

# **Whangarei District Council**

Tuesday 13 and Wednesday 14 April 2021

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## **Submissions relating to the Long Term Plan 2021 - 2031**

**Volume Eight**

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**From:** Whangarei District Council  
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## Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Holly Winder - 2021-LTP-SUB-112

**Receipt Number: 2021-LTP-SUB-112**

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### Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard	No
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## Your feedback:

Key issue - How will we pay for what we need - Rates Options (see page 17)	OPTION 1: Rates increase in year one (2021) of 2% + 2.5% Local Government Cost Index (LGCI) + 2% 'catch up'. Rates increase in years two and three (2022-23) of 2% + 2.5% LGCI.
Why?	All over NZ we see the results of short term planning / infrastructure that is no longer for for use. Better to suck it up, catch up with our rates, and make sure things will be set up to last.

Key issue - Spaces for gathering (see page 24)	OPTION 1: Allocate budget across three sites (Oruku Landing Conference and Events Centre, Hīhīāua Cultural Centre, and existing facilities at Forum North).
Why?	My preference would have been to fund Hihiaua and oruku only. Hihiauua is stunning, and we need to ensure equity of focus on Maori spaces as well as corporate spaces. I support a new convention centre and feel it should have more funding this round, to get it going.

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?	Middle ground looks good.

Key issue - Revitalising our city centre (see page	OPTION 1: Spend \$13m to make improvements to James and John St.
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Why?	Town centre doesn't have a sense of cohesiveness, or a good "vibe" to draw people. Funding is needed to address this. However, middle ground of funding is preferred.

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

It would be great to have a family friendly cafe attached to the convention centre. EG Little Creatures at Hobsonville Point. Good views, amazing food and drinks, and a playground and sandpit to keep kids occupied = people spending much more time (and money).

**From:** Whangarei District Council  
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## Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Kawiti Wiremu - 2021-LTP-SUB-104

**Receipt Number: 2021-LTP-SUB-104**

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### Hearing:

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

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

Key issue - Spaces for gathering (see page 24)	OPTION 2: Put budget towards only ONE of the following: Oruku Landing Conference and Events Centre, Hīhīāua Cultural Centre, and existing facilities at Forum North.
Why?	<p>Hihiaua engages with all culture and communities in a pro-active way that harnesses who we are and who we ought to be. The realization of a vision held by now passed māori elders of Whangārei bridge a connection between past present and future bringing a foundation upon which Whangārei can embrace and align societal value in the hope for mana of peoples via culture, heritage arts and education.</p> <p>The organic nature of the organization being non- profit and community driven is authentic and should be considered paramount in beginning to measure it's worth.</p>

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

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**From:** Whangarei District Council  
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## Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Rebecca Wirihana - 2021-LTP-SUB-110

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### Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard	No
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## Your feedback:

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

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

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

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

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

Hihiaua is an amazing asset that's requires substantial long term investment. The benefits of supporting this positive initiative are multiple for our community.

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## Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Liz Wood - 2021-LTP-SUB-133

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### Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard	No
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## Your feedback:

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

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

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

Key issue - Revitalising our city centre (see page 32)	OPTION 2: Spend \$21m to make improvements to James and John St as well as either Robert St or Cameron Street.
Why?	Make it good, including a multi level carpark, the city is running out of parks for workers. If I arrive after 9am it's hard to find a park.

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

**raised in the Consultation document:**

CBD is dying, need to stop charging for parks in the weekends otherwise people shop at Okara.

Make the CBD attractive and easy to access from the loop walk

**From:** Whangarei District Council  
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## Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Liz Woodward - 2021-LTP-SUB-285

**Receipt Number: 2021-LTP-SUB-285**

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### Hearing:

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

Key issue - How will we pay for what we need - Rates Options (see page 17)	OPTION 2: Limit the rates increase to LGCI plus 2% only in years one to three
Why?	I object to a raise in rates of almost 50% over 10 years alongside rising water and wastewater charges. People's incomes are not increasing at the same rate and this will continue to put pressure on families and businesses in our region.

Key issue - Spaces for gathering (see page 24)	
Why?	<p>Given we as a region have declared a climate emergency, I do not agree with building a new building at Oruku Landing given the projections for sea level rises. I think this is short-sighted and a misuse of funds to build anything new on this scale in an area that will be impacted by sea level rise.</p> <p>I fully support funding for Hihuaaua (as an existing structure) and because the work they are doing deserves to be supported far more than they have received to date.</p>

Key issue - Climate change and sustainability (see page 28)	OPTION 2: Put \$7.4m of new funding towards climate change mitigation and adaptation and waste minimisation.
Why?	Climate change mitigation and waste minimisation should be the KEY focus of council, not trying to continue as 'business as usual' building new structures on borrowed money in areas that will be at risk.  Planning and supporting communities who may need to retreat should be a key focus as we navigate this new, challenging time.

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:**

o I want to see WDC implement strict regulations around tree-clearing, especially for subdivisions and have protection in place for heritage and 'well-established trees'. I was horrified to see the clearing that happened on Three Mile Bush Road, Kamo for the subdivision there. I think this is a key area of focus, especially as council has declared a climate emergency. I cannot fathom how the destruction of these trees is allowed to continue.

o I'd like WDC to provide funding and support/expertise to help us establish a cycleway/shared path in Maungatāpere. We have almost nowhere for people to walk for recreation, and cannot use the main roads because they are all now state highways with endless logging trucks. Our nearest park is Barge Park. We need something here. There are several paper roads within the area that could be suitable for a cycleway, and perhaps

also access for horse-riders, dog-walkers and other leisure users.

o I want the council to start insisting that all subdivisions over a specific size 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.

o I'd like WDC to help identify a possible route and funding source for a cycleway access between Maungatāpere and Whangārei. It is currently unsafe to cycle from Maungatāpere to town. A dedicated cycleway would be another recreation option for people to utilise and help attract visitors to our community.

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

o I'd like WDC to invest more in supporting pensioner housing and working with agencies to provide safe housing options for our community that so desperately need it.

o I'd like WDC to provide more parking in the inner city or park and ride options to utilise bus travel with EASY links to other areas.

o I'd like to see more support and development of outlying communities vs the CBD which has had significant investment over the years and seems to have changed very little or returned a lot on the investment. I would like to see land owners in the area do more to support businesses and revitalise the area without requiring large amounts of public money.

o I support the new animal shelter and hope that it will be built to above minimum standards. I would also like to see more support for rehoming animals and supporting animal welfare groups to desex and microchip animals - especially as this supports conservation work for pest control and kiwi / endangered birds.

o I'd like WDC to look at establishing more off-leash dog areas around the region and either increasing the size of, or building another, off-leash dog zone near Pohe Island as it is so

well utilised.

I would also like to see more on-leash walking tracks as many around the area are either kiwi zone, DOC land or not suitable for dog walking. Dog ownership is growing worldwide and I believe the number of dogs owned in the region will continue to climb, so please help owners do the right thing and provide safe, suitable walking tracks.

o I'd like WDC to look at establishing a horse-riding trail around the region. For example utilising the council land at the end of Pukeatua Rd. Horse riders contribute on average \$10k per horse to the economy annually and are constantly overlooked. As our community and region grows, there is more pressure on roads and recreation areas, meaning it becomes even more unsafe for horse riders.

Please provide either shared spaces with cycleways / walking tracks or specific 'equine only' spaces for recreational riding - be it on council land, paper roads or in partnership with private property. Equestrians can contribute by paying an annual fee and adhere to H&S regulations (wearing helmets, hi vis, etc). I believe it will be huge attraction for our area (just look at the property values and number of people who travel to locations such as Woodhill Forest).

# LONG TERM PLAN 2021-31 FEEDBACK FORM

THE CLOSING DATE FOR FEEDBACK IS  
THURSDAY 1 APRIL 2021



RECEIVED - CUSTOMER SERVICES

31 MAR 2021

WHANGAREI  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

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

## POINTS TO REMEMBER WHEN SUBMITTING YOUR FEEDBACK

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

## HOW TO GET THIS FORM TO US

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

**Email to:** mailroom@wdc.govt.nz

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

## YOUR DETAILS

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CORNER CAMERON & JOHN STS

WHANGAREI

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Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

☐ Yes ☒ No



## YOUR FEEDBACK

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

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

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

#### WHY?

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

### KEY ISSUE – SPACES FOR GATHERING (SEE PAGE 24)

- ☒ **OPTION 1:** Allocate budget across three sites (Oruku Landing Conference and Events Centre, 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 unwanted and waste of rate payers funds

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

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

**WHY?**

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

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

**WHY?**

Council over the years has received substantial rates from James & John streets, but has blown it elsewhere. Vehicle access ought not be decreased.

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

The proposed increase in debt from \$195m to \$361m is grossly excessive.

**From:** Whangarei District Council  
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## Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Rach Wright - 2021-LTP-SUB-397

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### Hearing:

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

Key issue - How will we pay for what we need - Rates Options (see page 17)	
Why?	Sorry I can't answer this one because I haven't read up about it...

Key issue - Spaces for gathering (see page 24)	
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?	Please do all you can to help with climate change. This is incredibly important. Thank you

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:**

I am happy to pay more taxes if it goes to helping with climate change issues. Thank you

**From:** Whangarei District Council  
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## Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Kathleen Wynn - 2021-LTP-SUB-122

**Receipt Number: 2021-LTP-SUB-122**

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### Hearing:

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

Key issue - How will we pay for what we need - Rates Options (see page 17)	OPTION 1: Rates increase in year one (2021) of 2% + 2.5% Local Government Cost Index (LGCI) + 2% 'catch up'. Rates increase in years two and three (2022-23) of 2% + 2.5% LGCI.
Why?	We need to keep up with delivering the services and activities, particularly services, so that our city does not become rundown or a much more substantial cost than necessary to future generations.

Key issue - Spaces for gathering (see page 24)	OPTION 2: Put budget towards only ONE of the following: Oruku Landing Conference and Events Centre, Hīhītaua Cultural Centre, and existing facilities at Forum North.
Why?	<p>It would definitely be better I think to focus on one project and complete it to an excellent standard. The Oruku Landing Conference and Events centre plan seems to take in conferences, functions and community events and could probably include (if not already in the plan) a large performance area.</p> <p>The Hihiaua Cultural Centre is definitely worthy of support . It is already doing well to showcase Maori Arts and Culture. but could it not be run by a trust of some sort and money raised outside of Council.</p> <p>As to Forum North it should definitely not be mothballed or be wasted but it would seem there will be enough theatre space</p>

	with the other two options for the present population without spending a lot of money on yet another theatre space.
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Key issue - Climate change and sustainability (see page 28)	OPTION 2: Put \$7.4m of new funding towards climate change mitigation and adaptation and waste minimisation.
Why?	<p>I don't know whether the cause is climate change or just lack of keeping up with infrastructure resources, repairs and management but I think a good sum of money should be put into improving drainage especially around Whangarei and the town basin but in other areas also.. We don't want to see a huge flood wipe out all the structures around the Hatea including the new Hunterwasser Centre. A really good overhaul of drains, pipes and all the other accoutrements that go with keeping the city and surrounds dry and safe is needed and needed right now.. Every heavy rain event lately has caused massive damage and distress.</p> <p>Buses need to be used much more regularly to stop those terrible buildups of traffic at peak times. Promote commuter bus runs. Overhaul timetables. Educate drivers.</p> <p>Promote organic farming and home composting. Strongly encourage supermarkets, cafes etc (if not already doing so) to give unused perishable food to those who can make best use of it. Stop waste.</p>

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 deplorable state of the city centre with so many shops and businesses closed is a terrible indictment on our area. The



	<p>proposed improvements to James, John, Robert and Cameron Streets are a good start. They will help people access the Waterfront and that's good. But right now the majority of the retail sector of Whangarei seems to be at Okara Shopping Centre. This is an absolute hub for shoppers. Sometimes it is quite hard to find a park there. So the streets should link up with that area also as well as Porowini Avenue, also a hive of industry/sales. The whole town is far too fragmented.</p> <p>And - not sure who is responsible here - but toilet facilities should be vastly improved at Okara.</p>
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**Tell us what you think - any further comments on key issues or other points raised in the Consultation document:**

I would like to make mention of the state of housing in the area and the number of people who, in no way, can get a home either rented or owned.

One area that should be looked at is pensioner housing. If people in large family homes could sell and be helped into a smaller (small) house on shared private/public basis it could free up houses for families to purchase. Maybe the houses could be 70% private and 30% Council owned.

I would like to request that funding of \$5m over the next 5 years for new-build pensioner housing be included in the LTP.

**From:** Whangarei District Council  
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**Subject:** Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Sophia Xiao-Colley - 2021-LTP-SUB-138

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## Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Sophia Xiao-Colley - 2021-LTP-SUB-138

**Receipt Number: 2021-LTP-SUB-138**

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## Hearing:

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

Key issue - How will we pay for what we need - Rates Options (see page 17)	
Why?	<p>Population growth. Please enable the higher density living in current city urban area.</p> <p>Some people will prefer higher density living with big public space for garden, exercise etc with the public transport to main city centre area/port. Sounds like those gated community or those retirement village, yet it is design for all ages.</p> <p>Please study some of the complex residential blocks in Asia, such as HongKong or Signapore. Apartment living makes publich transport easy to design and cater for the residents need to move around.</p> <p>The high density living also keep the nature area green, substanable with less impact on our natural environment.</p>

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

Key issue - Climate	
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change and sustainability (see page 28)	
Why?	<p>Reduce our footprint, buy less, use less, repair stall, reuse, repurpose, then recycle. Reduce waste get into the landfill. help community to be able to get their item fixed instead of put into rubbish bag.</p> <p>Utilize the nature to do the work for us, such as compost, wastewater treatment ect.</p> <p>cycling/waling, public transport to go around instead of driving a car. EV is better than fuel car, yet it is not the best. If all council staff can use public transport to get to work, shop and go home; then the general public will be able to use public transport more.</p>

Key issue - Revitalising our city centre (see page 32)	
Why?	Communal garden, fruit trees along the cycle ways. more public gathering space outdoor. Smoke and vape free city centre.

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

Daily train service between Auckland and Whangarei.  
Ferry between Heads and One Tree Point.

**From:** Whangarei District Council  
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**To:** Mail Room  
**Subject:** Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Lisa Young - 2021-LTP-SUB-242

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## Long Term Plan 2021-2031 Feedback - Lisa Young - 2021-LTP-SUB-242

**Receipt Number: 2021-LTP-SUB-242**

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### Hearing:

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

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

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

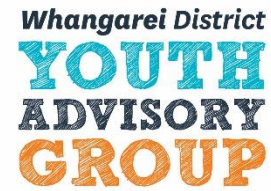
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# Youth Advisory Group submission - WDC Long Term Plan(LTP) 2021-31 Feedback



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The Youth Advisory Group wishes to present our submission verbally at an LTP hearing on the 13 or 14 of April.

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## **KEY ISSUE – HOW WILL WE PAY FOR WHAT WE NEED**

The Youth Advisory Group supports Option1 – a rates increase of 6.5% for the 2021 – 2022 financial year.

We believe that the proposed increase is fair as Whangārei District needs a 'catch up' after COVID.

## **KEY ISSUE – SPACES FOR GATHERING**

The Youth Advisory Group supports a hybrid of Option 1 and Option 2 .

While we would like Council to allocate budget across all three sites (Oruku Landing Conference and Events Centre, Hīhīaua Cultural Centre, and existing facilities at Forum North), we believe that Oruku Landing should take precedence due to the economic benefit it would bring to Whangārei.

## **KEY ISSUE – CLIMATE CHANGE AND SUSTAINABILITY**

The Youth Advisory Group supports option 2 - put \$7.4 million of new funding towards climate change mitigation, adaptation and waste minimisation.



We think that \$3.7 million is a low budget for our climate change and sustainability issues in Whangārei and that we need to expand the budget.

Research and learning more about our land and waters is important but we need to increase the funding so that there we can start taking action over the next 10 years.

## **KEY ISSUE – REVITALISING OUR CITY CENTRE**

The Youth Advisory Group supports option 1 - spend \$13m to make improvements to James Street and John Street.

The main street of a city is a destination for visiting tourists, both Kiwis and international. A welcoming main street is currently what we're missing in Whangārei, it certainly will create an attractive city centre connecting our main streets and the waterfront Loop area. If we use our budget wisely, we can make a change to our city centre for the best. It will not only be beneficial for outside visitors but a pleasant place for our local residents to enjoy.

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  - Priority Two: *Having more to do in town during the day and at night.*
  - Priority Three: *Reducing the barriers to participation for all youth.*
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## **KEY ISSUE: Revitalising our city centre**

As part of the revitalization of the city centre, the Youth Advisory Group would like to see the following included in Council's plan:

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- Encouraging more people to be out and about in the CBD at night by having lots of different activities to do that aren't just about going to clubs and bars.
- Creating shared spaces where youth can hang out.
- Dedicated spaces where traveling/seasonal events can be held. For example, a temporary ice rink in Winter.
- Revamping The Strand.
- Youth want more variety in town and would like entertainment activities like 10 pin bowling, the movies and mini golf kept central.
- Access to free wi-fi in the city centre, this would mean that young people with no credit could get in touch with their parents/caregivers/family if they felt unsafe.

## KEY ISSUE: TRANSPORT

The Youth Advisory Group would like to see the following included in council's plan regarding transport and roading:

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- Encouraging Uber or similar companies to Whangarei - taxi companies aren't reliable, and buses don't go where we need them too.
- Increasing and improving streetlighting.

## KEY ISSUE: SPACES TO GATHER

The Youth Advisory Group would like Council to direct some funding towards a building that is specifically designed to be a youth centre.

## OTHER

The Youth Advisory Group would also like to see provision in the Long Term Plan for:

- **Outdoor gym equipment** - More outdoor gym equipment strategically placed around the district to encourage more people to get fit and healthy. Some people

can't afford gym memberships and providing the equipment means that more people have the option to workout. The community gym equipment at the Hatea Loop should also be set up closer together as a circuit, in a space that is safe.

An outdoor gym will certainly be beneficial, not only for youth but all ages. Our current gym equipment along the Loop are good but have lots of limitations. There are well set up outdoors gyms all across the world that attract all ages to use regularly. It doesn't need to be fancy equipment, a lot of exercises can be done with two long parallel bars for dips, monkey bars and normal pull up bars with different heights. *(see below for examples)*



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We would like to thank Whangārei District Council for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Long term Plan 2021-31.

Ben Woodgates, Interim Chair, on behalf of the WDC Youth Advisory Group.

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March 30th, 2021

65 Owai Avenue  
Helena Bay 0184

Dear Mayor Sheryl Mai and Councillors, Whangarei District Council (WDC):

**RE: Submission on Long Term Plan 2021-2031 (LTP)**

Tena koutou katoa!

1. Thank you for the opportunity to present this submission on the draft LTP. Thank you also for all the hard work that you and WDC staff have put in for the Whangarei District (WD), including in preparing this excellent draft LTP; your public service is highly appreciated.

2. I would like to focus my submission on two issues: (i) the response to climate change; and (ii) the WDC's financial strategy. By way of background, I have over 40 years' experience in public financial management, both in New Zealand and overseas; a particular focus of my work has been fiscal risks. My submission is personal and does not necessarily reflect the views of any organization with which I am associated. I have not discussed the issues covered in this submission with any WDC staff.

**Climate Change**

3. In my view, it would be appropriate for the WDC to produce and publish annual assessments, including possible mitigation costs, of the implications for the WD of climate change, in particular but not only the rise in the sea level. These would be both for the WDC itself and for representative types of private property owners. At the moment, as far as I can tell, information available to WD residents and ratepayers on climate change effects is fragmented, not updated on a frequent and regular cycle, and not focused on the WD.

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5. The publication of such assessments would also assist private property owners to manage the risks of climate change. Some of the actions to mitigate these risks would be undertaken by them, and they need an authoritative and reputable source of information on which to make their decisions. Moreover, greater transparency of these risks would assist adjustment in the market for property, thereby helping to ensure that the WDC does not come under pressure to bail out property owners for poor investment decisions in the face of climate change.

**Financial Strategy**

6. My comments on the draft LTP's financial strategy are at a high level. I have not tried to assess individual assumptions, e.g. projected population growth and interest rates (although the Statistics Department's update tomorrow of sub-national population projections might reflect the falling birth rate and reducing net migration, and a reversion to historical levels of real interest rates could be appropriate in a 10-year perspective). Therefore, I am not presenting an alternative view but rather urging you to reflect on whether the draft financial strategy is sufficiently prudent.



7. On this basis, there are several aspects of the draft financial strategy with which I am particularly concerned:
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  - *The draft financial strategy does not include a specific commitment to maintain the WDC's credit rating.* It is not clear whether the net debt ceiling in the draft strategy is consistent with this rating. A high credit rating is important not only to keep interest costs down, but also as an indicator of financial prudence assessed by experienced and expert independent rating agencies. In this regard, the draft financial strategy does not explain why it is necessary for the WDC to keep debt at a prudent level; such an explanation belongs in every government financial strategy document released to the public.
  - *Intergenerational equity can be a misleading justification for financing public investment with debt.* We do not have perfect foresight, and so we cannot be sure that investment projects will deliver the expected benefits at the expected costs, and that future residents and ratepayers will value the benefits at the same level as current residents and ratepayers. From this perspective, public sector investment projects should be financed in large part from equity, because this aligns incentives and risk-taking i.e. current residents and ratepayers are making the judgements about the costs, benefits and risks, and so their equity should be substantially at risk.
  - *An excessive proportion of the intended funding for WDC new projects is from additional debt.* However, I do not have a precise view as to what the right proportion should be. Of course, proposing to increase rates revenue further to fund a higher proportion of the cost of new projects would attract greater scrutiny from ratepayers, but that is the point.
  - *The draft financial strategy's discussion of fiscal risks understates them and does not quantify the WDC's ability to respond to their materialization.* During the last 13 years, there have been 3 major economic shocks to New Zealand relating to: the global financial crisis, the Christchurch earthquakes and the pandemic. To assume that there will not be at least one more major economic shock during the period of the LTP seems to me somewhat optimistic. This is, of course, an important reason for prudence in debt levels. It is good practice internationally for governments to quantify with specific measures how they would respond to the materialization of fiscal risks.
  - *The draft LTP partly justifies the Oruku Landing Conference and Events Centre project on the availability of a large grant from central government from the COVID-19 Response and Recovery Fund.* This Fund has a macroeconomic perspective i.e. to support the recovery in aggregate demand following the economic shock caused by the pandemic. Governments around the world have a perennial problem of ensuring that projects funded in this context would have been priorities for funding in due course in the normal course of events. It is important that the Oruku project stacks up on its merits; WD residents and ratepayers also pay central government taxes and so have an interest in ensuring that the Fund is spent wisely. Moreover, the costs to the WDC – proposed to be funded largely by debt - would be significant, as would the risks – with the WDC bearing all cost escalations.

8. My request is therefore for you to ask WDC staff to revisit whether the draft financial strategy associated with the draft LTP is sufficiently prudent. I hope that my submission will assist you to focus on some of the key issues in this regard. It would also be good if the final version of the LTP addressed the issues I have raised in this submission.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Zohrab', with a stylized flourish at the end.

John Zohrab