

# **Whangarei District Council**

Tuesday 13 and Wednesday 14 April 2021

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

**Volume Two**

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Suburb: *ONEHANGI*

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Street name: *Fairburn Street*

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Street name: *Fairburn*

Suburb: *Raumanga*

Personal contact details email/phone (optional):

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Bruce

Address.....

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Suburb.....

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Tatton Rd RD9

Suburb.....

Mangataipere.

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Name: Murney Burns

Position:

Business/~~community~~ organisation: Hydro Healthy Growing.

Address: Main Road Rauri

Personal contact details email/phone (optional):

(Whangarei Growers Market)

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Business/community organisation.....  
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Address..... Beasley Rd R.D.1 ONEHANGA .....

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Address..... Corsair Drive Maungatapu .....

Business/community organisation.....

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CHICK

Street name:

BOEING ROAD, ONEKAPU

Suburb:

Personal contact details email/phone (optional):

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Business/community organisation.....

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Suburb: *Maunu*

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First name..... Geoff .....

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Street name: *S.H. 14*

Suburb: *Maungatapere.*

Personal contact details email/phone (optional):



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Glenn

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Hatea Drive

Suburb:

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Business/community organisation.....

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Name.....*Glenn*.....

Address.....*Jane Mander, Kamo (Fairway Drive)*.....

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Suburb: Maungatapere

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I am making this submission as:	As an individual
Organisation name:	
Postal address:	1557 State Highway 14 RD9
Best phone number:	02040937020
Email:	kdvollenhoven@gmail.com

### 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?	To make it more affordable to all

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Why?	Necessary improvements, but not over the top

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

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**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.

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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
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- getting into fights and causing injuries to pets - creating unnecessary and expensive vet bills
- breeding in garages, garden sheds and under homes damaging the insulation

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