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Submission No. 130

Submission form

Waitomo District Council
Draft Long Term Plan 2024-2034
Consultation

Send us your feedback
by 17 May 2024

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at 15 Queen Street, Te Kūiti
- **Visiting our Customer Service Centre**
at 160 Rora Street, Te Kūiti
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haveyoursay@waitomo.govt.nz
(scan and pdf or take a photo)
- **Posting to**
FREEPOST 112498
Waitomo District Council
PO Box 404, Te Kūiti 3941
- **Visiting our website**
waitomo.govt.nz/council/LTP 2024-2034
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Your details

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I wish to speak to Council about my submission

Yes

No

Hearings will be held on 28 May 2024. If you tick Yes, Council will contact you to arrange a time

Mōkau Residential

Rates increase LTP YR1 2024/25	11.2%
Valuation	\$485,000
Actual Rates 2023/24	\$3,530
Proposed Rates 2024/25	\$3,924

An extra **\$7.58** per week

Drystock Rural

Rates increase LTP YR1 2024/25	7.5%
Valuation	\$4,130,000
Actual Rates 2023/24	\$14,758
Proposed Rates 2024/25	\$15,871

An extra **\$21.40** per week

Te Waitere Residential

Rates increase LTP YR1 2024/25	9.9%
Valuation	\$420,000
Actual Rates 2023/24	\$3,143
Proposed Rates 2024/25	\$3,454

An extra **\$5.98** per week

Forestry

Rates increase LTP YR1 2024/25	305.6%
Valuation	\$600,000
Actual Rates 2023/24	\$2,792
Proposed Rates 2024/25	\$11,325

An extra **\$164.10** per week

Piopio Residential

Rates increase LTP YR1 2024/25	11.4%
Valuation	\$340,000
Actual Rates 2023/24	\$4,066
Proposed Rates 2024/25	\$4,530

An extra **\$8.92** per week



You can find the impact of this plan on your rates at:
waitomo.govt.nz/council/rating-information/rates-calculator/



Conversation: Impact of retaining 3 Waters

We have had to consider how we will deliver our 3 Waters services. Council's preferred approaches are keeping the status quo with investing "as and when needed", and installing water meters.

Do you agree with Approach one - Status quo?

Yes No

Do you agree with Approach two - Installing water meters?

Yes No

My comment on the 3 Waters services approach

***Proposal: Te Kūiti flooding remedies**

We need to decide what level of spending we should put into improving Te Kūiti stormwater network to reduce the impact of severe weather events.

Option 1: Status quo - low level investment, small scale improvements

Option 2: Build retention ponds, storm-water modelling and capacity improvement planning long term (preferred)

My comment on this proposal

My Comment on this proposal is Very Simple is Option (2), as long as this Option is kept up to a Standard where flooding our homes will not happen again, x2 Flooding.

Proposal: Introduce a targeted or differential rate on the District Roding Rate

Our limited roading budget does not provide for the extra roading damage caused by logging trucks during harvesting operations. A targeted or differential rate will help mitigate this.

Option 1: Status quo - no change to rating structure for forestry

Option 2: Differentiated District Roding Rate (preferred)

Option 3: Funding the additional operating rate deficit

My comment on this proposal

Proposal: Funding and future of our Rural Halls

Currently there is no funding in place for any repairs or upgrades to the Council-owned Rural Halls. Considerable investment is needed to keep them open.

- Option 1:** Status quo - minimal rate funding with no provision for required repairs
- Option 2:** Transfer ownership of Council halls to community groups (preferred)
- Option 3:** Consider closing halls

My comment on this proposal

Proposal: Update the Te Kūiti Stormwater Rating Area

Some property owners in Te Kūiti who benefit from the Stormwater Network are not contributing to its operation and maintenance.

- Option 1:** Status quo - Keep the current rating area
- Option 2:** Extend the Te Kūiti Urban Rating Area (preferred)

My comment on this proposal

Proposal: Elder persons housing

We want to balance keeping our elder persons housing affordable for residents, but without over-subsidising it at a cost to other ratepayers.

How should we fund elder persons housing?

- Option 1:** Status quo - ratepayers subsidise elder persons housing
- Option 2:** Council increases rental levels (preferred)

Is Council the best provider for elder persons housing?

- Option 1:** Status quo - Council continues to own and operate elder persons housing
- Option 2:** Explore options to transition elder persons housing to a provider (preferred)

My comment on this proposal

Subject Proposal: Tekuiti Flooding remedies

As long as the Building of Retention Ponds + Storm Water Remodelling and Capacity Improvements meet Regulation Requirements, We should not have Problems with Flooding: It's been a very very stressful time, & an emotional time as well, living in Motels for a period of 8 mths all up between the 12 Floods was not and "is not" an Option we would not like to repeat a 3rd time. Home's below the road level should be lifted to above the road, since Ngatai street has been resealed our section has since dropped lower again the Volume of Water has increased 2nd time around with the Flooding on October 8th 23. So with Option 2 over a period of time this should give Home Owners and Residents of Tekuiti a sense of Relief and know that we will all be safe, it's scary when you hear the weather forecast for thunder storms + heavy rain for our Area, it gives you an awful feeling were not the only one's who feel like that. We have suggested that our house be lifted at least 20.32cm = 8in. above the road No Comment. Have been told that our Insurance ^{Company} should lift our Home, but it's not the Insurance ^{Company} Problem they are not responsible for Infrastructure in Tekuiti.

Hopefully Option 2⁵ will be accepted, this will give us ~~piece~~ peace of mind. No longer will we be facing down to the Culvert in Ngatai Street to see if the drain has been cleaned, and water level hasnt risen Not a nice feeling at all. Fingers Crossed we will no longer fear the Heavy weather Warnings again We maybe able to rest easy again. Thanks

Kind Regards Maude Louina Bennett

Dennis Thomas Bennett.

P.S: It's been suggested.

Home Owners"

That an Emergency Pump be placed

Close To areas That are affected by

Floods So it will be easier for Rescuers or Fire Men are

able to pump water from sections rather than waiting for

pumps to arrive be way to late. by Then. Just A thought

Proposal: Simplify the rates structure

Council has general activities which generate districtwide benefit, but are not split uniformly between the General Rate and Uniform Annual General Charge (UAGC). We propose to simplify the rates calculation process.

- Option 1:** Status quo - continue with current rates structure
- Option 2:** Simplifying the split of rating costs between General Rate and UAGC. (preferred)

My comment on this proposal

What do you think about our plans for projects and activities? (p29-33)

What do you think about our plans for finances and rates? (p35-43)

Any other comments? (for example our landfill and sludge disposal)

