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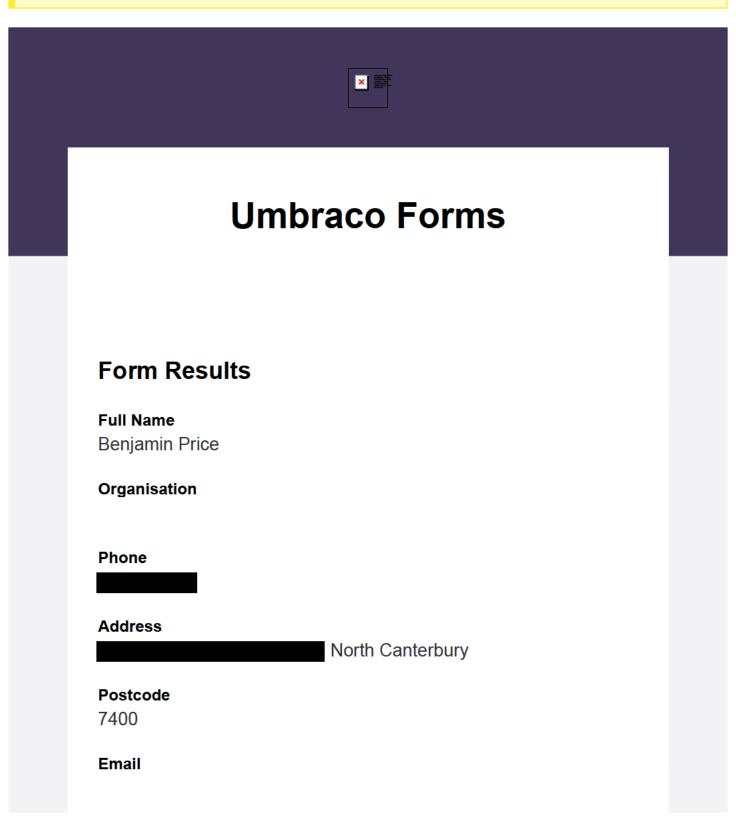
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I wish to speak to Council about my submission

Introduce a targeted or differential rate on the District Roading Rate - Which option do you prefer? :

Option 1

My comments on this proposal

As a forestry investor, the rate increase proposed is so ridiculously exorbitant that there is no choice but to outright oppose it. A few points which should be considered: 1) Logging trucks are only using the roads at time of harvest, it isn't an everyday occurrence. 2) The roads are not sealed highways; the maintenance costs are comparatively low. 3) There is a massive difference between "increasing" the rate to help towards maintenance (even if it meant DOUBLING the rate), and increasing it by a ludicrous near on 1200% 4) If the council gets a reputation for such insane increases. then the economic benefit to the region of investments such as forestry will start to vanish. New forests will just start to be planted elsewhere (and once they're in the ground, that investment isn't coming back to the region for at least 30 years); further to that, people will start to move their other investments elsewhere as well, as they won't trust what else the council will suddenly make too expensive. 5) A short sighted decision now, will likely have massive long terms effects.

Te Kūiti flooding remedies

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

My comments on Te Kūiti flooding remedies

Funding and future of our Rural Halls - what should we do?

Option 1 - Status quo. Minimal rate funding with no provision for required repairs

Your comments on the funding and future of our Rural Halls

Elder persons housing - how should we fund it?

Option 1 - Status quo - ratepayers subsidise elder persons housing

Elder persons housing - is Council the best provider for elder persons housing?

Option 1 - Status quo - Council continues to own and operate elder persons housing

Your comments on elder persons housing

Update the Te Kūiti Stormwater Rating Area

Option 1 - Status quo - Keep the current rating area

Your comments on updating the Te Kūiti Stormwater Rating Area

Simplifying the rates structure

Option 1 - Status quo - continue with current rates structure

Your comments on simplifying the rates structure

Conversation: Impact of retaining 3 Waters

I agree with keeping the status quo with investing "as and when needed"

Your comments on our approach to how we will deliver our 3 Waters services

What do you think about our plans for projects and activities?

What do you think about our plans for finances and rates?

Do you have any other feedback on our Draft Long Term Plan 2024-2034? (for example our landfill and sludge disposal)

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