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29 March 2021

Submission on WDC Long Term Plan

This submission on the Whangarei District Council (WDC) Long Term Plan (LTP) is on behalf of the Ruakaka Residents & Ratepayers Association.

The key points we would wish to make are:

- Proposed rates increases of 6.5% followed by 4.5% for the remaining nine years are too high
- Council should focus on delivering core services well; not on civic facilities that are not in high demand from ratepayers.

Rates increases

The proposal to increase rates by 6.5% next year does not reflect the ability of families and businesses to pay.

A 2.5% inflation adjustment each year reflects the historic inability of councils throughout New Zealand to manage cost effectively. No other business activity or individual has the luxury of being able to index their costs. Council staff should be obliged to deliver an efficiency dividend across each year of the plan.

It is difficult to see why a 2% catch up for last year is needed given that there is no apparent backlog in service delivery arising from that reduction.

The final 2% relates to service improvements. These should be pared back to what is essential to deliver core services. While it is pleasing to see debt levels remaining within prudent levels, much of the significant proposed increase in debt over the coming decade is due to non-essential projects.

Rates are a significant portion of annual housing costs. The proposed increase comes at a time when landlords are being pilloried for rent increases and first home buyers are stretched to their limit.

City centre

Many of the proposed projects are city-centric. Whangarei District is much larger than the city centre.

The city centre itself is looking quite tired with a number of vacant shops. Rather than upgrading amenities on James and John Streets as proposed, something else could be done to revitalise the retail area. We do not support the upgrading of James and John Streets as we see limited benefit from this considerable cost.

We oppose the proposed conference centre, notwithstanding the availability of central government funding. The need for such a facility is unclear, ongoing cost will fall on ratepayers and the centre comes with considerable business risk given competition from other cities in New Zealand. We would support a stand-alone theatre in the Forum North building but not a combined theatre/ conference centre.

One option for the city centre is to tie the waterfront area more closely to the main shopping area. Wellington has a similar issue to Whangarei with a busy road limiting access. Wellington's Jervois Quay arterial road cuts off the waterfront from the city centre. This has been partially overcome by an art-themed walkway across Jervois Quay from the current council complex. The ability to move easily from Whangarei's shops to waterfront would significantly enhance the visitor experience.

Roading

We support rural road resealing.

Our community continues to have concerns over the supervision of contractors. While complaints can be made to the council's CRM system concerning individual failures, there seems to be a general issue around the quality of workmanship.

We note the plan doesn't specifically cover the issue of renewals and the current state of council's infrastructure. While there is brief mention on page 16 that there are some knowledge gaps, particularly around stormwater, this is a key assumption in the LTP. For example, other councils are suffering significant costs and service failure as a result of aging and under-maintained assets. It would be useful to have a categoric statement in the final plan that, to the best of council's knowledge, the current state and likely state in ten years' time based on proposed expenditure is satisfactory. This would include water infrastructure as well.

Other matters

Previously agreed funding for the Ruakaka Sports Complex and Multi-Purpose Facility should be reinstated. The small amount of council funding is part of the overall funding package for this facility which has been secured. The facility will benefit the whole region for example as a regional centre for volleyball.

We support additional pensioner housing.

We support expenditure on climate change. We believe that the focus of this should be on prevention of coastal erosion. This should include One Tree Point and Tamure St. The 50 and 100 year erosion lines are concerning.

We believe the question of a replacement airport and its location could be pushed forward for several more years.

We wish to appear at the WDC's hearings on this plan.

Your Sincerely

Richard Morris

Acting Secretary

Local Projects

Ruakaka is a rapidly growing part of Whangarei District with the current population reaching 3,000. Planning over the next decade needs to recognise this rapid growth. Key projects the community is concerned about are:

Ruakaka Cemetry

This is a valuable local project which has generally been supported by Council. But it needs some added effort to bring it to closure.

One Lane Bridge to Ruakaka Beach

The recent Tsunami warning highlighted the congestion of a growing population and busy camp ground trying to move out of this bottleneck. At the same time others were attempting to get to the beach to evacuate loved ones. Delays over the busy summer-period are becoming common-place.

Changing Rooms at Ruakaka Beach

Ruakaka Beach is larger than Waipu and is an increasingly popular destination for anglers, holiday-makers and locals. We recognise that creating precedents is an issue but we are not in the same levels of demand as other Northland beaches. We now host an annual beach volleyball tournament and surf lifesaving championships as well as the summer influx of visitors.

Parking at Ruakaka Beach

Similar comments apply to parking at the beach. There is ample unformed parking at the beach which would be better utilised if sealed. There are up to 1,000 swimmers over the peak period and the summer peak is lasting longer than in the past.

Boat Ramp at One Tree Point

The rapid growth of the Ruakaka rohe is also placing significant pressure on the boat launching facilities at One Tree Point. The summer influx of visitors is creating traffic, road safety parking and capacity issues at the boat ramp. The ramp itself is unsatisfactory.

One Tree Point Sea Wall

Work is also overdue on this issue which has been well canvassed in the past.

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Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard	Yes

at the hearing?	

Your feedback:

Key issue - How will we pay for what we need - Rates Options (see page 17)	
Why?	Need some careful thought, professional and compassionate to minimize our Council spending. No more think big projects till we finished what is in hand ie new WDC headquarters and Town Basin development including Hundertwasser new building. We can then focus on maintenance sewerage and water-supply etc - services.

Key issue - Spaces for gathering (see page 24)	OPTION 2: Put budget towards only ONE of the following: Oruku Landing Conference and Events Centre, Hīhīaua Cultural Centre, and existing facilities at Forum North.
Why?	Only spend on Hihiaua Cultural Centre - this will compliment the tourism visitor experience for the economic benefit of Whangarei. The proposed Oruku Landing Conference Center should not be funded by WDC funds. If it is viable project, private investment will be attracted to fund it totally from their own resources. This is public land, owned by the people of Whangarei - WDC must ensure a good mix of public amenities and access through whatever is proposed. Not just a place for the wealthy and the area privatized due to H&S and personal privacy etc. The apartments proposed means the privatizing the foreshore of the Hatea Moana into only those that can afford it, I object to that.

	A hotel complex allows for better public access to this area.

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?	Better to prepare now for the security of our city.

Key issue - Revitalising our city centre (see page 32)	OPTION 1: Spend $13m to make improvements to James and John St.
Why?	Cut $13 mil budget in half to say $6.6 mil. Use local contractors. Ensure all underground services are in a main trunk line and accessible every 8 metres by an access lid to underground pipes - sewerage telecom etc. We waste hundreds $mils annually in this county by continually digging up new and old works in our cities because of poor planning and total lack of cohesion from all providers of city services. Just focus on the basics and look to do enhancement of the streets when we can see our way clear of the projects in hand. Rein in the spending - finish what we got in hand.

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

Important - to put in a crossover lane between James & John Streets. This can be done at the WDC owned Wilson carpark property or the old Alsco property which I think WDC also own. Pedestrians need this as a public crossover by vehicle to assist congestion up at Robert St. intersections. Already the lane along side Hospice is well used by pedestrians and vehicles but this is private property and likely to be closed off soon we are informed. The Westpac lane crossover to James St from Rathbone works well in this regard also but

might also come under review for public use, Need to ensure we are not hemmed in this area now with the loss to get onto Riverside Drive/ Dent roads. I have my premises at 48 John Street experience the day and night changes of usage in this area.

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WHY?

Cause if there's no earth, none of this other ~~stuff~~ stuff matters.

Alongside this more investment should be put into reducing waste.

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would like to see compost recycled for the community. ~~the~~ teaching our children about environment and why its good.
Also would love to see fruit trees along the walk paths great for our children and gets people out more.
lastly seeing a vegetable gardens around different area's.

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YOUR DETAILS

Name Samantha Samuels

I am making this submission as: (✓) An individual ( ) On behalf of an organisation

Organisation name

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Best number to contact you on

Email

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WHY? Making up composts for the community to use
Also gardens

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I would love to see green recycling day instead of throwing things out giving the option of recycling for someone else.

One mens trash is one mens treasure.

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WHY?

There should be no rates increase.
Council is inefficient and mismanaging rate payers affairs.
Operating costs are excessive and have to be reduced.

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WHY?

The developments are unnecessary and a waste of rate payers funds

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WHY?

Council over the years has received considerable rates from James & John streets but funds have been spent elsewhere. Vehicle access ought not be decreased.

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The proposed increase in debt from $195m to $361m is ridiculous.

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Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard	No

at the hearing?	

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Why?	I think one short sharp shock is better than a ignoring the shortfall til later, but I wonder if in "year one" is the right year, as many of us are only now starting to feel the real pinch of the pandemic on our long term income levels. Could that catch up be spread over 2 yrs?

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?	I don't like any of these options to be fair! I would like to see the new Theatre as a priority but absolutely not at the expense of Hihiaua or Oruku Landing. I think all these centres tie in together and should move forward in symphony. Having been a very long term theatre and arts practitioner in Whangarei (since I was 10 yrs old I've acted, and later produced/directed amateur and professional work here) I believe that a new large "lyric" theatre is an essential part of our growth as a community. an 800 seat theatre as is proposed would not only allow touring shows to come up, but also local troupes/acting/singing/dance/comedy/shakespeare/youth/Ted Talks, the ability to do one night only shows and actually break

	even, maybe make a little to seed the next event! I love the Bougainville theatre, I love performing in it, it's intimate and welcoming, but it's nearly impossible to turn a profit, and as at the last moment I tried to book it nearly 10 yrs ago, it's impossible to get a 1 week booking without a small 1 day booking being in the middle of your available timeframes. Does that make sense? So having a second larger theatre also allows all those small community groups that are ESSENTIAL to our young arts practitioners, to have their 1 day bookings for end of term and end of year shows at the Bougainville, while larger groups are not hindered by impractical timeframes in our "only" theatre. Oruku landing will be catering to a different set, as will Hihiaua, and heaven forbid we get all of these centres completed and can host stunning national arts festivals, utilising everything from Hihiaua to Huntderwasser, to the two Forum North theatres and Oruku landing that showcase the breadth of talent and skill hiding in northland! But wait, I have even another centre on my wishlist! The Old Library. It is and has been a hub now for 18 yrs of arts and is currently brimming with children and music, every day of the week. It's simply magic and in my history with arts I don't think I've seen any facility as well utilsed as this one is. Restoring this building, re-imagining the glass roof so it's visible but able to be blacked out, investing in double-glazing to keep heating bills lower and car noise out, fixing long term leaks, involving the Youth Music Team who include two amazing architects capable of doing this design (Felicity Christian and Roger McClean). It's a Historic Building teeming with the greater Whangarei Community and would be an amazing showpiece set against your new theatres/events centres. I think for a few hundred throusand you would reap a huge benefit, it's already got the

	community behind it. But not passing on these costs. What makes this so well used is that it's accessible to everyone, not just the financially able. This would be a real community asset and should be protected as such.

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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?	I'm 100% behind this revitalisation, the plans look fantastic. And making more apartment accomodation available in the CBD will be a cornerstone to the sustainability of our city's commerce and night-time safety/vibrancy. Incorporating scooter/bike/skate links in these pedestrian areas is essential, and while the parking options planned on the western side of town look great, I think there needs to be more on the waterfront side as well, it's dire already trying to organise a few friends to meet at the new town basin playground as there is literally no parking available most of the time, what will it be like when hundertwasser is complete, and the ball clock, and all the amazing tourism pulling features down here. Walking 500m simply isn't an option for so many people (my parents and all their friends included!). Will there be a new car park building on this side of town? Or some extra spaces somewhere? I actually think we need these now as a priority, not in 2 yrs.

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

I'm loving the developments that have happened in and around the city and waterfront in the last few years, it's an exciting growth that needs to be kept moving and supported with structure of essential services. Thanks for all your hard work team!!

From: Whangarei District Council
Sent: 17 Mar 2021 08:40:56 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Marcus Schlesier - 2021-LTP-SUB-80

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Your details:

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Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard	No

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Your feedback:

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Why?	We ha e to spend the money to get the best outcome and future plan.

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Why?	Whangarei needs an event centre to attract national and international conferences. I am in full support of developing the site with the government grant.

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 do as much as we can to tackle years of negligence for the environment. Whatever we can do to minimize our footprint would be great.

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Why?	I think it needs upgrading.

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I think WDC has done great in many projects over recent years. Sure you are not always getting it right, but overall good job. I am in favour of anything that enhances the people's wellbeing, such as sport places, cycling paths and walking tracks. I would love to see a safe cycling track out to the heads as it is a beautifull drive/ride and with ebikes at would be well used for day trippers.

From: Whangarei District Council
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Why?	It'll allow funding for all planned structures and services that are a part of the draft long term plan.

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Why?	A new conference centre will create new job opportunities for locals and will bring more people to our town. Hihiaua centre will promote our Maori culture and artists. Forum North facilities needs upgrading.

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 look after our planet and be role models for our younger generations.

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

Why?	That area sufficient enough for people enjoying the CBD.

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Looking forward seeing our town getting upgrades and locals enjoying them.

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WHY? uncertain times over the next few years could I believe put an enormous strain on the disposable incomes of many in this rateable area particularly on those living with little opportunity to advance their income. Using percentages to assess and gauge the 'wealth' of people is not reliable.

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WHY? I would prefer a conservative approach to improving facilities at Forum North rather than starting up new and costly new ventures.

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WHY? Populations are generally working toward the improve of their actions to mitigate actions toward climate change + waste and I believe it unnessary to increase expenditure on either.

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WHY? All additional expenditure should be put on 'hold' untill there is a clear future post Covid 19.

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Your details:

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Hearing:

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Why?	it is crucial for solid financing, future infrastructure needs will grow and development will help stem future financial needs of the district

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Why?	put the budget toward Oruku Landing Conference and Events Centre, this project will get a big finance boost from central governement. The area is quite ugly as it sits now and this project will be a huge asset for Whangarei in the future. This project will also create lots of new jobs as the event centre will trigger further important investments on the site that will again create new jobs and employ a lot of local businesses through the development and building process.

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?	invest all that for waste minimisation and sensibilisation of the

	public to impact of the waste creation, climate change mitigation is important but honestly that is something that has to be organised and managed centrally given the size of NZ and the population of it.

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?	city centre has to be well looked after. As it stands now it seems the CBD is dying a slow death so any investment or change of rules that could attract new life into the CBD is highly welcome and necessary

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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)

- [x] **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? Need to support infrastructure investment to support growth and social outcomes

More focus on social housing

KEY ISSUE – SPACES FOR GATHERING (SEE PAGE 24)

- [x] **OPTION 1:** Allocate budget across three sites (Oruku Landing Conference and Events Centre, Hīhīaua Cultural Centre, and existing facilities at Forum North).

- [ ] **OPTION 2:** Put budget towards only ONE of the following: Oruku Landing Conference and Events Centre, Hīhīaua 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? Different options and spaces.

Love a great 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.
- ✓ **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? Need to get ahead of the problem

✓ Get rid of parking on Bank St.

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? Make the city more family friendly & compete with other towns

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

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Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard at the hearing?	Yes

Your feedback:

Key issue - How will we pay for what we need - Rates Options (see page 17)	
Why?	Neither option is good for three reasons: 1) With compounding, the 4.5% is actually really high over 10 years. Showing the calculation for year 1 only does not tell the full story. With compounding, at the end of 10 years, rates will be 50% higher than they are now and in 16 years they will be twice as high. Add to that the increase in property assessments and rates could soon be 3X the current rates. The full cost of the rate increase should be clearly shown to rate payers in order for them to make an informed decision. 2) It needs to be made clear what percentage of rates are going toward debt service versus public services. Borrowing too much could put WDC in a growth, debt and rate increase spiral and leave no capacity for resiliency. 3) Needing to borrow an extra $100m or a third more than the 2018 long-term plan is not an encouraging sign.

Key issue - Spaces for gathering (see page 24)	
Why?	This response applies only to the conference center and Forum North.

	The conference centre is a concept that is pretty much out of date. The world has moved on. Covid may impact gathering in large groups for years to come and collaboration has moved from conference centres to online or gathering in smaller more configurable multi-use live-work venues. Conference centres create a surge problem in the same way that Queenstown or towns that host cruise ships have a surge problem. They need to build infrastructure to support peak use which is then underutilized most of the time. Every time there is a conference, all the flights, hotels and restaurants are booked out and regular traveller's and locals stay way. Then when there is no conference everything is empty, putting businesses in a cycle of feast or famine. Just because central government is offering some funding, does not make putting in additional funding a good idea. There are many alternatives to a conference center which would deliver far more value to the district in terms of participating in the new global economy. Aside from a few avant-garde events or performances, both conference centres and theatres mostly serve the upper echelons of society. This makes them exclusive rather than inclusive. While they provide a few low wages jobs, this impact is small. Both the conference centre and the theatre are planned to be at or near sea-level and the forecasts are that sea-level will rise and floods will be more frequent and severe. Both would be first on the list to be closed in the event of a resurgence of Covid or other pandemics or in the event of

	flooding, sea-level rise or tsunami. They lower resiliency and sustainability. In summary: It's hard to imagine how they fit the vision of inclusion, resiliency or sustainability. They are, in many ways, the opposite.

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?	Mitigating the impacts of climate change should not be a separate budget item in addition to the business as usual plan. Mitigating climate change should be integrated into every capital spend decision. If this was done, none of the projects, like John and James streets, the conference centre or theatre, would pass the test and there would be an extra $100m of debt capacity for services that are needed or resiliency. Unless absolutely necessary, build anything new at sea level should be discouraged. Last month there was a siren and we all fled up the hill. What did that tell us about the merits of building at sea-level?

Key issue - Revitalising our city centre (see page 32)	OPTION 3: No additional funding for the city centre.
Why?	City centers can best be made welcoming by enabling the creativity of the businesses and residents without spending a lot of money. Other global cities have done very simple low cost

	improvements like allowing a few parking bays to be converted into mini parklets or extensions to side walk cafe's. This engages local creativity at almost zero cost to the city. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Parklet Much of this is simply about permitting and tolerance for creativity rather building things and then constraining use. Before investing in James and John Street we should do the easy low cost fixes on the things we have like clean up the waterways (the river new WDC 's office for example) and upgrade existing recreational infrastructure like the pool. Digital signage showing the status of Te Matau A Pohe bridge would allow people to use Riverside Drive more effectively. This would be a far less expensive first step than building a bridge across the road or changing James and John streets.

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

I fully support the vision: inclusive, resilient and sustainable.
Each of the words are powerful in their own right and together they could mean a whole different Whangārei.
Whangārei could be inclusive, resilient and sustainable.
But the projects listed in the plan look mostly business as usual and don't fit the vision.
Proposing to build pandemic vulnerable buildings at sea level for use by a limited and mostly privileged segment of the population is not inclusive, resilient or sustainable.

To achieve the vision there are three elements that need to be addressed.
1) Being fully transparent on the costs to the rate payers

2) Understand the demographic of people who would enable the vision and how to attract and retain them.
3) Funds should be allocated in the following order.
1) The basic infrastructure needed
2) Cleaning up and fixing what we already have (rivers)
3) Amenities that serve all including the demographic of people who would enable the vision
4) Build a reserve fund or capacity for resilience
5) Nice to have projects
6) Rethink constructing buildings that are in a projected flood or sea-level rise inundation zone

As other world cities have shown, Whangārei could benefit from greater connection to the global economy and that by its nature would include attracting and retaining a greater diversity of ethnicity, national origin, gender and world view. This would improve creativity and innovation which in turn would increase the tax base which would reduce the need for further increases in rates.

One example is that many companies outside of New Zealand now allow people to work from anywhere. That means that Whangārei's youth (and not so youth) could work for almost any company and continue to live and play in Whangārei. They could earn a global equivalent salary, support local businesses and contribute to the local tax base. Digital nomads and tech migrants could work from Whangārei. Whangārei could be a burgeoning hub of the distributed economy where people work at strange hours for far away companies that most of us have never heard of living in live-work spaces that most of us have never experienced and enjoying recreational lifestyles that most of us never thought possible. To be inclusive, resilient and sustainable, this is the demographic that Whangārei needs to attract and retain.

They won't want conference centres or theatres. They want to be able to commute by skateboard, scooter or bike, swim in a really nice pool and clean ocean, they want to walk beside clean rivers, go to a rock-climbing gym, practice yoga and meditation, enjoy nightlife, hike and bike on trails, eat really good organic spray-free food, and they want a relevant

educational facility with as much of it as possible powered by clean, local energy.

These are all things that Whangārei could deliver in partnership with commercial interests, but WDC would need to make these easier than they currently are. They would all be a lot cheaper than building a theatre or conference centre and the payback would be a lot faster.

Finally, there are some readily addressable challenges that would cost very little to solve:

Resiliency:
Much of the resiliency capability such as shelter, medical, power, food production and civil defense services are in tsunami or flood inundation zones. Any new capacity should be built 20 to 50 meters above sea level.

Sustainability:
Glyphosate, a chemical banned for its proven toxicity in several countries and US states, is still widely applied and advocated for by the WDC. A moratorium on its use by council until proven safe or severely restricting its use would reduce health costs, improve the environment and possibly provide more employment.

Inclusion:
A few simply things could be done to help with inclusion such as program to educate everyone with a customer facing business in the district on how to interact with people of varied backgrounds could produce a step function change in how all people feel about Whangārei. It would also mean more revenue for those businesses so there would be short payback.

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SUBMISSION TO WDC LONG TERM PLAN 2021 by Nora Shayeb

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Kia ora WDC Team,

please find attached an additional document to my submission which I have lodged online.
I wish to be heard on these points.

Nga mihi,
Nora Shayeb

SUBMISSION TO WDC LONG TERM PLAN 2021 – 2031

By Nora Shayeb, 203 Te Toiroa Road, RD3 Whangarei 0173,

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1 - WDC ENHANCING LOCAL DEMOCRACY

– Automated replies for all email accounts of WDC employees. To **improve communications between the public and WDC,** and the quality of your services, it should be compulsory for *all* council employees to have an automated reply for their email accounts, acknowledging reception and giving a time frame on when to expect an answer. This is so we the public are assured that the government we are paying and have entrusted to run our affairs are actually listening. A feedback and update on the following actions would also be needed.

-**Important public consultations like the annual plans and 10 year plan should be notified via the same channels as the public receives their rates invoices.** This is to assure that all citizens are given the opportunity to participate in decision making of our future. Newspapers are very rarely read these days and many people are not on Face Book or other social media, but everybody gets their rates bills. A longer run-up time should also be implemented.

-**Most people are not aware of the most basic WDC regulations and their rights,** in regards to noise and air pollution (like the no-spray register). An annual brochure mail-out together with the rates, could help raise awareness on how the community can work together for a healthy environment.

-Councils should pilot a range of democratic innovations e.g. input from Citizen's Assemblies, citizen working groups/panels, participatory budgeting.

-Councillors and councils need to provide more opportunities for citizens to interact and engage with them. Constituents can provide valuable input and need to be engaged between elections, not just during them.

ACTION STATION Aotearoa has conducted a pre-election survey, which has some wonderful suggestions on how local government and the public can better create positive outcomes for our future. See attached document.

2 TOWN & URBAN PLANNING

- Tree protection for all native vegetation and mature exotic trees

In spite of WDC declaring Climate Emergency last year, there is no sign that WDC understands the implications of tree removal. The latest tragic example of WDCs misguided decisions on enhancing public spaces, is the removal of the Pohutakawas in the Town Basin. I'm sure Hundertwasser is spinning in his grave! He designed his creations to incorporate trees….he didn't have them cut down! Other examples of tragic vegetation losses are the mangroves in the Town Basin (against dire warnings about the environmental impact from experts) and the Pohutakawa by the new civic centre.
Stop cutting down our trees! We need trees to shade the asphalt and concrete jungle you have created. Town planning should make it *compulsory* to have *every parking lot shaded by trees,* as well as at least 30 percent of the roads, to mitigate man-made climate warming.

SOLUTION: PROTECT ALL NATIVE AND MATURE EXOTIC TREES AND PLANT MORE TREES.

Other issues: WDC is not adhering to their own 'Environmental Engineering Standards', and is not seeking expert advice, otherwise we wouldn't see such disasters as:

- the toxic paint of the Loop's board walk section flaking into the water;

- the coating of the 'improved' Town Basin playground getting washed into the drains by storm water;

-the 'improved' playground turned into a concrete heat sink. Apart from the sun sails, there is no shade provided by trees. To create such an artificial setting in a time when people start to realise how disconnected children have become from Nature, is not progressive.

The children visiting the playground are exposed to the dangers of:
- falling into the river;
- to dog attacks which have become frequent in the district and small children are at high risk when running in proximity of dogs that are not on a leash. WDC is not policing its 'dog on leash' policy. Dog control should permanently monitor this area and impose an immediate infringement penalty on all offenders;
-the playground and Loop are contaminated by dog faeces; this is a health hazard especially in such areas were people and their children sit and play on the ground. Instant infringement penalties for not picking up after your dog should be implemented;

-getting run over by cars, because WDC refuses to fence the playground. At the very least, there should be signage all araound the parking lot adjacent to the playground, advising people to check under their cars and back out extra carefully, as a small child may have escaped their parents unnoticed;
SOLUTION: FENCE THE PLAYGROUND

-WDC upgraded the unformed stretch of Te Toiroa road to a shared cycleway *inclusive of cars,* without an environmental risk assessment, nor an environmental engineering design, as per requirements by the WDC 'Environmental Engineering Standards'. This is not only a serious safety risk for all users, but endangers the stability of the whole escarpment; the water catchment below, as well as the adjacent bush reserve and kiwi habitat. This leaves WDC liable to legal action.

SOLUTION: WDC ADHERE TO YOUR 'ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING STANDARDS' AND SEEK INDEPENDENT EXPERT ADVICE FOR *ALL* PUBLIC PROJECTS.

The health of the environment and human health are interconnected. The current COVID-19 pandemic is yet another warning of the consequences of ignoring these connections. If we are to constrain the emergence of new infections and future pandemics, we must cease our exploitation, degradation and pollution of the natural world. For infectious diseases such as COVID-19, air pollution creates another risk. COVID-19 causes a respiratory illness and, as with SARS, exposure to air pollution worsens our vulnerability. Particles of air pollution also act as transport for pathogens, contributing to the spread of viruses and infectious disease across large distances.

3 – IMPLEMENT AN IMMEDIATE MORATORIUM ON ALL AERIAL AND ROADSIDE SPRAYING WITH TOXIC CHEMICAL PESTICIDES.

Since the 1920s there has been strong scientific evidence about the adverse effects of toxic pesticides on the environment and all life forms, yet NZ is still using highly hazardous pesticides that have been banned in other countries.

It is a well-documented fact that pesticides adversely affect the respiratory systems (among a long list of other symptoms) and that pesticides weaken the immune system of *all* life forms.

Given that Japan has recently rejected NZ honey on the basis of containing only *traces* of glyphosate, I believe it is only reasonable to ask our government: *" What do the Japanese know that we don't?"*

NZ is relying on 'safety data' provided by the very industry that is making billions of dollars on selling their products. If NZ doesn't have the funding for independent research, we should be looking for advice from better informed sources, like the United Nations.

Blanket spraying of 'undesirable' plants, as in aerial and roadside spraying, is proven to be not only dangerous and unproductive, but also financially inefficient, wasting our tax dollar. Indiscriminate pesticide spraying is creating very costly problems, such as erosion, pollution of the waterways and serious health issues for humans, live-stock and wildlife. Pesticide poisoning is linked to cancer, endocrine disruption, reproductive effects, neurotoxicity, kidney and liver damage, birth defects, and developmental changes in a wide range of species.

The continued and indiscriminate use of toxic pesticides is a breach of one of our most basic human rights – the right to health!

On this basis, I believe it *is our right* that we ask all our government agencies to exercise the precautionary principle and place an *immediate moratorium on Glyphosate and all other HHPs* !

https://www.beyondpesticides.org/programs/wildlife

http://www.pananz.net/pesticide-factsheets/

https://www.birdlife.org/europe-and-central-asia/news/meet-pesticides-silent-bird-killers-protect-our-crops

https://niwa.co.nz/our-science/freshwater/tools/kaitiaki_tools/impacts/chemical-contaminates/mitigation

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tropospheric_ozone

https://www.pesticidereform.org/climate-change/

https://pesticidestewardship.org/non-target/pesticide-impact/

SOLUTION: THERE ARE MANY *NON-TOXIC METHODS* FOR ROADSIDE MAINTENANCE, WHICH ARE REGENERATIVE, SUSTAINABLE AND COULD BRING MANY PERMANENT JOBS INTO OUR COMMUNITIES, IF THE ROADSIDE MAINTENANCE CONTRACTS WERE ASSIGNED TO EACH INDIVIDUAL COMMUNITY.

Objectives:

Minimizing the pollution of our waterways and environment by highly hazardous pesticides/herbicides, by practicing *integrated* roadside maintenance.

Replacing non-targeted herbicide sprays and destructive slashing with the MOLD method (method-of-least-disturbance).

Restoring our ecosystems by replacing weeds along roadsides with native vegetation (or beneficial non-native plants), to stabilize the soil, prevent erosion, enhance and promote biodiversity and provide habitat/shelter/food for wildlife.

Promoting the long-term financial **benefit** for ratepayers by **reducing** the costs of roadside maintenance.

Providing people in *our* community with a *permanent* income, by **gaining the contract for roadside maintenance as a 'community business'.**

Job offers include: landscapers, arborists, ecologists, equipment service team; botanists, nursery managers, administration staff and educational program managers (to share the learning process and knowledge with the next generation).

Please note: road safety is *not* promoted by eliminating all vegetation to give a better view. This will only entice people to take more risks. The roads are just as windy without vegetation. Natural vegetation reducing visibility will slow people down, naturally.

4 - GE/GMOS ISSUE

I support the councils precautionary and prohibitive GE/GMO provisions/ policies/ rules in the operative WDC District Plan and previous Long Term Plan, which addresses: the risks of any outdoor GE/GMOs experiments/ field trials/ releases to our biosecurity, unique biodiversity, wider environment, existing GM/GMO free primary producers, food sovereignty, economy, Hua Parakore, cultural values, and the public health.
Please retain and enhance the precautionary and prohibitive GE/GMO policy in the Long Term Plan. I urge you to specifically mention that GMOs (genetically modified organisms) now includes risky gene edited organisms/ CRISPR). Gene edited organisms have been shown to have unexpected/unforseen off target adverse effects and should not be allowed in NZ.
I also oppose any outdoor use of risky and controversial "gene drive"(a sterility technique that has grave risks).

PROPOSAL 5 - PINE FOREST PLANTATIONS TO BE CLASSED AS A 'NOT PERMITTED ACTIVITY' OF LAND USE WITHIN A RADIUS OF A MINIMUM OF 40KM FROM THE COASTS AND ANY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS.
Current permits and leases in these areas should not be renewed. Ideally, the ill-conceived plan to mitigate climate change by planting pine trees should be immediately revised. Consideration should be given to transition the existing pine forests into native tree forestry, using the pines as shade and shelter, instead of felling them. This has been successfully trialled.

The adverse effects of pine plantations on the environment and human health are numerous and well documented. The severe noise and air pollution and traffic congestions associated with logging, which often last for several months, severely compromise the well-being of the residential communities (human and wildlife). Not only do pine trees cause soil acidification and decrease the water flow in streams; the practice of clear felling at logging harvest stage, often on steep slopes, exposes soil to rains and erosion, with resultant heavy silting of streams which in turn smothers important native invertebrate larvae, resulting in the destruction of the freshwater and ocean aquatic ecosystems.

http://www.eco.org.nz/uploads/Ngunguru/NGUNGURU%20DOCUMENT%20April%2029,%202014%20FINAL%20web.pdf

https://niwa.co.nz/our-science/freshwater/tools/kaitiaki_tools/impacts/chemical-contaminates/causes-of-chemical-contamination/chemical-contaminants

PINE TREES ARE ALSO ONE OF THE BIGGEST CONTRIBUTORS TO AIR POLLUTION.

They give off gases that react with airborne chemicals, many of which are produced by human activity, creating tiny, invisible particles that muddy the air. The small particles influence cloud formation and rainfall, and affect climate and human health. *In the United States each year, 50,000 premature deaths from heart and lung disease are attributable to excess concentrations of aerosols.* What complicates matters is that the atmosphere is a highly oxidizing, highly reactive place, which means that aerosols are transformed very rapidly into particles that can have completely different chemical compositions.

https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/national/397692/pine-plantations-extend-lifetime-of-methane-in-north-island-atmosphere

https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/national/393832/one-billion-tree-plan-flawed-says-climate-scientist

https://news.osu.edu/pine-plantations-may-be-one-culprit-in-increasing-carbon-dioxide-levels/

https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/tree-plantations/

Excerpts from Section 9 - Rules for Industrial or Trade Premises Regional Air Quality Plan 55

9. RULES FOR DISCHARGES OF CONTAMINANTS TO AIR FROM INDUSTRIAL OR TRADE PREMISES

9.1- 1(b) The discharge shall not result in offensive or objectionable odour, or any *noxious or dangerous level of gases,* beyond the boundary of the subject property.

4 (a) The discharge shall not result in any offensive or objectionable dust deposition, or any *noxious or dangerous levels of airborne particulate* matter, beyond the boundary of the subject property.

It is also a well-known fact that pine pollen is a significant allergen, causing allergic conjunctivitis, rhinitis and asthma in a great number of people every season. Again, this is a factor making us more susceptible to Covid and other viruses that may come.

https://www.dermnetnz.org/topics/radiata-pine

SOLUTION: WDC ADJUSTS *ALL* THEIR LAND USE POLICIES, TO EXCLUDE ANY ACTIVITY THAT HAS AN ADVERSE EFFECT ON THE ENVIRONMENT, WILDLIFE AND PEOPLE WITH THE OBJECTIVE TO ENCOURAGE AND PROMOTE ONLY *REGENERATIVE* LAND USE ACTIVITIES, BY HEAVILY SUBSIDIZING:

- holistic/organic agriculture and horticulture;

- all educational programs teaching the required knowledge and skills for such;

-community tree planting projects and Nature regeneration activities;

-businesses working towards food security within their community, such as organic growers;

-lease publicly owned land *only* to regenerative land use practioners;

PROPOSAL 6 – PUBLIC ART ON THE TUTUKAKA COAST – this concept could be applied in all public areas.

Introduction:

Our coast is stunningly beautiful …*Art made by Nature*. But, we have virtually *no public art on our coast made by people!*

I believe that public sculptures/installations are not only a visual attraction, but can be an expression of the values, beliefs, the cultural history and the vision of a community.

As an artist/sculptor and environmentalist I see great potential in engaging the public in the *creation* of art with environmental themes, as a means to raise awareness. Making art connects people to their emotions and it is a great way to express how we envision and manifest the future of our environment we are privileged to live in.

More and more visitors are coming to enjoy the beauty of our coast and many of us locals have been working on ideas how to manage the impact of this growth with consideration to our precious ecosystems. I believe in sharing this process of growing awareness with the public and including them in our evolution.

Vision:

My vision is to see the *public together* creating sculptures/installations in Ngunguru, Tutukaka, Matapouri, Whale Bay, Wooleys Bay, Sandy Bay and other places, which engage and inspire

people (locals and visitors) on an emotional level to think about the impact we humans have on the environment…. in a fun, creative and interactive way!

Outcome:

-Offering activities on our coast, which raise awareness through art projects and inspire people to reconnect with Nature through their creativity and emotions.

-Creating an income for a wider group of locals.

-Enhancing the cultural image of our community.

-Enhancing the Tutukaka coast events calendar.

-Promoting and educating people about sustainability;

Making it happen:

The creation of the sculptures could be a programme to create income for the wider local community, such as hosting art workshops in our community (for example in Maraes) as 'holiday packages' with accommodation, food and guided tours included.

Creating the sculptures is only *one* aspect of the art-making events. It can encompass festivals, competitions, story-telling (cultural history), movie screening (environmental themes), costume balls, performances etc.

Each sculpture/installation would represent a different aspect of how we relate to Nature.

A more detailed proposal is available on application.

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Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard	Yes

at the hearing?	

Your feedback:

Key issue - How will we pay for what we need - Rates Options (see page 17)	
Why?	Non of the options. Personally I do not benefit from any of the proposed projects.

Key issue - Spaces for gathering (see page 24)	
Why?	Non of the options. The existing Forum North will be perfectly adequate, if some funds are invested into modernisation/beautification/multi-purposing. Reason: as we saw in lockdowns, conferences can be held successfully and without any costs online in a very sustainable manner (no emissions, no travel, no other expenses like hotel and restaurant bills, which are built into the price of everything). There is still a great uncertainty how the situation with Covid will develop. The may be a resurgence or emergence of much more aggressive strains. We may not be able to travel freely in the next years to come, nor have events of any kind. The Town Basin might be under water with the rise of sea level in a few years' time.

Key issue - Climate change and sustainability (see page 28)	
Why?	Non of the options. Reason: Not only do we have a serious housing crisis, but we have declared Climate Emergency! The welfare of the environment and the basic needs of humans should be given absolute priority! Much education needs to happen in regards to waste minimisation.

Key issue - Revitalising our city centre (see page 32)	
Why?	Non of the options. Reason: A very good start has been made with the murals on building facades and the sculptures along the Loop, well done! A much more attractive ambience can be created in the centre, if more vegetation is planted. 'Living walls' and creative landscaping, planting trees on every parking lot will not only help to mitigate the heat generation through asphalt and concrete, but will also be pleasing to the eye. Changing out door art exhibits throughout town, could add a vibrant and interesting ambience.

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

raised in the Consultation document:

We certainly do not need a bigger airport! Again, we do not know if travel as we knew it will be a possibility in the future. Having bigger planes circle and land over or district will be very disruptive and add to the air pollution.

I will lodge a separate document with other points I wish to raise.

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Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard at the hearing?	No

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?	

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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:

From: Whangarei District Council
Sent: 27 Mar 2021 19:24:42 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Tania Shepherd - 2021-LTP-SUB-227

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Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Tania Shepherd - 2021-LTP-SUB-227

Receipt Number: 2021-LTP-SUB-227

Your details:

Name:	Tania Shepherd
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Email:	shepherdgirl99@gmail.com

Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard at the hearing?	No

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?	Whangarei needs growth and develop all areas

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 3: No additional funding for the city centre.
Why?	Building owners need to upgratheir own buildings. Town is an eye sore and should be refined to be made into apartment

	living to help with the housing and rental shortage in Whangarei. Move the town hun to Okara

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

Development of the town basin and waterfront is essential. The city hub can be rezoned to apartment living and okara developed to the main centre. Huterwasser is beautiful and the Oruku landing will compliment it well

From: Whangarei District Council
Sent: 18 Mar 2021 23:45:01 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Jesse Silulu - 2021-LTP-SUB-101

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Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Jesse Silulu - 2021-LTP-SUB-101

Receipt Number: 2021-LTP-SUB-101

Your details:

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Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard	No

at the hearing?	

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, Hīhīaua 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:

From: Whangarei District Council
Sent: 11 Mar 2021 07:42:30 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Myles simpkin - 2021-LTP-SUB-41

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Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Myles simpkin - 2021-LTP-SUB-41

Receipt Number: 2021-LTP-SUB-41

Your details:

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Email:	aimyles@hotmail.co.nz

Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard	No

at the hearing?	

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?	Save costs put money else where

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?	Put more money into sport facilities there are no outdoor courts anywhere in the city

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

This all sounds good spending money on the city ..but our mckay stadium needs upgrades

you go to any other town they are such better facilities and there are no outdoor courts anywhere basketball or netball we have a boy and a girl who both represent whangarei in sports but there is nowhere to practice me an my son offen go practice basketball at the Christian renew school the only courts we no of and it is always full of people playing every weekend and it is frustrating having nowhere to go think it would be a good investment for the kids keep them active and out of trouble

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YOUR DETAILS

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I am making this submission as: ○ An individual ◉ On behalf of an organisation

Organisation name MADDARAWALE LTD

Postal address SHOP 2
CORNER CAMERON & JOHN STS
WHANGAREI

Best number to contact you on 021 779 469

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)

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☑ **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, Hīhīaua Cultural Centre, and existing facilities at Forum North).

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

WHY? THE 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.

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WHY?

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

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

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✓ **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 WE HAVE BEEN RIPPED OF WITH S.U.I. PP. CHARGES. 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 $361 m IS GROSSLY EXCESSIVE.

From: Whangarei District Council
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Subject: Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Robyn Skerten - 2021-LTP-SUB-148

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Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Robyn Skerten - 2021-LTP-SUB-148

Receipt Number: 2021-LTP-SUB-148

Your details:

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Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard at the hearing?	No

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?	Mitigating Climate Change will no doubt require extra revenue.

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?	Investing in too many venues could be risky but Whangarei needs a boost, badly needs a modern well designed hotel as in Oruku Landing and this area is ripe for development. Hihiaua needs to be completed and Forum North will need a tidy up once WDC move from here. Additional government funding may eventuate.

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 mitigation is crucial, otherwise all other planned developments could stall. Whangarei environment is particularly vulnerable to climate

	change.

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?	The City Centre badly needs improvements but these should be worthwhile with good planning and smart green design. It doesn't seem long ago that James Street was 'revitalised' at no doubt huge cost and a disappointing result with 'tacky interactive' gimmicks such as the coloured blocks etc. and unattractive large nikaus coming out of hard surfaces. Smart spending and no wastage, together with maintenance of improvements are vital. More native trees, softer greener spaces. I still don't see any attempt at linking the City centre with the Town Basin ? I visualise an attractive wide pedestrian / shared path overbridge with green planting, veggies, interactive, in keeping with Hundertwasser .

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

Whangarei should showcase native tree plantings, modern attractive landscaping, natural materials, less stark hard surfaces and a policy of maintaining mature native trees, restoring mangroves along the Hatea River etc. The Hatea Loop is fabulous, thank you but again too many areas of hard surfaces, which are often white stark concrete hard on the eyes and not uptodate with mitigating climate change. I appreciate the versatility of footpaths for 'Shared Paths' but they are also harsh on hips and knees. More trees are needed to give sunshade and absorb water run off. Whangarei's many waterways could be an attractive feature for walking and cycleways and

this would give an opportunity to clean up the waterways. I envisage linking the beautiful little 'Pocket Park' with shared path through the centre via Reyburn St, to Caffler Park and joining the Kamo Cycleway. This would instantly revitalise the City Centre.
Roadside spraying and clearing needs to be more selective so native trees are preserved and exotic pampas weeds etc removed. This would indeed take longer in the short term but would give longer term results mitigating climate change and a more attractive region.
The Tutukaka Cycleway should not be a roadway for cars, it is unsafe for both walkers and cyclists, speed limits are ridiculous and in particular large vehicles such as motorhomes, tradesman trucks etc, motorbikes shouldn't be allowed. It is a disgrace as a 'cycleway' and right next to vulnerable beautiful covenanted native bush with kiwis.

From: Whangarei District Council
Sent: 24 Mar 2021 01:14:10 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Melitza Skudder - 2021-LTP-SUB-154

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Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Melitza Skudder - 2021-LTP-SUB-154

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Your details:

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Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard	No

at the hearing?	

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, Hīhīaua Cultural Centre, and existing facilities at Forum North.
Why?	Because it is ready to go and Government have allocated a considerable amount of funding towards it which if not picked up will be lost. It will provide jobs for local contractors and be a welcome new facility for our region.

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:

Just that I think it will be so beneficial to our city and no better time given cheap interest rates to do these things. The flow on effect of a world class event center and hotel will provide jobs and revenue to the city and encourage visitors and conferences to our region.

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YOUR DETAILS

Name DOUGLAS SMEAL

I am making this submission as: ☑ An individual ○ On behalf of an organisation

Organisation name

Postal address 12 CYPRESS GARDEN PLACE.
ONERAHI.

Best number to contact you on 021 411 688.

Email d.g.smeal@gmail.com.

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

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:

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- 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.

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.

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WHY? CITY IS GROWING FAST AND SERVICES AND INFRA STRUCTURE MUST BE MAINTAINED AND ADDED TO.

KEY ISSUE – SPACES FOR GATHERING (SEE PAGE 24)

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WHY? AS OUTLINED IN (1a) MUST GRAB $60m FROM GOVT. HIHAUA PROJECT LIMITED TO INDOOR/OUTDOOR STAGE ONLY IF ORUKU LANDING PROJECT GOES AHEAD. TOO MANY CONFERENCE CENTRES. OPTION "3" KEPT ON IF AND WHEN THE ECONOMY STABILISES.

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

- [x] **OPTION 1:** Put $3.7m of new funding towards climate change mitigation and adaptation and waste minimisation.
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WHY? JUST KEEP ON TOP OF IT.
DONT PANIC

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

- [ ] **OPTION 1:** Spend $13m to make improvements to James Street and John Street.
- [x] **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? SHOULD HAVE BEEN DONE 20 YEARS AGO.
SPOTLIGHT DEVELOPMENT (RAILWAY LAND/TAWERARD) WAS
SUPPOSED TO BE DOWN LOWER JAMES & JOHN ST.

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LIMIT CONSULTANTS – USE COUNCIL SALARIED STAFF.

From: Whangarei District Council
Sent: 26 Mar 2021 00:50:31 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Ron Esveld and Rosemary Smith - 2021-LTP-SUB-204

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Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Ron Esveld and Rosemary Smith - 2021-LTP-SUB-204

Receipt Number: 2021-LTP-SUB-204

Your details:

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Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard at the hearing?	Yes

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, Hīhīaua 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:

1) TRAFFIC CALMING. Additional Traffic calming measures to King Street and Mains Ave. These streets are now the ONLY TWO feeder streets leading to Otangarei that do not have speed humps to slow speeding traffic. SOLUTION Build speed humps similar in design to those recently added between the existing ones in Jack street. BACKGROUND The Keyte Street works completed approx 2 .5 years ago has resulted in a re-direction of traffic from that street into King Street and Mains Ave. Something similar occurred a number of years ago when chicanes were built in Mains Ave, followed by lane restrictions in Keyte Street. This lead to the channelling of significantly more traffic flowing through King Street, much of it traveling so fast that it was impossible to sight the number plates. WDC accepted then that traffic re-direction was happening in King Street and with sustained neighbour input, chicanes (similar to Mains Ave) were built. My recent emails to - and replies from - Cr Connop and the traffic engineers shows that there is no acceptance by Council this time that something similar is occurring as a consequence of the Keyte Street speed humps. This is disappointing. While speeds are not as high post chicane installation, they are still much greater than the recommended 25 kph with vehicles slowing down, racing between chicanes, sometimes skidding as they go. Some negotiate the chicanes on the opposite side of the street, maintaining a higher speed due the straighter line offered by this route.

2) CATS. We are keen to see WDC following Wellington and Palmerston North who allocate $20,000 to $25,000 annually to for cat snip n chip campaigns to reduce the number if feral cats. We suggest that the WDC help solve the problem of 'lost' and abandoned cats and kittens that are suffering from starvation and cruelty; damaging our environment; and creating problems for residents and businesses in our community as follows:
1. Introduce new bylaws mandating that all companion cats are de-sexed, micro-chipped and registered (on NZCAR the NZ Companion Animal Register) by 6 months of age - a once in the cat's lifetime cost.
2. Provide and financially contribute to subsidised de-sexing, micro-chipping and registering programmes throughout year for people on low incomes. Some councils in NZ already provide this service by working with their local vet clinics and/or SPCA.

Over time, both these measures would help reduce the number of lost and abandoned cats and kittens in the community. Mandatory de-sexing would also reduce the number of unwanted cats and kittens taken to cat shelters. Mandatory micro-chipping and registering would enable many lost cats and kittens to be reunited with their owners.

From: Whangarei District Council
Sent: 9 Mar 2021 20:23:24 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Joanne Smith - 2021-LTP-SUB-33

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Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Joanne Smith - 2021-LTP-SUB-33

Receipt Number: 2021-LTP-SUB-33

Your details:

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Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard	No

at the hearing?	

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?	A rates increase of over 6% puts too much financial pressure on rate payers.

Key issue - Spaces for gathering (see page 24)	OPTION 2: Put budget towards only ONE of the following: Oruku Landing Conference and Events Centre, Hīhīaua Cultural Centre, and existing facilities at Forum North.
Why?	Whangarei already has Forum North as a conference facility. There are other options such as ASB Stadium and Semenoff Stadium for conferences and functions. Spending tens of millions of RATE PAYER money on new function centers is a total waste of money and shows how utterly fiscally inept this council is. Budget to improve Forum North. Whangarei doesn't need a theatre!

Key issue - Climate change and sustainability (see page 28)	OPTION 3: No new funding towards climate change or waste minimisation.
Why?	Because the amount of funding already allocated to these options isn't listed!

Key issue - Revitalising	OPTION 3: No additional funding for the city centre.

our city centre (see page 32)	
Why?	I'm choosing option 3 purely because 13 and 21 Million sound like an awful lot of money to 'make improvements' without knowing what those improvements will be. For that kind of money those streets would be totally transformed!

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

I think the council should concentrate on improving infrastructure, I am sick and tired of driving on shitty roads that are only patched up and never actually fixed only to hear that the council spent millions on projects like the Hundertwasser or what to build a multi million dollar conference centre or new council offices!
The council need to remember it isn't their money they are spending!!
They also need to manage the funds they have, constantly raising rates isn't a solution to their financial mismanagement.

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IF NECESSARY

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:

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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.
- Provide us with your contact details so we can email you, write to you or call you to keep you informed.
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WHY? ORUKU LANDING CONF CENTRE ONLY AT THE PRESENT AS MOST ESSENTIAL OF THE THREE (DON'T BITE OFF MORE THAN YOU CAN CHEW!) ACCESS COULD BE A PROBLEM – HOW ABOUT A FOOT TUNNEL UNDER THE HARBOUR?

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LETS GET MOVING LETS GET IMPROVING

I HAVE BEEN A MEMBER OF THE OCA ON AND OFF FOR THE PAST 20 YEARS AND HAVE SPOKEN ONCE BEFORE AT A WDC MEETING (RE THE ANTI EROSION BOULDERS -NOW IN PLACE - ON BEACH ROAD).

BEACH ROAD IS NOW A POPULAR RENDEZVOUS FOR THE CITY AND ONERAHI ITSELF AND REALLY WANTS UPDATING BY PROVIDING IMPROVED FACILITIES AND CAR PARKING.

UNFORTUNATELY NONE OF THE 4 COUNCILLORS REPRESENTING ONERAHI ACTUALLY LIVE IN THE TOWN SO (IN MY OPINION) IT IS UP TO THE OCA TO PRESENT THEIR CASE

I PERSONALLY HAVE DRAWN UP A LIST OF THINGS WHICH I THINK WILL ADD TO THE FACILITIES ON BEACH ROAD SOME BEING QUITE EXPENSIVE (BUT NECESSARY?) THESE BEING

1. THE PROVISION OF A "SEA POOL" AT KAIWAKA POINT SO SWIMMING IS AVAILABLE AT ALL STAGES OF THE TIDE
2. KINKING OF THE ROAD ROUND THE CHILDRENS PLAYGROUND, THIS WOULD SLOW UP TRAFFIC AND ALSO PROVIDE EXTRA SPACE (VOLLEY BALL COURT ETC).

OTHER THOUGHTS

1. PROVIDE BETTER PARKING BAYS
2. PUT MORE (FLAT TOPPED) BOULDERS - STOPS CAR ENCROACHMENT WHILST

3

- PROVIDING PICNIC TABLES.

3 PROVIDE EXERCISE EQUIPMENT

4 PROVIDE TOILET/CHANGING FACILITY AT KAIWAKA POINT (+BARBECUE?)

5 PROVIDE PHOTOGRAPHS OF WHAT BEACH ROAD WAS LIKE IN THE PAST

6 PROVIDE EXTRA (FLYING FOX?) EQUIPMENT

7 CRAZY GOLF ON UNUSED AREA

8 REFRESHMENT PROVISION

9 FOOTPATH EXTENSIONS

YOURS SINCERELY

Bob Smith

OCA COMMITEE 4363681

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Whangarei District Council

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

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WHY? FUNDING REQUIRED BY LTP REQUIRES THIS.

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WHY? I SUPPORT ALL THREE PROJECTS, HOWEVER ONLY THE ORUKU LANDING HOTEL + EVENTS CENTRE HAS A GRANT IN PLACE (CENTRAL GOVERNMENT) FOR $63m. THIS OBVIOUSLY MUST GIVE IN PRIORITY, AS DOES THE FACT THAT IT IS A MULTI-USE FACILITY AND WILL BE 'OWNED' BY COUNCIL.

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WHY? A STEPPING STONE TO THE FUTURE. PLEASE NOTE THE CBD MUST HAVE 'NEW' UTILISATION, PREFERABLY AS A TERTIARY PRECINCT, WHICH WILL IN ITSELF BRING FOOT TRAFFIC AND SO PRIVATE INVESTMENT TO THE AREA.

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

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Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Alex Smits - 2021-LTP-SUB-385

Receipt Number: 2021-LTP-SUB-385

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Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard	Yes

at the hearing?	

Your feedback:

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Why?	

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Why?	

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

The council needs to reassess the rules with regards to Rural Production and sub division. Historically farmers could sub divide 4ha quite easily as a retirement fund or when times were tough and they needed to take some cash out of the farm. In most cases it was often the least productive corner and wouldn't effect production or the overall value of the farm. Now the area is 20ha as a controlled activity. The intent is to reduce the effect on productive land. In reality it just creating larger lifestyle blocks which in effect reduces the level of production anyway. So isn't actually achieving the required outcome. However farmers will still look to sub divide land.
A better solution could see a pragmatic approach to sub division. Most people looking for land in the country don't want 20ha. Leave to a needs assessment of each area. If a land owner has 100ha - using the controlled activity rule then they are in principle allowed 5 titles. A better solution would be for an assessment of logical natural boundaries and the nature of the surroundings. Sometimes this would mean 4 x 1ha with a residual of 96ha - which is a better way to protect the production.

There is a push for a move to the country - more people in the country builds communities, increases rates and helps develop further infrastructure.

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Receipt Number: 2021-LTP-SUB-278

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Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard at the hearing?	No

Your feedback:

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Why?	In order to provide for maintenance and improved infrastructure and facilities, an increase in rates is inevitable. Because of this I believe that Option 1 will prevent us from sliding backwards, making the 'inter-generational' plan both sensible and fair overall.

Key issue - Spaces for gathering (see page 24)	OPTION 3: Build a Whangarei District Council-owned theatre on the current Forum North site.
Why?	When Forum North was built 45 years ago, the plans included a lyric theatre was to be added after the main building was completed: we are still waiting. Our existing 350 seat Capitaine Bougainville theatre is completely inadequate for modern stage productions and performances. This city needs an 850- to 1000-seat performance venue of technical excellence to allow for larger national, and international, productions. At present, almost all of these bypass Whangarei. Sports facilities have been strongly supported by the council over the years but little significant arts infrastructure has been provided: for performing arts especially.

	Whangarei has a very strong cultural and performing arts body of talent which needs a modern purpose-built venue, both for educational purposes and for experience in stagecraft and backstage operations such as lighting, sound, and stage management.

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?	I consider the purposes of the necessarily increased funding to be fairer and cover a wider range of community well-being and safety.

Key issue - Revitalising our city centre (see page 32)	OPTION 1: Spend $13m to make improvements to James and John St.
Why?	Option 1 will create the important connection from the CBD to the waterfront, and it can be expanded to Robert and Cameron Streets at a later date, as future funding allows.

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

Re page 39, 'Riverside/Onerahi Road', I consider a bypass most desirable to take the increasing 'through' traffic from the Whangarei Heads to the city and beyond. At present Riverside Drive is a bottleneck so a safe and accessible alternative route is not only for convenience but also for safety in case of a disaster, such as a large tsunami. The Kamo bypass has shown that the township actually benefits from this model: people used to avoid it because of the congestion and it is now a flourishing area with a stronger identity. I would expect the same result for Onerahi if a bypass is constructed.

Overall, I would like to say that I think the council does a great job, and the continuing improvements and attention to beauty, as well as function, provide a city both increasingly user-friendly and attractive.

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Submission to Whangarei District Council

On Its 2021 – 2031 Long Term Plan

March 2021

By Chris Leitch: Leader; Finance Spokesperson

A rates rise of 6.5%, including a catch up for rates deferred last year, might be considered justifiable in a situation where none of the city's ratepayers had lost their jobs or had a significantly reduced level of income as a result of the virus. While the income of councillors and council staff may not have been affected, that is not the case for a significant number of Whangarei's ratepayers or businesses.

People's incomes are more under stress now than they have been in the last 40 years or more, yet council appears to be proceeding on the basis of everything being 'hunky dory' with big spending plans on 'show off' projects with rates rises and borrowing increases to match.

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 and raise rates by 6.5% in the first year with cumulative rates increases of 4.5% in subsequent years.

If it was the average household doing a budget for the next few years it would right now be cutting back on anything that was not absolutely essential.

The extent to which the basics are not being attended to shows with the Government's plan, already underway, to take fresh water and waste water assets, paid for by ratepayers over decades, off councils and transfer them into just four or five enormous regional bodies. The council's water rates increases are intended to boost investment in those assets, but again the increases will hit ratepayers hard, and will not stop the transfer of those assets out of council hands.

In more buoyant economic times as a plan for the future what is proposed might be considered acceptable, but right now it's like the itinerary for a world trip that you can't afford, but you're going to do anyway and put it on the credit card and hope you'll be able to pay it off.

In Council's case, that will incur significant fees and interest charges while you do – $7.30 million in the 2020/21 year rising 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 of ratepayers money that will be wasted because it will not provide one additional service for the people who paid it. What it will provide is a $108.5 million transfer of hard earned income out of the pockets of ratepayers and businesses who can ill afford it, directly into the pockets of wealthy money lenders – mostly commercial banks and institutional investors.

The thing that stands out is that despite having an alternative funding option put in front of this council at numerous consultations since 2012, little in the way of serious investigation of that possible option has been undertaken.

Not one councillor has ever approached me to ask for clarification or further understanding of that option. Not one council workshop has been held to debate the possibilities. Not one other council has been contacted to see if they thought there was any merit in the proposal.

While innovative and imaginative thinking has gone into the presentation of the plan booklet, and the new Town Basin park project, innovative and imaginative thinking is sadly missing when it comes to looking at how to fund council's proposals and the same old "we'll just put the rates up" answer has resulted, as if ratepayers have some magic money tree at the bottom of their garden they can find the additional rates from.

We all know that the greatest single factor that could deliver the vision in the plan, and more besides, is money - lots of it - and right now, New Zealand has a source, unexplored in potential funding considerations, which has lots of it, and is dishing it out to banks and speculators to drive up the escalator ride in house prices.

$128 billion by 2022 is the sum of money the Reserve Bank is creating (out of thin air) and pumping into the speculative sector of the economy.

When we suggested that funding source to this council in submissions in 2012, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018, despite being supported by solid evidence, most councillors and officers would have written it off as pie in the sky, 'funny money' nonsense, and not given it another thought. But just twelve months ago the Reserve Bank started to do exactly what we had said it could, and create a big big bundle of new money – that $128 billion.

Northland's councils, perhaps in conjunction with other councils, should be petitioning the government for either a share of that new money, or a fund similarly sourced, to enable the projects identified in the plan to be rolled out, without the need to put ratepayers under further financial stress. After all, the plans for Whangarei only need a tiny fraction of that $128 billion.

The Reserve Bank has the ability to fund local body capital projects.

The Public Finance Act (1989) permits the borrowing of funds from the Reserve Bank of NZ on terms favourable to the public interest.

So despite what most of you have believed for most of your life, such funding is possible, at no interest, and for many projects, without repayment being necessary, saving ratepayers immense sums of money that currently go to pay interest on conventional borrowing.

Our submission to the Productivity Commission's 'Local Government Funding & Financing' enquiry is attached which provides more detail on the proposal.

This council should carry out a thorough investigation of the concept, then commit to it, get other councils across the country to do the same, and get on with lobbying government hard through the Local Government Association to provide Reserve Bank funding for the development and infrastructure funding councils deserve.

I wonder if this submission will generate any interest in the concepts we are proposing, and any further discussion or enquiry.

You hold in your hands the key to providing Whangarei with a safer, more appealing city, much better infrastructure, better community facilities and a level of rates that people and business can afford. This will make Whangarei more attractive for new businesses to invest and existing businesses to move into our region providing significant numbers of jobs for Northlanders and a major boost in economic activity and additionally provide an environment where people can truly say 'Love it here'.

What's to lose?

Chris Leitch
Leader, Finance Spokesperson
We would like to present a verbal submission if that opportunity is available.

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15th February 2019

The Chairman

Productivity Commission

Local Government Funding & Financing Issues

Thank you for the opportunity to present our views for consideration.

Submission

Over the last 30 years local councils have seen significantly increased demands being placed on their funding, organisational, and service delivery capabilities.
Some of those increased demands are:-
Responsibilities transferred from Central Government
Higher environmental standards, health and safety requirements, and other regulatory standards
Aging infrastructure both above ground and below ground
Earthquake strengthening requirements
Pressure on services from increased tourism
Population growth from high immigration
Higher standards for fresh water and wastewater services as well as additional supply requirements
Additional demands on roading with significantly more trucks replacing former rail transport.

Councils have been able to increase rates and charges to endeavour to fund some of those requirements, but the ability to continue to do so is being constrained due to the country's aging population, with more ratepayers on fixed incomes, and due to the fact that New Zealand is operating a low wage economy, meaning the majority of wage earners are already living with household budgets under stress.

Most councils see little in the way of alternative however, and things like petrol taxes and a range of other taxes and user charges are being investigated. Indeed the report by Local Government New Zealand came up with little in the way of other ideas. It appears that extracting more money out of ratepayer's pockets or increased borrowing are the only alternatives that are being explored.

Many councils have joined the Local Government Funding Agency in an effort to obtain better borrowing rates. Regardless of the rate, this still requires ratepayers to either come up with more money or except reduced services as more and more of council income is siphoned off to pay interest on private sector borrowing or profits to investors in the Local Government Funding Agency.

Indeed the website of the local government funding agency says the LGFA in 2011 won an award for their contribution to the development of Capital Markets in New Zealand. 'We provide investors with a new source of securities rated at AA+ by international credit ratings agencies'.

Ratepayers expect the money they pay to go towards providing services in their area, not to be the source of a significant contribution to the development of Capital Markets for wealthy investors.

Public/Private partnership schemes likewise have a similar result with ratepayers funding 25year gold plated profit streams for private investors.

Already over $800 million dollars of taxpayers money is spent every year on paying interest on council borrowing, when it could (and should) be providing services and facilities for local communities.

There is however another funding option that has not been investigated by local government New Zealand or by individual councils.

In 2012 the International Monetary Fund published a lengthy report entitled the Chicago Plan Revisited.

Its authors, two senior researchers, one of whom is now a senior researcher at the Bank of England, investigated, analysed, and modelled a plan of a similar name proposed in the 1930's by leading economists including Irving Fisher and Henry Simons.

Their conclusion was that governments should issue credit through their Central Banks for use to, for example, provide the country with funds for building assets.

They identified a number of very significant advantages over the present system in using that mechanism. One in particular was there would not be Inflation generated as a result. A second and highly desirable one was that the government would not be using precious tax revenues to fund the interest payments on money accessed from the private sector.

That tax revenue, currently approximately $5 billion dollars each year, would become available to provide services such as health, education, etc for New Zealanders.

Japan is currently using that mechanism as is China.

The process has been used in the past.

In Australia the Commonwealth Bank funded Central Government expenditure, and a similar situation existed in Canada. In New Zealand, the Reserve Bank funded the building of approximately 30,000 state houses between 1936 and 1949, and provided the producer boards with overdraft facilities at 1% interest.

Despite it's resounding success that source of funding ceased to be used soon afterwards.

An attempt was made in 1978 by then MP Bruce Beetham to introduce the mechanism in New Zealand once more with the tabling of the Credit and Currency Bill, and Reserve Bank Amendment Bill in parliament. Regrettably the bills did not get the support of the house and as a consequence thousands of billions of taxpayer dollars have been spent in paying the interest on government borrowing - from mainly overseas owned financial institutions - since then, rather than being used to provide services for New Zealanders.

The mechanism is one that, in recent years, is attracting significant international support from economists and financial writers including Lord Adair Turner, former chairman of Britain's Financial Services Authority, Professor Richard Werner from Southampton University, Ann Pettifor, director of Policy Research in Macroeconomics, Professor Steve Keen, head of the School of Economics at Kingston University in London, Martin Wolf, chief economics editor at the Times of London, Anatole Kaletsky, editor at the Financial Times, and numerous others. In New Zealand, Bernard Hickey and Bryan Gould are among those promoting the idea.

New Zealand is in a unique position being one of only a handful of countries that has a publicly owned central bank. Any charges the bank may make on implementing the concept would flow through into profits returnable to the government.

The implementation of the mechanism would remove very considerable stress on government finances in that the $5 billion dollar saving in interest annually would significantly boost funding for difficult areas such as in health, education, and state sector salaries while the creation of Reserve Bank credit would provide funds necessary for things like investment in transport projects, water supply, wastewater treatment, forestry, in the regions and in environmental protection, to name just a few.

These investments could be made by granting no interest loans to local councils, and/or suspensory loans which would not require repayment. Water supply, wastewater treatment, roads, and earthquake strengthening would be suitable candidates for this type of funding.

As the Chicago Plan Revisited states, if private banks can, as they do, create credit in the process of granting loans to customers, a fact backed up by the Bank of England, the NZ Reserve Bank, and the German Bundesbank, (as well as many other sources) there is nothing stopping the central bank from using the same mechanism to create credit for government investment in the country.

Government or local body stock available to private sector institutions would of course be reduced, however this type of passive investment could beneficially be used instead for active investment in the productive sector of the economy, providing not only a rate of return that is better than that obtained on government sector stock, but also significantly improving the country's production, GDP, and living standards.

On all counts there would appear to be only wins for a government that had recommendations with so many benefits, in a report from an institution such as the Productivity Commission, that it could use as a basis for proposing such measures be adopted.

We urge you to investigate the possibilities, our references, and include those recommendations in your report.

We are available for further consultation and would be keen to participate further.

Chris Leitch

Social Credit Party Leader.

Attached:-

IMF Paper – The Chicago Plan Revisited

Bruce Beetham - Reserve Bank Ammendment Bill 1978

Bruce Beetham - NZ Credit & Currency Bill 1978

Bank of England - Money Creation In A Modern Economy

German Central Bank - Money Creation April 2017

Reserve Bank Letter – Money Creation

From: sophiesparrow@xtra.co.nz
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To whom it may concern,

My name is Sophie Sparrow and I grow up singing and performing in Whangarei. The ability to perform regularly in a supportive community has led me to where I am today, in London on the prestigious Royal Academy Opera Programme following my dream of performing on some of the big stages.

Although I had chances to perform growing up, one thing I feel was missing was a state of the art theatre which would bring large acts to Whangarei like concerts from NZSO, ballet, opera, and musical theatre. Being able to witness world class entertainment is essential for budding young performers but also for the cultural and people of Whangarei. Also the ability to perform in the large theatre would have been an incredible experience and would have helped with my performing abilities.

Whangarei is a wonderful city, full of life and cultural why not add to it and really take it to the next level with a new theatre. It will boost the economy and the spirits of the city.

I feel the only option is Option 3 a new theatre.

Kind Regards,
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Submission for WDC 2021-2031 Long Term Plan

Section of Beach Road, Onerahi, is dangerous for pedestrians

The section of Beach Road, from the Onerahi Yacht Club to Hill St is extremely dangerous. The road is narrow and barely wide enough for two vehicles to pass each other, especially for large trucks and cars towing boats. It is potentially dangerous for pedestrians because this road finishes at the sea wall and there is no footpath for people and their families.

The WDC has created a well-used, safe, shared path from Beach Road, along the Waimahanga Track and Riverside Drive, to the Town Basin. Many more people are using Beach Road because there is now a safe pathway. It is great to see people of all ages enjoying the area every day - walking, running, cycling and taking their dogs for a walk, families with babies in prams and young children riding their bikes. Many people like to complete a circuit of Beach Rd and have to use a dangerous, narrow road with no footpath to do this.

Frequently reckless drivers choose to use Beach Road to drive as fast as they can, sometimes with groups of cars. It is frightening when cars speed past and are dangerously close to you. These drivers have a complete disregard for the safety of people and their families who enjoy walking along this scenic part of our harbour.

Many species of birds live in this area. I regularly walk around Beach Road and I frequently witness cruel drivers deliberately mowing down flocks of birds, killing and maiming them. Many people do not realise that some species like the Red-billed Gull is native to NZ and their numbers are in decline. Caring people do not like to witness this deliberate cruelty. This creates additional work for the Native Bird Recovery Centre volunteers. Traffic calming measures would slow drivers down and make Beach Road safer for all bird life too.

The WDC has encouraged people to use this beautiful area and now needs to complete the circuit of Beach Road and make it safer for people and birdlife.

Suggestions - make Beach Road:

- a one way street from the Onerahi Yacht Club to Hill St
- continue the concreted shared path to Hill St
- put in traffic calming measures from the Raurimu Road intersection to Hill St

First name Stuart & Louise Spicer

Street name 162A Beach Rd

Suburb Onerahi

At the very least, traffic calming should be installed. This would be relatively cheap, even if it is only an interim measure while a long term solution is found. Mixing traffic which is just travelling at 40/50 km/h with pedestrians, children + dogs is scary.

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Whangarei DC Long Term Plan submission

1 April 2021

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Executive summary

Wellbeing is more important than ever with the COVID-19 pandemic and the highly uncertain economic outlook both having an impact all aspects of our lives. We know if we can raise the physical activity levels of New Zealanders it will lead to better health and social outcomes.

Whangarei, like many Districts of New Zealand, faces challenges in relation to the provision of play, active recreation and sport opportunities. The District's population is growing and will likely exceed 100,000 residents over the period of the LTP (10 years). The population growth while positive, brings with it the challenge of providing for increased sport and recreation demand and increasing participant expectations. The resident population is also aging with the highest growth age-group regionally being those aged over 65 years. Consideration to the needs of those at this life-stage will continue to be a challenge for the District over the next ten years and beyond.

The Whangarei Active Recreation and Sport Strategy provides a high-level view of the district needs in the short, medium and long-term. Sport NZ commends the Whangarei District for adopting the strategy in March 2019 and responding to the challenge of acting on those projects identified as being of priority for the District. Sport NZ also support WDC funding for the implementation of the Whangarei Active Recreation and Sport Strategy – specifically a District Facility Navigator role to support the development of the prioritised hub initiatives and sport specific facility plans – as well as support funding for major recommendations in the strategy such as the development of an aquatic facility plan, a courts plan, a sports field demand study and land acquisition for future provision and a marine hub master plan.

Play is a vital component of our strategy at Sport NZ with research showing that play has many benefits for children, families, and the wider community. Through our regional partner Sport Northland, we would like to work with Council (and different departments within Council like roading, landscaping, libraries etc) to create more playful spaces (so beyond playground development). With our support, the team at Sport Northland would like to pilot ideas based on community willingness around play streets, play on your way, utilising parks and reserves in different ways (e.g. loose parts play, sensory play etc) and to leverage off the work and recommendations identified in Kōkiri Ai Te Waka Hourua (Te Tai Tokerau moving forward in partnership – a strategy for play, active recreation and sport 2021-2030).

About Sport New Zealand

Sport New Zealand (Sport NZ) is the crown agency responsible for contributing to the wellbeing of everybody in Aotearoa New Zealand by leading an enriching and inspiring play, active recreation, and sport system.

Sport NZ's vision is simple - to get Every Body Active in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Sport NZ remain committed to making progress towards our primary goal of ensuring more tamariki and rangatahi (aged 5 – 18) have access to quality physical activity options.

We see Councils playing a key role in helping us recognise this vision.

Our role as kaitiaki of the system focusses on lifting the physical activity levels of all those living within Aotearoa. In doing this, we believe we will have the greatest possible impact on wellbeing. We achieve our outcomes by aligning our investment through partnerships, funds and programmes to our strategic priorities set out in four-year strategic plans.

We observe that the best results come from locally led initiatives - those governed, managed and delivered by local communities to meet local needs. True collaboration at a community level brings additional benefits such as connections, capability, and vitality.

Working together towards a collective goal will allow us the greatest possible impact on wellbeing for all New Zealanders.

The impact of COVID-19 on the play, active recreation and sport sector

COVID-19 placed significant pressure on Aotearoa New Zealand's play, active recreation and sport system. We know of the challenges now facing many communities to rebuild, as well as the opportunities to strengthen and adapt the system, and to re-imagine different and better.

The pandemic has exacerbated inequalities within our populations and Sport NZ is working with regional sports trusts, councils, and other local stakeholders to find local solutions to help address these inequities across the system.

Through our insights, we know the COVID-19 lockdowns had unequal impacts on participation, putting some population groups at even more risk regarding their physical and mental wellbeing. Analysis of media commentary also identified concerns about returning to previous activities in shared public spaces due to safety.

Sector organisations which play a key role in allowing New Zealanders to be active were also impacted by COVID-19. These impacts include lost revenue, cash flow difficulties, reduced capacity and change of membership. All these things have hit the sector hard and will have ongoing challenges as we work to strengthen and adapt into the future.

The importance of councils to our approach

Councils play a key role in our focus on young people. They are an important partner for our regional sports trusts, in whom we are a significant investor and partner – and who are the regional champions of our strategy to grow participation.

One our key area of work with councils – and the primary way your Long-Term Plan can help grow participation remains the planning for investment and operation of the facilities and open spaces which enables play, active recreation and sport to take place and provide positive experiences.

Sport NZ has worked with a number of stakeholders to develop Local Board, District, City, Regional and National Spaces and Places (Facilities) Plans to ensure their prioritisation of sport and recreation facilities aligns with both current and future needs, and that they are run in way which optimises community benefit.

Councils are an important partner for regional sports trusts, who we invest in significantly and are the regional champions of our strategic vision. The primary ways we see the Whangarei District Councils Long Term Plan helping to drive physical activity and wellbeing outcomes is through:

- the planning, funding and operation of community facilities and open spaces which enable play, active recreation and sport
- sustained support for spaces, places, and initiatives to encourage more people to be more active

We are encouraged that your Council over the period of the long-term plan wishes to increase its attention and focus on investment in community facilities including its halls, pools and open spaces following the completion of the Whangarei Active Recreation & Sport Strategy for the District.

At Sport NZ, we know the best results come from locally led initiatives - those governed, managed and delivered by local communities to meet local needs. True collaboration at a community level brings additional benefits such as connections, capability, and vitality.

Sport NZ looks forward to supporting the completion of this Strategy through its regional sports trust partner, Sport Northland.

Our feedback on your Long term Plan

In response to the 2021-31 LTP consultation document, we wish to comment on the following:

1. **Thank you:** On behalf of the people of the Whangarei and Sport NZ, thank you for your contribution to play, active recreation and sport in your district. As highlighted in our executive summary, district councils are key enablers in driving the desired wellbeing outcomes we seek for all New Zealanders, so your effort and investment is sincerely appreciated. Sport NZ would also like to take this opportunity to thank Council for the part that it plays in the strong partnership that exists between **Sport Northland and Whangarei District Council**, as evidenced by the extensive list of projects, programmes and quality opportunities that have been developed over recent years.
2. Support a specific WDC funding contribution towards the construction of the **Ruakaka wahi takaro Northland Volleyball Arena project.**

3. **Support for specific projects** highlighted in the consultation document: the continuation of Pohe island developments; Hikurangi Skatepark; upgrade of walking tracks; developing community sportsfields/hubs.
4. That Council considers increasing the amount of funding available for active recreation and sport facilities through the **contestable partnership fund** – we believe an increase of funding should be available for key sport and recreation facilities.
5. That Council considers applying a **consistent model for the operational/maintenance costs** of key facilities across the district e.g. replacement turf for the Northland All-Weather Track is consistent with what occurs for Northland Hockey turf.

Sport NZ would also like to comment on the following statements that are included in the LTP supporting documentation:

Use of technology

PARKS AND RECREATION: The way we use our public spaces is changing. The Active Recreation Strategy and Open Space Strategy highlights what sports are growing and where current allocation doesn't meet demand. As we grow, we will likely experience decentralisation of parks and recreational infrastructure, or their placement in outlying rather than central parts of our District. This will require new land acquisition, but also reviewing how we use the land that we already own and how we provide for the increasing emergence of non-organised recreation. As the climate changes new turf management practices and technologies will need to be reviewed to enable us to maintain our parks to with reduced water and with hotter temperatures. A further trend is toward recognising streets as public space assets and designing them so that they are better used by our communities.

Agree with this statement – it is great to see Council thinking about the future use of public spaces and in catering for active recreation as well as organised sport.

Walking and cycling shared path connections

MOST LIKELY MANAGEMENT SCENARIO: The constrained road network in Whangārei City and high dependence on private vehicle use results in higher traffic volumes on its arterial road network and is resulting in congestion in the commuter peaks. The high traffic growth rate in Whangārei is expected to continue for the near future due to high population, freight and tourism growth. To address this issue Council will:

- *address capacity issues at known problem areas*
- *support the Northland Regional Council bus initiatives to encourage higher passenger numbers and would reduce private vehicle use and congestion – rural bus services would reduce rural commuter traffic on key arterials servicing the city*
- *provide cycleway connections in Whangārei*
- *improve walking and cycling connections in rural towns.*

It is exciting to see the ongoing development of cycleway and shared path connections, not only in the built-up urban areas, but also in the district's rural towns. As the district's population grows, house and rental prices may push more residents to live in rural areas and therefore the need for them to be active and connected will increase.

Major sportshub purchase and development

MOST LIKELY SCENARIO – NEW URBAN SITE: Council's Active Recreation and Sport Strategy identified the need for an additional sports hub to address the growing need for active recreation within Whangārei. The purchase of a significant area of land will be required to provide this. An urban site has been identified as the most likely and best option. The estimated $15m does not include development. Timing: 2028-29 Estimated uninflated cost: $15m Note: Detailed option analysis and costings will be done through the project planning stages

Growth of parks requires increased land provision across Parks and Recreation categories

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facilities. Council cannot rely on planning techniques to ensure that open space is provided within new developments as this is not currently a requirement within the District Plan. Without projects identified in the LTP such as neighbourhood reserve purchases, Council cannot collect development contributions to purchase land or enter in Private Developer Agreements to offset DCs against land to vest as part of new subdivisions. The Active Recreation and Sport Strategy has identified a need for a significant land purchase to respond to growth with a facility similar to Kensington Park. Council will address this issue by:

- *reviewing current Parks and Recreation sites to determine their area of benefit and capacity*
- *considering more strategic land purchases and provide funding for a major strategic land purchase*
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With the district's predicted demographics showing continued large growth in population, we believe a significant land purchase to provide for a similar site as Kensington Park is a must-do for Council; we would even suggest that Council looks at progressing this earlier than 2028.

Sport NZ contacts

Should the Council seek information or clarification further to this submission, please contact:

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Dear Madam/Sir

Draft 2021-31 LTP

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Summary

Sport and recreation as an industry is recognised as a very big contributor to the nation's economy.

The play, active recreation and sport sector is the seventh biggest in Northland, employing over 1770 people and contributing more than $172m (or 3.7%) to the region's GDP (the national figure is 2.8%). This includes the work of over 20,000 volunteers throughout Northland.

We believe many, many positive community outcomes are attributable to the play, active recreation and sport sector, and as such we look forward to the outstanding partnership that Sport Northland has with Whangarei District Council continuing into the future.

Yours sincerely

Brent Eastwood
Chief Executive

From: Whangarei District Council
Sent: 23 Mar 2021 02:52:43 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Rob Spray - 2021-LTP-SUB-140

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Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Rob Spray - 2021-LTP-SUB-140

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Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard	No

at the hearing?	

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?	

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Why?	

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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:

Hi

As a resident of Mclean Road Waipu This road could really use being sealed.
Over the last 5 years the traffic has increased substantially on this road and is now becoming dangerous

Traffic uses this road as a short cut through towards the Cove from South Road and developments north of south road, this has changed the road such that it is no longer a quiet country road but a heavily used passway, also due to narrow bridge out of Waipu it takes large vehicles, milk tankers, cranes etc

a priority for sealing.

From: Whangarei District Council
Sent: 26 Mar 2021 04:52:58 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Mark Stacey - 2021-LTP-SUB-208

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Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Mark Stacey - 2021-LTP-SUB-208

Receipt Number: 2021-LTP-SUB-208

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Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard	No

at the hearing?	

Your feedback:

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Why?	We need improved infrastructure specifically unsealed to sealed rural roads

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

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?	Seems about the right amount of input.

Key issue - Revitalising our city centre (see page 32)	OPTION 1: Spend $13m to make improvements to James and John St.
Why?	James st and John st are key links to the erxisting work on the Cameron st pedestrian area and need to be linked more closely. This should be the first step.Reassess after a few years.

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

Rural roads sealing. This is urgent for rural ratepayers who supply their own water, storm water, and sewerage management yet receive little benefit from their rates. Sealed roads are vital to our properties and an ongoing and accelerating program is well over due.

From: Joel Stanners
Sent: 31 Mar 2021 14:28:58 +0100
To: Mail Room
Subject: New Theatre Submission

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Dear Whangarei District Council,

I am writing to voice my support for the proposed new theatre (Option 3) for Whangarei

I have been working as a professional Lighting Designer and Technician for the past 14 years, in New Zealand, Australia and currently now in London. I am originally from Whangarei and it is where I started my career. I was previously employed as a technician full time at the current theatre in Forum North when I was 20 years of age and have a great deal of knowledge and experience with the Captain Bougainville Theatre

I have had the pleasure of working in some of the best theatres in the world,
the current theatre you have is not one of them. It is an old outdated breed of theatre that is difficult to work in and does not have the flexibility needed in today's world to attract world class shows and produce incredible local productions and events

This much needed new theatre would not only benefit those directly who work and perform there but also the hard working people of Whangarei who will sit in those seats after a hard day at work and will watch, applaud and forget any troubles of the outside world. With a fly tower in this new theatre your options are endless. You will attract more shows from across New Zealand and far reaching places around the world

Whangarei is becoming a vibrant arty must visit destination but without this new theatre it would always be behind when it comes performance and event space

It will be worth every dollar spent on it and it will benefit generations of aspiring Actors, Singers, Dancers and even more Lighting Designers like myself who will go out into the world ready to represent their hometown!

I urge you to back this Theatre

Kind Regards,
Joel Stanners

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Lighting Designer

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From: Whangarei District Council
Sent: 24 Mar 2021 01:28:08 +0000
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Subject: Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Andrew Sterling - 2021-LTP-SUB-155

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Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Andrew Sterling - 2021-LTP-SUB-155

Receipt Number: 2021-LTP-SUB-155

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Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard	No

at the hearing?	

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, Hīhīaua Cultural Centre, and existing facilities at Forum North.
Why?	Conference center is best for the region

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 3: No additional funding for the city centre.
Why?	

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

From: Whangarei District Council
Sent: 26 Mar 2021 22:15:00 +0000
To: Mail Room
Subject: Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Andrew Sterling - 2021-LTP-SUB-214

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Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard	No

at the hearing?	

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Why?	We can't push it down the road for future generations to pay for

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 projects would be great for the community and missing out on government funding would be detrimental to the area

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Why?	

Key issue - Revitalising our city centre (see page 32)	OPTION 1: Spend $13m to make improvements to James and John St.
Why?	The main attraction of our city is the waterfront and the developments around it. It would be good for businesses to be more connected to it. Markets and events in the city center would be awesome

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

The LTP looks to be doing allot for the community which is great

To: Whangarei District Council

Via email: mailroom@wdc.govt.nz

Re: Long Term Plan (LTP) Submission

Submission made by:Lorene and Clyde Stevens, Maungatapere

We are making this submission as individuals and do not wish to be heard.

The best number to contact us on is (09) 434 6683.

Submission Points:

We have considered the submission form provided in the proposed LTP. That form focusses on the specific proposals made within the LTP document. However, our first point is that fundamentally the LTP does not provide for residents of the Maungakahia/Maungatapere ward. We are a growing area, and need to be reflected in this document. I consider that the document is heavily focussed on central city projects.

That notwithstanding, the following submission points are consistent with proposed Community Outcome "Efficient and resilient core services", in particular, "there are opportunities to walk and cycle", and "the District is well prepared for growth and can adapt to change". The submission points are consistent with Community Outcomes "Caring for the Environment", and"Proud to be local". They are also consistent with page 11, paragraph one which states that community spaces are part of getting the basics right.

I wish for the Council to consider including the following in the LTP and subsequent implementation plans:

- I would like the WDC to provide funding and support/expertise to help establish a walking path in Maungatapere. There are limited opportunities for people to walk or cycle for recreation. The main roads are both state highways with heavy levels of traffic and not suitable for use by recreational walkers. Residents are therefore met with the option of recreating in the area and taking on substantial safety risks, not recreating, or driving elsewhere. Our nearest park is Barge Park which requires people to drive. This is unsustainable environmentally, which is inconsistent with proposed outcome, "Caring for the environment".
  I also note that there are several paper roads in the area which could perhaps be incorporated into a walkway/s.
- A walkway connecting Corsair Drive and Clendon Drive would be superb. We understand that the MaungatapereCommunity Led Project team have put aside $45,000 for a feasibility study for this option. A very kind landowner is willing to donate land but the Project Team would need more funding to cover the costs of establishing the walkway. This would be an excellent opportunity for the Council to build on work and funding already in place, to be part of something that will make a difference for the residents of Maungatapere and in turn to meet community outcomes set out in the proposed LTP.
- I would like the Council to start insisting that subdivisions of an appropriate sizeset aside land for public use, and that the LTP provides the Council with funding to help to turn these into publicly accessible recreation areas. Opportunities have already been lost, for example, it is very disappointing that the bush in the Corsair Drive subdivision is no longer accessible to the general public, and only to residents of the new subdivision. I understand that this point overlaps with the District Plan, but regardless raise this here in the interests of continuity as this relates to the long term planning of our district.

Thank you for considering our submission.

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Receipt Number: 2021-LTP-SUB-269

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Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard	Yes

at the hearing?	

Your feedback:

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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?	When considering the options presented my preference is strongly for a modification of option 3 for the following reasons: * An 800-1000 seat theatre on the Forum North site is a long standing proposal, well supported by the community, well signalled in successive LTPs * The Forum North complex has good supporting infrastructure ,such that redevelopment demands of the whole complex , once Council vacate ,will see financial demand go directly into buildings * construction and operation of a new theatre/performing arts complex is well supported by recent and previous council research. * despite the draft LTP presenting a theatre option as costing $55 million, the Forum North Trust has obtained an outstanding preliminary theatre design with a quantity surveyed cost estimate of $37 million .It would be most unusual for a provincial city to internally fund such a big ticket item ,so that when built, demands on the WDC ratepayers will certainly be

	way less than the final capital cost. Recent city projects which bear witness to this include : Pohe Island lifting bridge, Hundertwasser Art Museum, Hihiaua Cultural centre. * Council has allocated $12 million for the upgrading of Forum North without any detailed costing of how this money is to be spent. A well researched and value engineered proposal for the complete redevelopment of Forum North may well be possible for a cost within that of the draft LTP Option 1 ($40 million). The redevelopment of Forum North to serve as both a theatre and conference complex would be a good use of resources and make a strong contribution to revitalisation of the city centre. * In consideration of councils preferred option, I realise that it is not practical to provide detailed analysis of all proposals in the consultation document. However, the Oruku project appears to be included as an instant response to the promise of external funding rather than a response to a well researched and supported community demand. In conclusion, I submit that council should: Reinstate the 800+ seat theatre at Forum North into the LTP Use part of the committed funds and undertake a comprehensive study to clearly establish what and where is the best option for Gathering Spaces in Whangarei , before committing to an expensive and financially risky conference centre which may well be in the wrong location.

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 is likely that the councils response to climate change will be strongly directed by central government. While I would support

	greater spending in this area, I have confidence that Council can quickly respond to legislation changes.

Key issue - Revitalising our city centre (see page 32)	OPTION 1: Spend $13m to make improvements to James and John St.
Why?	Council spending on physical works in James and John Street, should also include the necessary work on the district plan to ensure that changes of use which will revitalise the city centre are enacted.

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Hearing:

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at the hearing?	

Your feedback:

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Why?	The city is growing and has made wonderful changes to the public spaces in recent years and with an increase in population continuing investment need to be made in essential infrastructure .

Key issue - Spaces for gathering (see page 24)	
Why?	None of these options . I think the Hihiaua Centre should have been a top priority it has been considered for a longtime and should be the main focus , followed by the long awaited Performance Theatre to happen alongside the moving of the civic building and the upgrade of Forum North. The Oruku Landing is a new idea and other sites need to be considered alongside the idea of revitalising the City Centre. It is on the shady and wrong side of the river. Looking longterm I feel that climate change policies are going to affect decisions such as holding big conferences away from major population centres. Government Departments and businesses are increasingly going to be making policies around climate change considerations .The business model for this major ratepayer and tax payer investment need to be carefully considered. The comment regarding option 1 " The Council would take

	responsibility for any liability or cost overruns " I suggest that is a huge undertaking considering the potential ground issues at the proposed site as well as traffic management. As well there is the potential for the private hotel developers dropping out if tourist numbers do not recover .

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 issue is going to gain momentum and Central government are going to put more demands on Councils . We need to be proactive not reactive. Even Option 2 is a minimal investment .There are a number off steps that Councils can begin to take. As the younger generation are very climate change aware , the demands of the community are only going to increase.

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?	Whatever we do here it needs to include an overhead ramp walkway , cycleway . (There are examples in Wellington) We desperately need to connect the town with the Town Basin to avoid the major traffic thorough fare which divides it from the shopping precinct .What is happening on the town side of the Town basin is wonderful and the more accessible to pedestrians and bikers and prams the better.

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I support any improvements to shared paths for bikers and pedestrians and encourage extensions to all growing suburbs . In particular out towards the Whangarei Heads ,a rapidly growing area . Any encouragement for people to get out of their cars and use other transport safely. Infrastructure for safe bike parking in the city centre needs attention. I support any extension and improvement to our walking tracks especially within reach of the local suburbs, for example the Waikaraka Track and in the future its potential to connect with the Abbey Caves Track which is currently undergoing improvements.

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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 ☐ No

YOUR FEEDBACK

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WHY? Because we need to face the reality of expenses for the future.

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WHY? I believe the Hihiaua Cultural Centre should be a priority build. It recognises our population base and cultural heritage. It offers enormous potential for domestic tourism, community well being and acknowledges who we 'are' as a people with a 'shared future'.

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WHY? I believe we have to plan well for our future regarding climate change and manage our footprint/impact on the environment.

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WHY? The city centre is the ♡ heart of our city so deserves improvement but I believe the previous options require more investment.

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Thankyou for consulting. I am very happy to have a proactive and forward thinking council.

From: Adrian Whale
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TTEHCT Submission on LTP 25 March 2021

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25 March 2021

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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

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Phase Two of Hihiaua Cultural Centre.

Whangarei needs representation of Tangata whenua.

Its been 40 years since consultation with Tangata whenua.

We need Te Ao Maori within CBD s space to accomodate all.

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Why?	

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Whare Whakamaru Tupato o Te Tai Tokerau
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Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard at the hearing?	No

Your feedback:

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Subject: Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Karen Tasker - 2021-LTP-SUB-42

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Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Karen Tasker - 2021-LTP-SUB-42

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Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard	No

at the hearing?	

Your feedback:

Key issue - How will we pay for what we need - Rates Options (see page 17)	
Why?	Whichever provides most investment in our future interests and infrastructure needs. As whanau we each make these choices every day!

Key issue - Spaces for gathering (see page 24)	OPTION 2: Put budget towards only ONE of the following: Oruku Landing Conference and Events Centre, Hīhīaua Cultural Centre, and existing facilities at Forum North.
Why?	Hihiaua Cultural Centre is a widely known and well recognised community-invested charitable trust with mana that uplifts our community. Considerable design work has been completed to support the capacity. This is work WDC ratepayers do not need to pay. There could be options to expand upon this important info.

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?	So the balance can be used elsewhere? Arohamai!!

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

32)	
Why?	Rather, only if we can afford to.

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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To: Mail Room
Subject: Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - julie tattley - 2021-LTP-SUB-425

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Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - julie tattley - 2021-LTP-SUB-425

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Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard at the hearing?	Yes

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?	New Zealand is a low wage economy, Northland is an impoverished region. Council should live within its means and fund its significant capital investment, such as their new offices , the town basin, from long term debt and not expect current ratepayers to fund assets up front which will be in use for decades to come.

Key issue - Spaces for gathering (see page 24)	OPTION 3: Build a Whangarei District Council-owned theatre on the current Forum North site.
Why?	The waterfront is going to be congested enough without further traffic and pax. There are already facilities at Forum North and as Council are moving into their new building there should be room

Key issue - Climate change and sustainability (see page 28)	OPTION 3: No new funding towards climate change or waste minimisation.
Why?	WDC and it's residents could make contribution to climate change by getting district residents out of their cars and into a public transport system, walking and bikes without spending

	millions. Every day thousand of parents drive their children to school. This clogs the roads and contributes to obesity problems. It also teaches children that driving everywhere is normal behavior. Whangarei population is growing to some degree due to the exodus from Auckland. Why do people leave Auckland? traffic. Clean up the Meth users and other social problems on the footpaths and make them safe for children to walk to school. Organise a walking bus with responsible adult volunteers to walk with children to school. Get the many commuters who travel into town every day out of their cars by providing alternatives to their cars. WDC has demonstrated they are capable of buying large pieces of land to forward plan for an airport, they should do the same by purchasing land such as 238 Whangarei Heads Road, Tamaterau. This could be a park and ride facility with a lock up bike shelter for those who live in remote places, as I do, such as Whangarei Heads, Ruakaka, Waipu, Hikurangi and beyond. Workers could drive and park then either catch a reliable express bus into CBD or collect their bike from a secure bike lock up and ride to to work. At night either bus or cycle back to park and ride, lock up bike, drive home. Construct safe, continuous cycle paths around CBD and out to the regions. The existing bike paths around town are not safe. I know many people out at Whangarei Heads who would love to ride either all the way or part of the way to work. The bus service trial to Whangarei Heads was a joke, it was not for the workers and was set up to fail. A reasonably priced, reliable express ride from the regions into town would get people out of their cars. https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/national/439360/nz-transport-system-contributing-to-distress-study. This study should be all WDC need to actively pursue getting people out of cars. The drive into town from Whangarei heads is terrible, road is an

	extremely poor condition and then there is bumper to bumper traffic from Onerahi to riverside drive. Getting around CBD is also bad, parking reduces double lanes to two, concrete traffic islands installed in the road to hold signs warning about school zones also. Whangarei roads are appalling, less cars would generate savings in road maintenance. As to waste reduction. A large part of the waste problem is the excessive packaging on purchased goods, excessive plastic on food, lack of recycling incentives and a need for public education. Bring back refunds for returning glass bottles and standard for recyclable packaging for manufacturers. The 3 options above are not adequate. I think some funding should be put towards these but wince at the prospect of WDC adding further charges to my already onerous rates - money used by Council for projects which are of no interest to me - I live at the coast I am interested in a clean harbour, not Hundertwasser, the rugby club, the bike park, the riverside. WDC declared a climate emergency in July 2019, nearly two years ago and seem to have done very little about it. I hope we do not see years of meetings and pondering like the Paris accord.

Key issue - Revitalising our city centre (see page 32)	OPTION 3: No additional funding for the city centre.
Why?	WDC have lost sight of their ABCs, the basics, drinking water, sewerage, stormwater, roading. A recent Advocate article the Mayor said the population is going to increase to 100,000 this will exacerbate the already clear issues. I am not interested in the city centre. WDC boast about the great coastline here and I live at the coast. The harbor is filthy,

	WDC allow new builds and existing homes to not connect to the sewer. Then they flush sewer collected into the harbor. I would prefer Council sort out the sewerage. Stormwater, WDC divert stormwater into my property illegally as they are use my rate money for inner CBD projects instead of a stormwater pipe to stop destroying my property. This contributes to sedimentation and pollution of the harbor. Why not incentivize building owners to take some pride in the existing buildings, they are in a terrible state. Part of the problems of city centre are social. Gangs of thuggish people hang around, spitting and using bad language. It is not unusual to observe fights and screaming matches. It is not unusual for members of the public to be assaulted or verbally abused. If WDC put in a good link bus service so visitors did not have to drive their cars into town, got help sorting out the social problems and got building owners to make the city centre it might be more appealing for people to visit.

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

Not everyone wants to hang out in the CBD. You are asking the wrong questions. I only go to town for work. I live at Whangarei heads . I pay dog registration and you have provided a dog park in the city. Whangarei heads has dog restrictions over summer and no dog beach. There is a WDC owned park next to the McLeod Bay hall, that could be developed as the existing park gets quite full. There are smells of sewerage all around Whangarei heads and on the drive to CBD. Parua Bay appears to have an algal bloom, there have already has been a bloom at Mangawhai. Whangarei needs to be careful it does not become like Auckland, congested with traffic and beaches which are not safe to swim at. The harbor is being polluted with sediment and other toxins. The wharf on Stuart Road is used by people who spend all day there fishing and there is no toilet so they go in the bush or on the path.

There needs to be an underpass from Parua Bay school to the shops. Running red traffic lights is a favorite pastime of many drivers in Whangarei, I have seen pedestrians nearly hit a number of times, red light cameras need to be installed.
Inner CBD driving is a nightmare. There should be a flyover for Maunu road at the Lights with intersection with SH1. Lights in town do not synchronize, the double lanes of central ave at the lights intersection with water street function as a single as people park to shop outside the plant shop, a concrete island supporting a school zone sign on Selwyn Ave turns the double lanes into one and holds up traffic stuck behind cars turning right into Alexander Street, etc, there is a very long list. Suffice to say driving around CBD is a pastime to be avoided.

From: Whangarei District Council
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Subject: Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Nicola Taylor - 2021-LTP-SUB-172

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Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Nicola Taylor - 2021-LTP-SUB-172

Receipt Number: 2021-LTP-SUB-172

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Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard	No

at the hearing?	

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 you just waste our money for example -look at the catastrophic lack of parking and peak time traffic congestion in a modest provincial city under your watch whilst vanity projects proceed eg the pastiche that is the Hundertwasser monstrosity that now dominates the interface between land and sea at the town basin blocking out the hills beyond and and the vessels at anchor. At the same time it has exacerbated the lack of town centre parking; are the thousands of tourists a day going to be bussed in?

Key issue - Spaces for gathering (see page 24)	
Why?	none of the above, this coercive game of pick the least worse option that we present is not meaningful community engagement

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?	you have already killed the city centre, no point in throwing good money after bad

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

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 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.

	Submission by TANT Te Araroa Northland Trust in regard to Parks & Open Space **To The Whangarei District Council Long Term Plan 2021-31**
Background	Te Araroa - the long pathway is a continuous walking trail from Cape Reinga to the Bluff. It has been planned and put in place by the Te Araroa Trust, a charitable trust, and its associated nine regional trusts throughout New Zealand including the new Te Araroa Northland Trust. (TANT). Our values include Kaitiakitanga – Guardianship – The Trust will offer protection and care for the trail and Whakapūmau – Sustainability – the natural resources along the trail will be respected at all times. In Northland, the current trail goes from Cape Reinga via Ninety Mile Beach to Ahipara, takes in the Raetea, Omahuta and Puketi Forests and Mangakaretu to Kerikeri and on to Waitangi, Paihia, Opua and Waikare and from Russell Forest to Whangarei Heads via Helena Ridge, Morepork-Onekainga Track, Whananaki Coastal Track, Matapouri, Ngunguru, Taiharuru, Kauri Mountain, Ocean Beach, Bream Head, Whangarei Harbour and Bream Bay, the Cullen-Brynderwyn and Bream Tail to Mangawhai Walkways.
Benefits	Te Araroa is a nationally significant walking track asset Council can leverage off. The Long Pathway enhances Council promotion of four community wellbeing areas: social, cultural, economic and environmental. It provides the district with an economic return and is environmentally friendly and sustainable. Social and health outcomes are significant for walkers and locals alike. It provides a cultural experience as we develop partnerships with Iwi throughout Northland to improve cultural interaction as an integral part of our walkers' experience while on the trail. Through-walkers number 1300 overseas and New Zealanders a year - up to 800 Kiwis in the 2020/21 season - plus an unrecorded number of casual section walkers from within the district and region. Along the way, they spend on products and services and spread the word of their Northland highlights and experiences to others. Te Araroa complements district and regional Climate Change and Sustainability and Walking and Cycling strategies. It contributes to Kauri protection through installation of cleaning stations and/or rerouting tracks in areas of concern. It enhances Government Predator Free vision through increased awareness of and appreciation for our Natural Environment.
Our Support	TANT endorses funding to improve tracks and facilities that form part of Te Araroa, as well as the creation and improvement of connecting paths that create a network for use by local community and sectional walkers. TANT endorses improvements to infrastructure, including parking and toilets at Te Araroa pressure points. TANT members are available to work with WDC to plan facilities that support Te Araroa and WDC goals.
Our Request	TANT appreciates the support that has come from Council and looks to further collaboration towards development and enhancement of this trail. With one full-time worker nationwide the Trust has limited resources. Walkers appreciate improvements which in turn reflect favourably on communities providing them. • Support for low cost/low risk value projects that improve Te Araroa or provide connections to the trail. • Support for shared paths within district that will improve the Te Araroa experience. • An ongoing annual contribution to TANT for Te Araroa track sections within the District as part of the Long Term Plan for activities associated with Parks and Open Space. TANT estimates a minimum annual contribution needed within the District is $10,000 excl GST in today's money. • Specifically, there is a funding need for updated signage, weed and pest control, Kauri dieback mitigation and physical trail enhancements. • The need to reroute specific sections – such as the Clements Rd leg of the Matapouri Bush track - brings new and different demands.
Hear us	TANT would like Council to hear our submission at a scheduled Long Term Plan hearing meeting.
	Shane Knowler **Chairman** **Te Araroa Northland Trust – TANT** **Email: mark@teararoa.org.nz** **Ph 027 496 7827**

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Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Deborah Harding - 2021-LTP-SUB-452

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Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard	Yes

at the hearing?	

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:

Te Huinga would like to request that the Okara Pa (Old boys rugby grounds) is set aside for

Nga hapu o Whangarei determination of its future activities including the interests of Te Iwi Tahi Manihera whanau o Te Parawhau.

30 March 2021

The Mayor, Sheryl Mai, and Councillors
Whangarei District Council
7 Rust Avenue
Whangarei 0110

Dear Mayor Mai and Councillors,

Re: Consultation on *Long Term Plan 2021-2031*

Tena koutou katoa.

The Teal Bay Residents and Ratepayers' Association is grateful for the opportunity to present this submission on the draft *Long Term Plan 2021-2031 (LTP)* of the Whangarei District Council (WDC).

May we first of all congratulate you and the WDC staff for having put together an *LTP* that is clear and well thought out. An enormous amount of work has gone into it. Strategic planning is essential but not easy. The draft *LTP* reflects highly on all those who have worked to put it together.

The Association's mission is to care for the well-being of Teal Bay, not just for today's residents and ratepayers, but also for future residents and ratepayers and friends of Teal Bay, and in recognition of the endowment that Teal Bay has received from the past.

Accordingly, our submission on the draft *LTP* addresses issues that most immediately affect Teal Bay.

Before elaborating our submission, may I first of all express our satisfaction with the work of the WDC and our relationship with you. The Whangarei district is one of the best places in New Zealand, and therefore the world, in which to live, and the WDC has played an essential role in bringing about this high level of well-being. The WDC has done a lot for Teal Bay over the years – estuary protection, reserve maintenance and rehabilitation, roading, stormwater, street lighting and rubbish collection, to name but a few – and we hope that we have been reciprocating, not only by paying our rates on time, but also by co-operating with WDC staff and contractors and by caring for one another in Teal Bay to support our community's wellbeing without unnecessarily burdening public authorities.

Our submission focusses on three issues: (i) addressing projected seal level rises; (ii) controlling development; and (iii) improving the environmental quality of WDC-administered natural areas.

Projected Sea Level Rises

On page 30 of the section *Climate Change and Sustainability*, the *LTP Consultation Document* identifies as Option 2 an increase in funding to enable the WDC to *complete [climate change] risk assessments across more communities in our District.* Our Association considers that the completion of such risk assessments for all communities in the District within the period of the

LTP should be the highest priority of this section of the draft *LTP*. Such risk assessments will be essential for planning the future of coastal communities in our district, including Teal Bay, especially given the 10-year period of the *LTP*.

Such assessments are a collective good, in that they are very difficult to arrange privately and individually. Moreover, because there can be so much uncertainty in such assessments, it is essential that they are performed under the direction and quality control of the WDC.

We would hope that the WDC's funding could be reprioritized to enable such assessments to be made without increasing rates further, but to the extent that this were not practicable in the judgements of the WDC, our Association would support any WDC decision to increase rates for this purpose.

Resource and Building Consents

On pages 227- 231 of the *Supporting Documents for the LTP,* the performance measures for resource consents and building consents are suggested as being time- or completion-based. Our Association considers that the performance measures should be strengthened by adding measures that reflect community satisfaction e.g. the consents are supported ex post by > 95 percent of residents or ratepayers within 1 kilometre according to a survey.

Surveys are commonly used as performance indicators in both the public and private sectors, and nowadays can be conducted online at low cost.

Underlying our recommendation on this issue is our Association's recent experience of developers who are deliberately flouting the regulatory framework, obviously confident in their ability to manipulate it. In the case of Teal Bay, this has the potential to fundamentally damage the character of our community, both environmentally and socially, and it is essential that the defences against such conduct be strengthened. Our Association considers that our recommendation would strengthen the essential role of WDC staff in this regard.

Natural Areas

Pages 203-206 of the *Supporting Documents for the LTP* deal with parks and recreation, including *natural areas such as native bush, river and coastal margins and regenerating bushlands*. There are significant such natural areas in Teal Bay.

On page 204 are stated:

The management of natural areas plays an important role to maintain biodiversity, manage pests and ultimately be of benefit to our cultural and environmental wellbeing

and

Our Parks team supports community initiatives to improve biodiversity such as community planting days, as well as managing weeds and pests.

Our Association submits that this part of the *LTP* should be strengthened. We consider that there should be a stronger and more active relationship between community groups, such as our Association, and the WDC with respect to preserving and enhancing the environmental quality of the natural areas administered by the WDC. It should be reflected in memoranda of understanding

that form a clear basis for ongoing co-operation. It should encompass not only planting and the control of pests and weeds, as mentioned on page 204, but also the protection of wetlands and other natural treasures.

We therefore recommend that the LTP provide for the WDC to enter into memoranda of understanding with established and democratically-accountable community groups to co-operate in the preservation and enhancement of the environmental quality of the natural areas administered by the WDC.

Representatives of our Association would like to speak in support of our submission at the traditional hearing on April 13-14. We were unable to attend the local meetings recently because of work commitments in those evenings.

Thank you for your consideration.

Nga mihi,

Gay Dickie

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Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard	Yes

at the hearing?	

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?	Because not only whangarei but the entire of northland will benefit from a state of the art theatre. It's time to change the cultural landscape of the country and region and this is how that starts.

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:

New theatre at forum north must be priority. Ngā mihi

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Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard at the hearing?	No

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?	Because the north needs a full lyric 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?	

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:

LONG TERM PLAN 2021-31 FEEDBACK FORM

THE CLOSING DATE FOR FEEDBACK IS THURSDAY 1 APRIL 2021

Whangarei District Council

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WHANGAREI DISTRICT COUNCIL

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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?

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, Hīhīaua Cultural Centre, and existing facilities at Forum North).

☐ **OPTION 2:** Put budget towards only ONE of the following: Oruku Landing Conference and Events Centre, Hīhīaua 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? THE 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 SUSTANTIAL RATES FROM JAMES - JOHN STS BUT HAS BLOWN IT ELSEWHERE. WE HAVE BEEN RIPPED OFF WITH S.U.P. CHARGES. VEHICLE ACCESS SHOULD NOT B 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 $361 m IS GROSSLY EXCESSIVE