, an unsustainable rates burden which is by any measure is unjustifiable. In our case this would mean a 27% increase .

The comparison below gives a clear indication of this using an actual comparison of our rural Whangarei Heads property with an Auckland City Herne Bay property (a property in New Zealand’s most expensive suburb using the full array of AC Council services) Comparison actual for 2020 year.

WDC rates \$ 7296 (ex remission) :per \$1000 of land value = \$ 2.95 (PID 170748 land value \$ 2,470,000)
Auckland City rates \$ 4971 :per \$1000 of land value = \$ 2.96 (ID 12342899542 land value \$1,675,000)



G R Faber

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Your feedback:

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Why?	If we are to advance the district to realise the huge potential of the area we need to spend more. Whangarei has the potential to be a leading North Island city but is well behind its peers.

Key issue - Spaces for gathering (see page 24)	OPTION 1: Allocate budget across three sites (Oruku Landing Conference and Events Centre, Hihiaua Cultural Centre, and existing facilities at Forum North).
Why?	We cannot do everything we would like without a major increase in rates. This option is the best compromise.

Key issue - Climate change and sustainability (see page 28)	OPTION 2: Put \$7.4m of new funding towards climate change mitigation and adaptation and waste minimisation.
Why?	We need to act otherwise the long run costs will only get greater

Key issue - Revitalising our city centre (see page 32)	OPTION 3: No additional funding for the city centre.
Why?	More work needs to be done on establishing a clear future

	vision and identity. The WDC approach to date has lacked vision and is piecemeal.
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Tell us what you think - any further comments on key issues or other points raised in the Consultation document:

We need a leadership from council which shows long term vision and is prepared to tackle the hard issues. We have not seen this from WDC for many years. Time for change is well overdue.

SharePoint document links:



[WDC LTP Submission 2021-2031 G Faber](#)

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Submission attached.

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Your feedback:

Key issue - How will we pay for what we need - Rates Options (see page 17)	OPTION 2: Limit the rates increase to LGCI plus 2% only in years one to three
Why?	The council has been spending a lot of money on capital projects. Lots of people have lost jobs or have reduced work hours because of covid, or are unsure of their long term work continuance. In uncertain times, I think things should be restricted to core business until some of the projects start paying their way.

Key issue - Spaces for gathering (see page 24)	OPTION 2: Put budget towards only ONE of the following: Oruku Landing Conference and Events Centre, Hihiaua Cultural Centre, and existing facilities at Forum North.
Why?	Leave building OLCEC until Hunterwasser, the new council buildings and Hihiaua are completed and start earning money. We don't have to do everything at once. Check that the expected crowds arrive for Hunterwasser. Forum North could be rented to a business until some debt is reduced. We have the Forum North theatre Octagon & Captain Bouganville. It's not like we have a desperate need for theatre space. There is a LOT of capital building going on atm imo.

Key issue - Climate change and sustainability (see page 28)	OPTION 1: Put \$3.7m of new funding towards climate change mitigation and adaptation and waste minimisation.
Why?	Very important issue particularly waste reduction (& reuse, repair) & education! I love the separate glass collection. Id like to see street municle recycling bins (like the ones outside Forun North) in the suburbs. Climate change, stop issuing BC to coastal and flood prone areas. Plan to retreat from these areas. No compensation for landowners as coastal inundation has been a known quantity since the 70s. Buying coastal has been officially stupid since the late 80s.

Key issue - Revitalising our city centre (see page 32)	OPTION 3: No additional funding for the city centre.
Why?	There are already some shared spaces. It is easy to walk around the city centre. There are spaces for community events and markets within walking distance from the city centre. They are already happening. We don't need to make more space for these activities just because its trendy.

Tell us what you think - any further comments on key issues or other points raised in the Consultation document:

In addition to revitalizing the centre of city, you need to think about maintaining and providing amenities for outlying communities especially in areas of deprivation. It's all very well making a great city centre but if kids and teens can't get there then it's not fair. Please consider cheap or free weekend buses from outlying deprived areas so kids can get to town, those posh new skatepark and the library but mostly fix up/ provide facilities in their own areas. The new park in Tikipunga is fabulous and rampantly and happily used. Also historic built heritage is SO important imo....especially in areas like Hikurangi and

Waipu. They are unique areas and should be supported to preserve their historic buildings.
I LOVE the proposed historic walk around Hikurangi with QR codes. This would be a fantastic project for the council to support.

SUBMISSION

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To: WHANGAREI DISTRICT COUNCIL

On the: WHANGAREI DISTRICT COUNCIL'S LONG TERM PLAN 2021 - 2031

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SUBMISSION TO WHANGAREI DISTRICT COUNCIL

ON: WHANGAREI DISTRICT COUNCIL'S LONG TERM PLAN 2021 - 2031

Federated Farmers of New Zealand ("Federated Farmers" or "the Federation") thanks the Whangarei District Council for the opportunity to comment on its: Long-Term Plan 2021 - 2031 ("the Plan").

General Comments

The purpose of councils is stated in the relevant local government legislation as being both "to enable democratic local decision-making and action by, and on behalf of, communities" and "to promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of communities in the present and for the future". Prior to a change in 2019, the latter purpose had been stated as being "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". Despite the changes, Federated Farmers continues to see the emphasis of these "purpose" provisions as being firmly on councils undertaking whatever activities they undertake efficiently, at low cost and in a fiscally prudent manner, and focussing on core services such as roading, which are the basics of local government.

Federated Farmers is generally supportive of the Local Government Act 2002 Amendment Act 2014, which makes it clear that the purpose of the LTP consultation document and the associated consultation process is to provide an effective basis for public participation in local authority decision-making processes relating to the content of a long-term plan, including by providing a fair representation of the matters that are proposed for inclusion in the plan and identifying and explaining significant and other important issues and choices facing the local authority, along with the consequences of those choices. It would seem that there is a requirement for a local authority to consult only in regard to issues that it determines should be included, having had regard to its significance and engagement policy and the importance of matters to the district and its communities, including significant changes that are proposed to the way the local authority funds its operating and capital expenditure requirements, including changes to the rating system.

Federated Farmers recognises the challenges facing the Council that have been created by Covid-19, in particular the Council's recognition that parts of our community are still dealing with the impacts of COVID-19 and will continue to do so for some time yet. While, a year on from the start of the Covid-19 pandemic, Whangarei has regained momentum, it is nevertheless considered that now is not the time for the Council to slow down its response to the issues it faces, such as growth and aging infrastructure. Now is the time for the Council to play its part and lead the way in the District's economic recovery by stimulating construction and jobs and maintaining and improving infrastructure and community assets. Federated Farmers recognises the part the Plan plays in meeting those challenges. In general terms Federated Farmers considers that the Plan adequately sets out the process by which Council plans its activities in Kaipara, and the process by which it makes decisions relating to the funding of those activities.

However, Federated Farmers is disappointed with some aspects of the Plan. As regards the Council's income, it continues to be a matter of regret that the Council has not made more of

the opportunity to develop a rating system which: is fair and equitable to all sectors of the community; which properly allocates the cost of council-provided services to those that use those services; and which ensures that all those in the District pay their contribution towards the costs of running The District. The high cost of rates on farmland is a major issue for Federated Farmers members all around the country, with property value rates often amongst the highest overheads for a farm business.

For example, the land value based rating system that the Council utilises as regards its General Rate disadvantages the owners of farmland, particularly when it is combined with a Uniform Annual General Charge (UAGC) that is set at a level which is lower than the maximum provided for in the rating legislation. Further, and in this same vein, Federated Farmers considers that insufficient use is made of the ability Council has to charge for its services on a per property basis, by way of targeted rates.

Further, Federated Farmers prefers a funding system whereby the use made by each sector of the community for each of the Council's services is established, and sheeted home to that sector of the community. For example, farmers have full access to the Council's roading network, but generally poor access to facilities such as swimming pools and passenger transport, and they receive no benefit at all from such things as stormwater services.

As regards rating, generally Federated Farmers supports the following principles:

- the use of modifiers such as differentials, to reduce the high general rates on farms;
- the use of the UAGC and Targeted Rates; they are generally fairer for farms than is property value;
- transparent processes, and a robust LTP consultation document that shows who pays for what;
- the funding of expenditure on big new projects being transparent, particularly when they are based on property value rates;
- the promotion of tourism or other businesses not being funded from rates on farm businesses: Farmers pay for their own industry promotion.

With respect to the proposed overall general rate increase of 6.5%, Federated Farmers considers that, in general terms, rate increases should be kept in line with inflation. While on the one hand the increase represents a rate rise that is considerably more than the annual rate of inflation (1.4% in the December 2020 quarter) and the Local Government Cost Index (forecast at 2.2% for the 2020 / 2021 year), nevertheless, as will be apparent from Federated Farmers' responses in the Submission Form, Federated Farmers does generally support an increase in rates of greater than the sum of the annual rate of inflation and the Local Government Cost Index of 3.6% which, although it exceeds the rate of inflation, adequately reflects the challenges to Council created by Covid-19.

But Federated Farmers does want the Council to focus more on the basics of local government, the core services, in particular transport. We continue to be concerned about the state of Whangarei's rural roads and the quality of some rural road sealing and repairs, and we continue to be concerned at how much is being spent on the nice to haves, such as revitalising the Whangarei City Centre, compared to spending on the basics such as rural roads. We want to be sure that Whangarei's rural areas are getting their fair share of the basics of Council's expenditure, in particular a fair share of the Council's capital spending programs.

Nonetheless, in addition to the matters about which the Council is seeking feedback, Federated Farmers takes the opportunity to comment, in the Specific Comments section below, on some more general aspects of the Plan, with some comment also being provided on other matters that are discussed in the Plan.

On a positive note, Federated Farmers notes that the Council's approach to many of its functions is inclusive and co-operative. Federated Farmers supports Council adopting a "partnership" approach in the performance of its functions. Federated Farmers is pleased to be able to participate in forums such as the Rural Advisory Panel.

Specific Comments

Climate Change

Introduction

This section of the submission expands on the brief response provided to the Council's consultation on climate change, in the Feedback section of Federated Farmers' overall submission.

Federated Farmers generally supports the Council responding to climate change. Federated Farmers also considers it important that Council recognise that Kaipara's farmers and growers will be contributing through their rates bills to the Council's climate change response, as well as funding the changes that central government will require to their own production systems, themselves.

Federated Farmers and its farming members take climate change very seriously and are keenly aware of the need to meet the challenges posed by the issue, including by mitigating the impacts of primary production on New Zealand's emissions profile. For farmers, this involves balancing a fundamental requirement for food and fibre production, a requirement to reduce the warming from our emissions and the need to prepare for the potential future impacts caused by a more variable and changing climate.

Food production is, however, also an essential process that cannot be sacrificed. For those products it produces, New Zealand is comparatively a low emission producer, with the country's farmers nevertheless confident that they can continue to improve production systems if given the chance.

Federated Farmers supports New Zealand playing its part in addressing climate change by pursuing action consistent with the goals of the 2015 Paris Agreement, including recognising the fundamental priority of food production. New Zealand farmers are world leaders in the highly efficient production of safe, protein-dense, and low-emissions food. Per kilogram of product, New Zealand sheep meat is twice as emissions efficient as the global average, our dairy milk is over three times as emissions efficient, and Kiwi beef is over four times as emissions efficient.

Demand for New Zealand livestock-based products (such as red meat and dairy milk) is strong and has remained so throughout the Covid-19 pandemic. Any reduction in New Zealand food production will be replaced by production in other countries, which is often subsidised and results in higher emissions per unit of output. The concept of "emissions leakage" (or "carbon leakage") from New Zealand needs to be avoided, as it will result in increased global greenhouse gas emissions, decreased global food security, and decreased economic growth in New Zealand.

Federated Farmers considers that, when taking action to mitigate emissions in New Zealand, it is important to recognise not only the need for global food production and

the impressive emissions efficiency of New Zealand products, but also the fundamental difference between:

- Short-lived biological emissions, which involve the short-term recycling of carbon between various states (such as those produced from growing plants and livestock) and,
- Long-lived fossil emissions, which involve the effectively permanent conversion of solid and liquid forms of carbon (such as coal and oil) into atmospheric carbon dioxide.

Federated Farmers is pleased that the Climate Change Response (Zero Carbon) Amendment Act 2019 implemented a split-gas approach for New Zealand's emissions reduction targets. This split gas approach recognises the fundamental differences between biogenic methane and other GHG and the inability of the current GWP₁₀₀ metric to account for these differences.

Under current inaccurate GHG accounting methods (which rely on GWP₁₀₀) methane is reported to comprise 78% of the total warming from the agriculture sector.¹ For this reason, it is critically important that biogenic methane is reported in a manner that accurately reflects the best available science on the GHGs radiative impact, by either using an improved metric (such as GWP* or CO₂-we) or by using a split gas approach (as taken for New Zealand's domestic emissions reduction targets).

Federated Farmers was closely involved in the development of, and is a signatory to, the historic *He Waka Eke Noa Primary Sector Climate Action Partnership*.² This industry-driven commitment was accepted by Government in late 2019, and Federated Farmers has since been an active member of the co-development process. This partnership is working on ways to equip farmers and growers with the knowledge and tools they need to reduce emissions, while continuing to sustainably produce quality food and fibre products for domestic and international markets.

He Waka Eke Noa includes collaboration on the detailed development of an appropriate farm gate emissions pricing mechanism by 2025. The Climate Change Commission has been asked to assess progress under *He Waka Eke Noa* and provide this no later than July 2022. It is important to Federated Farmers that any pricing mechanism developed through *He Waka Eke Noa*, is consistent with its emissions pricing principals, namely that;

- Pricing occurs at the margin for methane (where additional warming occurs) and not on the inaccurate GWP₁₀₀ value.
- Pricing exclusively occurs to incentivise the use of a cost-effective mitigation tool that is available, with regulatory approval, to farmers.
- New Zealand farmers are not put at a disadvantage to our main international competitors. Any reduction will be replaced with production in countries that have higher emissions per unit of output, and often subsidised. This is known as "emissions leakage" and results in higher greenhouse gas emissions and higher food costs.

The Appropriate Role for Local Government in Climate Change

While Federated Farmers is generally supportive of the Whangarei District Council's overall response to climate change, there is concern that the local government sector

¹ The 2018 New Zealand National Greenhouse Gas National Inventory.

² Available at <<https://hewakaekenoa.nz/about/#sec-story>>.

as a whole may be considering undertaking, or is being encouraged to undertake, actions to manage agricultural emissions, especially methane and nitrous oxide. The concern is that, by doing so, some councils may end up acting inappropriately prior to the completion of work taking place under *He Waka Eke Noa*, which would be at best duplicate and at worst could undermine this work (along with other work underway at a national and international level).

As a general principle, Federated Farmers considers that councils should focus on ensuring their districts and regions can best adapt to the expected impacts of climate change and only seek to mitigate emissions which they themselves are directly responsible for. Without direct agreement with central government, local authorities should not seek to independently manage emissions that are already subject to management at central government level and, in particular as regards agricultural emissions, are the subject of management by central government in partnership with Iwi/Maori and the agricultural sector under the historic *He Waka Eke Noa* partnership approach.

The mitigation of GHG emissions at a national level is being guided by the Climate Change Commission, with central government ministries, industry peak bodies and non-governmental organisations all playing a part. Councils developing regional or district climate plans in isolation from these organisations would risk duplicating or undermining these processes. Federated Farmers consider that those councils wishing to mitigate GHG emissions should only do so in the areas in which they have direct control, including by ensuring that council buildings are appropriately constructed and insulated, by electrifying council vehicles and by providing affordable low emissions public transport.

While there is undoubtedly a need to mitigate GHG in all sectors of the economy in New Zealand (including agriculture), there is also a need to ensure that New Zealand can better adapt to the expected impacts of climate change.

The complex impacts of climate change will vary widely between regions in New Zealand, with some expected to experience hotter drier climatic conditions while others are expected to become colder and wetter. These expected localised impacts of climate change make it appropriate for local government to consider how best to adapt to the expected impacts of climate change in their region when preparing district or regional plans and other local government regulatory processes.

Mitigation and adaptation policies should not be considered independent of each other. While Federated Farmers supports New Zealand playing its part and transitioning the economy to one that is warming neutral by 2050, this must be done in a manner that enhances the ability of rural communities to adapt to the potential impacts of climate change. Bridging this gap and ensuring regional adaptation factors are adequately considered when national GHG mitigation policies are being designed is an area in which local government is required.

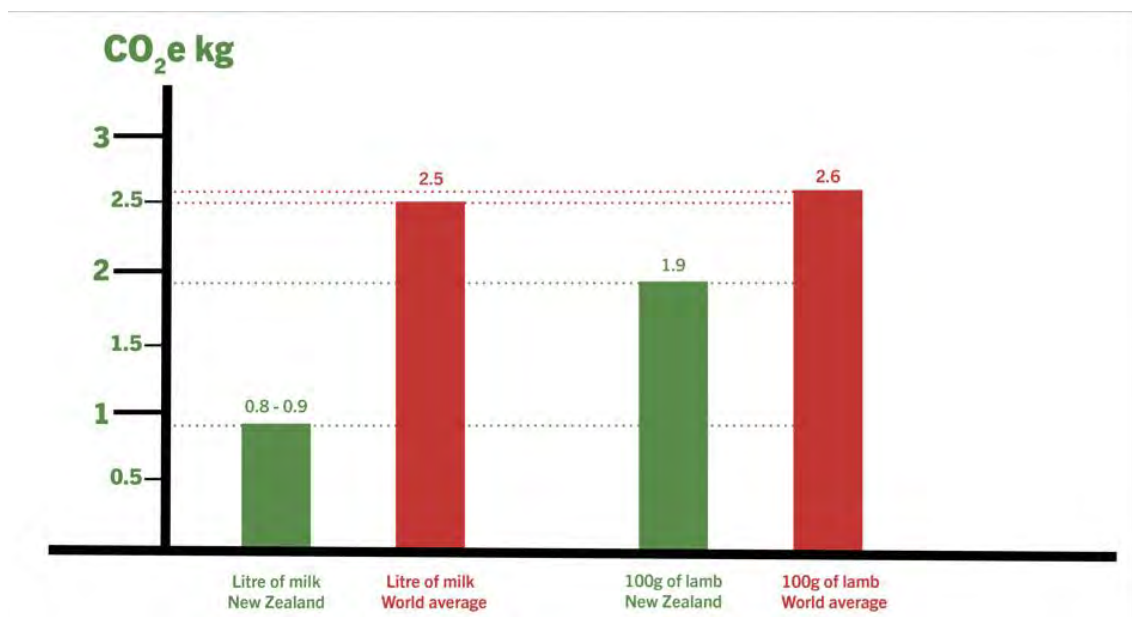
Federated Farmers is concerned that climate change mitigation and adaptation policies are being viewed in a silo to the detriment of rural communities. One prominent example is policies that have incentivised the rapid blanket afforestation of productive sheep and beef farms on the East Coast of the North Island while not adequately factoring the predicted increased fire risk that will result from climate change potentially making the region hotter and drier.

Another example of the siloed nature of climate change policy in New Zealand is a reluctance to support, or even to enable, infrastructure projects that improve community water security and generate renewable hydroelectricity. Water storage infrastructure projects have the potential to mitigate emissions (by producing renewable electricity) and to improve New Zealand's ability to adapt to the impacts of climate change by enabling communities to resiliently store water during times of plenty and draw upon reserves during time

Action Being Taken on Agricultural Emissions

New Zealand farmers want to play their part in tackling greenhouse gas emissions. They are prepared to work hard to do their fair share and Federated Farmers support the agricultural sector achieving the goal of becoming warming neutral by 2050.

New Zealand farmers are proud to be amongst the most efficient producers in the world and, unlike many of their overseas competitors, essentially stand on their own two feet, largely unsubsidised by consumers (by way of inflated prices) or taxpayers, and they have done so for over 30 years. The unsubsidised nature of farming in New Zealand has resulted in farmers becoming economically and emissions efficient. The impressive emissions efficiency of New Zealand milk and lamb meat is demonstrated in the graph below.³



Far from being satisfied with this impressive emissions efficiency, since 2003 the Pastoral Greenhouse Gas Research Consortium (PGGRC) has directed about \$75 million of industry and Crown funding to the challenge of lowering New Zealand agricultural emissions, including by attempting to decouple the relationship between

³ Climate Change and the Global Dairy Cattle Sector: The role of the dairy sector in a low-carbon future, the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations and the Global Dairy Platform Inc, Rome 2019, pp.26.

Clune, Stephen, Enda Crossin, and Karli Verghese. "Systematic review of greenhouse gas emissions for different fresh food categories."

Ledgard, S.F., Chobtang, J., Falconer, S.J. and McLaren, S., 2016. Life cycle assessment of dairy production systems in New Zealand, Integrated nutrient and water management for sustainable farming. (Eds L.D. Currie and R.Singh). <http://flrc.massey.ac.nz/publications.html>. Occasional Report No. 29. Fertilizer and Lime Research Centre, Massey University, Palmerston North, New Zealand. 8 pages. 1 LIFE CYCLE ASSESSMENT.

the feed consumed by a ruminant animal and methane produced. Much valuable knowledge has been gained, but the program has yet to be successful.

This cutting edge research is also being supported by an ambitious co-development policy framework underway. In October 2019, government agreed to work with the primary sector and iwi/Māori to equip farmers and growers with the knowledge and tools they need to reduce warming from GHG emissions, while continuing to sustainably produce quality food and fibre products for domestic and international markets. This work involves designing a practical and cost-effective system for reducing the warming from GHG emissions at the farm level by 2025. It also includes designing an appropriate farm-level pricing mechanism building on the principles set out in *He Waka Eke Noa*.

Recommendation: That Council take note of this discussion on climate change as it affects the primary production sector.

Consultations Alongside the Long Term Plan 2021 – 2031 Consultation Document

Rating Policy

Draft Rates Remission and Postponement Policy

Policy 21/111 Postponement on Specific Farmland Properties

Federated Farmers supports the continuance of the Council's Policy 17/109, Postponement on Specific Farmland Properties.

As a general proposition, Federated Farmers considers that the provisions in Part 10 of the now repealed Rating Powers Act 1988 (Postponement of Rates on Farmland) provided an adequate means whereby inequalities in the value of land, for example land with subdivision potential or land in desirable coastal locations, could be addressed. Federated Farmers has consistently maintained that councils should provide for the postponement of rates in a manner that is aligned with the provisions under the previous legislation.

Federated Farmers considers the concept that lays behind rates postponement policies for farmland is that farms that are of equivalent type should be rated on an equivalent basis, regardless of their location. Thus the landowner of a farm whose value is enhanced because of its coastal location, or its location in an area destined for urban development, should pay rates roughly equivalent to the owner of a farm whose value is not influenced by those types of factors.

Accordingly, a landowner who is able to make use of the rates postponement policy for farmland should not be required to pay any more by way of rates than what is determined on this basis to be a fair and equitable rate.

It is noted that other councils in high growth areas operate such schemes, generally with the rationale that the schemes aimed to encourage owners of farmland to continue productive farming businesses, rather than subdividing or using their land for non-farming purposes.

Federated Farmers considers there is no cost to Council brought about by a landowner using the scheme. With an appropriate rates postponement policy in

place, all ratepayers in the District would (at least in theory) be paying a fair rate, so any cost incurred as a result of the policy would equitably be made up from the rates paid by all ratepayers.

Recommendation: That Council continue with its proposed rates postponement on specific farmland policy and ensure that it is applied in a way that is fair and equitable across all of rural Northland.

Environmental enhancement:

Policy 21/113 Remission of Rates on Voluntarily Protected Land

Federated Farmers supports Policy 21/113, Postponement on Specific Farmland Properties.

As noted in the discussion of the Policy in the Supporting Documents for Council's Long Term Plan Consultation Document, in the past the rating legislation provided for land set aside under the Queen Elizabeth II National Trust to be non-rateable, to assist private landowners to protect special natural and cultural features on their land.

Council's policy is consistent with Federated Farmers' view that councils should provide for the postponement of rates in a manner that is aligned with the provisions under the previous legislation.

Recommendation: That Council continue with its proposed Remission of Rates on Voluntarily Protected Land policy.

The Federation

Federated Farmers of New Zealand is a primary sector organisation that represents the majority of the country's farming businesses. The Federation has a long and proud history of representing the interests of New Zealand's farming communities, primary producers, and agricultural exporters.

The Federation aims to add value to its members' farming business. Our key strategic outcomes include the need for New Zealand to provide an economic and social environment within which:

- Our members may operate their business in a fair and flexible commercial environment
- Our members' families and their staff have access to services essential to the needs of the rural community
- Our members adopt responsible management and environmental practices.

The total agricultural sector is even more important to the economy than it was fifteen years ago. Its contribution to the New Zealand economy has risen from around 14.2 percent of GDP in 1986/87 to around 17 percent today (including downstream processing). Some authorities consider agriculture's current contribution to the New Zealand economy to be about 20 percent of GDP.

Federated Farmers looks forward to further consultation with the Whangarei District Council on the Annual Plan.

LONG TERM PLAN 2021-31 FEEDBACK FORM



**THE CLOSING DATE FOR FEEDBACK IS
THURSDAY 1 APRIL 2021**

We would love your feedback on some key issues for our District.

POINTS TO REMEMBER WHEN SUBMITTING YOUR FEEDBACK

- Please print clearly. Make sure it can be easily photocopied, read and understood.
- All feedback is considered public under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act, so it may be published and made available to elected members and the public.
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- You can also attend a hearing, scheduled for 13-14 April, to speak to your submission.

HOW TO GET THIS FORM TO US

Mail to: Long Term Plan feedback, Whangarei District Council, Private Bag 9023, Whangārei 0148

Email to: mailroom@wdc.govt.nz

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

YOUR DETAILS

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Organisation name Federated Farmers of New Zealand

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Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission at a traditional hearing on 13-14 April? ☒ Yes ☐ No

YOUR FEEDBACK

Please give us your feedback on the key issues raised in the Consultation Document.

KEY ISSUE – HOW WILL WE PAY FOR WHAT WE NEED – RATES OPTIONS (SEE PAGE 17)

☒ **OPTION 1:** Rates increase in year one (2021-22) of 2% + 2.5% Local Government Cost Index (LGCI) + 2% 'catch up'.

Rates increase in years two to ten (2022-31) of 2% + 2.5% LGCI.

☐ **OPTION 2:** Limit the rates increase to LGCI plus 2% only across ten years of the Plan

WHY? see attached submission

KEY ISSUE – SPACES FOR GATHERING (SEE PAGE 24)

☐ **OPTION 1:** Allocate budget across three sites (Oruku Landing Conference and Events Centre, Hihiaua Cultural Centre, and existing facilities at Forum North).

☒ **OPTION 2:** Put budget towards only ONE of the following: Oruku Landing Conference and Events Centre, Hihiaua Cultural Centre, or existing facilities at Forum North. Please state which site in your comments.

☐ **OPTION 3:** Build a Whangarei District Council-owned theatre on the current Forum North site.

WHY? Oruku Landing Conference and Events Centre - See attached comments

KEY ISSUE – CLIMATE CHANGE AND SUSTAINABILITY (SEE PAGE 28)

- ☐ **OPTION 1:** Put \$3.7m of new funding towards climate change mitigation and adaptation and waste minimisation.
- ☐ **OPTION 2:** Put \$7.4 of new funding towards climate change mitigation and adaptation and waste minimisation.
- ☒ **OPTION 3:** No new funding towards climate change or waste minimisation.

WHY? See attached comments

KEY ISSUE – REVITALISING OUR CITY CENTRE (SEE PAGE 32)

- ☐ **OPTION 1:** Spend \$13m to make improvements to James Street and John Street.
- ☐ **OPTION 2:** Spend \$21m to make improvements to James Street and John Street as well as either Robert Street or Cameron Street.
- ☒ **OPTION 3:** No additional funding for the City Centre.

WHY? See attached comments

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK – ANY FURTHER COMMENTS ON THE KEY ISSUES OR OTHER POINTS RAISED IN THE CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

SharePoint document links:



[Federated Farmers Submission \(2\)](#)



[Federated Farmers Submission Attachment](#)

From: Richard Gardner
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Good afternoon:

On behalf of Federated Farmers of New Zealand, I attach a submission on the Whangarei District Council's Long Term Plan 2021 - 2031.

Regards.

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Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Ocean Finlay - 2021-LTP-SUB-141

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Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard	No
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at the hearing?	
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Your feedback:

Key issue - How will we pay for what we need - Rates Options (see page 17)	
Why?	

Key issue - Spaces for gathering (see page 24)	OPTION 3: Build a Whangarei District Council-owned theatre on the current Forum North site.
Why?	

Key issue - Climate change and sustainability (see page 28)	OPTION 2: Put \$7.4m of new funding towards climate change mitigation and adaptation and waste minimisation.
Why?	Climate change is the most important issue

Key issue - Revitalising our city centre (see page 32)	OPTION 1: Spend \$13m to make improvements to James and John St.
Why?	

Tell us what you think - any further comments on key issues or other points raised in the Consultation document:

We need better public transport especially for Northtec, I have a class at 1pm but there are
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no buses between 12 and 2! What a joke. Free public transport for students

From: Whangarei District Council
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Subject: Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Anna Christine Finlayson - 2021-LTP-SUB-117

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Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Anna Christine Finlayson - 2021-LTP-SUB-117

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Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard at the hearing?	No
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Your feedback:

Key issue - How will we pay for what we need - Rates Options (see page 17)	OPTION 2: Limit the rates increase to LGCI plus 2% only in years one to three
Why?	<p>As a Pensioner, we are already struggling to pay the Current Rates, as pension's are not increasing at the same rate as the costs of living is.</p> <p>Also the Interest rates on investments is lower than the proposed increases in Option 1.</p> <p>Most of the proposed buildings were based on increasing tourism and the current Covid 19 virus epidemic, has shown that too much optimism was used in those calculations.</p>

Key issue - Spaces for gathering (see page 24)	OPTION 3: Build a Whangarei District Council-owned theatre on the current Forum North site.
Why?	<p>The Hihiaua Centre has plenty of other area,s to apply for funding, and should be profitly run in the future to cover any borrowings.</p> <p>AS with the Oruku Landing Conference Centre it to should be built by private investors. Do have concerns with all these buildings being based in an area subject to Climate Change,</p>

	<p>rising tidal levels and Tsunamis.</p> <p>Feel most concentration should be on upgrading the Forum North Site.</p>
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Key issue - Climate change and sustainability (see page 28)	OPTION 1: Put \$3.7m of new funding towards climate change mitigation and adaptation and waste minimisation.
Why?	<p>The money should be used to ensure that our roads and the verges and drains be kept clean and maintained to a higher level than at present.</p> <p>This would mean that rain water would flow into our rivers and stream in a much cleaner state, thus leading to better quality environment.</p> <p>There is still too much Sewage and rubbish being deposited in the tidal areas, from the city centre's.</p>

Key issue - Revitalising our city centre (see page 32)	OPTION 3: No additional funding for the city centre.
Why?	<p>The existing Cameron Street area has little parking for the elderly and Disabled to use.</p> <p>It is used mainly by undesirable and unemployed people, who intimidate the shoppers and others on the own.</p> <p>There are already many empty shops in this area as well, so spending more on expanding this type of facility is a waste of ratepayers money.</p>

Tell us what you think - any further comments on key issues or other points

raised in the Consultation document:

Siting the New Airport at Ruatangata! Never!

Why: Please take into consideration, that 80/90% of homes within 5 Kms of the planned area that collect their water from their roofs and have no other options.

The Matarau School collects 80% of its water off the roofs and is hoping to collect 100% in the near future, as the Bore Water they are using at present is very acidic.

The homeowners at the Kainui subdivision who paid very good money for their residences, also collect the rainwater from their roofs.

As you may be aware there is a lot of air contamination above Airports from Fuel, oils etc and this will affect us all.

Fog and Floods are another obstacle to operating an airport and both are prevalent on this site

Parking: This is an area of concern as the area in the Quay gets utilised for more buildings. Pohe Island has been referred as an alternative area, but it is too far away for those wanting to support the Quay developments.

Playgrounds: The new upgraded Playground seem to have a fixation on Fitness and Fun areas are left out, because of this.

Rural access Roads: Introduce one lane sealing as is done in large areas of Australia, and would restrain those who at present practice their sliding skills on them.

From: Whangarei District Council
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Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - N J (Jock) Finlayson - 2021-LTP-SUB-116

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Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard at the hearing?	No
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Your feedback:

Key issue - How will we pay for what we need - Rates Options (see page 17)	OPTION 2: Limit the rates increase to LGCI plus 2% only in years one to three
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Why?	<p>Due to unexpected events, ie; Covid 19, weather, Floods, Tsunamis etc caused by nature, there is a need to be more prudent with expenditure on future plans.</p> <p>There should not be a reliance on increasing rates to fund these as Ratepayers are unable to increase their incomes to accommodate some of the options that are listed in this plan</p>
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Key issue - Spaces for gathering (see page 24)	OPTION 3: Build a Whangarei District Council-owned theatre on the current Forum North site.
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Why?	<p>Putting all entertainment etc in one area that is susceptible to Rising tidal levels, is not good planning and they are not a necessity.</p> <p>Future populations can raise funds for themselves.</p> <p>As in life, we would all like everything at once, but more effort should go into raising the capital required before starting these projects.</p>
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Key issue - Climate	OPTION 1: Put \$3.7m of new funding towards climate change
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change and sustainability (see page 28)	mitigation and adaptation and waste minimisation.
Why?	This should be sufficient to meet the requirements of this as we are not Major contributors to Climate Change, compared to Industrial nations.

Key issue - Revitalising our city centre (see page 32)	OPTION 3: No additional funding for the city centre.
Why?	<p>Since the first stage of the improvements to the Cameron Street Mall, we have seen another upgrade to it and little evidence of improved income for the retailers, less people utilising the area and lack of car parks.</p> <p>Today's shoppers expect to drive to the shops and park as close as possible.</p> <p>If the proposed improvements to James & John Street were made, this would result in less parking and increase the problems of traffic flow, especially during natural disaster's such as was shown during the latest Tsunami emergency evacuation.</p>

Tell us what you think - any further comments on key issues or other points raised in the Consultation document:

There has been very poor communication, regarding the use of Council Funds to purchase land and buildings in the Ruatagata area, for the proposed new Airport site.

Mention has been made that two proposed area's are still in contention, but as no funding has been committed the the other option, it appears that the one surrounded by Three Mile Bush, Pipiwai and Kokopu roads is the most likely one.

Also although it was announced that \$7.000,000.00 was spent on the dairy farm I am aware of up to Four other properties have been bought and that at present the actual amount is in

the late Teens of million dollars, according to mr Simon Weston of the WDC.

Also in your publicity booklet, mention is made of the input to many council plans has been allowed by the Te Karearea Strategic Partnership, by their Hapu and Iwi.

Therefor the seems no need for a Ward as they have already got the opportunity to influence Council's decisions.

From: Whangarei District Council
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Subject: Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Margaret Jan Fisher - 2021-LTP-SUB-226

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Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Margaret Jan Fisher - 2021-LTP-SUB-226

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Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard	Yes
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at the hearing?	
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Your feedback:

Key issue - How will we pay for what we need - Rates Options (see page 17)	OPTION 1: Rates increase in year one (2021) of 2% + 2.5% Local Government Cost Index (LGCI) + 2% 'catch up'. Rates increase in years two and three (2022-23) of 2% + 2.5% LGCI.
Why?	The Reasons for option 1 are outlined in the consultation document and I agree with them; Whangarei is a growing city and if we want to live in a vibrant city and deliver projects which will make Whangarei an even better place to live, work and play then that is well worth having to pay a little extra in rates

Key issue - Spaces for gathering (see page 24)	OPTION 2: Put budget towards only ONE of the following: Oruku Landing Conference and Events Centre, Hīhīāua Cultural Centre, and existing facilities at Forum North.
Why?	I am of the strong opinion that, at the present time, we do NOT need to invest in Oruku Landing Conference and Events Centre. The point made in the consultation document is well worth considering...' we need to be careful not to invest in too many venues too quickly for a District of our size.' We already have the first stage of the beautiful Hihiaua Cultural Centre; funds could be put into this centre so that the further planned stages of this centre can be built and used by all the residents of Whangarei.

Key issue - Climate change and sustainability (see page 28)	OPTION 2: Put \$7.4m of new funding towards climate change mitigation and adaptation and waste minimisation.
Why?	'2021 has been described by the UN Secretary-General as a 'red alert for our planet' and is a "make or break year". By 2030 we need emissions to be 23.5% lower than our emissions were in 2010' (NZ Listener March 13-19 2021) Also the Whangarei District Council is correct in saying that 'we recognise urgent action is required at all levels of government to respond to climate change and reduce the risk of further harm, firstly by reducing emissions' Therefore we need to put as much money as possible into reducing emissions and improving community awareness on waste minimisation. The more money we can put into this the more we can improve our systems and better educate our population.

Key issue - Revitalising our city centre (see page 32)	OPTION 1: Spend \$13m to make improvements to James and John St.
Why?	City core precinct plan is on the right track.

Tell us what you think - any further comments on key issues or other points raised in the Consultation document:

The improvements which the WDC has made in recent years e.g. the Hatea Loop and the Cycleways have helped improve the lifestyle of Whangarei inhabitants and I would like to thank you for your vision and work on these fabulous additions to our city. Projects which improve the lives of our own citizens should be the focus for our next 30 years. Instead of building another Events Centre (we already have the Okara Stadium) fund what is unique to Whangarei i.e. the Hihiaua Cultural Centre

From: Whangarei District Council
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To: Mail Room
Subject: Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Tara-Lee Fisher - 2021-LTP-SUB-95

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Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Tara-Lee Fisher - 2021-LTP-SUB-95

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Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard	No
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at the hearing?	
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Your feedback:

Key issue - How will we pay for what we need - Rates Options (see page 17)	OPTION 2: Limit the rates increase to LGCI plus 2% only in years one to three
Why?	Because how do you justify what you already spend the money on

Key issue - Spaces for gathering (see page 24)	OPTION 2: Put budget towards only ONE of the following: Oruku Landing Conference and Events Centre, Hīhīāua Cultural Centre, and existing facilities at Forum North.
Why?	Because everybody in council knows hihiaua got their stuff across the line first and they have waited for too long with this grandiose, overpriced memorial to selves and hundterwasser. It's ridiculous that our people have been waiting since the 1800s for compensation of theft of their land. If you really want to help the youth in the north, give hihiaua this space to let young maori BE maori.

Key issue - Climate change and sustainability (see page 28)	OPTION 1: Put \$3.7m of new funding towards climate change mitigation and adaptation and waste minimisation.
Why?	You have to ease people into change over time. People deserve to be a part of that change and that takes time.

Key issue - Revitalising	OPTION 3: No additional funding for the city centre.
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our city centre (see page 32)	
Why?	Because beautification won't help ease flooding, will it...

Tell us what you think - any further comments on key issues or other points raised in the Consultation document:

HOW do you propose to spend the money in these areas? On WHAT - EXACTLY? no use having public spaces which nobody wants to use. How about extra money spent on resources for emptying existing bins or upgrading drainage? Asphaltting around the manhole covers which huge empty trucks and trailers rumble over noisily on densely populated heavy haulage routes? Spend money on the kids...keep them busy and away from drugs. Easier to keep them off it than it is to fight drugs. Think about the people included in the future.

From: Whangarei District Council
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Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Emma Fleet - 2021-LTP-SUB-359

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Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard	No
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Your feedback:

Key issue - How will we pay for what we need - Rates Options (see page 17)	OPTION 1: Rates increase in year one (2021) of 2% + 2.5% Local Government Cost Index (LGCI) + 2% 'catch up'. Rates increase in years two and three (2022-23) of 2% + 2.5% LGCI.
Why?	

Key issue - Spaces for gathering (see page 24)	OPTION 3: Build a Whangarei District Council-owned theatre on the current Forum North site.
Why?	

Key issue - Climate change and sustainability (see page 28)	OPTION 2: Put \$7.4m of new funding towards climate change mitigation and adaptation and waste minimisation.
Why?	Absolutely dumbfounded at how little is being put aside for climate change and sustainability. The speaker justified that figure with an explanation that funds would be allocated in the other sectors but couldn't put a number on it. Council could be subsidizing organic recycling schemes i.e bokashi bins and compost bins for households and educating public on waste management and reduction.

Key issue - Revitalising our city centre (see page 32)	OPTION 1: Spend \$13m to make improvements to James and John St.
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Why?	Regeneration of the city centre is a valuable investment, creating outdoor spaces for dining and greenscaping the city is a win win. Having lived in Queenstown for 10 years seen just how lively the outside dining spaces can be, something I personally found that detracted from that outdoor experience was large quantities of temporary stalls/carts down on the waterfront that the council licensed for a fee. My initial observations on driving round the city was the need for greenscaping, there are some great plans- the more greenery the better, creating shade and ambiance.
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Tell us what you think - any further comments on key issues or other points raised in the Consultation document:

Dear WDC,

I'm writing to put forward a recommendation for the allocation of funds in the LTP to provide a custom built theatre in Whangarei and advocate for the Forum North Trusts proposal of building at the current Forum North site.

There's an opportunity to elevate the performance Arts scene within the city, there's clearly a passion and appreciation for it. The Hundertwasser building, The Quarry Arts Centre, the debut of the Whangarei Fringe Festival, the local theatre, orchestra and musical groups are all evidence of this and yet something is missing. We have an opportunity to right that and add another string to the bow.

Logistically the proposed location is an advantage, existing car parking and the Kamo shared path all allow for visitor access. Bringing fresh energy and upgrading an existing building rather than building a new site seems sensible and environmentally responsible. Alongside the library, the music centre, The Shutter Room and the existing Captaine Bougainville Theatre adding the proposed theatre to the area gives an opportunity to build on and focus the creative classical arts hub within the city.

With the expected increase of population in Whangarei the addition of a purpose-built theatre could attract a greater range of talent and showcase a wider scope of the Arts to a wider audience. Variety it is said, is the spice of life.

Historically the first custom built theatre in New Zealand was Wellington's Royal Victoria in 1843 and with the founding stone laid and it was said "A Theatre [was] a necessary concomitant of an advanced state of civilization."

I choose to interpret that as theatre is integral and necessary within Society. It's ability to entertain, provoke thought, challenge perception and inspire is truly something of great value.

Please watch the following 3 minute clip with Dame Kiri Te Kanawa
<https://youtu.be/km9QTspMwi4>

Young people deserve great inspiring spaces to develop a sense of self, freedom of expression, belonging and confidence all of which are fostered and nurtured in theatre. Now more than ever with the continued rise of social media in our lives, performance brings people together to be seen. Young people need a place to practice being seen, especially those who face some of the biggest challenges of acceptance and discrimination within our society. That sense of inclusion it has such profound value, it can save lives.

The young people who aspire to perform on those platforms deserve every inch of recognition, support and opportunity just as much as our young athletes and sports people.

Dame Kiri Te Kanawa put it beautifully "Not everyone can be a footballer, or a race car driver, there's got to be room for entertainment."

Thank you for your consideration,
Yours Sincerely

E.Fleet

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NGĀ WĀHI HEI HUIHUINGA : SPACES FOR GATHERING

Council has a duty to act in the best interests of ratepayers. In this role local government must consider environmental, social and financial issues in their decision-making around investments and development. Council must recognise that applying all these principles will better align with the community outcomes stated (p7, *LTP 2021-31 Consultation Document*).

“Ngā Wāhi Hei Huihuinga/Spaces for Gathering

We invest in community facilities that bring us together, celebrate our arts, culture and heritage, and attract performers and events to our District.” (p24)

The next paragraph goes on to identify some advantages of investment in public spaces, specifically employment and event opportunities.

There are more wide-reaching social benefits; it's the 'publicness' of these public spaces that makes them valuable. Non-commercial sites in the central city give people access to resources, regardless of their financial situation or social standing. Everyone can be a participant and take part in public life, due to the non-commercial focus.

Key to revitalising the Whangarei City Centre is to provide public meeting places, access points for various social services and extended café zones. This has been admirably achieved with the Whangarei District Library, and I'm hopeful that the new Civic building will likewise “provide a welcoming, inclusive and easily accessible experience” for Whangarei residents and visitors alike.

So too should any investment in arts, culture and heritage. In February 2020 I attended a public meeting held at Forum North to view new visionary plans for the Forum North cultural hub. These plans were truly impressive and costed out at \$35million, fully

quantity surveyed by Shand Shelton Architects, a firm of architects, project managers and theatre specialists who are widely regarded and have extensive experience in entertainment venue design construction.

I was surprised to read the LTP 2021-31 set the cost at \$55million, and surmise this was an error. Which of course makes me question the whole document, what other errors are included as fact?

At a recent community consultation meeting, someone asked who currently owned the land at 44 Riverside Drive. Neither the councillors nor the council staff present knew, only that the Northland Development Corporation, a private enterprise, was 'in the process of purchasing it.' What else is not known about this proposal? Am I right in assuming that Council would need to buy the land if this ill-thought-out project were to go ahead? At what cost?

It's not the Council's job to go chasing after promised pots of gold at the end of private business rainbows. Furthermore, those promised pots of gold are nonetheless public monies which should not be used to line the pockets of a few sleight-of-hand realtors and developers.

Upcoming changes to the RMA will require district councils to plan for removal from coastline and river flood zones. This especially does not appear to have been factored into council thinking. Council has included "Climate Change and Sustainability" as one small part of the LTP, whereas any self-respecting council staff should already be working to ensure climate change and sustainability factors underpin every aspect of long term planning. With the declaration of a climate emergency, WDC now needs to walk the talk, ensure the move is more than just symbolic.

What Whangarei District needs is a vibrant meeting place right in the city centre, not an add-on to somebody else's business project on the wrong side of the river, within a designated flood-risk zone. The

introduction of private interests into the proposed convention centre reframes that space as a financial liability rather than a collective asset to be maintained; and the democratic processes that dictate how that space is used are lost. Will schools have open access? Will the space be available for social gatherings en masse, as now happens so wonderfully at the Hihiaua Cultural Centre? Within that limited Riverside space, hemmed in by a busy road, how might that possibly be achieved?

As the main city in Te Tai Tokerau, our collective rights over social hubs are particularly important for us to hold onto. Any publicly owned and managed cultural centre should be built and maintained as a public asset, providing a space for all Whangarei residents to be part of the city fabric, regardless of their resources.

In the wake of COVID-19, we've realised we need spaces that combat social isolation and are inclusive to all. That's the priority. And on that basis I cannot support allocating any budget to the Oruku Landing proposal.

I am fully in support of substantial investment into the Hihiaua Cultural Centre and the visionary redevelopment of Forum North, inclusive of a full lyric theatre.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Annemarie Florian". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

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WHY?

25th March 2021

Feedback to Long Term Annual Plan 2021

Dear Mayor and councillors,

You will be aware that the Government is set to move decision making on fluoridation solely to the Director General of Health.

However, considering:

- the growing research being carried out in fluoridated countries showing harm to health, including research showing beyond reasonable scientific doubt that it causes IQ loss as much or greater than leaded petrol was before we banned it
- the increased pressures on council finances
- the fact that a large section of the community, probably the majority, does not want fluoridation chemicals added to their water
- the fact that the NZ Supreme Court has ruled that fluoridation is compulsory medical treatment, invoking s11 of the NZ Bill of Rights Act 1990, and came to no majority view on whether it was justifiable under s5 of that Act
- it was clear from the first reading of the Bill (and from statements since) that the “decision” has already been predetermined by Government policy, and this is “mandatory fluoridation by the back door”

We propose that Council carry out a survey to find out exactly what the residents would like. It is the responsibility of the councillors, who have been voted in and are paid to represent and protect the community, to stand up to the Government and demand that they retain the right to decide what goes into their community’s water. This was what the Royal Commission of Inquiry clearly concluded in 1956/57.

We also recommend that your Council consider whether it would be open to joining a class action lawsuit against the inevitable “decision”. We consider there will be several grounds for judicial review of the inevitable decision.

As of February 2021 there are a total of 68 studies have found that elevated fluoride exposure is associated with reduced IQ in human which you can find here <http://fluoridealert.org/studies/brain01/>

Here are short summaries of just a few of the studies on neurotoxicity:

2006: The National Research Council published Fluoride in Drinking Water,¹ the most authoritative review of fluoride’s toxicity. It stated unequivocally that “fluorides have the ability to interfere with the functions of the brain and the body.”

2012: A Harvard-funded meta-analysis² found that children ingesting higher levels of fluoride tested an average 7 IQ points lower in 26 out of 27 studies. Most had higher fluoride concentrations than in U.S. water, but many had total exposures to fluoride no more than what millions of Americans receive. The same is true of New Zealand exposures. In fact the US level is now a maximum of 0.7ppm, whereas Hutt City levels are 0.85ppm.

2017: A National Institutes of Health (NIH) – funded study³ in Mexico covering 13 years found that every one half milligram per liter (mg/L) increase in fluoride in pregnant women’s urine – approximately the difference caused by ingestion of fluoridated water⁴ – was associated with a reduction of their children’s IQ by about 3 points. Leonardo Trasande, a leading physician unaffiliated with the study, said it “raises serious concerns about fluoride supplementation in water.”⁵

2018: A Canadian study⁶ found iodine-deficient adults (nearly 18% of the population) with higher fluoride levels had a greater risk of hypothyroidism (known to be linked to lower IQs). Author Ashley Malin said “I have grave concerns about the health effects of fluoride exposure.”⁷

2019: Another NIH-funded study⁸ published in *Journal of the American Medical Association Pediatrics* found every 1 mg/L increase in fluoride in Canadian pregnant women’s urine was linked to a 4.5 decrease in IQ in their male children. The physician editor of *JAMA Pediatrics* said “I would not have my wife drink fluoridated water”⁹ if she was pregnant.

2019: A Canadian study¹⁰ found a nearly 300% higher risk of ADHD for children living in fluoridated areas. This reinforced earlier study linking fluoride to ADHD in Mexico (2018)¹¹ and the U.S. (2015).¹²

2019: A systematic review of 149 human studies and 339 animal studies by the U.S. National Toxicology Program¹³ concluded that “fluoride is presumed to be a cognitive neurodevelopmental hazard to humans.” The report is still in draft form, but NTP has also said there is little chance they will change their finding.

2020: Another NIH-funded study¹⁴ in Canada found that for babies fed formula mixed with fluoridated water, every additional 0.5 mg/litre fluoride reduced their IQ by 4.4 points. In NZ, where we typically fluoridate at 0.85 ppm and natural levels are very low, this represents a 7 IQ point loss (Half a Standard Deviation, which is significant),.. Losses of non-verbal IQ were even more serious, an average of 9 points.

More research, one a whole host of various adverse health effects can be found on our website under the Science tab. <https://fluoridefree.org.nz/>

And information about dental studies and the successful Scottish CHILDSMILE programme can be found under the Dental Health tab.

Please take the time to become fully informed on this most important issue.

We would like to speak to our submission if possible.

Regards

Mary Byrne

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Do you wish to be heard at the hearing?	No
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Your feedback:

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Why?	I think it's really important to have larger, better conference facilities - attract and able to accomodate the many groups who find it difficult to hold gatherings in whg.

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Why?	
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o I'd like WDC to provide funding and support/expertise to help us establish a cycleway/shared path in Maungatāpere. We have almost nowhere for people to walk for recreation, and cannot use the main roads because they are all now state highways with endless logging trucks. Our nearest park is Barge Park. We need something here. There are several paper roads within the area that could be suitable for a cycleway, and perhaps also access for horse-riders, dog-walkers and other leisure users. There is one between Clendon Drive and SH14, another off Pukeatua Rd, and perhaps a walkway to join up Corsair Drive and Clendon Drive. The Community-Led Project team have put aside \$45,000 for a feasibility study for the Clendon Drive/Corsair Drive option, since a very kind landowner is willing to donate land, but they'd need more funding to cover the costs of establishing the walkway.

o I want the council to start insisting that all subdivisions donate some land for public use. Otherwise we will end up with a lot of places like Maungatāpere that keep expanding but have no land for playgrounds, public toilets etc. Other councils around NZ insist on this; ours currently just requests politely, so it doesn't happen – for example the subdivision in Corsair Drive where the bush is no longer accessible to the general public -only to residents of the new subdivision.

o I'd like WDC to help identify a possible route and funding source for a cycleway access between Maungatāpere and Whangārei.

o I'd like WDC to look at establishing a horse-riding trail on the council land at the end of Pukeatua Rd.

o I'd like WDC to look at establishing a mountain bike trail on the council land at the end of Pukeatua Rd.

o I'd like WDC to look at establishing walking trails on Maungatāpere Mountain, in consultation with local iwi.

Our comments to-date should be considered as continuance of previous advise and comments made at the Ruatangata Community Hall and with WDC Planning in 2018 (Tony Horton : which developed into a request for quote (accepted) and a contract offered at that time (promised) : the quotation will need modification).

From former experience elsewhere Rates are proportionate to values : of both residential and commercial property. So it is a of great interest to myself and our profession that this response is seen as the beginning of THE RIGHT STEP to provide benefit to all with the "tools" that will generate proportional income and values to all

Thus at this specific time with substantial investment by WDC and others in HUNDERTWASSER, and its inter-connection with the CITY CENTER (Cameron Street specifically (with others). Such as John Street with a two lane traffic and the obvious drawback of FOOD to enhance and flourish it.

It requires specific professional design to enable visual connection and wayfinding tools. The type of Wayfinding we recommended was bi-language (Maori / English) : which not only provides sincere connection between both colours but also and sells our image offshore even further. *The Wayfinding with its obvious linkages will provide its own costs that ALL good retailers will agree to and make use of and consequently consistently pay for.*

For the FOOD as well as NEW RETAILERS we strongly recommended STREET FOOD (under cover and a dedicated space from which RENTALS & RATES are drawn *(Again a cost reimbursed by Tenants)*. RESPONSE © 27-03-2021 JOHNBOREMAN



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The former yearly Rates Income appears insufficient to provide the essential KICK START that is needed to move our normally LOW Rateable Values upwards especially after the COVID-19 impact which exaggerated created Business Depression.

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WHY?

OPTION 1 : requires AMMENDMENT: Not to provide dribbles across All three Spaces (especially only for “gathering”) But to create an emphasis on ONE.
That ONE being The Hihiaua : which through its location would provide a logical outcome for the essential reason of the needs of lifestyle and with Landing Wharfs closer to the City Centre for Cruise Ships visitors?
Hihiaua together with Oruku Landing will provide the next step in Whangarei’s growth management and will benefit ALL in a shorter time frame.
The OUTCOME NEEDED is to provide for FUTURE GROWTH as opposed to gathering spaces (which can come later, and be overall better) Cash flow from the Wharf’s Cruise Ships and the popularity of Hundertwasser’s flow will initiate and merge with CITY centre growth, all fired by Retail : Hospitality & acceptance.

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OPTION 1

Agree with \$3.7m with a tweak upwards to ensure completion of some works as the other tasks will self-develop from a larger purse once the City Centre provides OVERALL GROWTH from Rates increases over the user period that will naturally follow after. See my private notes after these questions.

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These jointed OPTIONS are chosen as we do not believe the golden bullet is served by either one.
There is an obvious need to provide Cruise Ship landing stations as close as possible to HUNDERTWASSER which in turn requires a tourist link for food and a visual shopping experience as far as Cameron Street. Thus John Street stands out as the only Visual solution with other streets similarly requiring Retailers uplift towards TOMORROW’S shopping experiences.

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Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard	No
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Your feedback:

Key issue - How will we pay for what we need - Rates Options (see page 17)	
Why?	<p>I would like to have a say:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Tree Policies Review b. Air Pollution (Dust) c. Clean up Abandoned Mercury Mine d. No TOXIC Mining in Puhipuhi Whakapara Northland e. Fresh Water - Protect and Conserve f. Protect our Wetlands and Mangroves

Key issue - Spaces for gathering (see page 24)	
Why?	

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Protect our environment for future generations.

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK – ANY FURTHER COMMENTS ON THE KEY ISSUES OR OTHER POINTS
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Boat Ramp

The One Tree Point Boat ramp is in desperate need of finishing or a new Ramp built. There are serious Health and Safety issues while launching and retrieving boats as this ramp has a very slippery area and at least 3 people I know of have had falls and loss of consciousness and had to be hospitalised.

A rock groyne not wooden, needs to be put in place on the North side as a surge protector a place for Native birds and oysters, this groyne would stop the surge coming from the big bay from Takahiwai and protect the ramp in all weathers for a safe ramp for people to launch and disembark from boats.

The peoples of Bream Bay are fed up with this ramp. I started the OTP Boat Ramp Upgrade Committee in 1999 following on from many Committees set up over the years for a good ramp. We the Peoples of Bream Bay are still waiting!!

Ruakaka has been put aside for years as it not central Whangarei and as hard as it is to hear Ruakaka is still classed as Rural even in Emergency Services.

Cycle ways what is the percentage of people who require- very small compared with the population. Where would the cycle ways go as roads are narrow and in very poor condition with pot holes on sides and the camber of the roads are designed for water run off

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Yes



No

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KEY ISSUE – HOW WILL WE PAY FOR WHAT WE NEED – RATES OPTIONS (SEE PAGE 17)

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WHY?

The Rates do not need to go up as the housing developments in One Tree Point, Waipu and Whangarei will be substantial rate dollars for next Long Term Plan in 3 years. Also people are still struggling after Covid – People are not getting anything on their hard worked money they have invested in term Deposits.

A lot of people have been unable to work due to restrictions due to Covid, in Lockdown and this will take some people a while to recover. Having difficulty meeting their Mortgage obligations.

Also due to Covid a lot of businesses in Ruakaka for eg Stevedoring and Refinery have dismissed a lot of workers as the export of timber and fuel has decreased

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WHY?

Our growing Whangarei and district needs an entertainment Art facility- Our National Ballet Company can't perform in Whangarei due to the small theatre we have now. Our Mayor commented that Whangarei will have a population nearing 100,000, this population deserves a well-equipped entertainment arena.

Why not include the same roof area for a bigger WDC building- Why build over the river in a flood plain area? That seems to me ridiculous as it will flood with global warming. Why not think ahead for the next 50 years not 10?

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WHY?

There is a requirement for people who have "vision" to implement sound ideas for Whangarei District for climate change, If we have to pay the people who have these sound ideas I would support \$7.4m. Up to now I have not seen any Vision in WDC councillors or Mayor for the future of the District. You only have to look at roading infrastructure and the complete lack of facilities in Ruakaka.

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WHY?

- Whangarei city streets are not as busy as used to be when parking was \$1 an hour. Two dollars now
- WDC are penalising residents to come into town. Its changed my visits as have to consider the adage of parking cost to movies (which I used to go to regularly) now don't and don't visit shops to purchase goods- I hardly go into Whangarei. No wonder Cine Centre losing money and staff having to pay \$90 a week for parking.

- Beautifying Cameron Street and roads off which was done not that long ago with tree removal and canopy installed has not increased more people into this area, and doing more work in the central part of town will not incur more to visit. At night there are serious safety issues in Whangarei- I certainly would not want to be in town walking from a restaurant on my own.

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HAVE YOUR SAY KŌREROTIA!

This Consultation Document outlines what we are proposing for the next 10 years.

We want you to tell us what you think of this Plan, the options we have outlined, and what we are proposing. We are also consulting on changes to our fees and charges and various policies. All of the supporting documents are available on our website. If you do not have access to the internet or would prefer a hard copy, please call us to request them.

CONCURRENT CONSULTATIONS

Alongside this Consultation Document we are also consulting on our:

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- Development Contributions Policy
- Fees and Charges 2021-22

Consultation on these policies and fees and charges will be publicly notified on Council's website. People interested in the proposals will be able to present their views during a formal submission period from 1 March to 1 April 2021. This will be followed by formal hearings where any submitter may choose to speak to their submission.

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How to make your feedback as effective as possible

- Use the feedback form and attach extra information, if required. This means we have all the information we need to process your feedback.
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WHY?

See submission

Please can this be heard alongside the submission by Cherry Hannon on behalf of the Forum North Trust? I believe the time is in the 9.30-10 slot on Tues 13th.
Many thanks.

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WHY?

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK – ANY FURTHER COMMENTS ON THE KEY ISSUES OR OTHER POINTS RAISED IN THE CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

Submission for WDC for Lyric Theatre

I directed the first Musical presented in The Capitaine Bougainville Theatre in June 1982. Over the last 40 years I have been lucky enough to do more Productions on that stage than anyone else including, Les Misérables, Cats, Miss Saigon, and Mamma Mia.

A Lyric Theatre has an auditorium with the seating on several layers, so that people are seated as close to the stage as possible to see the actor's facial expressions. Also, the shape of the auditorium enhances the voices, as well as the orchestra, which is placed in a pit below the stage. The Bougainville is an intimate Lyric Theatre.

A Fly tower is an area above the stage that is slightly over the same height again as the stage opening that enables Scenery, Curtains, Lighting, Sound gear etc. to be stored above the stage during a performance. It is also quick to install and remove equipment for Shows plus it gives the option of scenery to be lowered and raised safely throughout a performance. It is a fundamental Theatrical devise as widely used today as it was 150 years ago.

The reason the Bougainville Theatre has not got a Fly Tower is because it was designed for more intimate productions. A fly tower was planned for the bigger Lyric Theatre to replace the old Town Hall that seated 800. This was to be built where the new Library is now situated.

In last 40 years, local and outside technicians, have struggled to hang scenery for bigger productions without a fly tower at the Bougainville. At times this has been achieved by dangerous and expensive means. With the current and upcoming ACC laws getting tougher, hanging stage equipment of any sort without a certified fly tower above performers on a stage, will either become illegal or very costly.

In New Zealand whenever a new Musical is released to amateur groups, the large Musical Theatre Societies in the country pool their money together and get designers to create scenery to rival the original productions. Over time these sets travel to all the major and provincial centres in New Zealand for their local Theatre Groups to use. Because Whangarei does not have a Fly Tower, our local performers and audiences are now being denied the opportunity to use or see these spectacular productions. We now must make do with visually inferior versions of these popular shows. This is now impacting on our audience attendance, as well as many Actors and the rest of us Theatre people, who are now reluctant to partake in these less than satisfactory Productions of popular Musicals. I had planned to revive a production of Les Misérables in the Bougainville next year, using a similar set we used 20 years ago. This has now had to be cancelled due to us having no Fly Tower. The current ACC laws is making the hirers of the set nervous of letting us use it now.

The following list will inform you of how far behind Whangarei is now lagging in not having a Fly tower.

Invercargill, Oamaru, Queenstown, Blenheim, Nelson, New Plymouth, Palmerston North, Rotorua, Gisborne, Napier, Hastings, Tauranga, Hamilton, and even Kerikeri. This list does not include all Centres,

or our 4 major cities. There are even some of the more affluent Schools now who are fortunate enough to have theatres with a fly tower.

I repeat a statement that I said at a presentation a group of us gave to the Council in June 2019. "A Theatre can be used as a Conference Centre, however a Conference Centre cannot be used as a Theatre." These are the reasons: - A Conference Centre has no proscenium Arch in front of the stage, no fly tower, no sprung floor for dancers, no orchestra pit, insufficient stage, backstage and set loading areas. There is also fewer Dressing Rooms, as well as severely reduced Lighting and Sound facilities. Finally, there is limited intimate seating, and a totally different requirement for acoustics.

Build the Conference Centre if your wisdom thinks it sensible, but please leave the large Lyric Theatre with a full-sized Stage and Fly Tower on the Long-Term Plan to build when you vacate Forum North.

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Sent: 31 Mar 2021 09:25:08 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Alex Smits - 2021-LTP-SUB-382

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Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard	Yes
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Your feedback:

Key issue - How will we pay for what we need - Rates Options (see page 17)	OPTION 2: Limit the rates increase to LGCI plus 2% only in years one to three
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Why?	Many of our rural community currently struggle with the amount of rates to pay. The council needs to be mindful of an increase of 4.5% pa - this would add significant stress to communities that can struggle as it is.
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Key issue - Spaces for gathering (see page 24)	OPTION 1: Allocate budget across three sites (Oruku Landing Conference and Events Centre, Hīhīaua Cultural Centre, and existing facilities at Forum North).
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Why?	No opinion
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Why?	Council needs to be mindful of increasing rates.
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Why?	
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Tell us what you think - any further comments on key issues or other points raised in the Consultation document:

Hikurangi as a Destination

Hikurangi is not very well signposted as a good destination to stop in to on your travels around Northland. It is also not very well marketed around the wider Whangarei area. There is minimal information about Hikurangi in the local information centres and there are no attractive signs along SH1 showing what attractions and activities are in Hikurangi for people to stop in and try. We would like Hikurangi to be better promoted by way of new upgraded signage at the North and South entrances to Hikurangi, as well as at the town end of Valley Road entering Hikurangi. We also support further information being displayed at the isite such as brochures and posters.

Family and Youth Activities

Hikurangi has limited accessible outdoor resources able to be utilized for children and families in their leisure time. With large sports grounds, a small run down skate park, and Lake Waro, there are opportunities for expansion and upgrades to make more activities available. Walking and cycling tracks are highly sought after in our community, and these could be placed in various locations such as the rugby grounds, the land near the lake, or alongside the railway line. The skatepark could be upgraded to be larger and use surrounding land to include a bmx track. Lake Waro is extremely popular especially in the summer months, but it lacks shade and a variety of areas for multiple families to enjoy family activities in their own space.

Hikurangi Sports Grounds

The local rugby club boasts some large fields which are largely unused outside of rugby training and game days. With the land available it is possible to add a variety of other sports assets to the grounds to support more sports being available in Hikurangi. With the bowling club and the multisports and tennis club right next door, it would be beneficial to upgrade the clubrooms to be more of a "sports hub" that can expand to include sports such as soccer, cricket, and even indoor sports like gymnastics. Often for anyone in our district wanting to play these sports, they are required to travel up to an hour to reach their local

club. In some family instances it is not possible for this travel to take place, nor is it reasonable for the children to experience such long travel times which often result in late nights getting home.

Gomez Park

The WDC owns a large block of land on Gomez Road which has previously been identified as a potential development site for “Gomez Park”, a sought after outdoor recreational facility. With the possibility to bring some dying sports back to life by providing much sort after event grounds, sports such as archery and mountain biking will have a chance at keeping their clubs alive within our district. The “trail track” will provide much needed funding to local community groups if they are able to host a horse trek, mountain bike ride, fun run/walk, or trail bike ride up to once per month. The benefits of developing this land far outweighs the cons and this project has already been on council development plans in the past, so half the work has already been done.

Climate Change and Sustainability

If WDC is committed to this proposal in their LTP:

a) Look at the Hikurangi Swamp as a source of carbon sequestration (meaning it locks up/holds carbon when wet). Our swamp was once the largest in NZ before it was drained. Wetlands once drained lose their peat and then the carbon which was locked up in them, dissipates into the atmosphere, contributing to greenhouse warming. It has become apparent that wetlands are more effective at carbon sequestration than forests are. “According to a 2018 research by Manaaki Whenua Landcare Research on carbon sequestration potential of non-emissions trading scheme land on farms, states that peatlands ...store more carbon per unit area than any other land type.

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Hearing:

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Why?	<p>A dispensation was given last year because of Covid, and although we are very much still feeling the impact of the worldwide virus, WDC needs to be able to set a budget and for the community to keep moving forward it needs to make up for last years discount. It is best to do this in the first year of the cycle, then reduce it to 4.5% for the remaining years.</p> <p>There are things to do and we need the money to do it, and in the end the community pays for any borrowed funds anyway.</p>

Key issue - Spaces for gathering (see page 24)	OPTION 2: Put budget towards only ONE of the following: Oruku Landing Conference and Events Centre, Hīhītaua Cultural Centre, and existing facilities at Forum North.
Why?	<p>Definitely NOT Oruku Landing.</p> <p>The WDC should not invest in, on behalf of the community, a facility that is not large enough to be anymore effective than existing facilities therefore not fit for purpose, with restricted use. It is in a high risk flood and tsunami zone, and in an position where parking is restricted. Nor to my knowledge has the WDC or community contributed to the design with the project having been originally planned as a mainly private investment. If the WDC commits to this it is therefore taking on the building, future maintenance and management of</p>

	<p>something that they and the community have limited input into. This includes commitment to any cost overruns on the project. WDC investment in this project would not be ethical. Just because someone offers \$60million to do something does not mean it is the right thing to do.</p> <p>If I have to choose ONE I would pick Hihiaua as our community really needs what they have and continue to build there. They have cultural relevance, capability, ethics, proven financial management and goals . They work hard on engagement with the whole of community while staying true to their kaupapa. What they do and how they do it is nurturing the community. Also tourism is now focused on the reality, hands-on experience which is what they can offer. Although the site is a flood zone with global warming to be taken into account there is room for large events there without excessive financial investment.</p> <p>Future alternative planning, including moving, made necessary by climate changes will be far easier with the Hihiaua model of facility.</p> <p>I would rather there was an option for 2.</p> <p>My choice would be Hihiaua and Forum North. I would like to know what is the alternate plan for Forum North? There must be a plan for its maintenance and use before redevelopment in year 6 and 8 of the plan?</p> <p>The ultimate for this city and area would be to roof the stadium to create an all year/all weather facility where we could host thousands of people. This would attract big event staging companies, music acts, outdoor movies, conferences, more international sports fixtures, etc. This then would feed the</p>
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	accommodation and hospitality sector, retail, etc and drive more growth.
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Key issue - Climate change and sustainability (see page 28)	OPTION 2: Put \$7.4m of new funding towards climate change mitigation and adaptation and waste minimisation.
Why?	<p>Without this management there is little point in doing much else as mankind will lose any control over the environmental issues they have created.</p> <p>But \$7.4 million over 10 years is not enough, so what we do spend needs to be on real actions. We are surrounded everywhere by education re climate change. So WDC need to spend the money on actions, making these things available and accessible to community, and notifying community of their existence and how to access them.</p>

Key issue - Revitalising our city centre (see page 32)	OPTION 1: Spend \$13m to make improvements to James and John St.
Why?	<p>There are higher priorities and although there should be improvements made to connect the part of the city that is not flourishing to the part that is \$13m is too much to spend on this. Private investment should go into developing inner city living, and I do not believe there needs to be huge WDC investment to make this happen.</p>

Tell us what you think - any further comments on key issues or other points raised in the Consultation document:

While in support of the infrastructure projects listed I personally do not support a new sportshub. However community sports fields where they do not exist and there is a clear indication of community benefit, or maintenance of existing core community fields/courts are a positive investment.

I strongly support the development of a new airport ASAP. Covid lockdowns have proven Tai Tokerau Northland's vulnerability to whatever is going on in Auckland. If access is not available through Auckland our rohe becomes an isolated island with negative consequences to all our industries, especially the tourism and hospitality sector. With a better airport we can pitch for direct flights from Wellington, Tauranga, Hamilton, etc. This opens up many new markets, both domestic and international, for us. Recreational travel likes everything to be as direct and easy as possible. It also enhances our business sector, and must make life so much easier for our government representatives.

I would like to see higher investment in affordable pensioner housing. The entire country, including Northland, has an aging population.

Lastly, but very importantly, there is no direct reference in this LTP to Arts, Culture and Heritage? This seems at odds to WDC's adopted Arts, Culture and Heritage Strategy. Heritage is who we are, Culture is how we live who we are, and Art is how we reflect and express the core of who we are and nurture ourselves, each other and our communities, especially when times are tough. Arts, Culture and Heritage is essential to the wellbeing of any community.

How is this accounted for over the next 10 years in this LTP?

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Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard	No
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Why?	if you wish to spend money on our future, community has to accept it costs us.

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Why?	

Key issue - Climate change and sustainability (see page 28)	OPTION 2: Put \$7.4m of new funding towards climate change mitigation and adaptation and waste minimisation.
Why?	It makes economic sense to progress mitigation and adaptation.

Key issue - Revitalising our city centre (see page 32)	OPTION 3: No additional funding for the city centre.
Why?	

Tell us what you think - any further comments on key issues or other points

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Council should work with coastal communities around climate action.

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Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard at the hearing?	Yes
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Why?	Option 1 is a logical one. For Whangarei to "keep up" and achieve its objectives it needs adequate funding from the rates pool.

Key issue - Spaces for gathering (see page 24)	OPTION 1: Allocate budget across three sites (Oruku Landing Conference and Events Centre, Hīhīaua Cultural Centre, and existing facilities at Forum North).
Why?	All the proposed community asset developments and alterations are beneficial to the long term community wealth of the district. Prosper Northland Trust also supports the development of the theatre.

Key issue - Climate change and sustainability (see page 28)	OPTION 1: Put \$3.7m of new funding towards climate change mitigation and adaptation and waste minimisation.
Why?	Prosper Northland Trust believes the council should be further addressing the climate change issue and waste minimisation and supports the council in this.

Key issue - Revitalising our city centre (see page 32)	OPTION 1: Spend \$13m to make improvements to James and John St.
Why?	There is a definite lack of "linking" of the CBD to the Town Basin and the Hundertwasser Art Centre. Providing this link will better enable the CBD to capitalise on the projected increased visitor traffic the Town Basin will attract. In order to draw people to the CBD, it needs to be inviting and vibrant.

Tell us what you think - any further comments on key issues or other points raised in the Consultation document:

Prosper Northland Trust's major focus in this submission is to support the council taking on the Oruku Landing development. This development is necessary if the accompanying hotel is to be built and thus to provide the necessary supporting infrastructure for the success of the Hundertwasser Art Centre.

PNT also supports the further development of the Hihiaua facility and the development of the theatre at Forum North. All these, like the Hundertwasser Art Centre, are strategic community assets that will significantly contribute to the community wealth and well being of Whangarei

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Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Andrew Garratt - 2021-LTP-SUB-284

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Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard at the hearing?	No
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Your feedback:

Key issue - How will we pay for what we need - Rates Options (see page 17)	OPTION 1: Rates increase in year one (2021) of 2% + 2.5% Local Government Cost Index (LGCI) + 2% 'catch up'. Rates increase in years two and three (2022-23) of 2% + 2.5% LGCI.
Why?	We need rates increases to keep up with what is needed for infrastructure and community wealth.

Key issue - Spaces for gathering (see page 24)	OPTION 1: Allocate budget across three sites (Oruku Landing Conference and Events Centre, Hihiaua Cultural Centre, and existing facilities at Forum North).
Why?	<p>The Oruku Landing Events and Conference Centre is essential if the hotel is to proceed and the Hundertwasser Art Centre and the Hihiaua Cultural Centre can be as successful as they can be.</p> <p>I support the building of the WDC owned theatre as well.</p> <p>Whangarei is growing and we need these facilities to cater for the arts and cultural needs of our district</p>

Key issue - Climate change and sustainability (see page 28)	OPTION 2: Put \$7.4m of new funding towards climate change mitigation and adaptation and waste minimisation.
Why?	This is a key issue for the future of the generations ahead of us and we should be doing what we can.

Key issue - Revitalising our city centre (see page 32)	OPTION 2: Spend \$21m to make improvements to James and John St as well as either Robert St or Cameron Street.
Why?	There needs to be a strong link between the Town Basin and the CBD so that there is incentive for foot traffic go there. Anything we can do there the better.

Tell us what you think - any further comments on key issues or other points raised in the Consultation document:

I feel that the Loop Walk can eventually become a "Day Walk" particularly for outside visitors. There would be art, sports and cultural activities around the loop that would take a day to complete. As an example Aucklanders could have "mini breaks" from their home and visit Whangarei on a Friday night, stay at the new hotel (or the others), do the loop on Saturday and other activities around Whangarei on Sunday and then back to Auckland that evening. Currently there will be the Camera Obscura, the Hihiaua Centre, the HAC, the clock museum, the Town Basin, cafes, art shops, the Ball Clock etc. There could be more such facilities in the future.

Whangarei and the Loop would be marketed to Aucklanders as a place to unwind for a weekend.

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Do I wish to be heard? Yes

FEEDBACK

I am concerned that Council's general approach to managing key issues that will need to be dealt with over the next triennium of Long-Term Planning, glides too lightly over two existential threats. Where in the allocation of funding are the risk management considerations?

- Protection against Covid 19 infection through gatherings in public gathering places and facilities? The risk will continue because the virus will continue to mutate. Public behaviour is changing globally and this will affect local design issues and economics for all District public structures when borders become more open.
- Recognition that weather derivatives of global warming – extreme weather events and trends, and rising sea levels - require a thorough District wide survey of transportation vulnerabilities to flooding, fire and slips. Where is the recognition that large sections of the District population can become isolated from medical and emergency services? Is Council comfortable with the existing capacity and flexibility of public emergency infrastructure?

This is a time of uncertainty and change. The impacts of unpreparedness are not trivial. Lives are going to be continually at risk. This Council cannot make well-informed decisions on future social and transportation infrastructure at this time without better data – and high quality evaluation of that data. This not a fault, it is an inescapable fact.

This planning cycle should pause on funding earlier priorities and focus instead on a planning reset, allow time for a review of the prior assumptions about the future that underpin the existing plan; a review of changes in community cultural values about the public assets and infrastructure they will need for survival in a new environment with new and evolving risks.

The sensible decisions for Council at this point are hard;

- pause, suspend decision making on new capital projects,
- conserve funding,
- gather more science backed information and advice on public health risks,
- develop high-level strategies on how to manage the human need to socialise in groups with minimal risk
- refocus on public health service capacity in Whangarei District in an uncertain environment that is changing in form and order of magnitude very quickly.

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ATTACHED is my submission to the present consultative process.

Rod Gate

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Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - John Gerty - 2021-LTP-SUB-13

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Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard	No
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Your feedback:

Key issue - How will we pay for what we need - Rates Options (see page 17)	OPTION 1: Rates increase in year one (2021) of 2% + 2.5% Local Government Cost Index (LGCI) + 2% 'catch up'. Rates increase in years two and three (2022-23) of 2% + 2.5% LGCI.
Why?	Whangarei is improving and needs to fast track it's development and keep the impetus and the postitiivity being created.

Key issue - Spaces for gathering (see page 24)	OPTION 1: Allocate budget across three sites (Oruku Landing Conference and Events Centre, Hihihua Cultural Centre, and existing facilities at Forum North).
Why?	Oruku landing is my priority but am happy to encourage overall improvement

Key issue - Climate change and sustainability (see page 28)	OPTION 1: Put \$3.7m of new funding towards climate change mitigation and adaptation and waste minimisation.
Why?	

Key issue - Revitalising our city centre (see page 32)	OPTION 2: Spend \$21m to make improvements to James and John St as well as either Robert St or Cameron Street.
Why?	Yes, spend more if possible

Tell us what you think - any further comments on key issues or other points raised in the Consultation document:

I am a ratepayer even though I live in Auckland and I want to see continued overall improvement. I'd like the Onerahi bypass and the cycle way network expanded around the heads starting from Onerahi to Waikaraka in the near term.

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Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Julia Gladchenko - 2021-LTP-SUB-20

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Hearing:

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Your feedback:

Key issue - How will we pay for what we need - Rates Options (see page 17)	OPTION 1: Rates increase in year one (2021) of 2% + 2.5% Local Government Cost Index (LGCI) + 2% 'catch up'. Rates increase in years two and three (2022-23) of 2% + 2.5% LGCI.
Why?	

Key issue - Spaces for gathering (see page 24)	OPTION 1: Allocate budget across three sites (Oruku Landing Conference and Events Centre, Hihihua Cultural Centre, and existing facilities at Forum North).
Why?	

Key issue - Climate change and sustainability (see page 28)	
Why?	

Key issue - Revitalising our city centre (see page 32)	OPTION 1: Spend \$13m to make improvements to James and John St.
Why?	

Tell us what you think - any further comments on key issues or other points raised in the Consultation document:

Please plan connecting Hikurangi by cycle way to Kamo & decent sidewalks around Hikurangi, going towards the lake

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Hearing:

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Your feedback:

Key issue - How will we pay for what we need - Rates Options (see page 17)	OPTION 1: Rates increase in year one (2021) of 2% + 2.5% Local Government Cost Index (LGCI) + 2% 'catch up'. Rates increase in years two and three (2022-23) of 2% + 2.5% LGCI.
Why?	We are a growing district, let's put in the investment required.

Key issue - Spaces for gathering (see page 24)	OPTION 1: Allocate budget across three sites (Oruku Landing Conference and Events Centre, Hihiaua Cultural Centre, and existing facilities at Forum North).
Why?	Tautoko the submission from ONEONESIX. Community accessibility needs to be key. Work will need to be done to develop an audience and gain the trust of our community with quality and regular content from our own community and abroad.

Key issue - Climate change and sustainability (see page 28)	OPTION 2: Put \$7.4m of new funding towards climate change mitigation and adaptation and waste minimisation.
Why?	<p>This is essential. We need to do as much as we can to mitigate the effects of climate change and ensure we are doing our part to keep emissions down.</p> <p>We have to create more options for recycling and discourage the use of landfills.</p>

	Acting now will avoid further costs in future.
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Key issue - Revitalising our city centre (see page 32)	OPTION 2: Spend \$21m to make improvements to James and John St as well as either Robert St or Cameron Street.
Why?	<p>I think the notion to build on the success of the waterfront is key. More pedestrian areas is a good idea.</p> <p>Let's accept the demise of The Strand and buy it back, turn it into an indoor botanic garden, or knock it down and turn it into a green space with some nicer cafes. It is a sad reminder of a failed town and it sits at the core of our great city. I think that would be transformational. We need more like Quality Street and our town basin. Let's rebuild in that style from the town basin to cameron street, shift the main road in the way and connect them.</p>

Tell us what you think - any further comments on key issues or other points raised in the Consultation document:

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From: Debbie Graham
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I support the development of a new theatre for Whangarei which is a long time coming. It is money that was planned for the arts community, which other groups are slicing into. Meaning we end up with a pint-sized theatre which doesn't attract the artists we could if we had better amenities. Even smaller towns like Kerikeri have a superior theatre to Whangarei. Option 3 is the way to go, for a positive step to the future of arts in Whangarei.

Nga mihi
Debbie Graham

From: Whangarei District Council
Sent: 29 Mar 2021 21:27:54 +0000
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Subject: Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Tara Grant - 2021-LTP-SUB-276

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Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Tara Grant - 2021-LTP-SUB-276

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Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard	No
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Your feedback:

Key issue - How will we pay for what we need - Rates Options (see page 17)	OPTION 1: Rates increase in year one (2021) of 2% + 2.5% Local Government Cost Index (LGCI) + 2% 'catch up'. Rates increase in years two and three (2022-23) of 2% + 2.5% LGCI.
Why?	

Key issue - Spaces for gathering (see page 24)	OPTION 2: Put budget towards only ONE of the following: Oruku Landing Conference and Events Centre, Hīhītaua Cultural Centre, and existing facilities at Forum North.
Why?	Oruku Landing is my preferred project, I believe we should be allocating funding to this space alone. Central Government has allocated \$60k worth of funding to this project which will become a key asset for the Northland community in the future - we do not have anything of this nature currently and as a region we lose out as a result. The potential for jobs, events, money coming into our region and additional tourism visitors is positive for the District, we cannot let this opportunity go to waste. An added benefit of the Oruku project is the hotel facility it will bring to Whangarei, without Oruku Landing the hotel will not go ahead and we desperately need more accomodation in the city to support events, tourism and bringing the Town Basin and CBD back to life.

Key issue - Climate change and sustainability (see page 28)	OPTION 1: Put \$3.7m of new funding towards climate change mitigation and adaptation and waste minimisation.
Why?	

Key issue - Revitalising our city centre (see page 32)	OPTION 1: Spend \$13m to make improvements to James and John St.
Why?	We need an attractive CBD, an area that has been neglected for too long in our city. By upgrading James St and John St we would create a corridor to the Town Basin where residents and tourists alike can more easily enjoy the Town Basin and the CBD. Currently the two areas are disjointed and while they are only one block apart it seems that people believe they need to drive between the two - creating congestion on Walton St, Robert St and Dent St.

Tell us what you think - any further comments on key issues or other points raised in the Consultation document:

LONG TERM PLAN 2021-31 FEEDBACK FORM THE CLOSING DATE FOR FEEDBACK IS THURSDAY 1 APRIL 2021 We would love your feedback on some key issues for our District. POINTS TO REMEMBER WHEN SUBMITTING YOUR FEEDBACK • Please print clearly. Make sure it can be easily photocopied, read and understood. • All feedback is considered public under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act, so it may be published and made available to elected members and the public. • Your feedback will not be returned to you once lodged with Council. Please keep a copy for your reference. • You can also attend a hearing, scheduled for 13-14 April, to speak to your submission. HOW TO GET THIS FORM TO US Mail to: Long Term Plan feedback, Whangarei District Council, Private Bag 9023, Whangārei 0148 Email to: mailroom@wdc.govt.nz Deliver to: Customer Services, Forum North, Rust Ave, Whangārei or Ruakākā Service Centre, Takutai Place, Ruakākā

YOUR DETAILS

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Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission at a traditional hearing on 13-14 April? **Yes**

YOUR FEEDBACK Please give us your feedback on the key issues raised in the Consultation Document.

KEY ISSUE – HOW WILL WE PAY FOR WHAT WE NEED – RATES OPTIONS (SEE PAGE 17)

OPTION 1: Rates increase in year one (2021-22) of 2% + 2.5% Local Government Cost Index (LGCI) + 2% 'catch up'. Rates increase in years two to ten (2022-31) of 2% + 2.5% LGCI.

NO

OPTION 2: Limit the rates increase to LGCI plus 2% only across ten years of the Plan.

NO

OPTION 3: **limit the rates increase to LGCI only**

WHY?

NO business arbitrarily increases their revenue by 4.5% annually!

Council needs to establish an external committee specifically charged with revenue increasing without increasing rates....in fact, contributing to a decrease in rates.

Council needs to establish an external committee charges with decreasing council operating expenditure without decreasing either base services or reduction in infrastructure spending.

KEY ISSUE – SPACES FOR GATHERING (SEE PAGE 24)

OPTION 1: Allocate budget across three sites (Oruku Landing Conference and Events Centre, Hīhīāua Cultural Centre, and existing facilities at Forum North).

NO, do not spend any money on Oruku Landing.

OPTION 2: Put budget towards only ONE of the following: Oruku Landing Conference and Events Centre, Hīhīāua Cultural Centre, or existing facilities at Forum North. Please state which site in your comments.

Put budget towards BOTH Hihiaua Cultural Centre and existing facilities at Forum North.

OPTION 3: Build a Whangarei District Council–owned theatre on the current Forum North site.

YES. But not WDC run,

WHY?

1. The Hihiaua Cultural Centre should be **number 1** for funding in year 1. It is a significant community based cultural initiative and stage 2 is shovel ready. They have already attracted a tier 1 event which as a national event will attract many people to Whangarei. This group has done the hard work and has gained the support of the community at large. This facility will be a massive asset for our community, Northland and for NZ. **FUND IT NOW!**

2. Oruku Landing should be called Cuckoo Landing. This \$100 million loss making commercial conference venue will be paid for by Whangarei District Council, Regional Council and Central Government. Cuckoo Landing has been designed by 4 local businessmen (NDC) for their latte drinking chardonnay sipping whiteys sitting on the landing waiting for their Auckland and cruise ship rich mates to join them. It has been supported and promoted by Northland Regional Councils 100% owned private company, Northland Inc Ltd. Northland Inc is basically a business lobby group subsidizing and funneling taxpayers' money into businesses. They are called our Economic Development Agency. They should be called our Economic Sabotage Agency! Cuckoo Landing will **create a small number of low paid jobs in the service industry** and create an **ongoing cost** to ratepayers. The supporting research / consultation has not been made public. How are we supposed to believe in this project really? The public consultation was held in secret and specifically targeted to support this project. Not an indicator of community wishes. The comparison is with the methodology used by the FN Trust. Totally in public and supported by Creative Northland.

The facts: Central Government and Regional Council will pay \$74 million. (these are our tax dollars!) And the District Council will pay \$23 million dollars plus guaranteeing any overruns, plus a net \$3 million dollars per year. The justification with any substance is 'how can we turn down \$60 million dollars'...how lame. We **can turn it down** and we should regardless of source. This gift horse has rotten teeth! These funds will be much better used by the building of a community theatre as proposed by Forum North 2013. It can be reallocated.

Come on District Councillors, we do not want you to spend our tax dollars on a loss-making commercial venture...**we do not support ORUKU / Cuckoo Landing!**

3. OPTION #3:

Build an 850 seat Performance Theatre attached to the existing Forum North Complex.
Should be established in Year 2 of the LTP. WDC will have vacated the building.

The Whangarei District Council Long Term Plan Section on Gathering Spaces has intentionally misled the public by presenting figures that are totally inaccurate. Shame on the Council and staff for distorting the facts. The LTP submission document also makes choices very confusing.

The Forum North Trust gave this presentation to the full Council:

<https://forumnorthtrust.org.nz/shared-vision/> It is well worth the 11 minute read.

These are the facts:

1. The 850-seat theatre at forum north will NOT cost \$55 million dollars. Council staff made up that number. The theatre as presented has been quantity surveyed at \$35 million. ie approximately **\$40,000** per seat compared with Oruku Landing at **\$130,000** per seat.
2. The Trust has not asked Council for that huge amount of money - \$55 million. It wanted to access the \$10.4 million as identified in the long-term plan. It will raise the additional funds. It currently has a donation of \$1million dollars for this project. It will also approach both the Regional Council and the Central Government for support.
3. The council document states that the operational expenses will be \$4 million dollars...are they crazy!! The trust gave a net operating budget of between \$500,000 and \$750,000.
4. If council did not fund Oruku landing, there would be NO rate increase for this long-awaited Forum North project. It is ready to proceed now. It would not need to raise the rates by 4.4%. The money already has been set aside. It should be positioned at Year 2 in the LTP. It is shovel ready now.
5. Council paid \$100,000 to consultants to look at theatre options. It concluded that the Forum North Site was the best. It also stated that Council running of the facility would not be recommended as it was not part of their skills. The demise and continued decline of the Forum North Facilities give evidence to that fact.
6. The current Forum North Facilities have been allowed to run down due to Council neglect over the years. Regardless of what options are chosen these once magnificent community facilities require renovation and modernising. Council costings show \$12 million...far too much for what is required but it should happen in Year 2 of the LTP. As soon as Council vacates.
7. If Council funded the 850 seat Theatre at Forum North it would have a superb conference and events centre comprising a 750-seat flat floor area in Kotahitanga, 350 seat Capitaine Bougainville Theatre, an 850 seat performance theatre, Cafler Suites, Green Room, Rehearsal spaces, and most importantly 280 space car parking adjacent to it. The trust would seek to double that car parking space. Oruku Landing does not come close to the Forum North Potential when it comes to events or Conferences.
8. The Forum North Trust intends to develop the site into a performing arts precinct. One of the best in NZ. It would be a jobs and event generator. Not a passive box to be rented out as it is now or as Oruku Landing will be. It would also be a training centre for the performing Arts with its own Drama School attached to a tertiary facility; home for

Northland Youth Theatre; home for many of the performing arts -music, voice, dance, opera etc. None of that is possible in a commercial facility such as Oruku Landing.

9. A theatre at Forum North would generate much needed foot traffic in the CBD. It will enhance any activity in the CBD. The Oruku Landing project will take pedestrians away from the city centre. The Forum North site is ideally suited for a train station being on the main rail line and in the centre of town.

10. As shown in the presentation to Council, an 850-seat theatre would be well supported by the largest touring performing arts groups in NZ. NZ Ballet; NZ Symphony Orchestra; NZ Opera etc. NONE of the above will be able to use Oruku Landing. It does not have the technical specs to deliver. It can only be a conference centre with limited events.

11. The Forum North Theatre project has been a community supported initiative and backed by more than 3,000 members from various artistic groups. It was an open consultation and widely supported. Oruku Landing is a commercial project developed in secret behind closed doors. Show us the Northland Inc Ltd report that supported this project. Show us the details for the Council buyback (\$10 million dollars) of the land the conference centre will stand on. Show us the Jasmax report for the public to see why Forum North is the preferred site .

CONCLUSION:

Forum North is a Whangarei and Northland Icon. It has been misused by the WDC since the Trust was destroyed in the early 90s. It used to be a hub of significant cultural activity for the youth and all age groups. We do remember. Sadly, new staff are ignorant of the history. Forum North is a community facility and was established by Community Fund Raising. WDC stole it! We now want it back since you are finally leaving it. But before you go, renovate and upgrade it. Don't leave a mess for the community to clean up. Finally, you carried out a significant consultation using professionals focused on what is the right options for Council to consider when thinking about a performance theatre: The Jasmax report clearly stated that the Forum North Site is the preferred and the best site for a performance theatre. It also stated that Council should not run it. Council staff are not competent to run such a facility. You paid close to \$100,000 for this report and have ignored its findings.

Oruku Landing should NOT be funded by the WDC. And the funding available for this project allocated to the two points below as per page 17.

Renovation and upgrading of the current Forum North Facilities should be placed in Year 2 of the LTP and funded without rate increases as specified on Page 17 of the LTP.

Funding for an 850 seat Performance Theatre at Forum North should be placed in Year 2 of the LTP and funded without rate increases as specified on page 17 of the LTP document.

KEY ISSUE – CLIMATE CHANGE AND SUSTAINABILITY (SEE PAGE 28)

OPTION 1: Put \$3.7m of new funding towards climate change mitigation and adaptation and waste minimization.

AGREED

KEY ISSUE – REVITALISING OUR CITY CENTRE (SEE PAGE 32)

OPTION 1: Spend \$13m to make improvements to James Street and John Street.

The CBD has long been a problem for the WDC and successive plans have not delivered an increase in the number of businesses locating there. I think it is time for Council to step back and reconsider what the real problem has been to create a negative development environment. To continually make the CBD 'prettier' is simply gilding a turd to put it bluntly. Most of the peripheral commercial developments thrive because of plenty of free parking. Easy access to destination shopping. We currently have one parking building in the CBD and it has been poorly designed and many elderly just do not want to use it. In spite of major developments in the town basin, eg Hundertwasser, playgrounds etc I cannot see any parking developments. To say we are moving to a carless community is dumb...we are not. Especially when our public transport systems are failing. The Chambers of Commerce and local businesses are right when they complain about increasing rates for commercial. The corner of Cameron and Rathbone Street used to have the highest foot traffic in Northland and business wanted to be there.

Recommendation: yes, set aside the \$13 million. Establish a community group to attempt to understand what is happening to the CBD. Declining business occupancy has increased over the years in spite of continual upgrading and this problem is shared by many cities in NZ and around the world. I believe the core problem is the rich / poor divide. The parallel between the two, ie increasing divide between rich and poor and the decline in business occupancy of CBDs is connected. Business will not locate in such an area when foot traffic is decreasing year after year. Where have all the shoppers gone? Business has only one end goal, making money ie doing business. Let's think about how to make our community thrive and we will have solved how to make business thrive.

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK – ANY FURTHER COMMENTS ON THE KEY ISSUES OR OTHER POINTS RAISED IN THE CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

Your submission process has been made very difficult without an online submission form. Why was this not an option?

You have created options without allowing the public to give you feedback according to what they want. You have skewed the document in the most devious of ways, there is no OPTION called Other suggestion. You have blended options and not provided a choice, eg Oruku Landing should have been option 1 in that category, Hihiaua Option 2 and the Forum North Option 3. That would have provided a choice and much better feedback .

P27 Option 3 in the Spaces for Gathering section: the description of the option 3, Forum North 850 seat performance Theatre was an intentional lie by staff...a grand misleading of your community in order to attempt to force Oruku Landing as an Option. Shame on staff and Council for allowing this to be presented in this manner. The numbers it contains are simply NOT TRUE. They are a distortion of the truth. The Forum North Trust 2013 and their community supporters deserved much better from a council supposedly wanting to listen to the 'community'.

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My submission follows and is also attached.

thank you

calvin green

LONG TERM PLAN 2021-31 FEEDBACK FORM THE CLOSING DATE FOR FEEDBACK IS THURSDAY 1 APRIL 2021 We would love your feedback on some key issues for our District. POINTS TO REMEMBER WHEN SUBMITTING YOUR FEEDBACK • Please print clearly. Make sure it can be easily photocopied, read and understood. • All feedback is considered public under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act, so it may be published and made available to elected members and the public. • Your feedback will not be returned to you once lodged with Council. Please keep a copy for your reference. • You can also attend a hearing, scheduled for 13-14 April, to speak to your submission. HOW TO GET THIS FORM TO US Mail to: Long Term Plan feedback, Whangarei District Council, Private Bag 9023, Whangārei 0148 Email to: mailroom@wdc.govt.nz Deliver to: Customer Services, Forum North, Rust Ave, Whangārei or Ruakākā Service Centre, Takutai Place, Ruakākā

YOUR DETAILS

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Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission at a traditional hearing on 13-14 April? **Yes**

YOUR FEEDBACK Please give us your feedback on the key issues raised in the Consultation Document.

KEY ISSUE – HOW WILL WE PAY FOR WHAT WE NEED – RATES OPTIONS (SEE PAGE 17)

OPTION 1: Rates increase in year one (2021-22) of 2% + 2.5% Local Government Cost Index (LGCI) + 2% 'catch up'. Rates increase in years two to ten (2022-31) of 2% + 2.5% LGCI.

NO

OPTION 2: Limit the rates increase to LGCI plus 2% only across ten years of the Plan.

NO

OPTION 3: **limit the rates increase to LGCI only**

WHY?

NO business arbitrarily increases their revenue by 4.5% annually!

Council needs to establish an external committee specifically charged with revenue increasing without increasing rates....in fact, contributing to a decrease in rates.

Council needs to establish an external committee charges with decreasing council operating expenditure without decreasing either base services or reduction in infrastructure spending.

KEY ISSUE – SPACES FOR GATHERING (SEE PAGE 24)

OPTION 1: Allocate budget across three sites (Oruku Landing Conference and Events Centre, Hīhīāua Cultural Centre, and existing facilities at Forum North).

NO, do not spend any money on Oruku Landing.

OPTION 2: Put budget towards only ONE of the following: Oruku Landing Conference and Events Centre, Hīhīāua Cultural Centre, or existing facilities at Forum North. Please state which site in your comments.

Put budget towards BOTH Hihiaua Cultural Centre and existing facilities at Forum North.

OPTION 3: Build a Whangarei District Council–owned theatre on the current Forum North site.

YES. But not WDC run,

WHY?

1. The Hihiaua Cultural Centre should be **number 1** for funding in year 1. It is a significant community based cultural initiative and stage 2 is shovel ready. They have already attracted a tier 1 event which as a national event will attract many people to Whangarei. This group has done the hard work and has gained the support of the community at large. This facility will be a massive asset for our community, Northland and for NZ. **FUND IT NOW!**

2. Oruku Landing should be called Cuckoo Landing. This \$100 million loss making commercial conference venue will be paid for by Whangarei District Council, Regional Council and Central Government. Cuckoo Landing has been designed by 4 local businessmen (NDC) for their latte drinking chardonnay sipping whiteys sitting on the landing waiting for their Auckland and cruise ship rich mates to join them. It has been supported and promoted by Northland Regional Councils 100% owned private company, Northland Inc Ltd. Northland Inc is basically a business lobby group subsidizing and funneling taxpayers' money into businesses. They are called our Economic Development Agency. They should be called our Economic Sabotage Agency! Cuckoo Landing will **create a small number of low paid jobs in the service industry** and create an **ongoing cost** to ratepayers. The supporting research / consultation has not been made public. How are we supposed to believe in this project really? The public consultation was held in secret and specifically targeted to support this project. Not an indicator of community wishes. The comparison is with the methodology used by the FN Trust. Totally in public and supported by Creative Northland.

The facts: Central Government and Regional Council will pay \$74 million. (these are our tax dollars!) And the District Council will pay \$23 million dollars plus guaranteeing any overruns, plus a net \$3 million dollars per year. The justification with any substance is 'how can we turn down \$60 million dollars'...how lame. We **can turn it down** and we should regardless of source. This gift horse has rotten teeth! These funds will be much better used by the building of a community theatre as proposed by Forum North 2013. It can be reallocated.

Come on District Councillors, we do not want you to spend our tax dollars on a loss-making commercial venture...**we do not support ORUKU / Cuckoo Landing!**

3. OPTION #3:

Build an 850 seat Performance Theatre attached to the existing Forum North Complex. Should be established in Year 2 of the LTP. WDC will have vacated the building.

The Whangarei District Council Long Term Plan Section on Gathering Spaces has intentionally misled the public by presenting figures that are totally inaccurate. Shame on the Council and staff for distorting the facts. The LTP submission document also makes choices very confusing.

The Forum North Trust gave this presentation to the full Council:

<https://forumnorthtrust.org.nz/shared-vision/> It is well worth the 11 minute read.

These are the facts:

1. The 850-seat theatre at forum north will NOT cost \$55 million dollars. Council staff made up that number. The theatre as presented has been quantity surveyed at \$35 million. ie approximately **\$40,000** per seat compared with Oruku Landing at **\$130,000** per seat.
2. The Trust has not asked Council for that huge amount of money - \$55 million. It wanted to access the \$10.4 million as identified in the long-term plan. It will raise the additional funds. It currently has a donation of \$1million dollars for this project. It will also approach both the Regional Council and the Central Government for support.

3. The council document states that the operational expenses will be \$4 million dollars...are they crazy!! The trust gave a net operating budget of between \$500,000 and \$750,000.
4. If council did not fund Oruku landing, there would be NO rate increase for this long-awaited Forum North project. It is ready to proceed now. It would not need to raise the rates by 4.4%. The money already has been set aside. It should be positioned at Year 2 in the LTP. It is shovel ready now.
5. Council paid \$100,000 to consultants to look at theatre options. It concluded that the Forum North Site was the best. It also stated that Council running of the facility would not be recommended as it was not part of their skills. The demise and continued decline of the Forum North Facilities give evidence to that fact.
6. The current Forum North Facilities have been allowed to run down due to Council neglect over the years. Regardless of what options are chosen these once magnificent community facilities require renovation and modernising. Council costings show \$12 million...far too much for what is required but it should happen in Year 2 of the LTP. As soon as Council vacates.
7. If Council funded the 850 seat Theatre at Forum North it would have a superb conference and events centre comprising a 750-seat flat floor area in Kotahitanga, 350 seat Capitaine Bougainville Theatre, an 850 seat performance theatre, Cafler Suites, Green Room, Rehearsal spaces, and most importantly 280 space car parking adjacent to it. The trust would seek to double that car parking space. Oruku Landing does not come close to the Forum North Potential when it comes to events or Conferences.
8. The Forum North Trust intends to develop the site into a performing arts precinct. One of the best in NZ. It would be a jobs and event generator. Not a passive box to be rented out as it is now or as Oruku Landing will be. It would also be a training centre for the performing Arts with its own Drama School attached to a tertiary facility; home for Northland Youth Theatre; home for many of the performing arts -music, voice, dance, opera etc. None of that is possible in a commercial facility such as Oruku Landing.
9. A theatre at Forum North would generate much needed foot traffic in the CBD. It will enhance any activity in the CBD. The Oruku Landing project will take pedestrians away from the city centre. The Forum North site is ideally suited for a train station being on the main rail line and in the centre of town.
10. As shown in the presentation to Council, an 850-seat theatre would be well supported by the largest touring performing arts groups in NZ. NZ Ballet; NZ Symphony Orchestra; NZ Opera etc. NONE of the above will be able to use Oruku Landing. It does not have the technical specs to deliver. It can only be a conference centre with limited events.
11. The Forum North Theatre project has been a community supported initiative and backed by more than 3,000 members from various artistic groups. It was an open consultation and widely supported. Oruku Landing is a commercial project developed in secret behind closed doors. Show us the Northland Inc Ltd report that supported this project. Show us the details for the Council buyback (\$10 million dollars) of the land the conference centre will stand on. Show us the Jasmax report for the public to see why Forum North is the preferred site .

CONCLUSION:

Forum North is a Whangarei and Northland Icon. It has been misused by the WDC since the Trust was destroyed in the early 90s. It used to be a hub of significant cultural activity for the

youth and all age groups. We do remember. Sadly, new staff are ignorant of the history. Forum North is a community facility and was established by Community Fund Raising. WDC stole it! We now want it back since you are finally leaving it. But before you go, renovate and upgrade it. Don't leave a mess for the community to clean up.

Finally, you carried out a significant consultation using professionals focused on what is the right options for Council to consider when thinking about a performance theatre: The Jasmax report clearly stated that the Forum North Site is the preferred and the best site for a performance theatre. It also stated that Council should not run it. Council staff are not competent to run such a facility. You paid close to \$100,000 for this report and have ignored its findings.

Oruku Landing should NOT be funded by the WDC. And the funding available for this project allocated to the two points below as per page 17.

Renovation and upgrading of the current Forum North Facilities should be placed in Year 2 of the LTP and funded without rate increases as specified on Page 17 of the LTP.

Funding for an 850 seat Performance Theatre at Forum North should be placed in Year 2 of the LTP and funded without rate increases as specified on page 17 of the LTP document.

KEY ISSUE – CLIMATE CHANGE AND SUSTAINABILITY (SEE PAGE 28)

OPTION 1: Put \$3.7m of new funding towards climate change mitigation and adaptation and waste minimization.

AGREED

KEY ISSUE – REVITALISING OUR CITY CENTRE (SEE PAGE 32)

OPTION 1: Spend \$13m to make improvements to James Street and John Street.

The CBD has long been a problem for the WDC and successive plans have not delivered an increase in the number of businesses locating there. I think it is time for Council to step back and reconsider what the real problem has been to create a negative development environment. To continually make the CBD 'prettier' is simply gilding a turd to put it bluntly. Most of the peripheral commercial developments thrive because of plenty of free parking. Easy access to destination shopping. We currently have one parking building in the CBD and it has been poorly designed and many elderly just do not want to use it. In spite of major developments in the town basin, eg Hundertwasser, playgrounds etc I cannot see any parking developments. To say we are moving to a carless community is dumb...we are not. Especially when our public transport systems are failing. The Chambers of Commerce and local businesses are right when they complain about increasing rates for commercial. The corner of Cameron and Rathbone Street used to have the highest foot traffic in Northland and business wanted to be there.

Recommendation: yes, set aside the \$13 million. Establish a community group to attempt to understand what is happening to the CBD. Declining business occupancy has increased over the years in spite of continual upgrading and this problem is shared by many cities in NZ and around the world. I believe the core problem is the rich / poor divide. The parallel between the two, ie increasing divide between rich and poor and the decline in business occupancy of CBDs is connected. Business will not locate in such an area when foot traffic is decreasing year after year. Where have all the shoppers gone? Business has only one end goal, making money ie doing business. Let's think about how to make our community thrive and we will have solved how to make business thrive.

TELL US WHAT YOU THINK – ANY FURTHER COMMENTS ON THE KEY ISSUES OR OTHER POINTS RAISED IN THE CONSULTATION DOCUMENT

Your submission process has been made very difficult without an online submission form. Why was this not an option?

You have created options without allowing the public to give you feedback according to what they want. You have skewed the document in the most devious of ways, there is no OPTION called Other suggestion. You have blended options and not provided a choice, eg Oruku Landing should have been option 1 in that category, Hihiaua Option 2 and the Forum North Option 3. That would have provided a choice and much better feedback .

P27 Option 3 in the Spaces for Gathering section: the description of the option 3, Forum North 850 seat performance Theatre was an intentional lie by staff...a grand misleading of your community in order to attempt to force Oruku Landing as an Option. Shame on staff and Council for allowing this to be presented in this manner. The numbers it contains are simply NOT TRUE. They are a distortion of the truth. The Forum North Trust 2013 and their community supporters deserved much better from a council supposedly wanting to listen to the 'community'.

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Cheers
Calvin

From: Shane Green
Sent: 1 Apr 2021 03:50:37 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: New Theatre Whangarei

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Hi there,

I've been involved in live theatre in Whangarei for 10+ years on and off the stage and believe we desperately need a new theatre here, ideally with a 700+ seats, big wings and a fly tower. I believe it is Option 3 for a new theatre that I support.

I am part of a team that plans 3-4 shows per year and a bigger theatre with better facilities would allow us to bring some of the bigger musical shows to Whangarei such as "Wicked", "We Will Rock You", "Lion King", and many more. This is great for the Northland community as well as for the businesses serving meals and drinks before and after these shows.

Kind regards
Shane Green
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From: Whangarei District Council
Sent: 31 Mar 2021 08:19:33 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Marianne Grew - 2021-LTP-SUB-375

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Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Marianne Grew - 2021-LTP-SUB-375

Receipt Number: 2021-LTP-SUB-375

Your details:

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Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard at the hearing?	No
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Your feedback:

Key issue - How will we pay for what we need - Rates Options (see page 17)	OPTION 1: Rates increase in year one (2021) of 2% + 2.5% Local Government Cost Index (LGCI) + 2% 'catch up'. Rates increase in years two and three (2022-23) of 2% + 2.5% LGCI.
Why?	Better to attend to rates deficit before infrastructure and developments lag behind need.

Key issue - Spaces for gathering (see page 24)	OPTION 1: Allocate budget across three sites (Oruku Landing Conference and Events Centre, Hihiaua Cultural Centre, and existing facilities at Forum North).
Why?	<p>Whangarei particularly suffers from having very poor acoustics in performance venues. Acoustic engineering should be a priority in any development.</p> <p>All three sites offer good development - if council is offering funding to these organisations I would expect the majority of their programmes to feature work that is accessible to the general public.</p> <p>Any development of gathering spaces requires additional improved public transport options for accessing events without causing congestion. For example, the ferry at Oruku Landing should only be funded by the City Council if its services are available to the general public. If it is mainly intended as a private shuttle from cruise ships it should be funded from</p>

	elsewhere and be located out of the city centre.
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Key issue - Climate change and sustainability (see page 28)	OPTION 2: Put \$7.4m of new funding towards climate change mitigation and adaptation and waste minimisation.
Why?	Whangarei has the opportunity to be a leader in our country in meeting the significant challenge of climate change. If this is under-funded or even merely adequately funded it will become tweaking the status quo. Rather, we need to embrace climate change as an opportunity to bring a much needed step change into reality in terms of how our district interacts with the environment.

Key issue - Revitalising our city centre (see page 32)	OPTION 1: Spend \$13m to make improvements to James and John St.
Why?	

Tell us what you think - any further comments on key issues or other points raised in the Consultation document:

Transport links throughout Whangarei district are referred to in the LTP and are a vital development for the long-term wellbeing of our district. It is positive that the council has set ambitious targets regarding ease of access for work and education, however, these are already not being met on a daily basis and the population is set to grow. Increased transport throughout the district needs to be prioritised now. It is an irony that families have moved here to escape the Auckland lifestyle yet the seeds are already well sown for the same kind of car-dependent commuting to prevail here. It would be a folly and great shame for the current council to allow that to come to pass.

The link from blue goose to SH14 mentioned in a council document is a good example of easing traffic. Our district needs to move beyond traffic measures, however, and work at improving other transport options. We have railway lines that can be used for public transport. Teenagers used to take the train from out of town to attend the central high schools. A ferry landing in town is also a good opportunity to provide transport to commuters. Why does Whangarei have less transport options now than it used to many years ago?

Shared bike and pedestrian paths are in development around our district which is great to see. These need to be extended to take in more areas and to interact better with other modes of transport. Where are the locations to drive in to from out of town, park the car and then bicycle further into the city centre?

The development of the shared path alongside the SH1 four lane project is an excellent opportunity for our district to reduce car reliance. This will be best achieved by ensuring that feeder roads have good links onto the shared path. Mangapai Road is an example of a tributary road to the new four lane highway and the shared bike/pedestrian path. A bike path from Mangapai village to the shared path would enable bike riders and electric-bike riders to access the shared path and provide a healthy alternative to driving into town. It would be a great disservice to the Mangapai community to sit back as a shared path was built along the highway and fail to provide the necessary link for bikes to access it.

Grey Power – Whangarei

Representing over 900 financial members from the Whangarei district

Submission on Whangarei District Council's 2021/31 Long Term Plan

By Jan Kini, (President) & Chris Leitch (Committee Member)

31.03.21

The plan shows the council intends to double the amount of its net debt (borrowing) over the 10 years of the plan to \$360 million.

The plan also shows that rates will rise 6.5% in 20/21 rating year and 4.5% every year after that. The 4.5% is unlikely to remain at that level and could be significantly higher in the later years of the plan. Even without that, a ratepayer paying \$2000 in rates this year will be paying \$3029.07 in rates in year 10 – a cumulative increase of 51.45% or \$1029.07.

Water rates are similarly facing an increase.

For people who are retired and on a fixed income that is a massive increase in costs. Whether they are in their own home, renting, or in a rest home, the increase in rates will fall on the occupier.

Over the last five years, national superannuation has only increased 13.56%. As an estimate, expand that out to 10 years and one gets just 27.12%, so where does the council expect pensioners to find the shortfall?

That shortfall will come from a significant quality of life reduction.

For that significant reduction in quality of life, what will pensioners get?

What benefit will they get from the Oruku Landing conference centre?

What benefit will they get from the Hihiaua conference centre?

What benefit will they get from the revitalisation of the city centre?

Rates increases should be reduced so that the less well off in the community are not put under further economic stress, with the mental stress that accompanies it.

Interest payments on the proposed borrowing will rise from \$7.30 million in the 2020/21 year to \$13 million in 2031. The total interest over the 10 years of the plan amounts to \$108.5 million. That's \$108.5 million in ratepayers money that will be wasted because it did not provide one additional service or asset for the people who paid it. What it will provide is a \$108.5 transfer of hard earned income out of the pockets of ratepayers who can ill afford it, directly into the pockets of wealthy money lenders – mostly commercial banks and institutional investors.

The website of the Internal Affairs department makes the following comments derived from the Local Govt Act:-

The purpose of local government is -

(a) to enable democratic local decision-making and action by, and on behalf of, communities;

and

*(b) 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.***

The proposed increases in borrowing, interest payments, and rates are not, in our view, “**most cost-effective for households and businesses.**”

We appreciate that the government has offered a grant of \$60 million towards the Oruku Landing conference centre. While that might seem like a gift from heaven, it is based on providing jobs in the construction phase and into the future. It will supposedly attract people from around New Zealand to Whangarei for conferences and events. The significant drawback which nobody seems to have considered in the euphoria of the grant announcement, is the cost of getting people from around the country to Whangarei. Air travel to Whangarei is restricted and comes at a significant additional cost in comparison the getting large numbers of people to conferences and events in the main centres. Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch are already building new conference venues.

Our view is that the patronage is unlikely to reach the numbers suggested and that the Council should engage with government to endeavour to channel that grant funding into community projects like improving roads and pedestrian crossings, levelling footpaths, improving facilities for the disabled and elderly - even increasing its housing stock instead of demolishing flats when there is not a signed purchase agreement in place (Fireman’s Hill Flats). None of those things are as ‘sexy’ as a new conference centre but they will benefit far more people.

Grey Power would like to see the council abandon the grandiose edifice building mindset that will benefit only a very small section of the Whangarei community and instead spend ratepayers money (and the government grant) on the services that far more people would benefit from, that would attract businesses to relocate from Auckland and other centres and encourage new businesses to set up here. The longer term employment prospects would be greater and would spread the additional wealth generated much more widely.

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If the council is hearing verbal submissions we would like the opportunity to appear.