

# Draft Annual Plan

## 2025-2026

### Summary of Submissions and Officer Recommendations



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# Consultation

## Local Water Done Well

### Support the preferred option

- Yes – 733 (97.2%)
- No – 21 (2.8%)
- Comment only – 10 submissions

Local Water Done Well - Yes - 1.1, Jackson Davey

**Summary:** this has the fewest downsides

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 7.1, Emma Pavey

**Summary:** The government did not listen to the people stating that they did not want the reform. This keeps the status quo as near to what was there before as possible.

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## Local Water Done Well - Yes - 12.1, Ross Lawrence McPherson

**Summary:** To keep local control

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## Local Water Done Well - Yes - 14.1, John Carter

**Summary:** I fully endorse the Local Water Done Well, & I know how fortunate we are, to have the lovely water supply from Kaiapoi.

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## Local Water Done Well - Yes - 15.1, Barry Nelson

**Summary:** In response to your request for support for the Council's plan I favour the proposal you sent me.

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 16.1, K B & C Harris

**Summary:** Good Planning. Well Done!

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 19.1, Brian Warren

**Summary:** WDC has over the past 10+ years adopted a proactive approach to both maintaining and upgrading their water infrastructure. This puts the district in a positive position for the future with fundamentally appropriate assets to meet future needs. The existing regime has demonstrated its' competency and value to the community which leaves little benefit to be gained from significant change.

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 22.1, Heather Hartles

**Summary:** I think the Waimakariri Council have done an excellent job with opposing the Government 3 Waters Plan. I would like to see our Council continue in the way it's going.

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 25.1, Peter and Merrial Lucking

**Summary:** YES, we support the preferred option.

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 26.1, Chris McClelland

**Summary:** Carry on

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 27.1, Jennifer Irvine

**Summary:** I wish to advise that I am fully in favour of the Internal Business Unit To have invested over \$100M in water structure over the last 20 years is commendable, and I am fully supportive of your continued strategy. Thank you for the opportunity to submit my thoughts.

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 29.1, Bex and Scott Deverell

**Summary:** Thanks for the opportunity to give feedback on this. Keep up the great work team.

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 30.1, Ken Pamment

**Summary:** My wife and I prefer the Internal business unit to manage.

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 31.1, Ian and Rosemary Bywater

**Summary:** YES, we support the Council's preferred option. We would like to add our gratitude for the Council taking the initiative to form C4LD with other Councils, and to investigate all possible options.

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 36.1, Jeff & Regine Hill & Lenser

**Summary:** We do support this option

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 39.1, Tony Barrett

**Summary:** Strongly support this option, along with the 95% our assets should be controlled by local council. Tony Barrett.

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 41.1, A Kennett

**Summary:** Yes keep up the good work.

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 45.1, Nick Wood

**Summary:** seems reasonable, ain't broke is it? so don't fix it.... yet....

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 47.1, Anonymous

**Summary:** Do not "sell off" our local resources. Keep control of it, local council for local peoples interests, not for business and profits.

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 49.1, Steve Wilkinson

**Summary:** I support Council's preferred model — a locally managed, Council-controlled business unit for Three Waters.

This approach:

- Keeps decisions close to the people they affect
- Maintains accountability
- Builds long-term operational strength
- Could create future service opportunities with neighbouring districts

It's a sensible, stable, and community-aligned approach.

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 67.1, Darryn & Katrina Quigley

**Summary:** Do not change that which does not need fixing.

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 68.1, E Williams

**Summary:** Like the decision Council have made, best model to manage water I.B.I Well done to you all.

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 69.1, D & M Reynolds

**Summary:** Do not support government interference in local infrastructure. Local Council community assets must remain in community ownership. Well done Waimakariri Council thanks you for your hard work.

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 71.1, DJ & JA Powers

**Summary:** Keep with local Council

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## Local Water Done Well - Yes - 73.1, Margaret Brown

**Summary:** I believe that our Waimakariri water systems are in very good shape and have undergone necessary upgrades & replacements. Our water quality is also well maintained.

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## Local Water Done Well - Yes - 77.1, Linda Graveson

**Summary:** I support the Council's preferred option of retaining an internal business unit for the delivery of Three Waters services in Waimakariri. This model ensures that ownership, governance, and operational control remain with Council, allowing for services to be delivered efficiently, safely, and with direct accountability to the community.

Waimakariri has already made significant long-term investments in high-quality water infrastructure, and it makes both financial and operational sense to continue building on this strong foundation rather than shifting control to a new, centralised entity that may not understand or prioritise our local context.

We only have to look back to what happened when our local systems were overridden and chlorine was introduced to Rangiora's water supply—despite it not being needed—to see why retaining local decision-making is so important. Our community knows what works best for our area, and we should never again be in a position where decisions about our drinking water are made by those without an understanding of our systems or values.

An internal business unit also keeps our water services integrated with land use and infrastructure planning, which is essential in a fast-growing district like ours. This model ensures that local needs are met without increasing rates or service costs, while keeping us compliant with new government legislation.

Given the strength of community feedback (with 95% of respondents opposing the original Three Waters Reform) and the proven success of our current systems, I fully support continuing with an internal business unit as the best and most responsible option for Waimakariri.



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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 80.1, Rodney Sutherland

**Summary:** We need to retain as much control locally, over our water as we can.

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 85.1, J Wang

**Summary:** After reading your letter I feel our council is in a good place be in control of our local water.

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 86.1, Raymond Johnson

**Summary:** Local needs a local knowledge always preferable. Excellent job!!

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 90.1, Dave Coatsworth

**Summary:** Fabulous result. Thank you for opposing the centrally owned 3 waters proposal. I agree it certainly was not the best option for Waimak.

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 93.1, B Churchill

**Summary:** More than happy with Waimakariri water control.

**Officer recommendations:**

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 95.1, Margaret Thomson

**Summary:** If the existing (more or less) internal business unit works, it makes sense to make changes to it as per the government new legislative requirements. Each council are would have their individual issues. Four regional co-government entities would be widely spread and more a 'one size fits all'.

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 97.1, David McConnell

**Summary:** As indicated above the council has this pretty much in place so shouldn't incur large cost to establish this unit with its services. PS watch costs always.

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 98.1, J Bond

**Summary:** Local is much preferred option for water management because NZ has such a range of environmental situations, and a wide range of water sources and uses. Central government should allocate so much \$ per annum (or 3 yearly) to each council based mainly on population to supplement rates to administer water quality and delivery.

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 99.1, S Morrell

**Summary:** Thank you for your ongoing work to do the best for our community. You are doing a great job.

**Officer recommendations:**

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 103.1, Karl Krauze

**Summary:** Keep up the good work.

**Officer recommendations:**

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 104.1, Amanda Buchan

**Summary:** I totally support the Waimak Council retaining control of our water infrastructure. Our Council do an amazing job for our community in North Canterbury and have lead the growth & planning for the future in a measured forward thinking way. I have total confidence that our Council lead by Dan Gordon, will continue to put the interests of our district first. I see no benefit to becoming part of a national organisation for our water management.

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 106.1, David & Jenny Johns

**Summary:** Sounds brilliant!

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 107.1, Gary Reid

**Summary:** Do not reinvent the wheel.

**Officer recommendations:**

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 113.1, JJ Malthus

**Summary:** Keep it local water done well

**Officer recommendations:**

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 2.1, Alistair Gray

**Summary:** keep water local

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 119.1, PL & JE Archer

**Summary:** Leave well enough alone! If it works well as it is then keep the present model for Waimakariri!

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 120.1, R & FB Walkyier

**Summary:** This is an excellent decision - the best outcome for our district.

**Officer recommendations:**

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 121.1, SB Stokes

**Summary:** Cust has a good reliable supply. Keep what we have.

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 127.1, Christine Musgrove

**Summary:** Well done for standing strong after doing due diligence.

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 130.1, H Shaw

**Summary:** It sounds as though this option has been well researched and if these people say this is the best plan, then it makes sense to with it.

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 131.1, Peter AW

**Summary:** Keeping local water 'near at hand' in terms of responsibility ownership of assets, planning and infrastructure is by far more preferable to a 'centralised' model proposed by the last government. I commend Council for taking the stance which they have, you are heading in the right direction when your decision making (like this matter) reflects widespread popular opinion.

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 132.1, Jeff Gray

**Summary:** Yes keep it in house please.

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 133.1, Bonnie Myatt

**Summary:** Yes - an excellent option.

**Officer recommendations:**

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 142.1, Hilary Sparrow

**Summary:** Yes definitely, We have great water and it seems as though you have money available if anything goes wrong. So the status quo is fine by me.

**Officer recommendations:**

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 143.1, Robert & Lynne Prins

**Summary:** We fully support the plan.

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 145.1, Janis Scott

**Summary:** Your doing a great job thank you.

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 147.1, James & Nicky Watherston

**Summary:** We agree that the Waimakariri area is best to look after its own water independently.

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 161.1, Sylvia Walls

**Summary:** I am happy with Dan Gordon & our Waimakariri Council in all they do for our lovely town Rangiora.

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 164.1, Carmel Malone

**Summary:** I am new to Rangiora (8 1/2 mths) but all of the article I have just read makes sense and sounds like the best decision moving forward. God bless all the work done by W.D.C.

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 165.1, Elizabeth Brocherie

**Summary:** Appreciation is extended to you as a Council in delivering the best options to our community for our benefit. Keep up the good work.

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 170.1, Carol Greenfield

**Summary:** Thankyou for all the work the council has undertaken. I think Local Water Done Well will work well as in internal business unit of council. I like that I can trust my towns water supply etc. As I know its working well.

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 176.1, Sharyn Sharman

**Summary:** I originally thought that joining with other councils would be the way to go but after thinking about it I feel this is the better option for ratepayers because we won't be subsidising less advantaged councils.

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 181.1, J Thompson

**Summary:** It works ok the way we are. Leave alone, doing a good job.

**Officer recommendations:**

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 183.1, Sarah & Dion Taylor

**Summary:** Our council is doing a great job, leave them to it. Keep up the good work.

**Officer recommendations:**

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 185.1, R Todd

**Summary:** Using an existing unit is sensible and can meet the new legislative requirements makes sense.

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 186.1, Graeme & Lynda Henderson

**Summary:** We are in full support of the Waimakariri Council's preferred option.

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 187.1, Harry Brouwer

**Summary:** At all costs, control of our water must stay in the hands of the community.

**Officer recommendations:**

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 188.1, Jim Crawford

**Summary:** Keep up the good work.

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 189.1, RE & KA Parratt

**Summary:** WE support the council fully and pleased in the way council has acted.

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 191.1, Bob Craig

**Summary:** I do support the preferred option because over the years we have paid to have the best water in canterbury. Good job done.

**Officer recommendations:**

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 197.1, Lionel & Marlene Underhill

**Summary:** 3 Waters Reform was a non starter from the beginning - why change - don't mend what ain't broken.

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 199.1, B & M Kiddey

**Summary:** Yes must be council owned and managed.

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 202.1, Geoff Titmuss

**Summary:** It is important to keep local council control of public-owned assets, they have the local knowledge & experience.

**Officer recommendations:**

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 203.1, VC Parker

**Summary:** Visited Waimakariri.govt.nz/Letstalk Well presented, congratulations.

**Officer recommendations:**

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 208.1, Gordon Richards

**Summary:** Thanks you for a very well written summary of the problem.

**Officer recommendations:**

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 209.1, GH Grant

**Summary:** Go for it!!

**Officer recommendations:**

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 218.1, Karin van Doorn

**Summary:** Thanks you for being proactive and forward thinking.

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 220.1, Noeleen Shaw

**Summary:** I live in Oxford and our drinking water is the best in NZ and I trust the council to make sure it stays that way.

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 221.1, JA McGowan

**Summary:** Yes as stated it is the best structure for the rate payers of Waimakariri. It is successful and we as rate payers should have what works best for this area. Congratulations on having vision to future proof and keeping Waimakariri in great hands.

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 229.1, PJ Reid

**Summary:** Only way to go.

**Officer recommendations:**

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 230.1, Ed & Linda Eacock

**Summary:** We believe this model will meet the needs of our great community.

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 231.1, John Laffey

**Summary:** Keep the consultants to a minimum as they are very expensive and don't do much more than the guys at the coalface i.e. the skilled workers that actually do the work. They are the experts.

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 233.1, HW & JY Burson

**Summary:** Agree as planned.

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 234.1, Warren Vance

**Summary:** I am glad to see that common sense has won out over the 3 Waters radically divisive system that the labour government let happen. I also appreciate that lack of maori language in your letter, which has become so offensive to the majority of people.

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 236.1, Paul Arnold

**Summary:** The work done by Waimakariri would appear to meet the govt's legislation in regard to the future of the district. It appears to be a backward step for govt to require this council in particular to re-hash the planning done to date to meet requirements of officials who do not have the in-depth knowledge of the areas water needs. As in many areas, local knowledge and input is more understanding of an issue than centralised considerations.

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 242.1, Gary Marshall

**Summary:** So long as this is the best option for the people/ratepayer and not just the best option for council. Hopefully this will result in greater efficiency, less meetings, faster action & outcomes. Time will tell.

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 244.1, M Jenkins

**Summary:** Just keep on

**Officer recommendations:**

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 249.1, Alice Pilbrow

**Summary:** I Believe we have to trust our Council representatives to have carried out the due diligence to come up with the best possible model for Waimakariri.

**Officer recommendations:**

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 250.1, ET Dring

**Summary:** The present scheme works well and is very much appreciated.

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 252.1, I & L Bisman

**Summary:** Well considered information on the important matter.

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 254.1, John Creamer

**Summary:** Keep the government 'out' of it. If they get their hands on it all our local assets will disappear.

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 260.1, P Mason

**Summary:** Nothing to be gained from any hybrid deal, except a lot of extra meetings - more expense. Big supporting the small! No way.

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 265.1, \* Macpherson

**Summary:** Local communities and families looking after the best interests of us.

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 268.1, Peter & Janet Wilcox

**Summary:** Definitely YES!

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 274.1, Roger Langton

**Summary:** As a resident for over 10 years now, I'm more than happy with how the council looks after our infrastructure. Keep up the good work.

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 280.1, Greg & Suzanne Salton

**Summary:** Yes definitely the best option to manage this.

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 281.1, Paul Tayler

**Summary:** You, as a Council, you have earned my respect for handling the growth of Rangiora and your water policy.

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 283.1, Dave & Eileen Price

**Summary:** No centralisation. No (or the least available) govt intervention/involvement. Keep it local. You've done well. You'll keep doing well. Well done WDC - on this and many other matters.

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 290.1, Ross Lee

**Summary:** Yes if this the most cost effective option.

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 294.1, E & P McIver

**Summary:** Definitely support local government being in control!

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 295.1, April Holden

**Summary:** Thanks for working for the rate payers.

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 306.1, BT Jacobs

**Summary:** Fully supportive of the preferred option.

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 308.1, Jim and Ruth Mitchell

**Summary:** We are happy with what the Council is doing.

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 316.1, Andrew & Sonia Scott

**Summary:** Great Council. Best option by far!

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 321.1, DB Kettle

**Summary:** Good work.

**Officer recommendations:**

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 326.1, Sonia Archer

**Summary:** I fully support the water management in the hands of locals people and therefore individual district councils. This most important thing to consider is what option is the best value for the Waimakariri ratepayers. In my opinion a centralised system would lend itself to efficiently run, well budgeted and prudent council subsidising others less so. This is not good use of the not inconsiderable amount that I am paying in rates to the Waimakariri Council.

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 328.1, Russell Perry

**Summary:** Proven capability. Every reason to believe it can continue. Thanks you and well done, we are grateful.

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 329.1, John & Julie Walker

**Summary:** We feel you are making good decisions for our area.

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 330.1, David & Debra Thomas

**Summary:** Its important to us that our rates are spent prudently & well. We also back the direction & ethos of investing to protect & keep all water infrastructure future proofed ensuring the infrastructure is up to date & maintained at the highest possible standard. I commend the Council for having the interest of the community as first priority & working for rate payers they serve to ensure we all get the best return on our dollars spent & keep the water assets within Council control.

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 332.1, Alan and Helen Clarke

**Summary:** Definitely no need for change as there is no problems with the water and it's supply. Leave as is.

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 333.1, Anthea Kane

**Summary:** Keep it local. Keep community assets in community ownership. Waimakariri Council doing a good job.

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 334.1, Christine Johnstone

**Summary:** It makes sense for local control and involvement.

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 344.1, Janice Nihoniho

**Summary:** Thank you for consulting and implementing the wishes of ratepayers. It is also appreciated that you all signed the consultation information. What a refreshing change to see Waimakariri District Council letterheads and not NZ Government. Long may it remain so - local government should be owned and operated by the local community - bottom up instead of top down, including drinking water.

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 157.1, Ian Blenkinsop

**Summary:** Yes, please provide water services as an internal business unit. We do not want to be stuck in a situation of subsidising Hurunui and Kaikoura District Councils by having to pay for their smaller populations and large rural areas,

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 171.1, Chris Price

**Summary:** Pleased to see our Council taking the lead to manage our assets. - previous government 'over-reach' to nationalise what rate-payers own was outrageous. Suggested option provides for water management that remains within the purview of council and consequently of ratepayers. It is important (and logical) for each district to suitably manage their water assets - if some districts need additional support to do that then government assistance should be targeted to meet needs in that area rather than the 'nationalisation' of water with the 'flawed' thinking that 'one size fits all' and that government control of everything is somehow in everyone's best interest!

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 353.1, Greg Lowe

**Summary:** You are doing well.

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 356.1, Karen Keith-Gillon

**Summary:** Keep local ownership & control

**Officer recommendations:**

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 357.1, WD Lark

**Summary:** Totally agree with your decisions and way forward for our community. Thanks you for all you do.

**Officer recommendations:**

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 360.1, Richard & Kathryn Winson

**Summary:** We support the management of our water to be kept in the Waimak District.

**Officer recommendations:**

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 362.1, Lorraine O'Donnell

**Summary:** I think Council's proposal for our water is a sensible one.

**Officer recommendations:**

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 367.1, Mary Farrelly

**Summary:** I trust that the Council, tasked with this, have considered all the options put forward and are working in the best interests of our community.

**Officer recommendations:**

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 368.1, Steve Greig

**Summary:** Yes if all working well as you say.

**Officer recommendations:**

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 371.1, Catherine & Ian Thomas

**Summary:** We support the Internal Business Unit option because the local authority understands better the local challenges re water and how the challenges can be met in conjunction with other local issues, i.e. full picture strategic overview at a local level.

**Officer recommendations:**

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 373.1, David Laing

**Summary:** In light of the mains blowout last week, maybe Local Water Done Better would be a better heading. Having said that, better the Council do it rather than the control government get their grubby hands on it.

**Officer recommendations:**

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 374.1, Suzanne Earl

**Summary:** I have confidence in the Council's decisions in this matter based on past decisions. I always did support Three Waters Reform as a sensible collective action to reduce overall costs to ratepayers. Thank you for your common sense.

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 378.1, Alan Breach

**Summary:** Happy with the status quo. The least amount of bureaucracy the better.

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 345.1, W & F Johansen

**Summary:** All Councils should be responsible for their own debt and finances - we have enough of our own.

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 379.1, Colleen Amataiti

**Summary:** I believe you have done an excellent job over the fight for the 3 Waters Reform. Keep up the good work it is appreciated.

**Officer recommendations:**

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 381.1, Leonie Shore

**Summary:** Don't change what works well Keep it simple. Keep it future proof. Keep it cost effective,

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 383.1, Jim Barwell

**Summary:** We should keep and maintain our present infrastructure and have control over our own future. We do not want a group of non resident bearocrats in charge of our supplys our current system is not broken so does not need fixing.

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 384.1, Kerry & Pam Salt

**Summary:** In my opinion , a local control system (if run properly and without bias) would be more relevant to water use in the Waimakariri District. It appears illogical to me to allow outside interests to have a say in what is best for Waimakariri.

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 385.1, Jill & Maurice Field

**Summary:** Continue with your excellent work our council is doing. We support your efforts. Many thanks.

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 388.1, Gordon Winfield

**Summary:** We would vastly prefer to keep the communities water assets in the hands of the community.

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 397.1, Linda Harvey

**Summary:** Preferable back to the original before 2020.

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 403.1, Trevor Wright

**Summary:** It is essential to keep control etc over local assets retained in local council control.

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 406.1, AR & ML Tupara

**Summary:** Keep within Waimakariri's four walls.

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 408.1, Tony Black

**Summary:** Keep up the good work!!

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 409.1, Alan & Janice Robb

**Summary:** This is a carefully researched proposal. It provides a fiscally responsible model for the area covered by the District Council. We totally support it.

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 412.1, Dennis & Sheila Curran

**Summary:** My wife and I are confident that you will ensure to do as a Council what is to the benefit of Rangiora Community.

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 415.1, Merv Laws

**Summary:** Absolutely the best way forward.

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 422.1, Al Goodare

**Summary:** Best to keep the water services in house.

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 424.1, James Simpson

**Summary:** Local Water Done Well gets the big tick from me. Good to see the Council putting aside \$\$ for future water infrastructure, last thing we want here in Waimak is a Wellington debacle! Keep up the good work.

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 426.1, Sonia Pettigrew

**Summary:** WDC has a strong long term financial plan for water infrastructure with an internal business unit, which does not preclude them from helping other councils. So i firmly agree with an internal business unit.

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 429.1, Ian Johnson

**Summary:** Good to see our Council get other Councils united against the Government asset grab, to prop up their own neglected water infrastructures under the guise of the good of the country. Well done.

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 435.1, Stuart Lynch

**Summary:** Please keep up the good work. I know you upgraded things in Kaiapoi and thank you. Just keep it there. PS. No longer have surface water on Broom Street.

**Officer recommendations:**

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 439.1, Duncan & Sandra Townsend

**Summary:** We believe that the likes of water, roading, drainage etc should be run by Local Councils not by Central Government in Wellington. Local issues run by local people.

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 440.1, Peter Stocks

**Summary:** Yes i prefer the option recommended: - Less change - Easier to introduce - Less cost and less future rate payer burden - Process already imbedded and understood - Simple to understand by staff (as already there) - Local control relevant to district - An understood base operation to evolve - Maintain control of water - Greater governance and ratepayer involvement/influence - Ability to evolve in a locally controlled manner allowing for ratepayer feedback/action

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 445.1, Ann Woods

**Summary:** It seems good research and discussion has been undertaken. look forward to seeing the structure, responsibilities and activities of the internal water unit tasked with ensuring high standards of clean water to the community, through thorough and pro active activity designed for a growing community who like all - faces the challenge of climate change.

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 446.1, Justine & Andrew Parsons & Heyes

**Summary:** Our preference is for our council to maintain ownership and control.

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 449.1, Beverley Leopold

**Summary:** I am in favour of our Council have as much control as possible.

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 450.1, Kathleen Robinson

**Summary:** So grateful to the Waimakariri District Council and other who have worked so hard to present this brilliant and better plan, so well thought out and presented. Without good water management at local level, rather than through central government. our Canterbury regions would suffer. without good water, both health of the community and businesses, particularly of agricultural nature, would suffer. This is the far better option.

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 454.1, J & D van der Wende & Unwin

**Summary:** DO everything in house, No contractors. This will save the Council heaps.

**Officer recommendations:**

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 456.1, L Rix

**Summary:** One form per house would have been enough. If views differed, then it could still be written on here.

**Officer recommendations:**

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 466.1, - Welch

**Summary:** Thank you for doing a great job.

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 468.1, Jennifer Howard

**Summary:** Cust water has always been well cared for and this model should ensure that this will continue.

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 470.1, M Henry

**Summary:** I support the option proposed by Council.

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 473.1, Lesley & Colin Hurley & Stephen

**Summary:** We believe our council will work hard to make sure our local water is well managed & of a high standard.

**Officer recommendations:**

1. **Receive** this submission point.
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3. **Notes** that Council will work with government to prepare a water services delivery plan by 3 September 2025.

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 475.1, AR & CA Bruce

**Summary:** in our opinion this feels like the right option for our area.

**Officer recommendations:**

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 476.1, Andrea Marsden

**Summary:** I believe WDC has come up with a more sustainable and affordable option for our water services and I fully support this proposal.

**Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point.
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- 3. Notes** that Council will work with government to prepare a water services delivery plan by 3 September 2025.

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 478.1, P McKee

**Summary:** Sounds good. Keep up the good work. Thank you.

**Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point.
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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 490.1, Doug & Lou Wethey

**Summary:** It is the most cost-effective option.

**Officer recommendations:**

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 491.1, W & J Hamlin

**Summary:** Keep our council separate and doing what they are - well structured system maintained. Keep our own assets that we locals have paid/pay for - stay clear of 3 Waters!

**Officer recommendations:**

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 492.1, Brian Emslie

**Summary:** Local control will be more responsible to local residents concerns & opinions.

**Officer recommendations:**

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 494.1, C Blair

**Summary:** Try and leave it as it is working.

**Officer recommendations:**

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 496.1, Chris Taylor

**Summary:** Where's the seal

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 497.1, Kevin & Julie Milne

**Summary:** This council seems to have the three waters situation in better condition than the other council so we should have confidence in your decisions.

**Officer recommendations:**

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 510.1, Jean Turvey

**Summary:** As ratepayers we paid for the infrastructure already in place and it should stay in WDC control.

**Officer recommendations:**

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 523.1, Brian & Fran Hogan

**Summary:** Thank you. Sounds like a good robust well designed process.

**Officer recommendations:**

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 524.1, Robert Jose

**Summary:** Don't want the government getting hold of our assets.

**Officer recommendations:**

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 525.1, Robyn Mauger

**Summary:** Local water & water supply is better managed by the regional councils. National strategy is not possible because of the differing requirements of the various regions in diverse NZ. National governments tend to think in the very short term and doesn't always strategically plan for the long-term betterment of local communities. Three waters was ill conceived and not very well thought out.

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 527.1, Dean Farrow

**Summary:** Sounds good

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 530.1, William & Gay White

**Summary:** Having good central govt is good. Providing standards & guidelines. But leave the local councils to carry out implementing of the work.

**Officer recommendations:**

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 536.1, Ruth Vaughan

**Summary:** We need to keep control of in our area council.

**Officer recommendations:**

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 540.1, M Parkinson

**Summary:** Te Waimakariri 3 waters have been good for many years - I support a continuance.

**Officer recommendations:**

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 543.1, Clifford Jacobs

**Summary:** Sorry I don't have any new ideas.

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 548.1, Murray Johnson

**Summary:** Yes I agree community assets remain in community ownership. Leaving the 3 water in good health for future folk living in Waimakariri. Good job.

**Officer recommendations:**

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 549.1, Brian & Jean Townshend

**Summary:** Thank you for doing a good job. The money invested in the last 20 years in water infrastructure needs to be protected.

**Officer recommendations:**

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 550.1, John & Violet Blay

**Summary:** Keep Waimakariri independent.

**Officer recommendations:**

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 559.1, K & W Lawton

**Summary:** Looks like you are on the right track.

**Officer recommendations:**

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 560.1, Graham & Barbara Joseph

**Summary:** Yes we support the preferred option.

**Officer recommendations:**

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 561.1, RJ & KM Jameson

**Summary:** The 3 Water Services must remain in our local control. We do not want the complete mess that Auckland & Wellington have to deal with.

**Officer recommendations:**

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 569.1, KJ & RF Earl

**Summary:** You're doing a good job. Keep up the good work.

**Officer recommendations:**

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 571.1, Bret de Their

**Summary:** Anything to avoid bloated, centralised, bureaucracy favoured by Labour & Greens socialists.

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 575.1, J Raumati

**Summary:** Things sound as though they have been well managed. The future provided for.

**Officer recommendations:**

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 579.1, - Benson

**Summary:** We support your option using what you have in place and to not have to do it the government way. Praying for continued wisdom for you all as you work hard for our community and the health of our water. God bless.

**Officer recommendations:**

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 583.1, Garry Foster

**Summary:** Do not support the Govenments 3 Waters.

**Officer recommendations:**

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 584.1, Graham Johnson

**Summary:** We totally agree with your proposal of a council owned entity for water services.

**Officer recommendations:**

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 589.1, Mary Sparrow

**Summary:** This is clearly the most efficient way for the Waimakariri District Council to meet the statutory requirements with respect to the delivery of its responsibilities for three waters. The Council established a CCO, Prime Building, and subsequently decided to deliver its building services "in house". A separate organisation for the management of three waters brings with it additional costs that can be avoided if this service is delivered via an in-house unit. There has always been a degree of cooperation between the Hurunui and Waimakariri District Councils and there would appear to be no need for this to stop if the Waimakariri District Council chooses to deliver its water services via an in-house unit.

**Officer recommendations:**

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 591.1, Anonymous

**Summary:** I support this proposal and am very pleased that WDC has kept on top of maintenance and improvement so well.

**Officer recommendations:**

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 593.1, Edward Benton

**Summary:** I want the in house business unit to control and manage our water supply and waste water disposal so that control of these services remained in local control. I watched with increasing concern the shambles that the previous government made of 3 Waters. To have "regional control" monitor and control our water from afar just doesn't make sense. I want to see local people looking after our water and waste water. Local people know the area, how it reacts to unseasonal weather and how best to manage the clean up and repair. We as ratepayers value our assets, clean and safe drinking water supply is top of the list, we saw the shambolic submission by Taggarts to operate a Quarry above our Emergency Water supply at the Rangiora Racecourse. The local protest showed how important we ratepayers valued our assets. Local knowledge is precious, councillors are voted in or out on their performance. It gives us a chance to use our vote to manage our Council. The value of the whole infrastructure must remain in Council control. We have paid for those assets and we want them looked after and remaining in our local control.

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 597.1, Muchael Schluter

**Summary:** We think the Council is the best manager of our water.

**Officer recommendations:**

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 598.1, Brian White

**Summary:** Waimakariri should stand alone and retain control of its own infrastructure. Thank you for asking for my opinion on this matter.

**Officer recommendations:**

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 600.1, Sarah Thompson

**Summary:** I think the council does a great job, they keep renewing old water systems. The water out of the tap is I drink and it tastes good. Well done. God bless the Council and all they do.

**Officer recommendations:**

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 603.1, Alan & Heather Halder

**Summary:** Our Council need to keep control of our water.

**Officer recommendations:**

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 604.1, James Hutt

**Summary:** Keep our own

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 612.1, Be & WE Cust

**Summary:** We want it to stay as it is.

**Officer recommendations:**

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 515.1, Kirstyn Barnett

**Summary:** Ability to respond quickly and our district is large enough to support this business unit, contracting to Hurunui and Kaikoura as needed.

**Officer recommendations:**

1. **Receive** this submission point.
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3. **Notes** that Council will work with government to prepare a water services delivery plan by 3 September 2025.

**Reason for recommendation:** The in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and will comply with the new economic and environmental regulations. This option ensures the community retains ownership and control of their water services through Council.

#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 617.1, Frances & Michael Taylor & Chirnside

**Summary:** Excellent. The independent analysis has our wholehearted support to establish the proposed dedicated internal business unit of Council.

**Officer recommendations:**

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 620.1, Hugh Kemp

**Summary:** Well explained and makes good sense.

**Officer recommendations:**

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 623.1, Andy Childs

**Summary:** Yes please keep the WDC owned Internal Business Unit in house. They do a good job and work to the job is finished well.

**Officer recommendations:**

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 628.1, Glenn Byrne

**Summary:** Over the last 35 years of our membership of Waimak District Council area, we have funded through our rates (& targeted rate for the Eastern District Sewer Scheme) the upgrade & maintenance of our 3 water infrastructure therefore, along with the remainder of the community, a vested ownership of these assets. These assets need to remain in & controlled by the Council on behalf of the community. They are ours !!!

**Officer recommendations:**

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- 3. Notes** that Council will work with government to prepare a water services delivery plan by 3 September 2025.

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 632.1, Peter Etienne

**Summary:** I want to thank the Council for their forward planning in the issues regarding the water reforms.

**Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point.
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- 3. Notes** that Council will work with government to prepare a water services delivery plan by 3 September 2025.

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 646.1, Robert & Glenda Webb

**Summary:** Our Council has looked after our community so well why change what has worked so well.

**Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point.



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**3. Notes** that Council will work with government to prepare a water services delivery plan by 3 September 2025.

**Reason for recommendation:** The in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and will comply with the new economic and environmental regulations. This option ensures the community retains ownership and control of their water services through Council.

Local Water Done Well - Yes - 648.1, Marie Mehrtens

**Summary:** Absolutely support this initiative 100%

**Officer recommendations:**

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**3. Notes** that Council will work with government to prepare a water services delivery plan by 3 September 2025.

**Reason for recommendation:** The in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and will comply with the new economic and environmental regulations. This option ensures the community retains ownership and control of their water services through Council.

Local Water Done Well - Yes - 652.1, Olive & Noel Duff

**Summary:** Leave it to local council to look after our area.

**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point.

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**3. Notes** that Council will work with government to prepare a water services delivery plan by 3 September 2025.

**Reason for recommendation:** The in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and will comply with the new economic and environmental regulations. This option ensures the community retains ownership and control of their water services through Council.

Local Water Done Well - Yes - 658.1, - - for Olansa Ltd

**Summary:** Yes! Yes! Yes! Keep under local management, not centralised.

**Officer recommendations:**

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 663.1, Alan & Bronwyn Waters

**Summary:** We do not believe the current water supply by WDC can be improved on.

**Officer recommendations:**

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 674.1, Grant Goile

**Summary:** I'm totally comfortable in Dan and the Councils decisions with Local Water Done Well.

**Officer recommendations:**

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 677.1, Grant & Denise -

**Summary:** Great job. Keep this asset in local control.

**Officer recommendations:**

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 557.1, RW & MH Larsen

**Summary:** We are very supportive of the Internal Business Unit because: - WDC has a proven track record of investment in water services and a Long Term Plan to address any future issues - WDC has a sizeable ratepayer population which has contributed to the assets council holds & maintains - WDC responds promptly to issues as they arise e.g. burst water pipe in High Street recently, cleaning sewerage blockages. Keep up the good work.

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 681.1, Patrick Quinlan

**Summary:** I have read your letter, CMM-08/250303034303 dated 20 March and fully support your preferred option. I believe WDC has fully investigated the various models for the delivery of the Three Waters Service and its preferred option is the way ahead.

**Officer recommendations:**

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 687.1, Jenella Balloch

**Summary:** I strongly agree to keep the 3 water reform with the Council control.

**Officer recommendations:**

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 688.1, C Muir

**Summary:** Good work, keeping control local, thank you

**Officer recommendations:**

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 691.1, Carolyn Rossiter

**Summary:** I have spent time trying to find this yes/no on your website, to save postage. Its not clear or did I need to make a submission?

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 693.1, Lorraine Waters

**Summary:** I am very happy to have the Waimakariri Council continue to own & manage our local water. I cannot see that any other option would be an improvement on what we already have.

**Officer recommendations:**

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 699.1, Gary & Patricia Hurrell

**Summary:** Council is doing an excellent job in providing top quality water infrastructure for residents, in all areas.

**Officer recommendations:**

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 716.1, Max & Margaret Luisetti

**Summary:** We appreciate the Council giving us the option and we might add we feel fortunate being residents in the Waimakariri Council District.

**Officer recommendations:**

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 717.1, Mr & Mrs Hewitt

**Summary:** We are 2 of the 95% of respondents opposed to reform & wish for local ownership & control of water services to remain. We congratulate Dan Gordon & all WDC members for the success achieved through strenuous lobbying. Your efforts are much appreciated. Thanks You. We have already benefitted from the difference the stormwater investment has made to the area in terms of reducing flood risk & totally support WDC with regard to all matters regarding our water moving forward.

**Officer recommendations:**

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 725.1, Mr & Mrs Marks

**Summary:** We opposed the reform and keep it in local ownership and control over water services.

**Officer recommendations:**

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 727.1, Wayne Hawkyard

**Summary:** This appears to be the best option financially. It also allows the council direct control over the management of the infrastructure rather than having an external body controlling priorities between the different districts that would be part of the CCO. In addition the IBU may be able to contract with other districts thereby achieving economies of scale for WDC costs.

**Officer recommendations:**

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 731.1, David Prosser

**Summary:** Retains local control and provides the greatest efficiency

**Officer recommendations:**

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 732.1, Ian Brown

**Summary:** Citizens of the District are the owners. We paid for it, we own it.

**Officer recommendations:**

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 743.1, John & Rosie Roy

**Summary:** We 100% agree with Waimakariri District Council to continue to own, manage and deliver 3 waters internally.

**Officer recommendations:**

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 752.1, Graham Thompson

**Summary:** Fully support.

**Officer recommendations:**

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 753.1, MJ Murphy

**Summary:** Carrying on the good work done.

**Officer recommendations:**

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 756.1, Dennis & Dorothy Brown

**Summary:** We want local control in this issue.

**Officer recommendations:**

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 757.1, DK & CJ Shepherd

**Summary:** Wishing you well.

**Officer recommendations:**

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 759.1, John Coers for Lock Box Storage Rangiora Ltd

**Summary:** We think the Council, officers and staff and Councillors have done a great job. Particularly fighting the labour Govt 3 Waters proposal. Well done.

**Officer recommendations:**

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 762.1, Melanie Hartley

**Summary:** I think its important to keep control & spending within our own district.

**Officer recommendations:**

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Local Water Done Well - Yes - 766.1, Dorothy Stewart

**Summary:** Happy with the Internal Business Unit proposed. If it ain't broke..... Congratulations to Dan & the Council for taking the stand they did, The voice of reason. We are thankful for the prior councils' diligence and prudence in setting up the infrastructure needed. We done - we relax in Council competence!

**Officer recommendations:**

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 770.1, Stuart Smith

**Summary:** 1. WDC rates will be spend in WDC 2. WDC Council and staff have better local knowledge than central controllers/decision makers 3. Better coordination with other local services e.g. roads, solid waste collection.

**Officer recommendations:**

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 773.1, Mark Dickinson

**Summary:** Depending on final costings.

**Officer recommendations:**

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 786.1, Gerard van Keppevelt

**Summary:** Of course: keep all equipment & systems in house.

**Officer recommendations:**

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3. **Notes** that Council will work with government to prepare a water services delivery plan by 3 September 2025.

**Reason for recommendation:**

#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 5.1, Neil Wilkinson

**Summary:** Cost primarily but I do like the idea of a collaborative approach with another council (s).

**Officer recommendations:**

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3. **Notes** that Council will work with government to prepare a water services delivery plan by 3 September 2025. 4. **Notes** that Council will continue to provide support to our neighbouring councils with shared service arrangements as needed moving forward.

**Reason for recommendation:** The in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and will comply with the new economic and environmental regulations. This option ensures the community retains ownership and control of their water services through Council.

#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 9.2, Anonymous

**Summary:** Providing  
That you do NOT charge ratepayers for that they are NOT using.  
THAT INCLUDES WATER - we have our own and RUBBISH - we have NO collection or bins!  
I am all for what gives rate payers the chance to have their say, and benefit the most from any proposals. Because we are the ones paying all the bills.

**Officer recommendations:**

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3. **Notes** that Council will work with government to prepare a water services delivery plan by 3 September 2025.

**4. Notes** that the Council has targeted rates for 3 waters and solid waste services, meaning that only those that receive these services are rated for them, and that no changes to this approach are proposed under the Council's preferred delivery model.

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#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 10.1, Sam Fisher

**Summary:** It is likely water will continue to be a political football as we head into a change in weather and climate. It seems evident one preferred political stance on water is full commercial, and another is an effective nationalisation. On the basis of that and the historical prudent financial management by our district council, a Council operational structure seems ideal. Water and other infrastructure, the increasing costs of infrastructure, repairs and maintenance, labour....need to be well managed. Intragenerational equity also strongly require us to make the best decisions for today and the future, so including this in the Annual Plan is a positive proposal. Wellingtons water woes may well have been exacerbated by zero rate increases in the 90s and early 00s, and deferring maintenance. Internal units can be tied to policy objectives, and managed better than an external agency. If you want anyone to understand this I worked in this at CCC.

**Officer recommendations:**

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**2. Notes** that the in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and ensures the community retains control of their water services through Council.

**3. Notes** that Council will work with government to prepare a water services delivery plan by 3 September 2025.

**Reason for recommendation:** The in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and will comply with the new economic and environmental regulations. This option ensures the community retains ownership and control of their water services through Council.



## Local Water Done Well - Yes - 20.1, Robert Devlin

**Summary:** Whilst I agree with the proposal of an internal business unit, I am concerned that the High Court case, Ngai Tahu Water, might impact on this decision of council owning, managing and delivery three waters within the Government's new legislative requirements. Nowhere in the proposals is there reference to the Treaty of Waitangi obligations. The new legislative requirements are not spelt out. The deadline for submissions to Council 21 April 2025. The High Court considerations do not conclude until late April at the earliest. The mandatory Water Services Plan expected by all councils has a deadline of September 2025. The High Court decision could well impact on decisions made at each of these stages. My support for the preferred option is tentative, having regard for possible changes needed in light of a High Court ruling favouring greater regulatory changes around water services. Robert Devlin 21 Kensington Ave Rangiora 7400

### **Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point.
- 2. Notes** that the in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and ensures the community retains control of their water services through Council.
- 3. Notes** that Council will work with government to prepare a water services delivery plan by 3 September 2025, which will take into account any further legislative changes.
- 4. Notes** that the water services delivery plan will include an implementation plan for how the proposed water services delivery unit will engage key stakeholders (such as iwi) moving forward.

**Reason for recommendation:** The in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and will comply with the new economic and environmental regulations. This option ensures the community retains ownership and control of their water services through Council.

## Local Water Done Well - Yes - 135.1, Barry & Shirley Higham

**Summary:** Support your preferred option. We need to keep it local and joining with Hurunui and Kaikoura is a sound solution. Go for it!

### **Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point.
- 2. Notes** that the in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and ensures the community retains control of their water services through Council, and that the Council is not proposing a joint delivery model.
- 3. Notes** that Council will work with government to prepare a water services delivery plan by 3 September 2025.
- 4. Notes** that Council will continue to provide support to our neighbouring councils with shared service arrangements as needed moving forward.

**Reason for recommendation:** The in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and will comply with the new economic and environmental regulations. This option ensures the community retains ownership and control of their water services through Council.

#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 141.1, Ian Brooklands

**Summary:** But with the following rider: Be aware of 'fringe' areas, i.e. where I live, some responsibility is WDC for rates Hurunui supplies my water. Septic tanks are the norm here and ECAN partially (depending on the day?) responsible for the stream flooding Council also on occasion if you speak to the right person.

**Officer recommendations:**

1. **Receive** this submission point.
2. **Notes** that the in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and ensures the community retains control of their water services through Council.
3. **Notes** that Council will work with government to prepare a water services delivery plan by 3 September 2025.
4. **Notes** that Council will continue to provide support to our neighbouring territorial and regional authorities with shared service arrangements as needed moving forward.

**Reason for recommendation:** The in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and will comply with the new economic and environmental regulations. This option ensures the community retains ownership and control of their water services through Council.

#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 148.1, P Bay

**Summary:** I am but I don't see why we need 3 CCO. Is the Council confident that the Waimakariri Rate payers won't be propping up the other councils.

**Officer recommendations:**

1. **Receive** this submission point.
2. **Notes** that the in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and ensures the community retains control of their water services through Council, and that the Council is not proposing an option involving a CCO.
3. **Notes** that Council will work with government to prepare a water services delivery plan by 3 September 2025.

**Reason for recommendation:** The in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and will comply with the new economic and environmental regulations. This option ensures the community retains ownership and control of their water services through Council.

## Local Water Done Well - Yes - 151.1, G & K Campbell

**Summary:** Nevertheless for what I know about 3 Waters the business model that was put forward from the previous administration seemed to have its benefits, especially for a National (country basis). That being the ability to source funds at a much reduced (%) rate for future infrastructure requirements. However that would be rewarding previous bad management from other Councils around the motu. So in summary I do support the Councils proposal but the slight reservations in regard to how it may impact negatively on the country as a whole.

### **Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point.
- 2. Notes** that the in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and ensures the community retains control of their water services through Council.
- 3. Notes** that Council will work with government to prepare a water services delivery plan by 3 September 2025.
- 4. Notes** that Council will continue to provide support to our neighbouring councils with shared service arrangements as needed moving forward.

**Reason for recommendation:** The in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and will comply with the new economic and environmental regulations. This option ensures the community retains ownership and control of their water services through Council.

## Local Water Done Well - Yes - 190.1, Delwyn & Wayne Fenby & Cunningham

**Summary:** In supporting the preferred option, we have the following comments.

1. Ensure that the IBU is not a profit centre for the council i.e the IBU is not required to make a profit but is self-funding.
2. Rates collected for water infrastructure are protected and only spent on water infrastructure projects i.e (ring fenced not consolidated into the budget and spent on other projects)
3. Water infrastructure activity managed by the IBU should be independently reported to ratepayers and not be consolidated under the council report (i.e transparency)
4. A water infrastructure / IBU balance sheet itemised (including salaries/wages) in a separate report to ratepayers so it is transparent what water rates are generated and how this money is spent.

### **Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point.
- 2. Notes** that the in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and ensures the community retains control of their water services through Council.
- 3. Notes** that Council will work with government to prepare a water services delivery plan by 3 September 2025.

**4. Notes** that full and clear financial separation from “non-water” activities and between drinking water, wastewater, and urban stormwater is required to meet the new economic regulation.

**Reason for recommendation:** The in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and will comply with the new economic and environmental regulations. This option ensures the community retains ownership and control of their water services through Council.

#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 347.1, Ian & Barbara Frazer

**Summary:** I commend the WDC approach to 3 waters planning and support the selected option. The previous Labour Party scheme Three Waters was an anathema in my view with inefficient bureaucratic centralisation and transfer of hard won WDC assets to entities based on racial selection. I do not think it is the responsibility of WDC to subsidise neighbouring councils where there has been an underinvestment in water infrastructure historically. That matter should rest with central government. I do have a query about the use of an IBU for WDC water assets, where I assume any debt required will be on the WDC balance sheet. I had understood the point of CCO's was that required debt could be off the WDC balance sheet and on a longer term to reflect the need for future users to contribute to capital assets created today.

I ask if the following has been considered;

1. Can the WDC change to an off-balance sheet model (Single council CCO) in future if substantial debt is required?
2. Does the capital requirements of \$112.7 M in the LTP fit comfortably within WDC borrowing limits?

**Officer recommendations:**

1. **Receive** this submission point.
2. **Notes** that the in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and ensures the community retains control of their water services through Council.
3. **Notes** that Council will work with government to prepare a water services delivery plan by 3 September 2025.
4. **Notes** that Council has invested in its water services, both in terms of renewing its older assets and upgrading for growth, and has managed its financial situation such that it does not need to borrow beyond current debt to revenue limits.
5. **Notes** that Councils may make amendments to their proposed delivery model prior to 3 September 2026 under specific circumstances outlined in the Local Government (Water Services) Bill.

**Reason for recommendation:** The in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and will comply with the new economic and environmental regulations. This option ensures the community retains ownership and control of their water services through Council.

#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 421.1, J Leslie

**Summary:** I agree with the councils assessment of the situation. I also believe that the Govt instructions has created additional costs for the Council. These costs should be reimbursed by Central Government.

**Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point.
- 2. Notes** that the in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and ensures the community retains control of their water services through Council.
- 3. Notes** that Council will work with government to prepare a water services delivery plan by 3 September 2025.
- 4. Notes** that the government has made transitional support funding available for Councils to support Local Water Done Well activities, including this consultation process and development of a water services delivery plan.

**Reason for recommendation:** The in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and will comply with the new economic and environmental regulations. This option ensures the community retains ownership and control of their water services through Council.

#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 425.1, Anonymous

**Summary:** Keep three waters in-house and maintain professional competency in staff unit. Avoid too much cross boundary sharing of activities and overall direction. Hurunui model is too frail, ill considered, far too centralised and has removed most public involvement in water supply priorities. Cannot comment as to Kaikoura - no direct experience there. Keep rates as targeted to zones of users so costs are not transferred to non users. Do not rely totally on external advice or direction. Local means local, not regional. Ba tashkar az shma lotfa bahazaye montehkhab beguyid gush konan. Peter Farrant.

**Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point.
- 2. Notes** that the in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and ensures the community retains control of their water services through Council.
- 3. Notes** that Council will work with government to prepare a water services delivery plan by 3 September 2025.

**4. Notes** that the Council has targeted rates for 3 waters and other Council services, meaning that only those that receive these services are rated for them, and that no changes to this approach are proposed under the Council's preferred delivery model.

**Reason for recommendation:** The in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and will comply with the new economic and environmental regulations. This option ensures the community retains ownership and control of their water services through Council.

#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 469.1, Kate & Walter Tapley & Logeman

**Summary:** We are both agreed with the local governance of water managements, AND we would like provisions for local IWI to be consulted as part of local governance of water management. This was one of the original goals of Labour's 3 Waters in 2021, and we would like that to be upheld. Also well done Waimakariri Council for being in such good shape with your water infrastructure etc on our behalf.

**Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point.
- 2. Notes** that the in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and ensures the community retains control of their water services through Council.
- 3. Notes** that Council will work with government to prepare a water services delivery plan by 3 September 2025.
- 4. Notes** that the water services delivery plan will include an implementation plan for how the proposed water services delivery unit will engage key stakeholders (such as iwi) moving forward.

**Reason for recommendation:** The in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and will comply with the new economic and environmental regulations. This option ensures the community retains ownership and control of their water services through Council.

#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 489.1, Russell Forward

**Summary:** I would like to see what benefits there are with neighbouring council having informal relationships, so that certain costs can be shared, or buying power enhanced as a collective, but decision making stays local.

**Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point.
- 2. Notes** that the in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and ensures the community retains control of their water services through Council.



**3. Notes** that Council will work with government to prepare a water services delivery plan by 3 September 2025.

**4. Notes** that Council will continue to provide support to our neighbouring councils with shared service arrangements as needed moving forward.

**Reason for recommendation:** The in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and will comply with the new economic and environmental regulations. This option ensures the community retains ownership and control of their water services through Council.

#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 514.1, Ivan Cherry

**Summary:** I support preferred option as long as it doesn't get bogged down with other management. Water quality at present is not great for drinking. Boil water before drinking or drink lemonade.

**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point.

**2. Notes** that the in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and ensures the community retains control of their water services through Council, which is essentially a continuation of what we do now, with increased financial ring-fencing requirements and new economic regulation.

**3. Notes** that Council will work with government to prepare a water services delivery plan by 3 September 2025.

**Reason for recommendation:** The in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and will comply with the new economic and environmental regulations. This option ensures the community retains ownership and control of their water services through Council.

#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 520.1, Iva & Grant Hamilton

**Summary:** As new residents in the Waimakariri District, now living in the Kaiapoi Lakes for nearly a year, we are very much loving being part of our new community. It appears to us that the Waimakariri District Council has been professional, innovative & forward thinking with managing its 3 Waters infrastructure. We support local people with local knowledge managing local affairs. It begs the question why change when current infrastructure is not broken and working well. Centralising the management & ownership of the 3 Waters adds another layer of bureaucracy to the system, weakens the relationship between users & management and punishes 'users' with undoubtedly increased costs. We support the preferred option!

**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point.



**2. Notes** that the in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and ensures the community retains control of their water services through Council, which is essentially a continuation of what we do now, with increased financial ring-fencing requirements and new economic regulation.

**3. Notes** that Council will work with government to prepare a water services delivery plan by 3 September 2025.

**Reason for recommendation:** The in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and will comply with the new economic and environmental regulations. This option ensures the community retains ownership and control of their water services through Council.

#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 522.1, DA Wilson

**Summary:** We just hope you won't be charging for excess water usage as the CCC have introduced.

**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point.

**2. Notes** that the in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and ensures the community retains control of their water services through Council.

**3. Notes** that Council will work with government to prepare a water services delivery plan by 3 September 2025. **4. Notes** that Council charges for water services through targeted rates, and no changes to the current rating system are proposed under the Council's preferred delivery model.

**Reason for recommendation:** The in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and will comply with the new economic and environmental regulations. This option ensures the community retains ownership and control of their water services through Council.

#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 556.1, C & S Harris

**Summary:** I suspect the outcome is predetermined in any case, as is common for these agenda's.

**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point.

**2. Notes** that the in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and ensures the community retains control of their water services through Council.

**3. Notes** that Council will work with government to prepare a water services delivery plan by 3 September 2025.

**4. Notes** that final decisions on the preferred delivery model are not predetermined, and the Council remains open minded to consider all options taking into account the feedback received.

**Reason for recommendation:** The in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and will comply with the new economic and environmental regulations. This option ensures the community retains ownership and control of their water services through Council.

#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 564.1, Warren Duff

**Summary:** Yes I support any system that excludes Maori/Tribe controls as was proposed. Retain the model proposed as as the Council can control it and meet the new legislative requirements. I have faith in the Councillors of Waimakariri to do the right thing as long as it keeps tribes from taking a percentage.

**Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point.
- 2. Notes** that the in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and ensures the community retains control of their water services through Council.
- 3. Notes** that Council will work with government to prepare a water services delivery plan by 3 September 2025.
- 4. Notes** that the Council is committed to maintaining a strong working relationship with Ngai Tuahuriri irrespective of the preferred delivery model.

**Reason for recommendation:** The in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and will comply with the new economic and environmental regulations. This option ensures the community retains ownership and control of their water services through Council.

#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 585.1, Anonymous

**Summary:** While I acknowledge the Council's preference to retain local control over water services through an internal business unit, I have serious concerns regarding the level of accountability and responsiveness to community input.

In recent years, we have seen decisions made that appear to go against the expressed wishes of a significant portion of the public — notably, the addition of chlorine and fluoride to our drinking water. These decisions were made with little genuine engagement or transparent justification, leaving many in the community feeling ignored and disempowered.

If the Council is to pursue local management of water services under the “Local Water Done Well” framework, it must also commit to improving democratic accountability and public consultation processes. This includes:

Regular and transparent community engagement before making major changes to water treatment practices.

Clear avenues for public feedback to be meaningfully considered, not simply acknowledged and then dismissed.

Public reporting on how community input influences decision-making , particularly on sensitive issues like water quality, health, and infrastructure investment.

Local control should not mean unchecked authority. If the Council wishes to retain our trust and support for local management of Three Waters, it must demonstrate that it listens to the people it serves — not just in principle, but in practice.

**Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point.
- 2. Notes** that the in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and ensures the community retains control of their water services through Council.
- 3. Notes** that Council will work with government to prepare a water services delivery plan by 3 September 2025.
- 4. Notes** that Council will continue to align their planning and levels of service with community outcomes, and to work more closely together to find effective ways of achieving these common goals.

**Reason for recommendation:** The in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and will comply with the new economic and environmental regulations. This option ensures the community retains ownership and control of their water services through Council.

Local Water Done Well - Yes - 633.1, Kay Rabe for Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board

**Summary:** The Board is supportive of the preferred option and agrees that the most cost-effective way of providing water services is through an internal business unit offering shared management and technical assistance with Hurunui and Kaikoura councils or their organisations. The Board acknowledges that this is currently happening unofficially and believes that it would be sensible to formalise the agreement for the future protection of all concerned.

**Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point.
- 2. Notes** that the in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and ensures the community retains control of their water services through Council, which is essentially a continuation of what we do now, with increased financial ring-fencing requirements and new economic regulation.

**3. Notes** that Council will work with government to prepare a water services delivery plan by 3 September 2025.

**Reason for recommendation:** The in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and will comply with the new economic and environmental regulations. This option ensures the community retains ownership and control of their water services through Council.

#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 640.1, Gabrielle Gebbie

**Summary:** If it was workable I would like to see Waimak, Hurunui and Kaikoura share some of the expertise and knowledge which is often expensive and harder to access for smaller councils, even if we continue with the Internal Business Unit. It is just good for our rural councils to work cooperatively where appropriate.

**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point.

**2. Notes** that the in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and ensures the community retains control of their water services through Council.

**3. Notes** that Council will work with government to prepare a water services delivery plan by 3 September 2025.

**4. Notes** that Council will continue to provide support to our neighbouring councils with shared service arrangements as needed moving forward.

**Reason for recommendation:** The in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and will comply with the new economic and environmental regulations. This option ensures the community retains ownership and control of their water services through Council.

#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 680.1, Thea Kunkel for Rangiora-Ashley Community Board

**Summary:** The Board notes that 95% of the people who responded to the Council's public consultation opposed the Three Waters Reform and valued local ownership and control over water services. The Council has invested extensively over several years in the District's water infrastructure on behalf of its community. Thus, it is not facing similar up-coming infrastructure costs as some other councils. The Board is also aware that the Council has a 150-year Infrastructure Strategy to fund infrastructure for the community. The Board is of the opinion that the Council has been professional, approachable and solutions-focused in dealing with 3 Waters Reform. It, therefore, supports the Council's preferred option of providing water services through an internal business unit. It also supports shared management and technical assistance with Hurunui and Kaikoura District Councils. The Board congratulates the Mayor and the Council for their New Zealand-wide leadership on this issue.

**Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point.
- 2. Notes** that the in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and ensures the community retains control of their water services through Council.
- 3. Notes** that Council will work with government to prepare a water services delivery plan by 3 September 2025.
- 4. Notes** that Council will continue to provide support to our neighbouring councils with shared service arrangements as needed moving forward.

**Reason for recommendation:** The in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and will comply with the new economic and environmental regulations. This option ensures the community retains ownership and control of their water services through Council.

#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 685.1, Kay Rabe for Woodend Sefton Community Board

**Summary:** The Board is supportive of the preferred option and agrees that the most cost-effective way of providing water services is through an internal business unit offering shared management and technical assistance with Hurunui and Kaikoura councils or their organisations. This allows local ownership and control of water services which the community deemed important through previous consultation. The Board believes that working in partnership and sharing expertise and equipment etc with neighbouring councils is a practical and efficient use of resources and allows the smaller councils to manage their water effectively.

**Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point.
- 2. Notes** that the in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and ensures the community retains control of their water services through Council.
- 3. Notes** that Council will work with government to prepare a water services delivery plan by 3 September 2025.
- 4. Notes** that Council will continue to provide support to our neighbouring councils with shared service arrangements as needed moving forward.

**Reason for recommendation:** The in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and will comply with the new economic and environmental regulations. This option ensures the community retains ownership and control of their water services through Council.

## Local Water Done Well - Yes - 700.1, DI Riddell

**Summary:** Although I have selected "Yes", I would have preferred the previous Govt's 3 waters plan to have been given more consideration and support from this Council rather the actively campaigning against it. To me, it matters little if assets are owned locally or nationally. NZ's small population 5.6 million most likely means that some things are better dealt with a National level.

### **Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point.
- 2. Notes** that various water services delivery model options were investigated, including joint delivery options with our neighboring councils, and the in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and ensures the community retains control of their water services through Council.
- 3. Notes** that Council will work with government to prepare a water services delivery plan by 3 September 2025.
- 4. Notes** that the preferred delivery model will need to meet the Government's new economic, environmental and infrastructure regulation requirements.
- 5. Notes** that the Council was not in support of the previous proposal as it was considered to take away local control of water services which would not have been beneficial for the Waimakariri community.

**Reason for recommendation:** The in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and will comply with the new economic and environmental regulations. This option ensures the community retains ownership and control of their water services through Council.

## Local Water Done Well - Yes - 722.1, Julie Thompson

**Summary:** We should be managing our own waters, but keeping in mind that our pure water should be kept that way. Therefore the explosion of cattle farming and use of fertilisers that impact greatly on our waters needs to be highly regulated, monitored and enforced.

### **Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point.
- 2. Notes** that the in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and ensures the community retains control of their water services through Council.
- 3. Notes** that Council will work with government to prepare a water services delivery plan by 3 September 2025.
- 4. Notes** that the preferred delivery model will need to meet new environmental regulation requirements.

**Reason for recommendation:** The in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and will comply with the new economic and environmental regulations. This option ensures the community retains ownership and control of their water services through Council.



Local Water Done Well - Yes - 726.1, Kay Rabe for Oxford-Ohoka Community Board

**Summary:** The Board is supportive of the preferred option and agrees that the most cost-effective way of providing water services is through an internal business unit offering shared management and technical assistance with Hurunui and Kaikoura councils or their organisations. The Board also notes that by retaining the business internally, relationships and synergies between the different departments would be maintained which results in efficiencies and best practices which could be passed on to other councils.

**Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point.
- 2. Notes** that the in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and ensures the community retains control of their water services through Council.
- 3. Notes** that Council will work with government to prepare a water services delivery plan by 3 September 2025.
- 4. Notes** that Council will continue to provide support to our neighbouring councils with shared service arrangements as needed moving forward.

**Reason for recommendation:** The in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and will comply with the new economic and environmental regulations. This option ensures the community retains ownership and control of their water services through Council.

Local Water Done Well - Yes - 744.1, Michelle Soufflet

**Summary:** Yes, we do support the preferred option, however, if or when, this perfectible Council might become incapable to deal with any aging infrastructures, under investment and/or worst poorly maintained water pipes. We would no longer support it. We do like the preferred options as long as there is NOT a repeat of what is happening with one of our properties in South Canterbury. As far as dealing with water quality is concerned, my only son is aware that the water quality is far superior in Waimakariri than the Témorou Township- He is very concerned, nevertheless, of a repeat of the disaster of what happened there, several years ago- The stormwater penetrated the drinking water supply- It took, the poorly managed council down there, up to 6 months in certain suburbs to get the water clear again. Last but not least, the Timaru township has got one of the worst air quality in all of Australasia since 2014 (Source: The Courier, The Herald and IQ AIR)- My son is suffering of breathing problems due to the worsening air- Very little has been done over the years to make significant improvements. Therefore, we do not want this beautiful district to turn into the Timaru township, washdykes or Waimate, which is why we write give our support because we are weary of a poorly managed districts since family members live in one.

**Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point.



**2. Notes** that the in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and ensures the community retains control of their water services through Council.

**3. Notes** that Council will work with government to prepare a water services delivery plan by 3 September 2025.

**4. Notes** that Council will continue to align their planning and levels of service with community outcomes, and to work more closely together to find effective ways of achieving these common goals.

**5. Notes** that the preferred delivery model will need to meet the Government's new economic, environmental and infrastructure regulation requirements.

**Reason for recommendation:** The in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and will comply with the new economic and environmental regulations. This option ensures the community retains ownership and control of their water services through Council.

#### Local Water Done Well - Yes - 765.1, Ron Greatorex

**Summary:** Internal Business Unit. 1. How many unit member required? 2. Their qualifications. SME are these members experts in water delivery. 3. Are Maori (Iwi) involved, to what extent are they or do they have knowledge, experience in water delivery. 4. Balance, more staff required in the field than the office! Current delays in repairing faults is excessive. Less in the office more engineers in the field. 5. Current stormwater maintenance is a joke in Loburn Kowai Road area, Swailes overgrown, grass and gorse culvert blocked for years! Road floods frequently. Nil Council maintenance. Will Internal Business Unit improve item 5 "Really"

**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point.

**2. Notes** that the in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and ensures the community retains control of their water services through Council, which is essentially a continuation of what we do now, including utilising existing staff, with increased financial ring-fencing requirements and new economic regulation.

**3. Notes** that Council will work with government to prepare a water services delivery plan by 3 September 2025.

**4. Notes** that Council will continue to align their planning and levels of service with community outcomes, and to work more closely together to find effective ways of achieving these common goals.

**5. Notes** that the water services delivery plan will include an implementation plan for how the proposed water services delivery unit will engage key stakeholders (such as iwi) moving forward.

**Reason for recommendation:** The in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and will comply with the new economic and environmental regulations. This option ensures the community retains ownership and control of their water services through Council.

Local Water Done Well - Yes - 4.1, Mell Cassidy  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 6.1, Anonymous  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 13.1, Anonymous  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 17.1, John & Anne Macphail  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 21.1, Peter & Glynis McLeay  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 23.1, Ian Simonsehi  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 24.1, Carina & Wayne Woods  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 28.1, Arch Murray  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 34.1, Kevin Burgess  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 35.1, Gordon Timms  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 37.1, D Dickson  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 38.1, Steven Williams  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 40.1, D Blackledge  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 42.1, Hilli Nau  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 43.1, Alastair Wilson  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 48.1, Rick Cumming  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 50.1, Peter Drake  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 51.1, John Paul  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 52.1, Sabrina Idiens  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 53.1, Bill Peck  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 54.1, Robert Columbus  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 55.1, John & Mary Whyte  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 56.1, D Wayland  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 57.1, K&R Robinson  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 58.1, Kevin & Rosemary Marsh  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 59.1, E Densem  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 60.1, Kathryn Clarke  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 61.1, Al Blackie  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 62.1, Carl & Jenita Grabowski  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 63.1, Noel Dellow  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 64.1, Gerard Richardson  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 65.1, Tonny & Ofelia De rek  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 66.1, Malcolm Wright  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 70.1, Roha Pounamu  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 72.1, Keith & Margaret Pateman

Local Water Done Well - Yes - 74.1, Sue Johnson  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 75.1, Ian Burton  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 78.1, Andrew Mills  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 79.1, AF Rapley  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 81.1, Ngapuke Forestry for Ngapuke Forestry Ltd  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 82.1, Sue & Greg Roberts  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 83.1, David Matterson  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 84.1, Frances Ritchie  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 87.1, R Ritchie  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 88.1, K & I Shepherd  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 89.1, Riverine Farms for Riverine Farms Trustees Ltd  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 91.1, Wendy Wills  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 92.1, R Arthur  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 94.1, R & D Newton  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 96.1, Graeme Harper  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 100.1, Nigel Harrison  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 101.1, S Trewheela  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 102.1, Michael Gobbsworthy  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 105.1, K & S Wayne  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 108.1, AG Bishop  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 109.1, Mary & Brian Cumming  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 110.1, Steve Mackay  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 111.1, \* Johnson  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 112.1, Brian Norton  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 114.1, Ray Tester  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 115.1, M Stephens  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 116.1, \* Sunyar  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 118.1, Paul Ready  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 122.1, G & D Hutchison  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 123.1, Colin & Gillian Wilson  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 124.2, Alister Clearwater  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 125.1, Keith Rowe  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 126.1, Janice Cassidy  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 128.1, Michael & Katrina Hodson

Local Water Done Well - Yes - 129.1, Bill & Sarah Howard  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 134.1, J & A Clarke  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 136.1, Kate & Peter Whitehead  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 137.1, SA McLaughlin  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 138.1, Paul Lochhead  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 139.1, Roy Chapman  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 140.1, D & S Swift  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 144.1, Ronald & Doreen Wallace  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 146.1, Cheryl Judson  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 149.1, Alan & Gaye McElroy  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 150.1, Maxine & Otto Veltman  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 152.1, Mr & Mrs Patterson  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 153.1, James Wilson  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 154.1, Timothy Jellie  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 155.1, Bryan Cattermole  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 156.1, Robin Brown  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 158.1, Brian & Dianna Ransby & Lacey  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 159.1, Roger Scarlett  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 160.1, D Sandom  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 162.1, H & M Walls  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 163.1, Deb & Trish Williams  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 166.1, Geoff Gillman  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 167.1, Robert Wolsfold  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 168.1, G & R Tarawhiti  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 169.1, Richard & Janet Wills  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 172.1, Eileen Worsfold  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 174.1, \* Ramsay  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 175.1, Patricia Bush  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 177.1, Ben & Doreen McGuire  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 178.1, Ben Monteba  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 179.1, Mark & Lorraine Foster  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 180.1, H Duxbury  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 184.1, A Hughston  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 192.1, Nan & Peter Wright  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 193.1, Peter Akester

Local Water Done Well - Yes - 194.1, P Birch  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 195.1, Marie-Anne Bradley  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 196.1, David Schumacher  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 198.1, IF & MD Pavitt  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 200.1, JF & AA Davison  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 201.1, Alan McDougall  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 204.1, Don Lyon  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 205.1, Keith Kelly  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 207.1, Russell & Mavis Gee  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 210.1, J Vermeer  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 211.1, D & J Johnson  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 212.1, Janet Boxell  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 213.1, Dennis Powell  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 214.1, Michele Jarvis  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 215.1, Alan Russell  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 216.1, LJ & SA Whitwell  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 217.1, Arthur & Stephanie Cotton  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 219.1, B & G Holland  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 222.1, N Batts  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 224.1, Simon Hollander  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 225.1, YE Taylor  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 226.1, GA Martin  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 227.1, Alexandra Gill  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 228.1, Wendy Potts  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 232.1, Michael Westenra  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 235.1, Jill Allan  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 237.1, David Edes  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 238.1, Christopher & Victoria Bennett  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 239.1, Bryan Sulzberger for Rangiora Engineering & Structures  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 240.1, Paul Gill  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 241.1, Paul & Bernadette Hickland  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 243.1, WDB Johnstone  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 245.1, Jun & Yeho Somiya & Heng  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 246.1, SR Stafford

Local Water Done Well - Yes - 247.1, A & ME Smith  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 248.1, Caitlin Bertenshaw  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 251.1, Christine Cross  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 253.1, Noel & Shirley Maginness  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 255.1, AS Creamer  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 256.1, Jewell Buschl  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 257.1, P Osborne  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 258.1, A & G Dawe & Morris  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 259.1, Allison Senior  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 261.1, Raymond Bennie  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 262.1, Heather Moriarty  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 263.1, Bernie McLaughlin  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 264.1, P Glassey  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 266.1, Darryl Leeson  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 267.1, Hanlin Johnstone  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 269.1, K Tkatchenko for Fespasific Group Ltd  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 270.1, Paul Gread  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 271.1, Kerin Steffert  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 272.1, Stephen & Rosemary Hough  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 273.1, N & J Trolove  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 275.1, Ron Clark  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 276.1, Vern and Sally McAllister  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 277.1, I & H Larcombe  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 278.1, Sue & Henry Chaw  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 279.1, CM & SD Stricker  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 282.1, Kate Smith  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 284.1, Paul & Irene Kinsman  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 285.1, Gary Cederman  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 286.1, PK Crew  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 287.1, Claire Ross  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 288.1, Mark Cosgrove  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 289.1, Ruby Whitty  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 291.1, Bruce & June Walden  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 292.1, Thomas & Patricia Bedford  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 293.1, \* Whiteford

Local Water Done Well - Yes - 296.1, Faye Not provided  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 297.1, Geoff Gooch  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 298.1, S & I Hill  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 300.1, Russell and Patricia Morris  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 301.1, Matthew Johnson  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 302.1, Dean & Phaedra Burwell  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 303.1, E & E Johnson  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 304.1, Christopher Hadlee  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 305.1, CP & SA Rutherford  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 307.1, Edward Luisetti for Luisetti Seeds  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 309.1, M & C Yorke  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 310.1, G & L Devlin  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 311.1, Doreen Cinninghame  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 312.1, Tom Moore  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 313.1, Graham Maguire  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 314.1, - - for Mindrum Holdings Limited  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 315.1, M Fortune  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 317.1, Howard Williams  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 318.1, CJ Perrior  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 319.1, Lynne Gdanitz  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 320.1, Ross & Colleen Whittaker  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 322.1, JA Harris  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 323.2, - Payne  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 324.1, Maurice Barrington  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 325.1, C & C Thompson  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 327.1, Vern Finlay  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 331.1, - - for Nuttyherbs & More Limited  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 335.1, J Gilmore  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 336.1, Margaret Price  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 337.1, Chaz Frew for Frews Transport  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 338.1, John Grant  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 339.1, Russell & Ros Stringfellow  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 340.1, R & C Isle  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 341.1, Tom & Barbara Forrester  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 342.1, GH Kelly



Local Water Done Well - Yes - 343.1, P Armstrong  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 346.1, John Glue  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 348.1, Mike & Lynn Mountford & Russell  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 349.1, Brent Sintes  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 350.1, Christine Wilson  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 351.1, Vic Stephens  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 352.1, Alan & Judith David & Jenkins  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 355.1, Mr & Mrs Dashari  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 358.1, S & G Court  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 359.1, Richard Winson  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 361.1, E Guard  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 363.1, Andy Abernathy  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 364.1, M Summerfield  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 365.1, Grant and Carol Shanks  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 366.1, Anonymous  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 369.1, Robert Newton  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 372.1, Maj & BM Fane  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 375.1, Nurani Tjandrawidjaja  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 376.1, Robert & Gillian Coppard  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 377.1, WM & TJ Calvert  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 380.1, D Clutterbuck  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 382.1, David & Kaz Berry  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 386.1, Lesley Palmer  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 387.1, Jenny Woodgate  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 389.1, Roger & Iris Webb  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 390.1, Christine Scott  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 391.1, Dave Moody  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 392.1, David Jefferd  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 393.1, Alison McNeill  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 394.1, Janis & John Gregan  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 395.1, Martin & Barbara Shaw  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 396.1, J Lawson  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 398.1, KR Hamilton  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 399.1, Gregory Appleby  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 400.1, AR & NR Middleton

Local Water Done Well - Yes - 401.1, Susan Wilce  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 402.1, DR Bell  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 404.1, Elizabeth Gilbert  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 407.1, John Anderson  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 410.1, TA & HD Jackson  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 411.1, Bill Byers  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 413.1, Denis Didham  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 414.1, Lane Todd  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 416.1, Bryan Crampton  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 417.1, Annabel & Annard Acton Adams  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 418.1, K & T Goldstone  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 419.1, WJ de Beer  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 420.1, Trevor Chinnery  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 423.1, N Boote  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 427.1, Nicola Vavasour  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 428.1, M Kuchlein  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 430.1, Julene & Gillian Lathan & McPeake  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 431.1, CA Van Rees  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 432.1, M & YD Cook  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 433.1, Marion & Alan Close  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 434.1, Kenneth Lack  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 436.1, Pj & EA Rapson  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 438.1, John Garrick  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 441.1, - - for Dahlc Trustees Ltd  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 442.1, Lousie & Rodger Collins & Skerten  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 443.1, JM Derry  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 444.1, Aaron & Debbie Ward  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 447.1, KG Carrick  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 448.1, Jill & Vincent Gough  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 451.1, Tom McLaren  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 452.1, Leith Newell  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 453.1, D Horne  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 455.1, U & J Kusche  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 457.1, Sarah Manning  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 458.1, GR & DL Campbell & Parsons

Local Water Done Well - Yes - 459.1, John & Janet Borrie  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 460.1, NM Stickings  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 461.1, Daniel & Kylie Frisken  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 462.1, Ron Schat  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 463.1, Karen Curtis  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 464.1, B Spence  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 465.1, D Begley  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 467.1, Joseph Stanley  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 471.1, R & C Moore  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 472.1, Adrian & Erica Whiteman  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 474.1, GR & S Thomas  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 477.1, MHG Helsen  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 479.1, D Home  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 480.1, M & J Searle  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 481.1, Neville & Nyla Fine  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 482.1, Robyn & Paul Graham  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 483.1, Murray & Alison Lang  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 484.1, B James  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 485.1, Ian & Sharon Marsden  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 486.1, Leanna & John Overend  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 487.1, Jeff Stone  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 488.1, B & L Hehoff & Lichtwart  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 493.1, LM Holland  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 495.1, Jim & Fiona Currie  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 498.1, PA Hills  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 499.1, Ann Baker  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 500.1, LM Parsons  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 501.1, Graeme & Chris Wyatt  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 502.1, DJ Wordsworth  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 503.1, - Growcott  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 504.1, A Putu  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 505.1, R& LA George  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 506.1, Kathleen Higgins  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 507.1, NR & SE Brown  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 508.1, Graham Alsop

Local Water Done Well - Yes - 511.1, Andrew Petrie  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 512.1, Peter Nicholas  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 513.1, Ann & PAt Cornish  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 517.1, Anna Williams  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 521.1, Shirley Legge  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 526.1, Kate Baldwin  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 528.1, P & S Aitken  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 529.1, Kerry Balk  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 531.1, Graham Harry  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 532.1, - White & Roulston  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 533.1, RG & NL McKissock  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 534.1, Paul & Debbie Robertson  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 535.1, Brenda Sutherland  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 537.1, Helene Macnab  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 538.1, Kenneth Jones  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 539.1, Lyn & Jim Lange  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 541.1, Oliver & Charlotte Knowles & Harrison  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 542.1, Keith Heyworth  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 544.1, B Brewster for BJ Donald Holdings Ltd  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 545.1, Stewart Milne  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 547.1, M Jones  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 551.1, M Wafelbakker  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 552.1, C Peverill  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 553.1, Alice Hughes  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 554.1, Akison Balsom  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 555.1, Lockie & Kiri Wason  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 558.1, Lindsay Russell  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 562.1, AW Rhodes  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 563.1, Manzo Barrish  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 565.1, Michelle Parkes  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 566.1, John & Amal Dehn & Soliman  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 567.1, John Dehn for Windehn Holdings Ltd  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 568.1, John Dehn  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 572.1, Denise & John Burton  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 574.1, Raewyn Moody

Local Water Done Well - Yes - 576.1, JR & DJ Parry  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 577.1, - Kiatiaki  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 578.1, Lincoln & Alison Stokes  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 580.1, Aj & ZB Evans  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 581.1, - Lamont  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 582.1, Jacqueline Hickmott  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 587.1, Anonymous  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 590.1, Avon & Shirley Ford  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 592.1, Charlotte Gray  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 594.1, L Tiweka  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 595.1, Jennifer Todd  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 596.1, Elizabeth Anderson  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 599.1, Patricia Hammersley  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 601.1, BT Swaney  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 602.1, Trevor Walmsley  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 605.1, P Bowen  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 606.1, Jon & Bronwyn Chandler  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 608.1, Robert Evans  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 611.1, Brian Williams  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 613.1, Peter & Jackie Scott  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 614.1, Leigh Hogg  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 615.1, Graham Hogg  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 616.1, Ken Hawke  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 619.1, Philippa Dawson  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 621.1, GD Fox  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 624.1, MC Reynolds  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 625.1, Andrew & June Breeze  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 626.1, Leanne Hayward  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 627.1, Graeme & Diane Sharp & Brandish  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 629.1, Duncan Ward  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 630.1, Colin Wilson  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 631.1, Dan & Roxanne Lewis & Ramsay  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 635.1, Anonymous  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 637.1, David and Isabelle Wilkins  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 638.1, AV Jones

Local Water Done Well - Yes - 639.1, FG Stewart  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 641.1, JD Gray  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 642.1, David Roche  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 643.1, RJ Mackenzie  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 644.1, Paulette Van Herp  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 645.1, Robert Bressington  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 647.1, Janet Pearson  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 649.1, Andrew McFie  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 650.1, Peter & Trish Oliver  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 651.1, Ray Lambert  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 653.1, Rosemary Armstrong  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 654.1, Debbie Cattermole  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 655.1, Peter Cattermole  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 656.1, Sandra Henderson  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 657.1, DL & MR Parker  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 659.1, Beverley Tebay  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 660.1, John van den Burg  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 661.1, - Harrison  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 662.1, Mark Berger  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 664.1, Jenny Atkinson  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 665.1, RH Bricknell  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 666.1, BG Rose  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 667.1, Graeme & Marylyn Johnston  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 668.1, Lynda Simpson  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 669.1, L MacMillan  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 670.1, P & P Goddard  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 671.1, Allam Jemmett  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 672.1, DL Alliston  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 673.1, Ray & Adair Smith  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 675.1, Euan Cochrane  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 676.1, Don & Leah Edwards  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 678.1, L Ardell  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 679.1, Sandra and Timothy Martin  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 683.1, Edward Hamilton for Ohoka Domain Advisory Group

Local Water Done Well - Yes - 684.1, Dayle Sutherland for Mandeville Sports Club  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 686.1, Brent Chatterton  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 690.1, Ansel Moore  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 692.1, Elaine Cole  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 694.1, A McCracken  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 695.1, J Pentecost  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 696.1, B & C Middleton  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 697.1, W & JA Lyons & Bradley  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 698.1, Ronald Birch  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 701.1, Ida Dingwall  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 702.1, Mary & Allan Blaikie  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 703.1, AB Tudehope  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 704.1, Neville & Marjorie Weineck  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 705.1, Chris & Nicki Pennell & Meikle  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 706.1, Wendy Schwalger  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 707.1, EN & ZI Hattingh  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 708.1, Michael Cross  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 709.1, Susan Beatson  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 710.1, Tim & Sandra Sander & Hardie  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 712.1, Trevor Beauvais  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 713.1, N & K Worsfold  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 714.1, Peter Chronican  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 715.1, D Kirkby  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 719.1, Stephen Ayers  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 720.1, Rosina Ayers  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 721.1, Samantha Schwind for Northern A&P Association  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 723.1, Anne Barber  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 724.1, Howard Fowler  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 729.1, Grant Batchelor  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 733.1, Ross Gargett  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 734.1, Mark Planner  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 748.1, Kyle Fraser  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 750.1, Kyle Fraser  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 751.1, Dawn Ransley



Local Water Done Well - Yes - 754.1, SK Taylor  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 755.1, Trev Taylor  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 758.1, John Alexander  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 760.1, Colin Hurley  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 761.1, Melanie - for Taibry Properties  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 763.1, Henricus van Tongeren for Toru Hoa Ltd  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 764.1, Justin de Wys  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 767.1, Ina Knaapen-Huisman  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 768.1, Peggy Bitmead  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 769.1, David Jones  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 771.1, Barbara Liddicoat  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 772.1, Alphons Sanders  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 774.1, Antony Drake  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 775.1, Sally Drake  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 776.1, Theckla Barnhill  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 777.1, J van Wijk  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 779.1, Anita Paterson  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 780.1, Lesley Mitchell  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 781.1, Gerard van Leeuwen  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 782.1, NW & DP Cossar  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 783.1, Warwick & Karen Banks & Foster  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 784.1, Lindsay & Susan Hartley  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 785.1, Grant Forrest  
Local Water Done Well - Yes - 787.1, Kevin Sheehan

**Summary:** *[No submission comment]*

**Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point.
- 2. Notes** that the in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and ensures the community retains control of their water services through Council.
- 3. Notes** that Council will work with government to prepare a water services delivery plan by 3 September 2025.

**Reason for recommendation:** The in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and will comply with the new economic and environmental regulations. This option ensures the community retains ownership and control of their water services through Council.

## Local Water Done Well - No - 3.1, Anonymous

**Summary:** Support the joint CCO option, as it will create the highest efficiencies.

**Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point as the higher efficiencies from establishing a CCO may not be realised and will not offset the impact on the remaining functions of Council.
- 2. Notes** that the in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and ensures the community retains control of their water services through Council, while maintaining current efficient, high-quality service and supporting integrated land use and infrastructure planning.
- 3. Notes** that Council staff will work with government to prepare a water services delivery plan by 3 September 2025.
- 4. Notes** that the water services delivery plan will include an implementation plan for how the proposed water services delivery unit will meet targeted cost efficiencies.

**Reason for recommendation:** The in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and will comply with the new economic and environmental regulations. This option ensures the community retains ownership and control of their water services through Council, while maintaining current efficient, high-quality service and supporting integrated land use and infrastructure planning. While there may be some efficiencies in the long term for water services in establishing a CCO, there would be a negative impact on the remaining Council functions and the net impact would push rates up overall.

## Local Water Done Well - No - 8.1, geoff sperry

**Summary:** It not effective use of ratepayers money Too many top heavy salaries

**Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point as the internal business unit option represents the most effective use of ratepayer money and avoids high salary costs which would likely be required to establish a CCO.
- 2. Notes** that the in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and ensures the community retains control of their water services through Council.
- 3. Notes** that Council staff will work with government to prepare a water services delivery plan by 3 September 2025.
- 4. Notes** that the water services delivery plan will include an implementation plan for how the proposed water services delivery unit will be best structured, utilising existing staff, systems and processes where possible.

**Reason for recommendation:** The in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and will comply with the new economic and environmental regulations. This option ensures the community retains ownership and control of their water services through Council. It will also ensure that high salary costs which would likely be required to establish a CCO are avoided.

## Local Water Done Well - No - 18.1, Swati Naidu

**Summary:** Anything that increases the current rates in any form is not something working class family will be looking forward to as cost of living is already high and anything additional on top of what we are paying will impact us big time in longer run which will impact not just financially but mentally as well

### **Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point as the internal business unit option is the most effective use of ratepayers money and is the most affordable option in the long term for the Waimakariri community.
- 2. Notes** that the in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and ensures the community retains control of their water services through Council.
- 3. Notes** that Council staff will work with government to prepare a water services delivery plan by 3 September 2025.
- 4. Notes** that the water services delivery plan will include an implementation plan for how the proposed water services delivery unit will meet targeted cost efficiencies.
- 5. Notes** that a large portion of signalled rates increases is due to additional costs shifted to the Council from central government - such as an additional \$360,000 from ratepayers to cover new Commerce Commission and Water Services Authority levies.

**Reason for recommendation:** The in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and will comply with the new economic and environmental regulations. This option ensures the community retains ownership and control of their water services through Council. The internal business unit option is the most effective use of ratepayers money and is the most affordable option in the long term for the Waimakariri community.

## Local Water Done Well - No - 76.1, Andy Woolhouse

**Summary:** I believe the 3 waters proposal put forward by the previous govt was a far better proposal as it was far sighted and would have spread the final burden of 3 waters improvement countrywide.

### **Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point as the Three Waters Reform proposal put forward by the previous government took control and ownership of water services away from the local community.
- 2. Notes** that various water services delivery model options were investigated, including joint delivery options with our neighboring councils, and the in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and ensures the community retains control of their water services through Council.
- 3. Notes** that Council will work with government to prepare a water services delivery plan by 3 September 2025.
- 4. Notes** that the Council was not in support of the previous proposal as it was considered to take away local control of water services which would not have been beneficial for the Waimakariri community.

**Reason for recommendation:** The in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and will comply with the new economic and environmental regulations. This option ensures the community retains ownership and control of their water services through Council. Waimakariri District Council has invested in its water services, both in terms of renewing its older assets and upgrading for growth, while other councils have not. Waimakariri ratepayers would have ended up subsidising other parts of the country under the Three Waters Reform proposal put forward by the previous government, which took control and ownership of water services away from the local community.

Local Water Done Well - No - 173.1, Chris Arps

**Summary:** As far as i'm concerned the rates are too expensive for the services we get. Please call as I would be happy to discuss. (NOTE: no phone number or email address provided)

**Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point as the internal business unit option is the most effective use of ratepayers money and is the most affordable option in the long term for the Waimakariri community.
- 2. Notes** that the in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and ensures the community retains control of their water services through Council.
- 3. Notes** that Council staff will work with government to prepare a water services delivery plan by 3 September 2025.
- 4. Notes** that the water services delivery plan will include an implementation plan for how the proposed water services delivery unit will meet targeted cost efficiencies.
- 5. Notes** that Council will continue to align their planning and levels of service with community outcomes, and to work more closely together to find effective ways of achieving these common goals.

**Reason for recommendation:** The in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and will comply with the new economic and environmental regulations. This option ensures the community retains ownership and control of their water services through Council. The internal business unit option is the most effective use of ratepayers money and is the most affordable option in the long term for the Waimakariri community.

Local Water Done Well - No - 299.1, Stuart Camp

**Summary:**

1. The letter accompanying the form doesn't provide sufficient detail to allow me to weigh up the available options.
2. The letter refers to [waimakariri.govt.nz/letstalk](http://waimakariri.govt.nz/letstalk), a page which does not appear to contain any information on this subject.

3. This form is only asking me whether I support one option, it does not give any alternatives.
4. Overall, in my view, Council is asking for a rubber stamp, without providing any meaningful avenue for ratepayer input.

**Officer recommendations:**

1. **Receive** this submission point as the internal business unit option is the most effective use of ratepayers money and is the most affordable option in the long term for the Waimakariri community.
2. **Notes** that detailed information was provided to the public on the various water services delivery model options investigated, including joint delivery options with our neighboring councils, and that the in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and ensures the community retains control of their water services through Council.
3. **Notes** that Council staff will work with government to prepare a water services delivery plan by 3 September 2025.
4. **Notes** that final decisions on the preferred delivery model are not predetermined, and the Council remains open minded to consider all options taking into account the feedback received.

**Reason for recommendation:** The in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and will comply with the new economic and environmental regulations. This option ensures the community retains ownership and control of their water services through Council. Detailed information was provided on the Council's website on the various water services delivery model options investigated, including joint delivery options with our neighboring councils, and that the in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and ensures the community retains control of their water services through Council.

Local Water Done Well - No - 354.1, Chris -

**Summary:** Definitely not Council management will only lead to increased cost/rate to ratepayers, in my opinion. Let the Government manage this. It will be a fairer outcome for all citizens of NZ. Councils I am certain have hidden agendas.

**Officer recommendations:**

1. **Receive** this submission point as the internal business unit option represents the most effective use of ratepayer money and retains control and ownership of water services locally.
2. **Notes** that the in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and ensures the community retains control of their water services through Council.
3. **Notes** that Council staff will work with government to prepare a water services delivery plan by 3 September 2025.
4. **Notes** that the water services delivery plan will include an implementation plan for how the proposed water services delivery unit will meet targeted cost efficiencies.

**5. Notes** that Council will continue to align their planning and levels of service with community outcomes, and to work more closely together to find effective ways of achieving these common goals.

**Reason for recommendation:** The in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and will comply with the new economic and environmental regulations. This option ensures the community retains ownership and control of their water services through Council. Waimakariri District Council has invested in its water services, both in terms of renewing its older assets and upgrading for growth, while other councils have not. Waimakariri ratepayers would have ended up subsidising other parts of the country under a government managed system, similar to the Three Waters Reform proposal put forward by the previous government, which took control and ownership of water services away from the local community.

#### Local Water Done Well - No - 405.1, GR Henderson

**Summary:** I believe that a Joint Water Services Council Controlled Organisation (WSCCO) with both HDC & KDC is the best option. For staffing , asset management, R&M and Capital Works Delivery.

**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point as the internal business unit option represents the best long term option for the Waimakariri community and avoids higher establishment and operating costs of a WSCCO.

**2. Notes** that various water services delivery model options were investigated, including joint delivery options with our neighboring councils, and that the in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and ensures the community retains control of their water services through Council.

**3. Notes** that Council staff will work with government to prepare a water services delivery plan by 3 September 2025.

**4. Notes** that Council will continue to provide support to our neighbouring councils with shared service arrangements as needed moving forward.

**Reason for recommendation:** The in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and will comply with the new economic and environmental regulations. This option ensures the community retains ownership and control of their water services through Council. Waimakariri District Council has invested in its water services, both in terms of renewing its older assets and upgrading for growth, and has managed its financial situation such that it does not need to borrowing beyond current debt to revenue limits. As an organisation we are well staffed and resourced to managed all functions from asset management, capital works delivery, through to operations and maintenance predominantly in-house.



## Local Water Done Well - No - 573.1, Grant Williams

**Summary:** I am in favour of a single CCO for each council. This would mean that the council would be accountable to the ratepayers only and not hide behind a government directive or mandate.

### **Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point as the internal business unit option represents the best long term option for the Waimakariri community and avoids higher establishment and operating costs of a CCO.
- 2. Notes** that the in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and ensures the community retains control of their water services through Council.
- 3. Notes** that Council staff will work with government to prepare a water services delivery plan by 3 September 2025.
- 4. Notes** that the preferred delivery model will need to meet the Government's new economic, environmental and infrastructure regulation requirements. However Council will continue to align their planning and levels of service with community outcomes, and to work more closely together to find effective ways of achieving these common goals.

**Reason for recommendation:** The in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and will comply with the new economic and environmental regulations. This option ensures the community retains ownership and control of their water services through Council. While there may be some efficiencies in the long term for water services in establishing a CCO, there would be a negative impact on the remaining Council functions and the net impact would push rates up overall.

## Local Water Done Well - No - 586.1, Diana Hawkins

**Summary:** Several reasons. Firstly the council didn't take the advice of Castalia, the consultants employed to investigate the options. Council doesn't need to follow that advice, but by not doing so, now needs to publicly provide those reasons, and the data to back it up. Making a statement is not good enough.

Given the stated headwinds of upcoming costs, the renewal of the sewerage consents and repairs required by the Oxford scheme etc I can see that WDC, along with other Council's may seriously underestimate future costs. By being part of a joint COO, there is a degree of improved scale to make those works more efficient and therefore less costly. It also means councils can't not get on with the work in a timely manner because politically it doesn't suit just now. This applies to all councils not just Waimakariri District Council

Selfishly, since while located in the Waimakariri district the Hurunui actually provides my water, which is crucial to my business. I would like the superior skills, size and capability of the WDC water unit to front the delivery of water services in a joint COO.



I think it is disingenuous to suggest that if a water main pops in high st, that WDC would need to ask for permission to go and fix it. Any more than if a sewerage pipe in Kaikoura was blocked, the local Kaikoura unit wouldn't go and unblock it.

A joint COO would be planning, designing, funding future requirements while ensuring current function and maintenance occurred as a matter of course, no different to the current system in theory! It simply provides additional size and potential efficiency for the water well done requirements, with the positive for ratepayers that future requirements will be factored, funded and delivered in a timely fashion.

I also feel that this consultation should not be the last consultation on this matter. Firstly the information provided is incomplete and secondly this consultation is primarily for the annual plan. Raising water well done in this is valid as part of the annual plan, but not as a final go-ahead.

As a relevant issue, but almost an aside, the \$1 million provided by Govt to contribute to the Ravenswood-Woodend cycle way could be used to contribute to the one-off joint COO set-up costs, as permitted.

Please do not make this annual plan submission the final submission for "water well done", and provide a more comprehensive explanation of the WDC options, with data support for the preferred option.

The consequences of getting this wrong could be significant for future rate payers.

#### **Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point as the internal business unit option represents the best long term option for the Waimakariri community and avoids higher establishment and operating costs of a CCO.
- 2. Notes** that the in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and ensures the community retains control of their water services through Council.
- 3. Notes** that Council staff will work with government to prepare a water services delivery plan by 3 September 2025.
- 4. Notes** that Castalia's financial assessment concluded that each Council must consider their own unique financial, operational and strategic situations to decide on which model works best for their district. Castalia's assessment assumed finite future efficiency savings for joint options, and did not consider the dis-economies for the parent councils or the duplication of overheads created by having two separate organisations.
- 5. Notes** that Council will continue to provide support to our neighbouring councils with shared service arrangements as needed moving forward.
- 6. Notes** that Council remains open minded to consider all options taking into account the feedback received.

**Reason for recommendation:** The in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and will comply with the new economic and environmental regulations. This option ensures the community retains ownership and control of their water services through Council.

Castalia's financial assessment concluded that each Council must consider their own unique financial, operational and strategic situations to decide on which model works best for their district. Castalia's assessment assumed finite future efficiency savings for joint options, and did not consider the dis-economies for the parent councils or the duplication of overheads created by having two separate organisations.

While there may be some efficiencies in the long term for water services in establishing a CCO, there would be a negative impact on the remaining Council functions and the net impact would push rates up overall. Waimakariri District Council has invested in its water services, both in terms of renewing its older assets and upgrading for growth, and has managed its financial situation such that it does not need to borrowing beyond current debt to revenue limits. As an organisation we are well staffed and resourced to managed all functions from asset management, capital works delivery, through to operations and maintenance predominantly in-house.

#### Local Water Done Well - No - 607.1, Keith Nelson

**Summary:** Waimakariri and Hurunui schemes should be merged into one. The entire Waimakariri District should have a common water for all and a person in Kaiapoi Rangiora or Sefton should [ay the same for water wastewater, and stormwater where supplied. Many people don't have a Council supplied waste water system.

**Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point as the internal business unit option is the most effective use of ratepayers money and is the most affordable option in the long term for the Waimakariri community.
- 2. Notes** that various water services delivery model options were investigated, including joint delivery options with our neighboring councils, and that the in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and ensures the community retains control of their water services through Council.
- 3. Notes** that Council staff will work with government to prepare a water services delivery plan by 3 September 2025.
- 4. Notes** that Council will continue to provide support to our neighbouring councils with shared service arrangements as needed moving forward.
- 5. Notes** that Council intends to undertake a review of its rating for 3 Waters services in 2026.

**Reason for recommendation:** The in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and will comply with the new economic and environmental regulations. This option ensures the community retains ownership and control of their water services through Council. In terms of a common water rate, it is noted that Council intends to undertake a review of its rating for 3 Waters services in 2026.

## Local Water Done Well - No - 689.1, B Mason

**Summary:** CCO In my opinion I believe that the council should set up a CCO just for the council to run and oversee the water within our boundary. This dedicated CCO, if our facilities are in very good condition, will be ideally set to manage those water facilities and improve as the needs require in the future. As water is freely given to all from above I agree it should be used for the benefit of all and, in the hands of this independent CCO within our Council should ensure it comes safely to population without undue hindrance at the most efficient cost available to rate payers.

### **Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point.
- 2. Notes** that the in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and ensures the community retains control of their water services through Council.
- 3. Notes** that Council staff will work with government to prepare a water services delivery plan by 3 September 2025.
- 4. Notes** that the preferred delivery model will need to meet the Government's new economic, environmental and infrastructure regulation requirements. However Council will continue to align their planning and levels of service with community outcomes, and to work more closely together to find effective ways of achieving these common goals.

**Reason for recommendation:** The in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and will comply with the new economic and environmental regulations. This option ensures the community retains ownership and control of their water services through Council.

## Local Water Done Well - No - 736.2, Martin Pinkham

**Summary:** The proposed use of an in house Business Unit will result in the provision of Water and Wastewater services continuing to be subject to political interference rather than based on sound technical and business principles. By not establishing a CCO the provision of these services will not be able to access favourable funding arrangements available to CCOs. Establishing a CCO will also be much more transparent than the current financial reporting processes.

### **Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point as the internal business unit option represents the best long term option for the Waimakariri community and avoids higher establishment and operating costs of a CCO.
- 2. Notes** that the in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and ensures the community retains control of their water services through Council.
- 3. Notes** that Council staff will work with government to prepare a water services delivery plan by 3 September 2025.
- 4. Notes** that Council will continue to align their planning and levels of service with community outcomes, and to work more closely together to find effective ways of achieving these common goals.

**5. Notes** that Council has significant water reserves that has been retained for future years replacement of water assets, along with maintaining adequate debt headroom for any future unplanned events.

**Reason for recommendation:** The in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and will comply with the new economic and environmental regulations. This option ensures the community retains ownership and control of their water services through Council.

While there may be some efficiencies in the long term for water services in establishing a CCO, there would be a negative impact on the remaining Council functions and the net impact would push rates up overall. Waimakariri District Council has invested in its water services, both in terms of renewing its older assets and upgrading for growth, and has managed its financial situation such that it does not need to borrowing beyond current debt to revenue limits. As an organisation we are well staffed and resourced to managed all functions from asset management, capital works delivery, through to operations and maintenance predominantly in-house.

Local Water Done Well - No - 738.1, Joe Holland

**Summary:** In your letter to ratepayers dated 20 March 2025 you state:

'An internal business is essentially the same as we have now...' you have not stated how it differs nor have you outlined what the Governments new legislative requirements are. How can one make an informed choice if you do not provide the information?

In the letter it is further stated that 'Our water infrastructure is in great shape. Over the last 20 years we have invested over \$100M in water infrastructure and an we have a planned programme to ensure it stays this way.' Furthermore the WDC has added Chlorine to the water and what impact is this having on people's health. There is an additional \$112.7M located in our Long Term Plan for further safety upgrades, what are they, why are they needed? What treatment is needed and why, who says, what is the evidence proved and who has it come from? What 'addressing risks' have been identified? WDC 'is well-positioned' so why is this consultation needed? Did the WDC object and challenge the Government and the new 'legislative requirements' like it previously did with the 95% objection to the 3 Waters Reform?

Additionally, there is much concern over modelling and the WDC commissioned advisers, Castalia, what was the expense of this? What 'guarantee' is there that the modelling '...For Waimakariri, in the first 10 years under the internal business unit (IBU) structure, user charges are cheaper...'? What about beyond the first 10 years, with debt as proposed likely to expand further?

**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point as the internal business unit option represents the best long term option for the Waimakariri community and avoids higher establishment and operating costs of a CCO.

**2. Notes** that the in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and will utilise existing staff and staffing structures, and develop new internal processes to meet increased financial ring-fencing requirements and new economic regulation.

**3. Notes** that Castalia's financial assessment concluded that each Council must consider their own unique financial, operational and strategic situations to decide on which model works best for their district. Council also conducted their own internal financial assessment, taking into account other Council operations, which concluded that the most cost-effective way to provide water services for ratepayers, is through an in-house business unit.

**4. Notes** that Council staff will work with government to prepare a water services delivery plan by 3 September 2025. The plan will include an implementation plan for how the proposed water services delivery unit will meet targeted cost efficiencies.

**5. Notes** that the Water Services Act requires a residual disinfectant (chlorine) in all its water supplies unless an exemption is obtained. Council are committed to exploring options with the water regulator to chlorine free water for its on-demand supplies in the district.

**Reason for recommendation:** The in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and will comply with the new economic and environmental regulations. This option ensures the community retains ownership and control of their water services through Council.

Castalia's financial assessment concluded that each Council must consider their own unique financial, operational and strategic situations to decide on which model works best for their district. Castalia's assessment assumed finite future efficiency savings for joint options, and did not consider the dis-economies for the parent councils or the duplication of overheads created by having two separate organisations. While there may be some efficiencies in the long term for water services in establishing a CCO, there would be a negative impact on the remaining Council functions and the net impact would push rates up overall.

Waimakariri District Council has invested in its water services, both in terms of renewing its older assets and upgrading for growth, and has managed its financial situation such that it does not need to borrowing beyond current debt to revenue limits. As an organisation we are well staffed and resourced to manage all functions from asset management, capital works delivery, through to operations and maintenance predominantly in-house. It is proposed to utilise existing staff and staffing structures, and develop new internal processes to meet increased financial ring-fencing requirements and new economic regulation.

The Water Services Act requires a residual disinfectant (chlorine) in all its water supplies unless an exemption is obtained. Council are committed to exploring options with the water regulator to chlorine free water for its on-demand supplies in the district.

Local Water Done Well - No - 117.1, Jean McPhee  
Local Water Done Well - No - 206.1, JM & D Risuleo  
Local Water Done Well - No - 223.1, Dave Miller  
Local Water Done Well - No - 370.1, Peter Todd  
Local Water Done Well - No - 437.1, Jason Hay  
Local Water Done Well - No - 610.1, Yvonne Isle

**Summary:** *[No submission comment]*

**Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point as the internal business unit represents the most effective use of ratepayers money and is the most affordable option in the long term for the Waimakariri community.
- 2. Notes** that the in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and ensures the community retains control of their water services through Council.
- 3. Notes** that Council staff will work with government to prepare a water services delivery plan by 3 September 2025.

**Reason for recommendation:** The in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and will comply with the new economic and environmental regulations. This option ensures the community retains ownership and control of their water services through Council.

Local Water Done Well - Comment only - 516.1, Andrew & Susan Lewis

**Summary:** Thank you for writing to us to give us a direct opportunity to partake in this important issue.

We believe this to be a first in terms of direct communication to the electorate. We do not recall another such instance when we received a letter signed by all the councillors. I hope this will set a precedent for the future direct engagement of the public on major issues which affect our livelihood and well being.

With reference to your proposal we can only assume that you, collectively, have the experience to decide what is best for our community. Certainly maintaining local control gives more opportunity for residents to communicate their views.

Having looked at the Water Services Standards we were appalled at the number of organic residues which have 'allowable' limits. (See attached file pdf & word).

Individual compounds might have acceptable safety levels but when these are all combined, what is the safety of that mixture?

There should ideally be no toxic organic compounds in our water and this should be the goal of this new organisation you propose, shouldn't it? Organic regenerative, sustainable farming is likely to be the solution, wouldn't you agree?

We also hope that this new body will have the authority to reject any attempt to fluoridate our water supply. Forced medication is contrary to Human Rights and informed consent, correct? The rule of law must be applied, Human Rights and informed consent are enshrined in law aren't they?

As an end note if you had email addresses for every household in Waimakariri you would be able to communicate this type of important request for public input at the press of a button and save the rate payers some cash in terms of postage and advertising.

Thank you once again for writing to us and we look forward to further communications of this nature.

**Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point as the internal business unit ensures the community retains control of their water services through Council, while maintaining a high level of oversight to better manage risks and investment in water services.
- 2. Notes** that the in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and ensures the community retains control of their water services through Council.
- 3. Notes** that Council staff will work with government to prepare a water services delivery plan by 3 September 2025.
- 4. Notes** that Council will continue to align their planning and levels of service with community outcomes, and to work more closely together to find effective ways of achieving these common goals.

**Reason for recommendation:** The in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and will comply with the new economic and environmental regulations. This option ensures the community retains ownership and control of their water services through Council.

Local Water Done Well - Comment only - 570.1, Patricia Bone

**Summary:** What's the point you don't listen or communicate when you say you will ring back. So its a waste of time which is just important as yours.  
Both the Government and Councils have their own agendas.

**Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point.
- 2. Notes** that the in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and ensures the community retains control of their water services through Council.
- 3. Notes** that Council will work with government to prepare a water services delivery plan by 3 September 2025.
- 4. Notes** that final decisions on the preferred delivery model are not predetermined, and the Council remains open minded to consider all options taking into account the feedback received.



**Reason for recommendation:** The in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and will comply with the new economic and environmental regulations. This option ensures the community retains ownership and control of their water services through Council.

Local Water Done Well - Comment only - 609.1, Erin Morgan

**Summary:** My main concern is that rates are continuing to increase at an alarming rate and as a pensioner owning my own home and living on National Super it is becoming harder to have any sort of lifestyle. So I support whichever option does not mean further increases in rates.

I like the original 3 waters plan put forward by the Labour Party as that would have removed a lot of expense from ratepayers and would have been more sustainable in the long term

**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point as the internal business unit option is the most effective use of ratepayers money and is the most affordable option in the long term for the Waimakariri community.

**2. Notes** that the in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and ensures the community retains control of their water services through Council.

**3. Notes** that Council staff will work with government to prepare a water services delivery plan by 3 September 2025.

**4. Notes** that the water services delivery plan will include an implementation plan for how the proposed water services delivery unit will meet targeted cost efficiencies.

**5. Notes** that the Council was not in support of the previous proposal as it was considered to take away local control of water services which would not have been beneficial for the Waimakariri community.

**Reason for recommendation:** The in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and will comply with the new economic and environmental regulations. This option ensures the community retains ownership and control of their water services through Council.

Local Water Done Well - Comment only - 634.1, Tania Wati for Te Ngai Tuahuriri Runanga

**Summary:** Waimakariri District Council Draft Annual Plan 2025/26: Water services delivery model  
Ngāi Tūāhuriri

1. Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga hold and exercise rangatiratanga in the Waimakariri District. The rights and obligations of rangatiratanga over the waters that flow through the District and its coastal areas are inherent, continuous and enduring. These rights are guaranteed by the Crown and Parliament in:

- a. Article Two of Te Tiriti o Waitangi; and
  - b. Ngāi Tahu Deed of Settlement 1997 and Ngāi Tahu Claims Settlement Act 1998.<sup>1</sup>
2. Wai māori (freshwater) is a taonga. Ngāi Tūāhuriri exercise its rangatiratanga rights and obligations in relation to wai māori in accordance with tikanga in a manner which dignifies tīpuna for the benefit of present and future generations, kā uri whakatipu i muri nei.
  3. Wai māori is in crisis across the rohe and Ngāi Tūāhuriri rangatiratanga is constrained by the current freshwater management regime. Rapid declines in quality and quantity are threatening the health and the integrity of ecosystems and mahinga kai. This crisis is urgent for our whānau and underpins the Ngāi Tahu legal claim against the Crown that was recently heard in the High Court.<sup>2</sup>

#### Priorities for water services

4. Ngāi Tūāhuriri do not express a preference for the Waimakariri District Council's (WDC) future water services delivery model: the bottom lines of Rūnanga for water services apply under any scenario. These are that:
  - a. Water services must enable Ngāi Tūāhuriri to exercise rangatiratanga.
  - b. Water services should be designed to contribute to addressing the freshwater crisis in our rohe and invest in and innovate for the solutions we need to prepare for the future.
  - c. Water services design must support the Rūnanga and local authorities to explore strategic alignment when planning for growth and development.
  - d. Water services must give effect to Ngāi Tūāhuriri priorities for water services.
5. In relation to (d) above, Ngāi Tūāhuriri and other Canterbury rūnanga have set clear priorities for water services outcomes in the region, including to:<sup>3</sup>
  - Transition away from culturally offensive discharge into water, which is the primary method of wastewater disposal in the Waimakariri District (via sea outfall).
  - Improve wastewater overflow performance and eliminate discharge of contaminated water into the environment.
  - Better manage consumption and demand for water and phase out over-allocation.
  - Address cumulative risks such as nitrate contamination of aquifer sources of drinking water.

#### Overarching concerns with Local Water Done Well

6. Ngāi Tūāhuriri are of the view that the Local Water Done Well (LWDW) reforms are flawed and short-sighted. Our general concerns are that:
- a. The reforms fail to take an integrated approach that addresses the quality of water at its source to manage network contaminant load and drive down costs in the long-term.
  - b. LWDW is not Tiriti compliant: it fails to reflect Te Tiriti partnership and enable Ngāi Tūāhuriri rangatiratanga.
  - c. The complex structure of the regulatory environment where roles and responsibilities continue to overlap is left intact.
  - d. A narrow financial focus overlooks broader wellbeing and environmental governance. Local control as a baseline is not meaningful unless responsive to the needs and expectations of communities.
  - e. The benefits of the reforms are not being shared equitably between rural and urban areas, both between and within council districts.
  - f. The reforms do not provide a pathway to innovate in order to address legacy issues such as reliance on treatment and discharge to water and adequately address future challenges, such as climate change.
  - g. The timeframes are ill-conceived and rushed.

Waimakariri District Council proposal

7. WDC's preference to maintain an Internal Business Unit for water services is favoured as the lowest cost option for the next decade, despite the Council's recently downgraded credit rating and the Castalia report which concluded that a joint entity is the best all-round model for WDC. While WDC are exploring shared services with its North Canterbury neighbours, it is unclear what will eventuate. The lack of an effective Tiriti partnership on this proposal has meant that Ngāi Tūāhuriri is largely invisible in this process and proposal.
8. Since water services reforms emerged under the previous Government, Ngāi Tūāhuriri and other Ngāi Tahu Papatipu Rūnanga have advocated for a Takiwā approach which unlocks scale efficiencies to deliver safe, resilient, equitable and quality services for all communities. WDC's water services may be in good condition currently, but this overlooks the broader freshwater crisis.

9. The opportunity cost of keeping water services in-house is that WDC cannot access additional funding to support intergenerational and inclusive investment in water services or realise the greater efficiencies that a joint structure could deliver. A business-as-usual approach also fails to provide confidence that this is the best option to ensure there is room for growth in the District's rural communities such as Tuahiwi.
10. Ngāi Tūāhuriri does not wish to be heard in relation to this submission.

References:

1 Section 6.

2 *Tau & Ors v Attorney-General*, HC Christchurch CIV 2020-409-534. This response is without prejudice to any legal proceedings or actions Ngāi Tahu and its Papatipu Rūnanga are currently undertaking against the Crown, or may take in the future.

3 Mahaanui Iwi Management Plan, Chapter 5, pp. 81-83.

**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** the submission from Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu (Te Rūnanga).

**2. Acknowledges** the concerns held by Te Rūnanga with regards to the Local Water Done Well process and the position Te Rūnanga takes more broadly on the provision of water services.

**3. Notes** that Council has received a submission from Te Ngāi Tūāhuriri Te Rūnanga (Ngāi Tūāhuriri), and acknowledges the views of Ngāi Tūāhuriri as mana whenua.

**4. Notes** that Council has worked extensively to investigate options for the delivery of water services within the district, and believe that the in-house business unit is currently the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District under the Local Water Done Well process, and ensures the community retains control of their water services through Council.

**5. Notes** that Council welcomes the Partnering and Services Agreements between Whitiara and Council that enable Ngāi Tūāhuriri, through its agents Whitiara, to provide ongoing strategic advice and guidance to Council on a range of important matters.

**6. Notes** that Council will work with government to prepare a water services delivery plan by 3 September 2025.

**Reason for recommendation:** The in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and will comply with the new economic and environmental regulations. This option ensures the community retains ownership and control of their water services through Council.

**Summary:** Waimakariri District Council Water Services Delivery Model

1. This submission is made by Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu (Te Rūnanga), the representative tribal body of Ngāi Tahu Whānui. Te Rūnanga encompasses eighteen Papatipu Rūnanga, who each uphold the mana whenua and mana moana of their respective rohe.
2. Te Rūnanga supports the submission of Ngāi Tūāhuriri Rūnanga on this matter and endorses the relief sought by the Rūnanga.

Ngāi Tahu rangatiratanga

3. Ngāi Tahu exercises rangatiratanga over the lands and waters in our Takiwā, which covers the largest geographical area of any tribal authority in New Zealand. The Crown and Parliament have recognised the enduring nature of rangatiratanga through:
  - Article II of Te Tiriti o Waitangi;
  - The 1997 Deed of Settlement between Ngāi Tahu and the Crown; and
  - The Ngāi Tahu Claims Settlement Act 1998.
4. As recorded in the Crown Apology to Ngāi Tahu, the Ngāi Tahu Settlement marked a turning point in the Ngāi Tahu-Crown relationship and the beginning of a “new age of co-operation”. The Crown confirmed that it “recognises Ngāi Tahu as the tāngata whenua of, and as holding rangatiratanga within, the Takiwā of Ngāi Tahu Whānui”.<sup>1</sup>

Freshwater crisis and Ngāi Tahu position

5. The crisis affecting the health of freshwater in the Takiwā is a priority issue for Te Rūnanga. In many places, water is unsafe to drink, swim in and mahinga kai. Water services have a significant ability to influence environmental outcomes but often contribute to the crisis by relying on discharge to waterways or ocean outfalls rather than investing in before-end-of-pipe treatment. Many of our Papatipu Runanga face significant legacy issues from historical under-investment and environmental contamination.
6. Throughout the water services reforms, Te Rūnanga position is that water services must be equitable, affordable, and of a level of quality that protects and enhances the environment, human health, and our resilience to climate change and natural hazards. To address the scale of the challenge and the level of investment needed, Te Rūnanga and Papatipu Rūnanga have worked with local authorities to explore how thinking at a broad

scale can achieve better outcomes while being responsive to the unique challenges faced by communities in Te Waipounamu.

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7. Te Rūnanga does not have a position on the options considered by the Waimakariri District Council for future water services delivery, but takes the opportunity to reiterate its key concerns with Local Water Done Well (LWDW) which apply to WDC's proposal:
  - a. Te Tiriti: LWDW is not Tiriti compliant: it fails to uphold the guarantee of rangatiratanga and Ngāi Tahu Tiriti partnership with the Crown.
  - b. Rural and small communities: Te Rūnanga remains concerned that LWDW does not require equitable investment to ensure small rural communities are not left behind.
  - c. Local needs and aspirations: The overly narrow focus of LWDW on financial performance is unlikely to meet wider community expectations.

#### Conclusion

8. Te Rūnanga recommends the relief sought by Ngāi Tūāhuriri in its submission on this proposal.
9. Te Rūnanga does not wish to be heard in relation to this submission.

#### Reference

- 1 Ngāi Tahu Claims Settlement Act 1998, section 6.

#### Officer recommendations:

- 1. Receives** the submission from Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu (Te Rūnanga).
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- 6. Notes** that Council will work with government to prepare a water services delivery plan by 3 September 2025.

**Reason for recommendation:** The in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and will comply with the new economic and environmental regulations. This option ensures the community retains ownership and control of their water services through Council.

#### Local Water Done Well - Comment only - 711.1, Vince Barry for National Public Health Service

##### **Summary:**

1. We are providing advice on the Waimakariri District Council's proposal for Local Water Done Well. Health NZ – Te Whatu Ora has statutory obligations under the Pae Ora (Healthy Futures) Act 2022 and the Health Act 1956 to improve, promote and protect the health of people and communities. This advice has been prepared by the National Public Health Service (NPHS) Te Waipounamu of Health New Zealand – Te Whatu Ora. NPHS Te Waipounamu provides public health services to the Waitaha region including the Waimakariri district.
2. NPHS Te Waipounamu does not have a view on the preferred option for the delivery of water services in the Waimakariri district. We acknowledge that the Plans are intended to encourage councils to examine how they can sustainably fund three waters infrastructure long into the future, including meeting regulatory requirements in terms of quantity and quality of water and supporting growth.
3. Waimakariri District Council's proposal for Local Water Done Well may have significant implications for public health.

##### **Advice**

4. The following outlines our technical advice on Waimakariri District Council's proposal for Local Water Done Well to protect communities from waterborne diseases, through the provision of drinking water supplies, sewerage and stormwater systems.
5. NPHS Te Waipounamu encourages Council to ensure that the maintenance and strengthening of the three waters service delivery allows for population growth. We support the continued operation of the three waters infrastructure so that services are not reduced or withdrawn. The provision of safe and adequate supplies of drinking water and the collection, treatment and disposal of sewage and wastewater protects public health.



6. Safe drinking water is crucial to public health. The well-known outbreak of gastroenteritis in Havelock North in August 2016, which was caused by contaminated drinking water, resulted in an estimated 5,500 of the town's 14,000 residents becoming ill with campylobacteriosis, and of these, 45 people required hospital treatment. It is possible that the outbreak contributed to three deaths, and an unknown number of residents developed long-term health complications.
7. The safe collection, treatment and disposal of sewage and wastewater also protects health. Human waste carries a wide range of pathogenic micro-organisms, and many are still viable and virulent, even if sewage has been in the environment for some time. Sewage and wastewater may also contain toxic chemicals, particularly from industrial and trade waste sources. NPHS Te Waipounamu supports Council's proposal to invest in water services to meet regulatory requirements which protect public health.
8. NPHS Te Waipounamu supports Council's approach to ensuring there is sufficient investment in water services to meet regulatory requirements.
9. NPHS Te Waipounamu supports Council's ongoing investment in the renewal and maintenance of infrastructure to maintain levels of service in the medium and long term.
10. NPHS Te Waipounamu notes that Council has considered the cost effectiveness of the options for delivery model. NPHS Te Waipounamu supports the need to keep costs manageable for users, whilst at the same time protecting people's health by ensuring access to safe drinking water, stormwater and wastewater disposal is affordable.
11. NPHS Te Waipounamu encourages Council to ensure adequate resources are allocated to higher risk communities, including those that are currently under-serviced or not serviced.
12. NPHS Te Waipounamu encourages Council to consider intergenerational equity, and the impacts of climate change to ensure that this essential public health infrastructure is protected from extreme weather events.
13. NPHS Te Waipounamu supports the equitable supply of services which includes the provision of adequate water to meet health and sanitation requirements.
14. NPHS Te Waipounamu encourages Council to hold discussions between local and regional councils on the interaction between the stormwater and flood protection systems so that stormwater ingress to sewers is managed, and will reduce the risk of sewage overflows, but also that flood risk from stormwater ponding is not increased.

15. NPHS Te Waipounamu acknowledges the Council's exploration of the potential efficiencies that could be achieved through collaboration with other councils.
16. While there is no specific requirement in the Local Government (Water Services Preliminary Arrangements) Act 2024 for iwi Māori to be consulted, NPHS Te Waipounamu supports Council's commitment to work closely with mana whenua to ensure water services reflect cultural values, promote environmental sustainability and support their needs.

#### Conclusion

17. Thank you again for the opportunity to provide advice on Council's proposal for Local Water Done Well.
18. NPHS Te Waipounamu does not wish to be heard with respect to this technical advice.

#### Officer recommendations:

- 1. Receives** the submission from the National Public Health Service (NPHS) Te Waipounamu of Health New Zealand – Te Whatu Ora.
- 2. Acknowledges** the views of NPHS Te Waipounamu as expressed within their submission to the Annual Plan, in particular the importance of safe drinking water and protecting public health.
- 3. Notes** that the in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and ensures the community retains control of their water services through Council.
- 4. Notes** that Council will work with government to prepare a water services delivery plan by 3 September 2025.
- 5. Notes** that the water services delivery plan will include an implementation plan for how the proposed water services delivery unit will engage key stakeholders (such as iwi) moving forward.

**Reason for recommendation:** The in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and will comply with the new economic and environmental regulations. This option ensures the community retains ownership and control of their water services through Council.

#### Local Water Done Well - Comment only - 742.2, Adrienne Saunders

**Summary:** Three Waters- Before 2020/21 there was no extra cost in our Water systems. Now after Government interference we are now seeing increase in costs and levies. Ratepayers have paid for this water infrastructure. Do any ratepayers actually get a say in what is put in the water?

“Independent advice has confirmed what we already knew - that water infrastructure in Waimakariri is in great shape. We are writing to all residents explaining Council’s preferred position of establishing an internal business unit to manage 3 Waters going forward. This is essentially the same as we have now but meets the Government’s new legislative requirements. □ “This is good news for ratepayers as it means that, if our plan is approved by Government, local ownership and say over water will continue.” □ “We are committed to delivering on what we said we would through the LTP and are continually exploring opportunities to achieve greater value for money while providing the services that our community want.

An additional \$360,000 is needed from ratepayers to cover new Commerce Commission and Taumata Arowai levies. Who gives Taumata Arowai their power?

**Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point as the internal business unit option is the most effective use of ratepayers money and is the most affordable option in the long term for the Waimakariri community.
- 2. Notes** that the in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and ensures the community retains control of their water services through Council.
- 3. Notes** that the preferred delivery model will need to meet the Government’s new economic, environmental and infrastructure regulation requirements.
- 4. Notes** that Council staff will work with government to prepare a water services delivery plan by 3 September 2025.
- 5. Notes** that the water services delivery plan will include an implementation plan for how the proposed water services delivery unit will meet targeted cost efficiencies.

**Reason for recommendation:** The in-house business unit has been independently shown to be the best water services delivery model for Waimakariri District, and will comply with the new economic and environmental regulations. This option ensures the community retains ownership and control of their water services through Council.

Local Water Done Well - Comment only - 746.1, Richard Stevens

**Summary:** Water is necessary for life and potable water is necessary for human health.

The 2016 incident at Havelock North is cited as the rationale for widespread changes in water management for NZ communities. But that incident was a one-off and caused by human error, not system failures.

But, never waste a good crisis.

Under the guise of public health, an 'industry' is developing where every grifter and chancer sees the opportunity for a nice little earner. And that's before even considering the recent move by the maoris and their outrageous and opportunistic claim for management of South Island fresh water.

So, I don't think it matters very much which management system gets chosen. Empires will be built, fortunes will be made and the poor ratepayers and consumers will be reamed.

**Officer recommendations:**

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Local Water Done Well - Comment only - 778.1, Didier Martin

**Summary:** Over the years I think the different councils have handled our water services pretty well. I trust you will keep up with the same set of mind, this is fairness, in a good ethical manner toward our environment and possible good will towards our neighbouring councils.

**Officer recommendations:**

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**Summary:** Maybe.

Code delivers 2.2m in dividends to Selwyn annually. Can WDC 3 Waters CCO do the same? Did Castalia Model WDC 3 Waters entity providing services to other Councils? (like Corde).

If thats where you see this IBU in the future the answers to preferred system is Yes.

**Officer recommendations:**

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## Transport Funding

### Transport Funding - 1.2, Jackson Davey

**Summary:** Safety improvements are critical to the network, so i support that they have been kept in the draft plan. I also support the cycleway improvements that are in the plan, as these are in points that need improvement more than anywhere else. Considering that the delays are only in the order of a 1-2 years, I think that this is a reasonable compromise to keep costs down in the short term, although delays will cause costs to rise when they are constructed in the longer term.

**Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point.
- 2. Acknowledges** the importance of undertaking safety improvements in a timely manner, to support our growing districts needs.
- 3. Notes** that this is a short-term approach to address a reduction in central government co-funding through the National Land Transport Programme (NLTP).
- 4. Notes** that a balanced approach has been taken to re-prioritising projects dependent on project criticality.
- 5. Notes** that should further National Land Transport programme (NLTP) funding become available, then Council will be well placed to seek this.
- 6. Notes** that should national funding continue to be constrained, consideration would need to be given to alternative options for funding important projects in the future.

**Reason for recommendation:** Following the announcement of NLTP funding, a report was taken to Council outlining the shortfalls in funding between what was requested and approved.

The report recommended a balanced approach be taken for how this was managed for the current NLTP period (2024-2027).

The recommended approach was multi-layered and included;

- a. Moving projects beyond the three year period of the NLTP
- b. Delaying projects for consideration as part of the Annual Plan
- c. Continuing with a lower level of investment
- d. Proceeding to design only at this time, or
- e. Funding the shortfall.

While this is a short term approach to address the gap, should national funding continue to be constrained, then consideration will need to be given to alternative options for funding important projects in the future.

## Transport Funding - 3.2, Anonymous

**Summary:** Support the delay in projects proposed

**Officer recommendations:**

1. **Receive** this submission point.
2. **Notes** it is important to undertake improvements in a timely manner, to support safety and our growing districts needs.
3. **Notes** that this is a short-term approach to address a reduction in central government co-funding through the National Land Transport Programme (NLTP).
4. **Notes** that a balanced approach has been taken to re-prioritising projects dependent on project criticality.
5. **Notes** that should further NLTP funding become available, then Council will be well placed to seek this.
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While this is a short term approach to address the gap, should national funding continue to be constrained, then consideration will need to be given to alternative options for funding important projects in the future.

## Transport Funding - 4.2, Mell Cassidy

**Summary:** i think a way to save would be to not put in any bike lanes and speed bumps on the roads, which are a pain in the ass. I don't understand why we don't have passenger trains running into Christchurch, would make so much sense as we are growing out here, would reduce traffic and their are already train tracks out here.

**Officer recommendations:**

1. **Receive** this submission point.
2. **Notes** the importance of undertaking improvements in a timely manner, to support safety and our growing districts needs.
3. **Notes** that rating impacts are an important consideration for Council.



- 4. Notes** that a balanced approach has been taken to re-prioritising projects dependent on project criticality.
- 5. Notes** that should further NLTP funding become available, then Council will be well placed to seek this.
- 6. Notes** that should national funding continue to be constrained, consideration would need to be given to alternative options for funding important projects in the future.
- 7. Notes** that Council continues to advocate at a national level, for increased funding in the area of Transport.

**Reason for recommendation:** A Walking & Cycling Network Plan was adopted by Council in October 2022. This plan outlines the future aspirations for walking & cycling facilities within the district. Public Transport has a very important role to play in ensuring the effective use of our transport network going forward. As our district grows there will be more pressure on the transport network and we need to ensure we can efficiently move people around.

The Greater Christchurch Partnership of which Waimakariri District Council is a member, have an agree vision for public transport which is outlined in the Regional Public Transport Plan. Increased use of public transport has a benefit for the whole community, it provides access to key activity centres and social services for people and can be an attractive alternative to private vehicular travel.

The Greater Christchurch Partnership has adopted the Greater Christchurch Spatial Plan, has developed the Greater Christchurch Transport Plan and is undertaking Mass Rapid Transit planning to inform the future of transportation in the Greater Christchurch area. More public transport use means a reduction in private vehicles on the road which can help reduce congestion and carbon emissions.

## Transport Funding - 5.2, Neil Wilkinson

**Summary:** Plans should be put on hold to ensure rate increases are kept to a manageable level. I don't see plans for an eastern bypass into Rangiora which seems to be necessary??? Government through the LTSA should be lobbied to provide realistic support for roading in the regions.

### **Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point.
- 2. Notes** the importance of undertaking improvements in a timely manner, to support safety and our growing districts needs.
- 3. Notes** that rating impacts are an important consideration for Council.
- 4. Notes** that a balanced approach has been taken to re-prioritising projects dependent on project criticality.
- 5. Notes** that should further NLTP funding become available, then Council will be well placed to seek this.
- 6. Notes** that should national funding continue to be constrained, consideration would need to be given to alternative options for funding important projects in the future.
- 7. Notes** that Council continues to advocate at a national level, for increased funding in the area of Transport.

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## Transport Funding - 6.2, Anonymous

**Summary:** Could the gap be funded by a tax on the new Woodend bypass

**Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point.
- 2. Notes** the submitters suggestion that a localised tax be put back into funding within District.
- 3. Notes** that the decision around any charges / taxes relating to the use of the Woodend Bypass will sit with the Minister of Transport with input from the NZ Transport Agency, and is not a Local Authority decision. There is also currently no requirement for revenue gathered to go back into the local transport system.
- 4. Notes** that additional taxes / charges could likely impact local communities, resulting from those travelling through the state highway choosing to move off onto local roads.
- 5. Notes** that Council continues to advocate at a national level, for increased funding in the area of Transport.

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The decision around taxes / charges for road use will sit with the Minister of Transport, with input from the NZ Transport Agency and is not a local authority decision. There is also no guarantee that locally gathered revenue would go back into the local transport network.

There is also a risk that taxes or charges could result in drivers electing to avoid the state highway network and rat run through local roads, creating impacts on the local road networks.

## Transport Funding - 7.2, Emma Pavey

**Summary:** We shouldn't be in this position by the government; however, we are a fast-growing area and will require this additional funding towards the roading infrastructure.

**Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point.
- 2. Notes** it is important to undertake improvements in a timely manner, to support safety and our growing districts needs.
- 3. Notes** that this is a short-term approach to address a reduction in central government co-funding through the National Land Transport Programme (NLTP).
- 4. Notes** that a balanced approach has been taken to re-prioritising projects dependent on project criticality.
- 5. Notes** that should further NLTP funding become available, then Council will be well placed to seek this.
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## Transport Funding - 8.2, geoff sperry

**Summary:** get effective on how you spend our money

**Officer recommendations:**

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## Transport Funding - 9.3, Anonymous

**Summary:** NZTA should be using tax money for their infrastructure, and ratepayers should be paying only for the local infrastructure that THEY USE.

**Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point.
- 2. Notes** the submitters comments on using tax money for infrastructure.
- 3. Notes** that funding of transport infrastructure is shared between both Local Government (Council through Rates) and Central Government (through the National Land Transport Fund).
- 4. Notes** that central government funding for transport is collected from all vehicles travelling on public roads by paying Road User Charges (RUC), Registrations and Fuel Taxes.

**Reason for recommendation:** Funding for transport infrastructure is currently shared between central government and local government. This means local road users are contributing to funding local activities.

## Transport Funding - 10.2, Sam Fisher

**Summary:** i strongly agree with this: 'Council instructed staff to rejig, reduce-scope, and progress some projects to design stage only to work within the available budget, this is what is now reflected in the Draft Annual Plan.'

**Officer recommendations:**

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- 3. Notes** that this is a short-term approach to address a reduction in central government co-funding through the National Land Transport Programme (NLTP).
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## Transport Funding - 12.2, Ross Lawrence McPherson

**Summary:** Govt funding

**Officer recommendations:**

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2. **Notes** it is important to undertake improvements in a timely manner, to support safety and our growing districts needs.
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4. **Notes** that a balanced approach has been taken to re-prioritising projects dependent on project criticality.
5. **Notes** that should further NLTP funding become available, then Council will be well placed to seek this.
6. **Notes** that should national funding continue to be constrained, consideration would need to be given to alternative options for funding important projects in the future.
7. **Notes** that Council continues to advocate at a national level, for increased funding in the area of Transport.

**Reason for recommendation:** Following the announcement of NLTP funding, a report was taken to Council outlining the shortfalls in funding between what was requested and approved.

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## Transport Funding - 13.2, Anonymous

**Summary:** We need to invest in this. It is an essential service and the current roads are in a terrible state around the district.

**Officer recommendations:**

1. **Receive** this submission point.
2. **Notes** it is important to undertake improvements in a timely manner, to support safety and our growing districts needs.
3. **Notes** that this is a short-term approach to address a reduction in central government co-funding through the National Land Transport Programme (NLTP).

**4. Notes** that a balanced approach has been taken to re-prioritising projects dependent on project criticality.

**5. Notes** that should further NLTP funding become available, then Council will be well placed to seek this.

**6. Notes** that should national funding continue to be constrained, consideration would need to be given to alternative options for funding important projects in the future.

**7. Notes** that regular condition rating is undertaken of the districts roads and bench marked against other districts around the country and that generally our roads compare well against others.

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While this is a short term approach to address the gap, should national funding continue to be constrained, then consideration will need to be given to alternative options for funding important projects in the future.

Regular condition rating is undertaken on roads around the district. This indicates the condition of our roads generally compares well against others. Also there has been increased investment in the area of road maintenance and renewals.

## Transport Funding - 18.2, Swati Naidu

**Summary:** We already pay high taxes in NZ and house rates which is impacting us financially. Although we would love to see more public transport options in North Canterbury. I believe government should engage financial advisor that can help with planning this without much financial strain to the public. All that free money that went out to people during Covid, why should people who were working and didn't mislead government should be penalised like this

### **Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point.
- 2. Notes** the submitter's support for public transport options in North Canterbury.
- 3. Notes** that decisions around central government funding are not within Council control.
- 4. Notes** that Council continues to advocate at a national level, for increased funding in the area of Transport.



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The decision around central government funding are outside of Council's control, however increased investment in Transportation is something that Council can continue to advocate for.

## Transport Funding - 19.2, Brian Warren

**Summary:** I agree with the strategy proposed in the draft plan

**Officer recommendations:**

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2. **Notes** the importance of undertaking improvements in a timely manner, to support our growing districts needs.
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4. **Notes** that a balanced approach has been taken to re-prioritising projects dependent on project criticality.
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#### Transport Funding - 45.2, Nick Wood

**Summary:** "Significant negative effects on the community • Increased traffic volumes results in increased vehicle emissions," (page 34) this is simply not worth stating. any increase or decrease in vehicle emissions in Waimakariri has zero impact on climate impacting co2 emissions (co2 isnt stated but i presume that is what is meant). Nothing Waimakariri or New Zealand does or will do will have any impact on the climate of new zealand. Stop pretending that emissions are a thing that the council needs to take into account for any decision or matter. "Contaminants from road surfaces entering natural waterways have adverse effects on water quality" again this is pretending that cars destroy waterways but duck poo doesn't. you'll measure and blame the cars but not the duck poo.

**Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point.
- 2. Notes** that Council aims to take a balanced approach to Transportation as this is critical infrastructure needed to support our Communities health & wellbeing. This includes providing for public transport and alternate modes (such as walking & cycling), so there is choice in how people might travel.
- 3. Notes** the provision of an effective and efficient transport network is key to the way we live and work, including providing access to key activity centres, education, and social services. It provides access for our people and freight to move around and through our district.
- 4. Notes** that with a growing district there is an increase in the number of people who need to move around the district. It is important that we consider how we can efficiently move people while considering the impacts on the environment. That the Council Receive this submission point.

**Reason for recommendation:** The transportation network is critical in providing access to key activity centres, education, and social services for our Communities. As we continue to grow as a District, it will be critical for efficiently and effectively use our transport system, including providing access to public transport and alternative modes.

#### Transport Funding - 47.2, Anonymous

**Summary:** Be accountable, make sure system processes are effective and money is not waisted where it doesn't need to be

**Officer recommendations:**

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- 3. Notes** that this is a short-term approach to address a reduction in central government co-funding through the National Land Transport Programme (NLTP).

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## Transport Funding - 50.2, Peter Drake

**Summary:** improve public transport, don't build more roads. I pay more than enough rates already

### **Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point.

**2. Notes** that Council aims to take a balanced approach to transportation, as this is critical infrastructure needed to support our Communities health & wellbeing.

**3. Notes** that this includes providing for public transport and alternate modes (such as walking & cycling), so there is choice in how people might travel.

**4. Notes** the provision of an effective and efficient transport network is key to the way we live and work, including providing access to key activity centres, education, and social services. It provides access for our people and freight to move around and through our district.

**5. Notes** that with a growing district there is an increase in the number of people who need to move around the district.

**6. Notes** that there are rating impacts from both improved infrastructure, and also from improvements to public transport services (through Environment Canterbury as the Public Transport provider).

**Reason for recommendation:** The transportation network is critical in providing access to key activity centres, education, and social services for our Communities. As we continue to grow as a District, it will be critical for efficiently and effectively use our transport system, including providing access to public transport and alternative modes.

#### Transport Funding - 515.2, Kirstyn Barnett

**Summary:** It is obvious that NZTA has insufficient funding to cover all the requests in NZ. We need to be particularly specific in the prioritisation of arterial roads and ensure they are at a good standard for our economic and community wellbeing.

**Officer recommendations:**

1. **Receive** this submission point.
2. **Notes** the importance of undertaking improvements in a timely manner, to support safety and our growing districts needs.
3. **Notes** that this is a short-term approach to address a reduction in central government co-funding through the National Land Transport Programme (NLTP).
4. **Notes** that a balanced approach has been taken to re-prioritising projects dependent on project criticality.
5. **Notes** that should further NLTP funding become available, then Council will be well placed to seek this.
6. **Notes** that should national funding continue to be constrained, consideration would need to be given to alternative options for funding important projects in the future.
7. **Notes** that prioritisation of roads is being undertaken and our key arterial roads have been a focus, with significant investment in renewals activities.

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While this is a short term approach to address the gap, should national funding continue to be constrained, then consideration will need to be given to alternative options for funding important projects in the future.

There has been significant investment in pavement rehabilitation, resurfacing and pavement repairs along key arterial routes including Tram Road and Oxford Road.

**Summary:** The infrastructure around roading and transport options are extremely poor. With the increased need due to population growth it is important that money and resource is routed in to safe road and transport options

**Officer recommendations:**

1. **Receive** this submission point.
2. **Notes** that Council aims to take a balanced approach to transportation, as this is critical infrastructure needed to support our Communities health & well being. This includes providing for public transport and alternate modes (such as walking & cycling), so there is choice in how people might travel.
3. **Notes** the provision of an effective and efficient transport network is key to the way we live and work, including providing access to key activity centres, education, and social services.
4. **Notes** that with a growing district there is an increase in the number of people who need to move around the district.
5. **Notes** that as per the consultation document, some projects have needed to be moved out due to a reduction in central government funding.
6. **Notes** that a balanced approach has been taken to re-prioritising projects dependent on project criticality.
7. **Notes** that should further NLTP funding become available, then Council will be well placed to seek this.
8. **Notes** that should national funding continue to be constrained, consideration would need to be given to alternative options for funding important projects in the future.
9. **Notes** that Council continues to advocate at a national level, for increased funding in the area of Transport.

**Reason for recommendation:** The transportation network is critical in providing access to key activity centres, education, and social services for our Communities. As we continue to grow as a District, it will be critical for efficiently and effectively use our transport system, including providing access to public transport and alternative modes.

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## Transport Funding - 585.2, Anonymous

**Summary:** The \$13.5 million funding gap created by the reduction in NZTA co-investment is deeply concerning. Roads and transport infrastructure are core public services that directly affect safety, economic activity, and community wellbeing. The Waimakariri District is a growing region, and underfunding in this area risks not only service degradation but long-term cost escalation due to deferred maintenance and missed investment opportunities.

I understand the Council is proposing to:

- Focus on core safety and maintenance works,
- Defer discretionary or less urgent projects,
- Seek alternative funding where possible.

While this triage approach is practical in the short term, I believe the Council should take a more proactive stance by:

- Advocating strongly and publicly for equitable central government funding for fast-growing districts like Waimakariri, especially considering the pressure on our roads from both residents and through-traffic.
- Engaging with the community and local businesses to explore co-investment or partnership models for specific transport projects that have clear economic or safety benefits.
- Prioritising infrastructure that improves resilience, including better pedestrian and cycling infrastructure, to reduce long-term reliance on high-maintenance roading.

Waimakariri ratepayers should not be penalised for NZTA's national funding decisions. I urge the Council to remain transparent about how these funding cuts will affect local projects and to keep the pressure on central government for fair and sustainable support.

### **Officer recommendations:**

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**8. Notes** that Council aims to take a balanced approach to transportation, as this is critical infrastructure needed to support our Communities health & well being. This includes providing for public transport and alternate modes (such as walking & cycling), so there is choice in how people might travel.

**9. Notes** the provision of an effective and efficient transport network is key to the way we live and work, including providing access to key activity centres, education, and social services.

**10. Notes** that Council has continued to advocate for improvements to the central government transportation funding model, and to explore alternate funding opportunities when they become available. That the Council only Receives this submission point.

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While this is a short term approach to address the gap, should national funding continue to be constrained, then consideration will need to be given to alternative options for funding important projects in the future.

There has been significant investment in pavement rehabilitation, resurfacing and pavement repairs along key arterial routes within the District.

## Transport Funding - 586.2, Diana Hawkins

**Summary:** I believe would should cut our cloth to meet the current situation. We can't and shouldn't fund everything that realistically NZTA should be contributing to, however we need to spend money now to reduce the costs of greater damage to infrastructure, and to keep people safe. I am not sufficiently well informed to judge whether the roading issues raised in this consultation tell the whole story.

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## Transport Funding - 587.2, Anonymous

**Summary:** Only undertake work that is subsidised.

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**7. Notes** that Council continues to advocate at a national level, for increased funding in the area of Transport.

**8. Notes** that if improvements are only undertaken when subsidy is available, this would result in increasing safety issues within the Transport Network and increased risk to the Community.

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While this is a short term approach to address the gap, should national funding continue to be constrained, then consideration will need to be given to alternative options for funding important projects in the future.

Halting all improvement projects and only undertaking works if subsidy was available would result in increasing safety issues on the network and an increased risk to the Community, and as such was not considered to be a viable option.

#### Transport Funding - 589.2, Mary Sparrow

**Summary:** It is important that the community fully understands the full implications of this shortfall in NZ Transport Agency funding, and planned projects which will not be progressed.

The issue of the provision of central Government adequate funding for an area which continues to experience significant population growth is a matter that should become an important issue for the 2026 national elections.

One of the features of roading in the Waimakariri District is the very limited length of NZ Transport Agency funded state highways.

**Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point.
- 2. Notes** it is important to undertake improvements in a timely manner, to support safety and our growing districts needs.
- 3. Notes** that this is a short-term approach to address a reduction in central government co-funding through the National Land Transport Programme (NLTP).
- 4. Notes** that a balanced approach has been taken to re-prioritising projects dependent on project criticality.
- 5. Notes** that should further NLTP funding become available, then Council will be well placed to seek this.
- 6. Notes** that should national funding continue to be constrained, consideration would need to be given to alternative options for funding important projects in the future.

**7. Notes** that Council continues to advocate at a national level, for increased funding in the area of Transport.

**Reason for recommendation:** Following the announcement of NLTP funding, a report was taken to Council outlining the shortfalls in funding between what was requested and approved.

The report recommended a balanced approach be taken for how this was managed for the current NLTP period (2024-2027).

The recommended approach was multi-layered and included;

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- c. Continuing with a lower level of investment
- d. Proceeding to design only at this time, or
- e. Funding the shortfall.

While this is a short term approach to address the gap, should national funding continue to be constrained, then consideration will need to be given to alternative options for funding important projects in the future.

#### Transport Funding - 591.2, Anonymous

**Summary:** I support this proposal, although the congestion through the centre of Rangiora, needs to be prioritised as it is getting worse each year.

**Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point.
- 2. Notes** it is important to undertake improvements in a timely manner, to support safety and our growing districts needs.
- 3. Notes** that this is a short-term approach to address a reduction in central government co-funding through the National Land Transport Programme (NLTP).
- 4. Notes** that a balanced approach has been taken to re-prioritising projects dependent on project criticality.
- 5. Notes** that should further NLTP funding become available, then Council will be well placed to seek this.
- 6. Notes** that should national funding continue to be constrained, consideration would need to be given to alternative options for funding important projects in the future.
- 7. Notes** that Council continues to advocate at a national level, for increased funding in the area of Transport.
- 8. Notes** that Council is progressing the planning and Business Case for the Rangiora Eastern Link Road, to help address the issues through Southbrook, which is a very busy corridor carrying approximately 26,000 vehicles per day.

**Reason for recommendation:** Following the announcement of NLTP funding, a report was taken to Council outlining the shortfalls in funding between what was requested and approved.

The report recommended a balanced approach be taken for how this was managed for the current NLTP period (2024-2027).

The recommended approach was multi-layered and included;

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While this is a short term approach to address the gap, should national funding continue to be constrained, then consideration will need to be given to alternative options for funding important projects in the future.

Work is also progressing on the Business Case for funding for the Rangiora Eastern Link, which will help ease congestion issues in the Southbrook Road corridor.

#### Transport Funding - 633.2, Kay Rabe for Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board

**Summary:** The Board supports the projects listed in the consultation document however would request that the Woodend to Ravenswood Walking and Cycling connection be given priority and be completed as soon as possible rather than waiting to be completed in the 2026/27 financial year.

**Officer recommendations:**

1. **Receive** this submission point.
2. **Notes** the Boards support for undertaking the Woodend to Ravenswood Walking Connection work as early as possible.
3. Agrees to move the 2024/25 budget to undertake this work into 2025/26.
4. **Notes** construction is subject to NZ Transport Agency approval, as this work impacts the State Highway network.
5. **Notes** that staff are actively working to progress this with NZ Transport Agency.

**Reason for recommendation:** The Community Board has supported a walking connection between Woodend and Ravenswood for some time. A report was taken to Council in March 2025 seeking approval to progress this connection. At the time staff submissions were done, this decision had not been made and budget in this current year had been noted as being moved out to 2026/27. With more certainty in this project proceeding, staff will request the budget be shifted to 2025/26, for construction (next financial year).

## Transport Funding - 635.2, Anonymous

**Summary:** I believe funding the maintenance and upgrading of our roads and (particularly) cycleways is important. I support the Council in taking a proactive response in this space. It is unfortunate, but unsurprising, that central Government has failed to support us in this space.

### **Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point.
- 2. Notes** it is important to undertake improvements in a timely manner, to support safety and our growing districts needs.
- 3. Notes** that this is a short-term approach to address a reduction in central government co-funding through the National Land Transport Programme (NLTP).
- 4. Notes** that a balanced approach has been taken to re-prioritising projects dependent on project criticality.
- 5. Notes** that should further NLTP funding become available, then Council will be well placed to seek this.
- 6. Notes** that should national funding continue to be constrained, consideration would need to be given to alternative options for funding important projects in the future.
- 7. Notes** that Council continues to advocate at a national level, for increased funding in the area of Transport.

**Reason for recommendation:** Following the announcement of NLTP funding, a report was taken to Council outlining the shortfalls in funding between what was requested and approved.

The report recommended a balanced approach be taken for how this was managed for the current NLTP period (2024-2027).

The recommended approach was multi-layered and included;

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While this is a short term approach to address the gap, should national funding continue to be constrained, then consideration will need to be given to alternative options for funding important projects in the future.

## Transport Funding - 680.2, Thea Kunkel for Rangiora-Ashley Community Board

**Summary:** The Board is concerned that the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) chose not to fund all the Council projects submitted through the National Land Transport Programme (NLTP), leaving the Council and the community to find the extra funding required to maintain a safe roading network. The Board is also troubled because the Council had to delay capital and maintenance expenditures on roading projects.

The Board generally supports the listed projects; however, it would urge the Council to construct a roundabout at the Boys Road/Tuahiwi Road/Rangiora-Woodend Road intersection as part of the proposed Rangiora Woodend Road Improvements. The intersection has a poor safety record, and the existing layout is confusing and has significant deficiencies. The Board believe that it is likely that these deficiencies will become more evident in the future as the Woodend Bypass is constructed and should more intensive development occur around the Tuahiwi and Ravenswood areas, along with continuing general growth in the district. The Board also wishes to encourage the Council to ensure the high maintenance of the main arterials between towns, such as the Inland Scenic Route 72 between Rangiora and Oxford.

### **Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point.
- 2. Notes** that the Boys Road / Tuahiwi Road / Rangiora Woodend Road is an important intersection within the Transport Network, and connection from north east Rangiora to SH1. This route has seen increasing traffic volumes over a number of years and it is agreed that this will increase once the Woodend Bypass is constructed.
- 3. Notes** the funding for the intersection improvements is within the next National Land Transport Programme period (2027 to 2030).
- 4. Notes** that should national funding continue to be constrained, consideration would need to be given to alternative options for funding important projects in the future.
- 5. Notes** that there are there are land requirements which will need to be worked through before this project can progress.

**Reason for recommendation:** This is an important intersection within the transport network, on a busy corridor which will see increasing volumes of traffic once the Woodend Bypass is open. This will be an important project to progress during the next National Land Transport Programme (NLTP) period (2027 to 2030). Progressing discussions regarding the land required to be able to make the necessary improvements will be critical.

## Transport Funding - 684.2, Dayle Sutherland for Mandeville Sports Club

**Summary:** No Objection

### **Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point.
- 2. Notes** the importance of undertaking safety improvements in a timely manner, to support our growing districts needs.
- 3. Notes** that this is a short-term approach to address a reduction in central government co-funding through the National Land Transport Programme (NLTP).

**4. Notes** that a balanced approach has been taken to re-prioritising projects dependent on project criticality.

**5. Notes** that should further NLTP funding become available, then Council will be well placed to seek this.

**6. Notes** that should national funding continue to be constrained, consideration would need to be given to alternative options for funding important projects in the future.

**Reason for recommendation:** Following the announcement of NLTP funding, a report was taken to Council outlining the shortfalls in funding between what was requested and approved.

The report recommended a balanced approach be taken for how this was managed for the current NLTP period (2024-2027).

The recommended approach was multi-layered and included;

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While this is a short term approach to address the gap, should national funding continue to be constrained, then consideration will need to be given to alternative options for funding important projects in the future.

## Transport Funding - 685.2, Kay Rabe for Woodend Sefton Community Board

**Summary:** The Board supports the projects listed in the consultation document but would like to ensure that the scheduling of the Woodend to Ravenswood project for the 2025/26 financial year is confirmed because the proposed timeline in the consultation document has raised some concern in the community.

The path is scheduled, subject to NZTA safety approval, to be delivered in the 2025/26 financial year as per the decision at the Council meeting on 4 the March 2025. The consultation document, which was prepared before Council made their decision, shows construction is proposed for the 2026/27 financial year. The Board has received assurance from the Roading Manager that the path is scheduled for construction in the 2025/26 financial year, subject to NZTA safety approval, as per Councils' decision on 4 the March 2025.

### **Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point.
- 2. Notes** the Community Board's support for undertaking the Woodend to Ravenswood Walking Connection work as early as possible.
- 3. Agrees** to move the 2024/25 budget to undertake this work into 2025/26.
- 4. Notes** construction is subject to NZ Transport Agency approval, as this work impacts the State Highway network.
- 5. Notes** that staff are actively working to progress this with NZ Transport Agency.



**Reason for recommendation:** The Community Board have been advocating for a walking connection between Woodend and Ravenswood for some time, and a report was taken to Council in March 2025 seeking approval to progress this connection. At the time staff submissions were done, this decision had not been made and budget in this current year had been noted as being moved out to 2026/27. With more certainty in this project proceeding, staff will request the budget be shifted to 2025/26, for construction (next financial year).

#### Transport Funding - 726.2, Kay Rabe for Oxford-Ohoka Community Board

**Summary:** The Board supports the proposal for Bennetts / Tram Road / Oxford Road receiving an upgrade.

The Board would request that the Two Chain Road/Tram Road intersection safety improvements be replaced by No 10 Road / Tram Road intersection. The Board believes that this intersection is more dangerous and in need of urgent attention to mitigate safety concerns. The Board would encourage the Council to invest in driver education in driving on rural roads and intersections. The Board noted that many city-based people are relocating to rural areas and may not be used to traveling on rural roads and judging gaps in traffic given the increased speeds compared to town travel.

The Board also queries what work is to be carried out at Ashley Gorge Road and German Road intersection. The Board was under the impression that a variable speed sign was to be installed.

**Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point.
- 2. Notes** that Tram Rd / No. 10 Road intersection received co-funding from the National Land Transport Programme (NLTP), and that the funding for design is in the 2025/26 financial year, with construction to follow in 2026/27.
- 3. Notes** that Bennetts Rd / Tram Road / Oxford Road intersection, Tram Road / Two Chain Road intersection and Ashley Road / German Road intersections all have budget for design in 2026/27 and construction in 2027/28. These two intersections are likely to include the use of variable speed limits (subject to required approvals) when there is a vehicle on the side road.
- 4. Notes** that Road Safety funding through the National Land Transport Programme (NLTP) has an approved programme including a focus on RIDS (restraints, impairment, distraction and speed) to support Police focus, and for our district there is a focus on young drivers, elderly drivers and motorcycles, all of which are the highest risk groups within our District. Advertising and promotion is no longer funded at a local level, and is led nationally.

**Reason for recommendation:** The Tram Rd / No. 10 Road project received NLTP funding and is in the current programme. Bennetts Rd / Tram Rd / Oxford Rd intersection, Tram Rd / Two Chain Rd intersection and Ashley Rd / German Rd intersections all have funding for design only in this NLTP and will be put forward again for funding as part of the next NLTP. Education related to driving on rural roads and intersections is not currently able to be funded through the Road Safety Programme.

## Transport Funding - 728.1, Edward & Justine Hamilton

**Summary:** After observing several roading projects, what appears to be needed is; far more efficiency and far less traffic management costs. More accountability for cost over runs, time over runs and better use of rate payers money in getting the job done properly the first time and not constantly "patched up". eg. Mill Road, Ohoka (still not complete).

### **Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point.
- 2. Acknowledges** the importance of ensuring work is carried out in an efficient and cost effective manner.
- 3. Notes** that work needs to be done in safely and that COPTTM (Code of Practice for Temporary Traffic Management ) has been the industry guide for working on the road for over 20 years.
- 4. Notes** that a new Guide (NZ Guide to Temporary Traffic Management or NZGTTM) has been trialled by NZ Transport Agency and is slowly starting to be adopted across the construction industry, however this will take time to implement.
- 5. Notes** that this new guide may help reduce costs for lower risk sites, however traffic management is likely to remain at a similar level for high risk sites.
- 6. Notes** that a balance approach needs to be taken to managing the transport network, with repairs to hold and prolong the life of a pavement sometimes being necessary until such time as a full replacement can be programmed and undertaken.

**Reason for recommendation:** The industry guide for temporary traffic management has recently been reviewed and a new Guide has been trialled by NZ Transport Agency and is slowly being implemented across the industry. This will take time to implement. A balance approach needs to be taken to managing the transport network, with repairs to hold and prolong the life of a pavement sometimes being necessary until such time as a full replacement can be programmed and undertaken.

## Transport Funding - 731.2, David Prosser

**Summary:** Simply keep within the budget you have, slowing down expenditure on lower priority items. Encourage use of public transport to reduce congestion, wear and tear, and to reduce reliance on subsidies.

### **Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point.
- 2. Acknowledges** the importance of undertaking improvements in a timely manner, to support safety and our growing districts needs.
- 3. Notes** that this is a short-term approach to address a reduction in central government co-funding through the National Land Transport Programme (NLTP).
- 4. Notes** that a balanced approach has been taken to re-prioritising projects dependent on project criticality.
- 5. Notes** that should further NLTP funding become available, then Council will be well placed to seek this.

**6. Notes** that should national funding continue to be constrained, consideration would need to be given to alternative options for funding important projects in the future.

**7. Notes** that it is important to provide for public transport and alternate modes (such as walking & cycling), so there is choice in how people might travel.

**8. Notes** the provision of an effective and efficient transport network is key to the way we live and work, including providing access to key activity centres, education, and social services. It provides access for our people and freight to move around and through our district.

**9. Notes** that with a growing district there is an increase in the number of people who need to move around the district.

**10. Notes** that there are rating impacts from both improved infrastructure, and also from improvements to public transport services (through Environment Canterbury as the Public Transport provider).

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While this is a short term approach to address the gap, should national funding continue to be constrained, then consideration will need to be given to alternative options for funding important projects in the future.

The transportation network is critical in providing access to key activity centres, education, and social services for our Communities. As we continue to grow as a District, it will be critical for efficiently and effectively use our transport system, including providing access to public transport and alternative modes.

## Transport Funding - 732.2, Ian Brown

**Summary:** When I came to Rangiora in May 1973 we took the train into Christchurch. Why not now?

Buses came on the scene and have been with us ever since. I hardly use Public Transport. I live 10 minutes outside the town and keep driving through the town.

The East side bypass may work, but for now we duck down the west side to miss the awful mess of the traffic planners. Since Jim Gerrard settled on his plan many years ago the town has suffered stupidity and foolishness in traffic planning.

I remember Winston Peters when he was in Tauranga he got the new roads into place BEFORE the snarls eventuated. Rangiora has poured concrete monuments all over the roads which could easily have paid over and over again for new roads.

BUT these snarls are getting to be the usual.

**Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point.
- 2. Notes** the submitter's comment on public transport.
- 3. Notes** that there has been significant work undertaken through the Greater Christchurch Partnership on future public transport needs in conjunction with the Greater Christchurch Spatial Plan, Greater Christchurch Transport Plan and Mass Rapid Transit (MRT) Investigation work, and that this work is ongoing.
- 4. Notes** that concrete pedestrian refuge islands serve the purpose of helping provide a safe place for pedestrians to cross the road in a two stage crossing, which is an entirely different function to building roads which simply accommodates more vehicles. The cost of putting in pedestrian refuges is minimal in comparison with the cost of building new roads.

**Reason for recommendation:** Public Transport has a very important role to play in ensuring the effective use of our transport network going forward. As our district grows there will be more pressure on the transport network and we need to ensure we can efficiently move people around.

The Greater Christchurch Partnership of which Waimakariri District Council is a member, have an agreed vision for public transport which is outlined in the Regional Public Transport Plan. Increased use of public transport has a benefit for the whole community, it provides access to key activity centres and social services for people and can be an attractive alternative to private vehicular travel.

The Greater Christchurch Partnership has adopted the Greater Christchurch Spatial Plan, has developed the Greater Christchurch Transport Plan and is undertaking Mass Rapid Transit planning to inform the future of transportation in the Greater Christchurch area.

Pedestrian refuge islands are put in place to help provide a safe place for pedestrians to cross the road in a two stage crossing, which is an entirely different function to building roads which simply accommodates more vehicles. The cost of putting in pedestrian refuges is minimal in comparison with the cost of building new roads.

## Transport Funding - 733.2, Ross Gargett

**Summary:** Spend road money on the roads not on under used and over engineered cycleways.

**Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point.
- 2. Notes** that Council aims to take a balanced approach to transportation, as this is critical infrastructure needed to support our Communities health & well being.

**3. Notes** that providing walking & cycling infrastructure provides options for alternate modes of transport at low cost, which have health and well being benefits for the Community.

**4. Notes** that this is a short-term approach to address a reduction in central government co-funding through the National Land Transport Programme (NLTP).

**5. Notes** that a balanced approach has been taken to re-prioritising projects dependent on project criticality.

**6. Notes** that should further NLTP funding become available, then Council will be well placed to seek this.

**7. Notes** that should national funding continue to be constrained, consideration would need to be given to alternative options for funding important projects in the future. That the Council only Receives this submission point.

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While this is a short term approach to address the gap, should national funding continue to be constrained, then consideration will need to be given to alternative options for funding important projects in the future.

The current GPS on Transport provides very limited funding investment in Walking & Cycling, and Waimakariri District Council did not receive any funding in this area. Council has however adopted a Walking & Cycling Network Plan which outlines key areas of improvement within the District.

## Transport Funding - 738.2, Joe Holland

**Summary:** Our country New Zealand is in a constant state of debt, central government debt is increasing, and local government (WDC) debt is increasing and we will continue to see a growth in funding shortfalls which will equal more dept. The WDC needs to stop all non core services spending to reduce our debt. Instead the WDC is looking to borrow more given the LGFA, for growth councils which the WDC believes it will be included in, will adopt the 350 percent debt to revenue, from 295 percent.

Its time to work within a budget, look for fiscally prudent ways to manage roads and transport over the three years. What work is critical, and what work is not, what are our needs as a community not wants. Do we need more 'barriers and speed bumps' etc. Do we need more cycle lanes etc.

**Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point.
- 2. Notes** it is important to undertake improvements in a timely manner, to support safety and our growing districts needs.
- 3. Notes** that this is a short-term approach to address a reduction in central government co-funding through the National Land Transport Programme (NLTP).
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While this is a short term approach to address the gap, should national funding continue to be constrained, then consideration will need to be given to alternative options for funding important projects in the future.

## Outside Factors Driving Cost Increases

### Outside Factors Driving Cost Increases - 5.3, Neil Wilkinson

**Summary:** Rate increases are a concern and if this is a mechanism to keep costs down, then progress it.

**Officer recommendations:**

1. **Receive** the submission point.
2. **Notes** that the Council always strives to keep rates affordable, while still fulfilling its responsibilities.

**Reason for recommendation:** It is important to the Council to balance affordability for residents, especially when we know households are under pressure. Rates are a combination of general rates where everyone has access to the services (for example activities such as roading and transportation) and targeted rates only paid by those who receive that activity or service for example, wastewater and rubbish collection.

### Outside Factors Driving Cost Increases - 8.3, geoff sperry

**Summary:** Council is out of control No budget Looking for more ways to incur more debt

**Officer recommendations:**

1. **Receive** this submission point.
2. **Notes** that the Council always strives to keep rates affordable, while still fulfilling its responsibilities. The Council prepares a Long- Term-Plan every three years which includes budgets for the following 10 years. Each year a budget for the upcoming year is prepared as part of the Annual Plan process. The Council uses debt as a tool to spread the cost of assets over time. The Council is responsible for three waters, recreation and roading assets in the District. The Council's debt was forecast in the Long Term Plan to remain under 180% of its revenues, which is a conservative level of debt for a Council which experiences constant growth.

**Reason for recommendation:** It is important to the Council to balance affordability for residents, especially when we know households are under pressure, without compromising our position as a financially prudent Council that plans for growth as well as the maintenance and replacement of community assets.



## Outside Factors Driving Cost Increases - 9.4, Anonymous

**Summary:** This makes putting a hold on the development of any further reserves and cycle tracks imperative then!

The users of them do not pay - WDC via RATEPAYERS pays, and we have had enough of these unnecessary expenses. We have more than enough reserves and cycle tracks, and they are seldom used anyway. What's more the ratepayers never had a choice when THEIR MONEY was wasted on these items. We must stick to the USER PAYS POLICIES: as WDC has pointed out above, they have too many high value assets now - that ratepayers paid for.

### **Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point.

**2. Notes** that the Council strives to keep rates affordable while still fulfilling its responsibilities. The Council provides a range of facilities and amenities which support community health, fitness and improved quality of life. It incorporates a diverse range of community buildings, parks and reserves and streetscape features such as trees and gardens. These settings encourage constructive use of leisure time and provide opportunities for positive social interaction as well as promotion of biodiversity within the parks and reserves.

### **Reason for recommendation:**

## Outside Factors Driving Cost Increases - 10.3, Sam Fisher

**Summary:** having worked in local Government I understand that the infrastructure costs just go up. For what i pay in Rates annually I couldn't buy water, repair the roads i use, maintain a sewerage system send dispose of all my refuse. It's not WMKs fault every thing is expensive. Govts changes in the last 20 years have cost local authorities a significant amount so in effect, every New Zealander.

can i urge Council to maintain the rates rebates capacity and possibly increase the partial options?

is there a way to value the services a rate payer gets but IF they used the private market or equipment to do it?. The booking system to go to a Paris Park with the kids for an hour might focus minds.

roading costs will continue or climb, if for no other reason than NZ roads are not wide enough of SUV widths and weights, and our roads are years and years away from being ai driverless car safe.

### **Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point.

**Reason for recommendation:** the Council has proposed to remove the rates discount, which is offered if rates are paid in full at the first instalment. The rates rebate is a scheme run by the Government which pays rates on behalf of low income earners, and the Council does not control this, but does administer it. A calculation of the value of services a ratepayer gets if it were supplied by a private market has not been attempted, but it would be an interesting exercise.

## Outside Factors Driving Cost Increases - 18.3, Swati Naidu

**Summary:** While it is acknowledge that increased asset values lead to higher depreciation and insurance costs, rising taxed should not be the solution. Ratepayers are already facing financial pressures due to inflation, rising living costs, add economic uncertainty. Instead of increasing taxes, the council should focus on cost efficiencies, better financial management, and prioritizing essential projects. Exploring alternative revenue streams, such as public-private partnerships or central government funding, could help cover these costs without placing additional burdens on residents.

**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point.

**2. Notes** that the Council strives to keep rates affordable, while fulfilling its responsibilities. The Council has a range of funding mechanisms including rates, fees and external funding. The Council seeks to maximise its revenue from Central government. There has been a drop in the funding received from NZ Transport Agency across New Zealand. The Council has changed its roading programme to work within the available budget. The Council has obtained a government grant to construct a new 32 unit complex for Council's Housing Elderly service.

**Reason for recommendation:** The Council acknowledges that it is important to balance affordability for residents while remaining financially prudent.

## Outside Factors Driving Cost Increases - 19.3, Brian Warren

**Summary:** The proposed strategy is both conservative and appropriate. Care will need to be taken to ensure Council debt remains affordable given interest rates historically lay within the 3% to 7% range so we can't afford to get the sort of threshold limits deemed "acceptable" for domestic mortgages

**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point.

**2. Notes** that the Council strives to keep rates affordable, while fulfilling its responsibilities.

**Reason for recommendation:** Debt is used to fund the capital expenditure on Council's assets to provide the necessary infrastructure for the District ,and the Long Term Plan has forecast debt to remain within Receiveed limits

## Outside Factors Driving Cost Increases - 45.3, Nick Wood

**Summary:** well, what are you doing to get a better deal on insurance?

has this been through proper procurement process?

But this also means we can't afford to waste money on crap like cycleways, climate change initiatives, wellbeing vagaries, and other nonsense activities not related to roads, 3 waters and rubbish.

**Officer recommendations:**

1. **Receive** this submission point.
2. **Notes** that the Council uses an insurance broker, Marsh New Zealand, to negotiate for its insurance cover. Marsh are risk advisors and insurance brokers, and leverage their relationships with the market and global scale to secure the best value on behalf of the Council.
3. **Notes** the Council strives to keep rates affordable, while fulfilling its responsibilities. These responsibilities are wider than roads, 3 water and rubbish and includes providing community buildings, aquatic centres, parks, libraries and regulatory responsibilities like building and resource consenting, food and liquor licensing, animal control and emergency management.

**Reason for recommendation:** It is important to the Council to balance affordability for residents without compromising our position as a financially prudent Council that plans for growth as well as the maintenance and replacement of community assets.

### Outside Factors Driving Cost Increases - 47.3, Anonymous

**Summary:** keep making sure rates increases are manageable/reasonable to keep people investing in the district as rates already seem high.

**Officer recommendations:**

1. **Receive** this submission point.
2. **Notes** that the Council will always strive to keep rates affordable in the District, while fulfilling its responsibilities.

**Reason for recommendation:**

### Outside Factors Driving Cost Increases - 585.3, Anonymous

**Summary:** The rise in the valuation of key infrastructure assets such as roads, reserves, and water plants is understandable given inflationary pressures, growth, and increased construction costs. However, I am concerned about how these valuation increases are flowing through to significantly higher depreciation and insurance costs — costs that ultimately fall back on ratepayers.

While asset revaluations are a standard accounting requirement, they do not reflect a direct improvement in service delivery or functionality. In other words, the community isn't receiving "more" — we're simply paying more to maintain the same assets, due to accounting treatments and rising insurance premiums.

To manage this, I encourage the Council to:

- Explore alternative depreciation strategies , such as reviewing asset lifespans or smoothing depreciation expenses over longer periods where appropriate and responsible.
- Ensure a transparent link between asset values and service outcomes , so ratepayers can understand what they are getting for the increased cost.

- Work collaboratively with other councils to secure better insurance terms through pooled risk or bulk negotiations.
- Advocate for national reform in how infrastructure insurance is structured, especially for critical public assets, which are increasingly expensive to insure due to climate change and market volatility.

It's important that asset revaluations don't become a hidden driver of unsustainable cost increases, particularly if those costs are largely administrative or risk-based rather than reflective of actual upgrades or improvements for the community.

**Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point.
- 2. Notes** the Local Government Act requires the Council to balance its budget, which means to have enough revenue to cover its expense.
- 3. Notes** that there is work being done at a central government level on an all of government insurance brokering contract that the Council will be eligible to join, The Council will review this, to look for any advantage to the Council.

**Reason for recommendation:** Depreciation is an accounting concept and the Council must follow accounting principals when applying it. The Council has a policy to ring-fence rates received for depreciation for funding the renewals of assets. This policy is not widely known and would be the link between depreciation and service as ratepayers will recognise the importance of renewing assets as they age.

## Outside Factors Driving Cost Increases - 586.3, Diana Hawkins

**Summary:** I find the issue of valuation on infrastructure curious. Once in place it has no "value" except as it's current state for current use. It's not like you can pick it up and move it or sell it for someone's use. However, the cost of not having functional infrastructure is immense, and replacement costs are greater than original costs typically. The real issue is whether the depreciation is reflective of the expected life of the infrastructure, and whether those depreciation funds are invested appropriately to ensure timely upgrades. I do not know enough about how WDC values infrastructure, nor how it invests those depreciation funds to comment on how "realistic " the details are.

**Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point.

**Reason for recommendation:** Both revaluation and depreciation are required under accounting rules and the Council must follow accounting principals when applying them. The Council has a policy to ring-fence rates received for depreciation for funding the renewals of assets. This policy is the link between depreciation and service as ratepayers will recognise the importance of renewing assets as they age.

#### Outside Factors Driving Cost Increases - 587.3, Anonymous

**Summary:** Continue partial funding of depreciation

**Officer recommendations:**

1. **Receive** this submission point.

**Reason for recommendation:** The submitter's agreement is noted

#### Outside Factors Driving Cost Increases - 589.3, Mary Sparrow

**Summary:** Budgeting for depreciation is critical as it is the way in which current users make a contribution to the ongoing maintenance of infrastructure. The failure of many local authorities to maintain their infrastructure assets can be seen as attributable at least in part to a failure to budget for depreciation. With out having retained funds to meet maintenance costs sees many local authorities faced with prohibitive costs to renew rundown assets. The Waimakariri District Council must avoid facing this situation in future.

**Officer recommendations:**

1. **Receive** this submission point.
2. **Notes** that the Council has a policy that rates received for depreciation are ring-fenced to spend on the renewal of assets. This will maintain infrastructure assets.

**Reason for recommendation:** Rates for depreciation are ring-fenced in renewal funds for future renewals of assets.

#### Outside Factors Driving Cost Increases - 591.3, Anonymous

**Summary:** This is something everyone has to face regardless of where the actual expense lands, i.e. our own household spending or Council spending. I believe a good balance is being struck under these circumstances.

**Officer recommendations:**

1. **Receive** this submission point.

**Reason for recommendation:** The submitter's agreement is noted

#### Outside Factors Driving Cost Increases - 633.3, Kay Rabe for Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board

**Summary:** The Board understands the pressures put on current budgets given the increase in insurance, material and other outside influences and sees no way to mitigate that which is the price of doing business in the current financial climate. The Board supports the Council in their management of these factors to the best of its ability.

**Officer recommendations:**

1. **Receive** this submission point.

**Reason for recommendation:** The submitter's agreement is noted

## Outside Factors Driving Cost Increases - 635.3, Anonymous

**Summary:** I support the Council's preferred course of action in this space. I appreciate the comparison between Council and NZ's retail banks in order to provide some context to our financial situation.

**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point.

**Reason for recommendation:** The submitter's agreement is noted

## Outside Factors Driving Cost Increases - 680.3, Thea Kunkel for Rangiora-Ashley Community Board

**Summary:** The Board wishes to commend the Council for keeping the proposed rates at 4.98% in this challenging economic climate. The Board believes that the average Waimakariri household cannot absorb extra financial burdens.

The Board acknowledges the growing pressure on the Council to deliver services and infrastructure at an affordable rate, given the increase in insurance, material and other outside influences, which seem to be the cost of doing business in the current financial climate. It accepts the Council's need to incur debt to balance affordability for residents without compromising its position as a financially prudent Council. The Board believe that debt allows for intergenerational expenditure and is satisfied that the Council's 1.3:1 debt-to-income ratio is well under the Government threshold for a growth council. Especially as this is backed up by community-owned assets (roads, reserves, water plants, etc.) valued at approximately \$2.8 billion. The Board also noted that approximately \$100 million of the debt was for earthquake relief. The Board is confident that the Council is in financially good shape, as confirmed by the credit rating agency Standard and Poor's, which confirmed its AA-/A-1+. Hence, the Board urges the Council to keep its Financial Strategy set out in its 2024-34 Long Term Plan.

**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point.

**2. Notes** that the Long-Term Plan sets out a financial plan that balances affordability for residents while delivering on the services and infrastructure. The capital programme will maintain the District's infrastructure while keeping the debt to income ratio within Receiveable limits.

**Reason for recommendation:** The Council strives to keep rates affordable while fulfilling its responsibilities.

Outside Factors Driving Cost Increases - 684.3, Dayle Sutherland for Mandeville Sports Club

**Summary:** Agree in principle

**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point.

**Reason for recommendation:** The submitter's agreement is noted

Outside Factors Driving Cost Increases - 685.3, Kay Rabe for Woodend Sefton Community Board

**Summary:** The Board understands the pressures put on current budgets given the increase in insurance, material and other outside influences and sees no way to mitigate that which is the price of doing business in the current financial climate. The Board supports the Council in their management of these factors to the best of its ability.

**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point.

**Reason for recommendation:** The Council strives to keep rates affordable while fulfilling its responsibilities.

Outside Factors Driving Cost Increases - 726.3, Kay Rabe for Oxford-Ohoka Community Board

**Summary:** The Board understands the pressures put on current budgets given the increase in insurance, material and other outside influences and sees no way to mitigate that which is the price of doing business in the current financial climate.

The Board supports the Council in their management of these factors to the best of its ability, however requests that Council continue to review depreciation costs to ensure that budgets do not fall to far behind.

**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point.

**2. Notes** that the Council has a plan to increase the funding of depreciation which is reflected in the Long-Term Plan.

**Reason for recommendation:** The Council strives to keep rates affordable while fulfilling its responsibilities.



### Outside Factors Driving Cost Increases - 731.3, David Prosser

**Summary:** Depreciation is not cash spent - it's just a fact of life (increasing) in an inflationary world. Insure what is necessary - cost is outside of the Council's direct control.

**Officer recommendations:**

1. **Receive** this submission point.
2. **Notes** that the Council rates for depreciation as it is required to under the Local Government Act.

**Reason for recommendation:** The rates raised for depreciation are ring-fenced for the renewal of assets, this ensures that the infrastructure network is suitable for the District. The Council uses an insurance broker, Marsh New Zealand to negotiate for its insurance cover. Marsh are risk advisors and insurance brokers, and leverage their relationships with the market and global scale to secure the best value on behalf of the Council.

### Outside Factors Driving Cost Increases - 732.3, Ian Brown

**Summary:** Your Councillors have a love affair or shares in the concrete company. For goodness sake stop pouring monuments and dangerous concrete impediments over every road. Now that is a great way to save ratepayers increases for a start.

**Officer recommendations:**

1. **Receive** this submission point.
2. **Notes** that it is important to undertake improvements in a timely manner, to support safety and our growing districts needs.
3. **Acknowledges** that the Council must balance affordability for residents while delivering on the services and infrastructure that makes Waimakariri a great place to live.

**Reason for recommendation:**

### Outside Factors Driving Cost Increases - 736.3, Martin Pinkham

**Summary:** Most of the Council's assets are not paid for by WDC in the first instance but are funded directly by developers or by development contributions. However, it would be irresponsible not to account for the depreciation of all assets as they will need to be replaced over time. Likewise not insuring assets would be irresponsible, but the level of insurance needs to accurately reflect the risk to those assets, and a certain level of self insurance is perfectly acceptable.

**Officer recommendations:**

1. **Receive** this submission point.
2. **Notes** that rates for depreciation are ring-fenced to be spent on the renewals of assets, which helps to maintain the standard of its infrastructure network.
3. **Notes** that the Council uses an insurance broker to get appropriate insurance for its assets.

**Reason for recommendation:** The Council uses an insurance broker, Marsh New Zealand to negotiate for its insurance cover. Marsh NZ are risk advisors and insurance brokers, and leverage their relationships with the market and global scale to secure the best value on behalf of the Council. The Council works with Marsh to get appropriate insurance for its assets.

#### Outside Factors Driving Cost Increases - 738.3, Joe Holland

**Summary:** The WDC does not provide any explanation to identify the outside factors driving cost increases. What are they? Why are the costs going up and why are ratepayers continually paying more for services? For how long and will our rates continue to rise? When will the debt be paid? What are the WDC plans to reduce debt?

The WDC does not own a single piece of land, it is merely tasked at the caretaker of the land and the assets. Instead the WDC commands a position as it does hold assets to borrow more against, to put the public more in debt. Its assets are 'the people of Waimakariri's assets'.

**Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point.
- 2. Notes** that the consultation document states that growing insurance premiums and inflation are making balancing the budget a challenge. Local Government inflation continues to run higher than CPI. The Local Government Cost Index (LGCI) is 3.4% compared to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) which is now 2.2%. As asset values have inflated, insurance premiums need to rise sharply — and this has been between 12% and 30% in the last few years.
- 3. Notes** that the Council budget balances affordability for residents while delivering on the services and infrastructure that makes Waimakariri a great place to live.

**Reason for recommendation:** It is important to the Council to balance affordability for residents without compromising our position as a financially prudent Council that plans for growth as well as the maintenance and replacement of community assets.

## Rating Policy Changes

### Rating Policy Changes - 4.3, Mell Cassidy

**Summary:** i think that stupid. you should change the cut off amount for the rebate instead as its too low, especially for single income families. The price of the rates are getting ridiculous.

**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point.

**Reason for recommendation:** The rates rebate threshold is set by Central Government and reviewed annually

### Rating Policy Changes - 5.4, Neil Wilkinson

**Summary:** I would oppose removing the early payment discount especially given the benefit of an additional \$195k. This is an incentive that should be retained. I have no view on the remission aspect

**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point.

**Reason for recommendation:** The \$195,000 referred to in the Consultation Document is the cost of providing the discount, not the benefit to Council.

### Rating Policy Changes - 6.3, Anonymous

**Summary:** I think the rate should stay the same no reduction for second dwelling

**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point.

**Reason for recommendation:** Council is consulting on the process by which the reduction in rates for the second dwelling is applied and not on whether or not there should be rates relief for the second dwelling.

### Rating Policy Changes - 8.4, geoff sperry

**Summary:** stop wasting money Be efficient Too many high not needed salary

**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point.

**Reason for recommendation:** The principles of eliminating waste, efficiency and appropriate staffing levels are important to Council.

## Rating Policy Changes - 9.5, Anonymous

**Summary:** It is very unfair to penalise property owners who are trying to ease the housing shortage by putting secondary dwellings in place.

Especially when these secondary dwellings house people over 65 (our aging population, many of whom struggle to sustain housing), and disabled people who also face a shortage of suitable housing. If a secondary dwelling is housing these vulnerable populations the rates must not be doubled, as that is very unfair. Rates are set on total property value, not the value of each dwelling. So when you double the rates because it contains 2 dwellings (as is my experience) then you are cheating and stealing because the value of the secondary dwelling is just \$80,000 not \$640,000 - i.e.. the total property value. It also forces rental prices to increase as these rates must be paid.

**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point.

**Reason for recommendation:** Council is consulting on the process by which the reduction in rates for the second dwelling is applied and not on whether or not there should be rates relief for the second dwelling.

## Rating Policy Changes - 10.4, Sam Fisher

**Summary:** I support Council removing the 4% discount and recognising the issue of second home owners. I would like or assume this is for the farmer with a second house for family, holidays, and workers, not further incentivising property investors.

**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point.

**Reason for recommendation:** The concession on second dwellings applies only where the two dwellings are contained on the same rating unit and are not available to be let.

## Rating Policy Changes - 11.1, John O'Brien

**Summary:** I believe that the plan is a realistic approach and are pleased that ownership of the water assets remain with the Council. These have been invested in over the years whereas several larger areas with large portions of reclaimed land on which multi storied buildings are now built and more are planned have not. We try to pay our rates by due date even though the discount is minor. Should the discount be removed how does the council plan to encourage prompt payment and what will be the interest cost to Council for the delay in receipt of rate payments? We appreciate living in Pegasus with a progressive area council.

**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point.

**Reason for recommendation:** The number of ratepayers paying their rates evenly over the year by direct debit and other means has been steadily increasing with a positive effect on cash flow. Payment of rates by direct debit is being actively promoted, this spreads the rates payments evenly over the year at the ratepayer's preferred frequency providing a consistent cash flow. Saving the cost of providing a discount at the start of the financial year will offset any benefit received from rates paid early. It is expected that some ratepayers may still make one annual payment, however most are likely to move to either quarterly, monthly or fortnightly payments.

#### Rating Policy Changes - 12.3, Ross Lawrence McPherson

**Summary:** agree

**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point.

**Reason for recommendation:** The submitter's agreement is noted

#### Rating Policy Changes - 13.3, Anonymous

**Summary:** Not impressed with removal of early payment option. If people pay their rates in full early, the council have those funds available to invest and earn interest for longer.

**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point.

**Reason for recommendation:** Potential interest earnings on rates paid in advance falls short of the amount granted in discount by around 50%. Interest rates are expected to fall over the coming year which would increase this deficit further. In previous years Council has budgeted an amount to cover the rates discount that has been funded by all ratepayers. A survey of other Councils in 2024 found only two others providing a discount for the early payment of rates.

#### Rating Policy Changes - 18.4, Swati Naidu

**Summary:** While supporting initiatives that ease financial pressure on ratepayers is important, removing the early payment discount will penalize those who plan ahead and pay on time. Instead of shifting this burden onto residents, the Council should explore alternative ways to recover the estimated \$195,000 shortfall. This could include improving operations efficiencies, reducing non-essential expenditures, or seeking additional funding sources. Maintaining incentives for responsible ratepayers while providing remission options for secondary dwellings strikes a better balance without increasing overall rates

**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point.

**Reason for recommendation:** The rates discount is a benefit for ratepayers who are able to pay their rates early, not for those that pay on time. It is funded by all ratepayers. Effort is made through the budgeting process to find operational efficiencies and alternative funding sources (generally user fees) so that services can be provided at a reasonable cost to all ratepayers. In 2024/25, excluding Council owned properties, the discount was granted to 1,913 ratepayers on 2,166 properties (7% of the rating base).

#### Rating Policy Changes - 19.4, Brian Warren

**Summary:** I agree and thus support both proposed rating policy changes

**Officer recommendations:**

1. **Receive** this submission point.

**Reason for recommendation:** The submitter's agreement is noted

#### Rating Policy Changes - 20.2, Robert Devlin

**Summary:** agree

**Officer recommendations:**

1. **Receive** this submission point.

**Reason for recommendation:** The submitter's agreement is noted

#### Rating Policy Changes - 45.4, Nick Wood

**Summary:** These terms are acceptable. So long as it is not an honesty based system.... there needs to be some effort by those wanting relief to apply for it - as appears to currently be the case.

**Officer recommendations:**

1. **Receive** this submission point.

**Reason for recommendation:** Agreement to the removal of the early payment discount is noted

#### Rating Policy Changes - 47.4, Anonymous

**Summary:** If this is removed, as currently "the cost of the discount is met by the balance of ratepayers", will this then be a benefit to the "rest of rate payers"? Or will the council be simply adding revenue? If it is a benefit to the rest of the ratepayers, then that is agreeable. If not, what does the council loose in not having those funds right away, and waiting for them to come over the year?

**Officer recommendations:**

1. **Receive** this submission point.

**Reason for recommendation:** Council currently budgets \$195,000, funded by all ratepayers, to cover a rates discount to the approximately 8% of ratepayers (including Council owned properties) that pay their rates early. The benefit to all ratepayers of not funding the discount is that there are either savings of \$195,000 or this amount could be used to fund activities that provide a wider benefit.

## Rating Policy Changes - 49.2, Steve Wilkinson

**Summary:** Early Payment Discount – Retain It: It's Financially Neutral, Not a Real Saving

Council proposes to remove the 4% early payment discount, stating it would save \$195,000.

I believe this is a misleading claim. The rebate is not a net cost — it is a neutral transaction that delivers real financial benefit.

When I and others pay early, Council receives millions of dollars upfront — money that improves cash flow, reduces the need for short-term borrowing, or can be placed on deposit to earn interest.

Example:

If \$4.875 million is received early (based on the 4% rebate), and that capital is invested or offsets borrowing at even 4% interest, Council saves ~\$195,000 — exactly matching the rebate amount.

There is no real loss — and in many years, this is likely a net gain.

In addition:

- It encourages responsible payment behaviour.
- It supports those who prefer certainty and annual payments (e.g. retirees).
- It reduces risk and reliance on short-term funding.

Recommendation : Retain the 4% early payment discount. It pays for itself. If savings are needed, look to genuinely non-essential spending.

### **Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point.

**Reason for recommendation:** The example given achieves financial neutrality if the funds are invested at 4% for the whole year. The rates collected as a result of claiming the discount are not received one year early. One quarter is received on time, with the remaining quarters being received 3 months in advance, 6 months in advance and 9 months in advance. This reduces the interest income in the example to \$73,125. The option to make annual payments will still be available if the discount is removed. Direct debit is an alternative payment type that encourages responsible behaviour and provides certainty to payers.



#### Rating Policy Changes - 50.3, Peter Drake

**Summary:** agree. Homeowners should pay full rates on all their properties

**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point.

**Reason for recommendation:** Agreement to the removal of the early payment discount is noted

#### Rating Policy Changes - 367.2, Mary Farrelly

**Summary:** I would be very sorry to see the discount removed. Could it not be kept for the primary dwelling? Most of us do not have the luxury of a second dwelling.

**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point.

**Reason for recommendation:** The discount policy that is proposed to end on 30 June 2025 provides a discount for early payment of the total years rates by the due date of the first instalment. This discount applies regardless of whether there are dwellings or other improvements on a property. The multiple dwelling rates reduction is applied to address inequity in the rating system.

#### Rating Policy Changes - 426.2, Sonia Pettigrew

**Summary:** agree

**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point.

**Reason for recommendation:** If the submitter does not have a second dwelling, the multiple dwelling charges will not apply.

#### Rating Policy Changes - 442.2, Lousie & Rodger Collins & Skerten

**Summary:** The new remission proposal does not reduce the admin. for the owner, as an application will still need to be submitted to WDC to "credit" the rates instalments.

The proposal suggests that this application would need to be submitted at the time of each 1/4ly invoice is sent from Council, placing the burden on the owner to repeatedly inform the WDC of 2nd dwelling status and possibly lead to this being missed, or rates being paid late, which negates the credit for paying rates early. The status quo where each owner fills out the 2nd Dwelling declaration at the beginning of each financial year, so that the 2nd Dwelling rates are removed from annual rates, is a one time correction, clearer to both parties allowing owners to budget the paying of 1/4ly rates.

It is noted that receiving this letter from WDC on the 10th April, with feedback required by 21 April would suggest WDC has already made this decision and owners do not, in fact have any input to this decision.

**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point.

**Reason for recommendation:** The proposed rates remission policy will still require the ratepayer to complete an annual declaration of occupancy to qualify for the rates reduction on the second dwelling. There is reduced administration work for the Council during a busy period. A remission provides more transparency as both the full rates and remission amounts will be shown on the assessment notice. The remission will be processed to the rates as part of the annual rates assessment and each instalment notice will show the amount to pay net of the remission.

Rating Policy Changes - 509.1, Drucilla Kingi-Patterson

**Summary:** If you pay your rates early should get a discount

**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point.

**Reason for recommendation:** The current economic climate does not make it feasible to continue to offer a discount for the early payment of rates. Council considers there are other priorities for the \$195,000 that was budgeted to cover the rates discount.

Rating Policy Changes - 517.3, Anna Williams

**Summary:** I do not support this change and prefer maintenance at the status quo. An additional extra outlay, then request for remission is more money out of our home/ income, more administration for us and less ability for us to invest our own money/ earn interest if its there. This would be a significant inconvenience for us, as home owners of a secondary dwelling on our property.

**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point.

**Reason for recommendation:** The submitter's agreement is noted.

Rating Policy Changes - 518.1, Janette Griffiths

**Summary:** Please make it possible for a rates remission for a secondary dwelling with mixed use. Eg 1/4 of the year our second dwelling is used by family members coming to stay and the rest of the time its a STR. But we pay second dwelling rates for the whole year. We are unfortunately paying the additional rates when family are using it. Your letter states you will apply a remission credit for those eligible so this is where you could achieve this. Similar to depreciation, we provide a % business use. Also, please consider, just because its available to be booked for 3/4 of the year it doesn't mean that it is!! Occupancy is nowhere near that of a hotel or motel. I'm lucky if i get 30%. In saying that, my guests are contributing to the local economy - buying takeaways, dining out, shopping etc so the community benefits.

**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point.

**Reason for recommendation:** The rates remission will be applied on an annual basis to fit with the annual rates assessment. Rating legislation requires rates to be set on the information in the rating information database on 1 July in each year. Changes that occur after this date take effect the following year. Ratepayers will be asked to make an annual declaration regarding the use of the secondary dwelling.

#### Rating Policy Changes - 585.4, Anonymous

**Summary:** While I support the Council's intent to make rates policies more transparent and equitable, I do have concerns about the potential downsides of the proposed changes.

##### 1. Secondary Dwelling Remission Policy

Introducing a formal remission for secondary dwellings could unintentionally reduce the rates base, placing more pressure on other ratepayers or reducing available funding for services. Even with clear criteria, there's a risk of inconsistent application or the policy being exploited, particularly in cases where informal rental arrangements are difficult to verify.

It's also worth considering that some ratepayers may view this as favouring those who own multiple dwellings — an advantage not available to most households. This could create a sense of inequity unless the policy is well-monitored and transparently applied.

##### 2. Removal of the Early Payment Discount

Eliminating the 4% early payment discount may improve fairness in theory, but it could have unintended financial and reputational consequences. The discount has served as an incentive for prompt payment and supported Council cashflow stability. Removing it may discourage early payments and increase administrative burden through a higher number of late or partial payments.

Additionally, some ratepayers who have relied on the discount for budgeting purposes — including older residents or those on fixed incomes — may feel unfairly penalised, especially if the change is not clearly communicated in advance.

If the discount is removed, I would urge the Council to:

Offer clear, flexible payment options to help households adapt,

Provide a grace period or phased approach,

And ensure any financial gain from the change is transparently reinvested into improving services or offsetting rate increases.

#### **Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point.

**Reason for recommendation:**

1. The reduction in rates for secondary dwellings has been operating for many years and is a common remission policy when Councils assess rates on separately used or inhabited part of a rating unit. Managing this through a remission policy strengthens the process and adds more transparency to decision makers about the level of financial assistance.
2. Removal of the discount for early payment is expected to reduce the amount of rates collected early, however it is not likely to result in a higher level of non-payment as the individuals that have claimed the discount in the past are prompt payers and will select another suitable payment option. There are financial penalties in place for late payment of rates.

**Rating Policy Changes - 586.4, Diana Hawkins**

**Summary:** Regarding second dwelling reductions, nothing in the statement provided suggests it is easier for rate payers, but it definitely suggests it'll be more efficient and cost effective for the council. That is a good thing, but to suggest it is better for the home owner is misleading. Be honest! Regarding the discount on rates paid in full early. I don't believe this is really a cost to the council, and if it's 6 if one or 1/2 a dozen of the other, why alienate a small bit possibly vocal portion of the population? Once again be honest!

**Officer recommendations:**

1. **Receive** this submission point.

**Reason for recommendation:** The proposed remission policy is more transparent for ratepayers because they will see the full rates on their rates assessment together with the amount of remission. It will also be easier for purchasers of these properties to understand how the rating system works. The people that fill in the application forms and return them on time will experience very little change in effort.

The early payment discount was a cost to the Council. An expense of \$195,000 has been removed from the rates activity budget. Interest earned on rates paid early and transactional savings did not cover the cost of the discount.

**Rating Policy Changes - 587.4, Anonymous**

**Summary:** Disagree with rates remission for secondary dwellings Agree with removal of discount for paying rates early

**Officer recommendations:**

1. **Receive** this submission point.

**Reason for recommendation:** Council is consulting on the process by which the reduction in rates for a second dwelling is applied and not on whether there should be rates relief for the second dwelling. Agreement to discontinuing the early payment discount is noted.

#### Rating Policy Changes - 591.4, Anonymous

**Summary:** The secondary dwelling proposal doesn't actually explain how, if at all, the compliance/notification process changes. I agree with changes to simplify and minimise cost from the administration perspective but if this doesn't change what we need to do, why bother consulting? The very reason we have a secondary dwelling is to meet the needs of a family member with a degenerative disease with declining mental capacity, so explaining the process and obtaining an informed signature is becoming more difficult each year. Please also consider options for a declaration by the ratepayer rather than the occupant.

**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point.

**Reason for recommendation:** There are minor changes to the compliance notification process. The new application form will have some additional questions to ensure the remission is accurately targeted. This will be clearly explained to ratepayers when the application forms are sent out. Staff will work with families where there are special circumstances to ensure remissions are fairly granted.

#### Rating Policy Changes - 593.2, Edward Benton

**Summary:** I don't see why there should be a Rates Remission on owning a second dwelling.

A rate payer owning a single dwelling pays the full rate.

To own a second property is a choice that person makes and paying a full rate on that property is their choice.

Having spent that much money purchasing a second property the rates charge would be a small part of the total paid.

**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point.

**Reason for recommendation:** Council is consulting on the process by which the reduction in rates for the second dwelling is applied and not on whether or not there should be rates relief for the second dwelling. There is a range of circumstances that result in multiple dwellings on a single rating unit, and not providing a remission could also cause inequity.

#### Rating Policy Changes - 633.4, Kay Rabe for Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board

**Summary:** While the Board prefers the current rating system which gives residents options in paying rates it understands the Council's reasoning in the current financial situation. The Board supports the proposed Remission Policy as an effective and efficient process.

**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point.

**Reason for recommendation:** Support is noted. Ratepayers will be reminded of the full range of payment methods.

#### Rating Policy Changes - 635.4, Anonymous

**Summary:** I do not support this change in policy. Owning a second dwelling, even if it is on the same title, is a privilege. A remission to people in such a situation is regressive - giving a break to those who arguably need it less. In addition, I believe it undermines the user pays model - two homes still require infrastructure capacity and the occupants all still reap the rewards of our ratepaying. Furthermore, I am not confident that people who stand to benefit from this remission will not take unfair advantage of this change. How are the properties being checked? What if a property is being rented, or is only occupied sometimes? Without checks and balances in place, it seems as though this would be fairly easy to game.

**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point.

**Reason for recommendation:** Council is consulting on the process by which the reduction in rates for the second dwelling is applied and not on whether or not there should be rates relief for the second dwelling. The new application form will require additional detail from the ratepayer.

#### Rating Policy Changes - 680.4, Thea Kunkel for Rangiora-Ashley Community Board

**Summary:** The Board supports introducing a Rating Remission Policy under which the multiple charges will remain on the rates assessment, and a remission credit will be applied for second dwellings that meet the eligibility criteria. Thereby, making it easier for ratepayers eligible for a rates reduction for their second dwelling to apply for the reduction. The Board also supports the removal of the 4% discount for early rate payment.

**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point.

**Reason for recommendation:** Support is noted

#### Rating Policy Changes - 684.4, Dayle Sutherland for Mandeville Sports Club

**Summary:** Agree in Principle

**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point.

**Reason for recommendation:** If the submitter does not have a second dwelling, the multiple dwelling charges will not apply.

#### Rating Policy Changes - 685.4, Kay Rabe for Woodend Sefton Community Board

**Summary:** While the Board prefers the current system of providing a discount for early payment of rates, which gives residents options in paying rates, it understands the Council's reasoning for removing the discount in the current financial situation. The Board supports the proposed Rating Remission Policy for secondary dwellings as an effective and efficient process.

**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point.

**Reason for recommendation:** Residents will still have the opportunity to pay the total rates in one annual amount, although this will have to be completed by the penalty date of the first instalment to avoid penalty charges. A range of payment options are currently in place.

#### Rating Policy Changes - 726.4, Kay Rabe for Oxford-Ohoka Community Board

**Summary:** While the Board prefers the current rating system which gives residents options in paying rates it understands the Council's reasoning in the current financial situation. The Board supports the proposed Remission Policy as an effective and efficient process.

**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point.

**Reason for recommendation:** There are a number of options available to pay rates, including by direct debit spread across the rating year. If the discount is discontinued ratepayers will be reminded of the range of payment options.

#### Rating Policy Changes - 727.3, Wayne Hawkyard

**Summary:** i do not see why there should be a reduction in rates for a second dwelling. It appears to me that the costs of councils services to a property do not reduce just because someone owns another property in the district. The \$195K income reduction could be spent on improving services for all.

**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point.

**Reason for recommendation:** If the submitter does not have a second dwelling, the multiple dwelling charges will not apply.



#### Rating Policy Changes - 728.2, Edward & Justine Hamilton

**Summary:** We don't approve of the discount and it should be better awarded to those who pay on time, eg contact energy who pay a discount % if paid by due date, not ages in advance.

**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point.

**Reason for recommendation:** The cost of providing a meaningful discount to those that paid on time would be well in excess of the current discount expense and would significantly increase the cost of rates collection.

#### Rating Policy Changes - 731.4, David Prosser

**Summary:** The discount gets cash in the hands of Council earlier in the rating cycle and reduces transaction costs for all parties. I would like to see it retained, even if it were reduced slightly.

**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point.

**Reason for recommendation:** While it is helpful to receive early payment, the benefit of receiving some rates early does not outweigh the cost of providing the discount.

#### Rating Policy Changes - 732.4, Ian Brown

**Summary:** If you did this many would be pleased but stop the concrete would be even better. I have asked under the Official Information Act about the cost of concrete BUT NO REPLY to my question months ago.

**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point.

**Reason for recommendation:** The submission does not directly address the topics for consultation.

#### Rating Policy Changes - 738.4, Joe Holland

**Summary:** Not applicable - I have no second dwelling.

**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point.

**Reason for recommendation:** If the submitter does not have a second dwelling, the multiple dwelling charges will not apply.

## Rating Policy Changes - 742.1, Adrienne Saunders

**Summary:** Rates Remission for Secondary Dwelling - Objection.

Transparency is that there should be no double charges ever made to any title on Land occupied by family. There should be no adjustments necessary and you are making additional administration charges. This is solely for false accounting, so that council can show an increase in Rate Take for borrowing purposes.

**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point.

**Reason for recommendation:** The proposal to move to a rates remission policy will increase transparency, and will apply the remission to address any inequity where the second dwelling is not occupied, or utilised by the extended household of the ratepayer.

## Rating Policy Changes - 786.3, Gerard van Keppevelt

**Summary:** Now, even the small reduction in our yearly rates is no longer. Not nice.

**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point.

**Reason for recommendation:** While it would be beneficial to individual ratepayers to continue offering a discount for early payment of rates, it is not economically feasible to allocate \$195,000 for this purpose given the competing funding priorities and the need to maintain low rate increases.

## Development Contributions

Development Contributions - 5.5, Neil Wilkinson

**Summary:** Agree on the user pays principle

**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point.

**Reason for recommendation:** Your feedback regarding your support for the user pays principle is noted.

Development Contributions - 7.3, Emma Pavey

**Summary:** Agree with reviewing DC's.

**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point.

**Reason for recommendation:** Your feedback emphasising the need to review development contributions is noted.

Development Contributions - 8.5, Geoff Sperry

**Summary:** user pays would be affordable Easy if council was not wasteful

**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point.

**Reason for recommendation:** Your feedback regarding your support for the user pays principle is noted. Regarding the comments on wasteful spending, the Council is committed to ensuring projects are undertaken in an efficient and cost effective manner, and we continually strive to deliver good value for money.

Development Contributions - 9.1, Anonymous

**Summary:** I have read in the Press recently that WDC is going to make Development Contributions fairer, by charging only people who are going to benefit from them. This is great news, but needs to be more precise, consistent, and durable.

The impression given was that a DEVELOPER OF HOUSING ONLY should be paying these DC's, and he is able to pass this cost onto the people who end up living in the development. It is proper User Pays. The people living in the new subdivision are the ones benefiting from the infrastructure, so they should be paying for it. It is outrageous that ordinary citizens are forced to pay a Development Contribution when they are NOT going to be using or benefitting from the use of it - eg on roads and infrastructure. SO I HOPE WDC KEEPS TO ITS WORD, AND STOPS CHARGING HUGE DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS IF SOMEONE WANTS TO SUBDIVIDE THEIR FARM INTO SMALLER PARCELS - EG 10 ACRES. IF THEY BUILD A HOUSE ON THE NEW PARCEL FAIR ENOUGH, CHARGE THEM AS THEY ARE GOING TO BE USING THE INFRASTRUCTURE. Do NOT charge the farmer who subdivided his farm solely for convenience, because he is NOT going to be using any related infrastructure in any way.

Its only since Dan Gordon became Mayor, that farmers have been robbed in this way. Gordon insisted on grabbing twice as much of their land as before, and putting it into WDC ownership, with WDC use of it - that's stealing! Before his time a development contribution may have been put aside as a modest parcel of land (not a greedy one), but the OWNER still had use of it. That was palatable, even though the land owner was still not using any new infrastructure. SO I SUPPORT THE CONCEPT OF PEOPLE USING THE DEVELOPED INFRASTRUCTURE PAYING FOR IT, TROUGH THE DEVELOPER PAYING THE DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTION, ONLY. OR PEOPLE BUILDING A HOUSE ON A SUBDIVIDED LOT PAYING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE, BECAUSE THEY WILL USE IT. WDC charges for things used via the rates, but even then people who do not use an item, such as they get no rubbish collection but pay anyway. Lets get rid of the corruption, and stick consistently to User Pays, PLEASE!

I support User Pays and believe it must be applied consistently. Consequently it is very important that developers pay the development contribution, because they are benefitting from the development, and pass that cost on to the owners of new homes that they develop. It is very wrong to charge land owners this development contribution when they are not developing anything. Subdivision should attract Development Contributions ONLY WHEN IT IS DEVELOPED - PER DWELLING. Then the system would be fair.

**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point.

**Reason for recommendation:** Your feedback regarding your support for the user pays principle is noted. We also note the point made about the collection of development contributions as a result of subdivision, but prior to the construction of a house. It is common practice for development contribution policies to require the collection of development contributions at the time of subdivision, rather than only when a dwelling is constructed on the subdivided land. This is intended to ensure accurate costs associated with the cost of providing additional capacity are collected at the earliest opportunity, with the aim to minimise any impact on the wider pool of ratepayers, who do not benefit from such developments. This has been part of the Council's development contribution policy for some time.

#### Development Contributions - 10.5, Sam Fisher

**Summary:** oxford deserves better infrastructure. And Oxford as a town has opportunities to increase in size. and yes. .. there is a balance between user pays and having a universal service.

**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point.

**Reason for recommendation:** Your desire for Oxford to have improved infrastructure is noted. The Council's Infrastructure Strategy and Long Term Plan set out the Council's plans to continue to invest in infrastructure to service the area, both to meet levels of service, renew assets as they reach the end of their life, and allow for growth.

#### Development Contributions - 12.4, Ross Lawrence McPherson

**Summary:** Agree

**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point.

**Reason for recommendation:** With respect to Development contributions your agreement is appreciated

#### Development Contributions - 18.5, Swati Naidu

**Summary:** It is reasonable that development contributions cover infrastructure costs, ensuring that those who directly benefit from services pay their fair share. However, any changes should avoid placing additional financial pressure on existing ratepayers. The Council should ensure transparency in how these fees are calculated and used, keeping contributions fair and justifiable. Additionally, alternative funding sources or cost-saving measures should be considered to prevent excessive reliance on rate increase.

**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point.

**Reason for recommendation:** The philosophy behind the Council's Development Contributions Policy is to ensure the underlying principle that 'growth pays for growth' is achieved. The way that this is intended to be achieved is that any project that has a growth component or driver (i.e. a project that is intended to facilitate more growth within the district) is recovered via development contributions. Development contributions are targeted charges to developers at the time of consent for an activity that may increase demand on infrastructure. Therefore, any costs associated with growth are targeted at those who benefit from the growth, rather than from the wider pool of ratepayers.

#### Development Contributions - 19.5, Brian Warren

**Summary:** I agree with the proposal in the Draft Annual Plan - status quo

**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point.

**Reason for recommendation:** Your feedback agreeing to the need to review development contributions is noted.

#### Development Contributions - 20.3, Robert Devlin

**Summary:** agree

**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point.

**Reason for recommendation:** With respect to Development contributions your agreement is appreciated

#### Development Contributions - 50.4, Peter Drake

**Summary:** agree

**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point.

**Reason for recommendation:** With respect to Development contributions your agreement is appreciated.

#### Development Contributions - 585.5, Anonymous

**Summary:** As a resident of Oxford, I acknowledge the importance of ensuring our infrastructure — particularly wastewater services — keeps pace with growth and environmental standards. Including the Oxford Wastewater Treatment Plant in the Development Contributions Policy is understandable from a funding and planning perspective. However, I have some concerns about how this may impact both affordability and fairness for current residents.

**Key Concerns:**

Disproportionate impact on local residents and developers: Oxford is a smaller, semi-rural community with a different growth profile from larger towns in the district. Adding substantial development contributions for local infrastructure upgrades could discourage much-needed small-scale development, particularly for families, retirees, and local builders.

Clarity and transparency needed: It's important the Council clearly explains how much of the cost for the wastewater upgrades will be passed on through development contributions versus general rates. Residents and developers alike need to understand what is being paid for — and why.

Ensure the “user pays” model is applied fairly: While I support the principle that those who benefit from growth-related infrastructure should contribute to its cost, this must be carefully balanced. If the proposed charges significantly increase development costs in Oxford, it could reduce housing affordability and limit growth — the very things the infrastructure is meant to support.

I encourage the Council to:

Provide detailed modelling of how the Oxford wastewater contributions will be calculated and applied;

Consult directly with Oxford residents and developers , given the localised impact of this proposal;

And consider phasing or scaling contributions so they do not create financial barriers to moderate, community-led development.

**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point.

**Reason for recommendation:** Your feedback is appreciated with regards to the Oxford infrastructure. The philosophy behind the Council's Development Contributions Policy is to ensure the underlying principle that 'growth pays for growth' is achieved.

While it is noted that the wastewater contributions are higher in Oxford than for other schemes in the district, this is reflective of the cost of upgrading the system in this area. The way the calculations have been determined has been to proportionately share these costs between existing residents (via wastewater rates), and via developers who connect to the system, via Development Contributions. As part of publishing the final adopted development contributions for the district, the calculations that sit behind them are also published online. The intention with this is to ensure there is transparency to residents and developers in how these are calculated.

It is noted that Development Contributions associated with the Oxford wastewater system are proposed to be spread across a longer time period (35 years) to ensure that both current and future residents who are benefiting from the growth are those that contribute.

## Development Contributions - 586.5, Diana Hawkins

**Summary:** I think that traditionally developers are uncharged for development fees, so rate payers end up picking up the tab. Often I suspect because original designs are flawed, particularly when it comes to infrastructure. User pays is sensible .

**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point.



**Reason for recommendation:** Your feedback regarding your support for the user pays principle is noted. The Development Contributions Policy is designed to ensure that growth is paid for by those contributing to the growth in the region, rather than from ratepayers.

#### Development Contributions - 587.5, Anonymous

**Summary:** Agree with proposed development contribution amendments. Strongly believe in user pays

**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point.

**Reason for recommendation:** With respect to Development contributions your agreement is appreciated

#### Development Contributions - 589.4, Mary Sparrow

**Summary:** The Council's Development Contributions Policy plays an important role in ensuring that the District's infrastructure is expanded to accommodate additional development, with costs shares equitably between new and existing users.

It is also important the the Policy is sufficiently "far sighted" to ensure that it is able to address new styles of development. While the basis on which new users connect to the water and sewer services, it is also important that the Council is well placed to respond to newer styles of development such as mixed use medium density development which may well occur within the next 10 years close to our town centres, particularly Rangiora. Attention needs to be paid to whether the current "in-fill" provisions of the Development Contributions Policy for Reserves and Community Facilities are sufficiently strong to address the additional demands that may anticipated from more intensive urban/residential development.

**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point.

**Reason for recommendation:** Your feedback with regards to the importance of the Development Contributions Policy is appreciated. We are continually reviewing our policy to ensure it is current with respect to all aspects of development and appreciate your feedback regarding medium density development and in-fill provisions.

#### Development Contributions - 591.5, Anonymous

**Summary:** Always appropriate that the developer pays for the additional infrastructure required in developing land. They are proposing to make a profit from on-selling developed parcels, and this cost ought not be borne by anyone other than the developer

**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point.

**Reason for recommendation:** Your feedback regarding your support for the user pays principle is noted.

The philosophy behind the Council's Development Contributions Policy is to ensure the underlying principle that 'growth pays for growth' is achieved. The way that this is intended to be achieved is that any project that has a growth component or driver (i.e. a project that is intended to facilitate more growth within the district) is recovered via development contributions. Development contributions are targeted charges to developers at the time of consent for an activity that may increase demand on infrastructure. Therefore, any costs associated with growth are targeted at those who benefit from the growth, rather than from the wider pool of ratepayers.

## Development Contributions - 618.1, Oliver Boyd for Summerset Group Holdings Limited

### **Summary:**

1. Summerset is New Zealand's second largest developer and operator of retirement villages, which makes it one of New Zealand's largest home-builders. Summerset has 43 villages completed or in development across New Zealand and provides a range of living options for more than 8,700 residents.
2. New Zealand is facing a housing crisis, including a retirement living and aged care crisis. The Draft Development Contributions Policy (Draft Policy), which has been prepared as part of Council's draft annual plan 2025/26, notes that the key assumption underpinning the Draft Policy is that the district's population will continue to grow. It is vital that the regulatory environment recognises and provides for the development that is required to meet this growing demand, and funding for associated infrastructure, but does so on a fair, equitable and proportionate basis that reflects, for comprehensive care retirement villages like Summerset's:
  - 2.1 the reduced occupancy per unit when compared to a typical household unit - Summerset's average occupancy for its independent units is 1.3 residents per unit and for its care units is 1 resident per unit; and
  - 2.2 the typically low pattern of demand on community infrastructure, amenities and facilities when compared against the demand assumptions for a typical household unit - residents entering Summerset's villages average 81 years, have specialist physical and social needs, and access Summerset's extensive range of on-site amenities.

3. Summerset notes that the Draft Policy provides that all new allotments/new household units irrespective of zone will attract development contributions payable for one household unit equivalent (*HUE*). The Draft Policy does not include clear “units of demand” for retirement villages as distinct from a standard HUE. A HUE is assessed on the basis of 2.5 persons per household. However, the average occupancy for Summerset’s independent units is 1.3 residents per unit and for its care units is 1 resident per unit.
4. Further, the characteristics of comprehensive care retirement villages and their occupants, substantially reduce the impacts of development on the requirements for infrastructure and community facilities which should be reflected in the Draft Policy. Summerset’s villages typically provide an extensive range of on-site amenities that are suited to the older residents’ specialist physical and social needs. These on-site amenities greatly reduce, and in some cases eliminate, usage of Council’s community amenities and facilities by Summerset’s residents.
5. Summerset submits that the Council must provide more certainty by defining categories of activities that are considered as having a lesser impact than an average HUE (such as retirement village units and aged care rooms) and provide a specific HUE calculation for that category of activity as a starting point. It should not be left for each applicant to request a reduction in development contributions, as that approach produces administrative inefficiencies, ambiguity/subjectivity from the officer assessing and allows for inconsistent calculations and approaches across and between activities within the same category. Also, if a reduction is granted, it may not reflect the lower demand placed on infrastructure by retirement villages units and aged care rooms as Council staff are only permitted to reduce development contributions for roading and reserves up to a maximum of 0.5 HUE.
6. To fairly account for the lower demand profile, both a population per unit discount (to account for the lower occupancy) and a demand factor discount (to account for the older demographic and on-site amenities) should be applied to set specific contribution calculations for comprehensive care retirement villages. This should distinguish retirement units, and aged care rooms, and provide separate rates for each. In setting calculations, the Council needs to clearly demonstrate the causal connection between any infrastructure required as a result of the increase in demand (if any) directly attributable to retirement village development.

7. Summerset notes that the reduced occupancy, and demand per occupant, for comprehensive care retirement villages (both for aged care rooms and for independent living units) has been thoroughly tested, most recently via Tauranga City Council's 2023 independent review into infrastructure demand by retirement village residents, a copy of which is set out in Appendix 1 (TCC Review). This approach appropriately recognises the reduced demand placed on local infrastructure and community amenities.
8. Taking into account both population per unit/room, and demand factors, Summerset suggests the rates in the tables below. These are based on the equivalent rates in the most recent Tauranga City Council Development Contributions Policy, which were established following the TCC Review. The review found that on average residents have a demonstrably lower demand for transport, reserves and community facilities, due to villages providing many on-site facilities/amenities and, for aged care residents, a higher need for 24/7 medical care and reduced mobility. We encourage the Council to review the contents of the TCC Review and seek an independent review of its own, which we would be happy to contribute to.

**Officer recommendations:**

1. **Receive** this submission point.
2. **Notes** the proposed Development Contribution Policy (DC Policy) does provide adequate provision to factor in both the population factor, and the demand factor associated with retirement villages.
3. **Notes** the current DC Policy requires a bespoke assessment of these factors to be undertaken with each application received with the applicant required to provide supporting evidence to justify a reduction in DCs.
4. Request staff consider feedback in this submission point as part of the next review of the DC Policy.

**Reason for recommendation:** The feedback received with regard to the proposed Development Contribution(DC) Policy and its application to retirement villages in particular is noted, and the detail included within the submission appreciated.

Staff acknowledge that having pre-defined HUE values is something that could be introduced to make the operation of the Policy more efficient from an administrative point of view, and to provide developers more certainty to forecast the DCs that would be associated with a given activity type, without requiring a bespoke assessment.

Conversely however, this standardised approach that is suggested may also mean that retirement villages with different profiles of residents may not be treated equitably with the DCs that they are required to pay. For example, there may be a certain retirement village that targets a certain population demographic that may have quite a different demand profile on certain services to another type of retirement village, and a standardised approach may limit the ability to recognise such differences.

For a change in approach to be considered to shift from a bespoke assessment model to a standardised approach, these two factors would need to be weighed up.

Finally, your point about the risk of the current approach providing too much reliance upon the assessment of Council staff members is noted. While this is a risk, it is currently managed by having several layers of review upon the assessment of Development Contributions, in an effort to ensure consistency in the application of the Policy between different applications, and reduce the reliance on the assessment of a given individual.

#### Development Contributions - 633.5, Kay Rabe for Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board

**Summary:** The Board is supportive of growth paying for growth and therefore supports the Council reviewing the Development Contributions.

**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point.

**Reason for recommendation:** Your feedback regarding your support for the principles of the development contributions policy, being 'growth pays for growth' is noted.

#### Development Contributions - 680.5, Thea Kunkel for Rangiora-Ashley Community Board

**Summary:** The Board supports growth, paying for growth, and therefore supports the Council reviewing the Development Contributions.

**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point.

**Reason for recommendation:** Your feedback regarding your support for the principles of the development contributions policy, being 'growth pays for growth' is noted.

#### Development Contributions - 684.5, Dayle Sutherland for Mandeville Sports Club

**Summary:** In principle no issue - however would like to note that as communities grow in the Mandeville area - the demand placed on services from a recreation point of view also grow.

Adequate provisions need to be made under DC/ Reserves Contribution Policies to provide for such growth as well as ensuring that the collection of such levies are provisioned back into the community for where the demand is generated.

**Officer recommendations:**

1. **Receive** this submission point.
2. **Notes** the Development Contributions Policy includes levies for community infrastructure.

**Reason for recommendation:** Your feedback regarding development contributions for reserves is noted.

In the last financial year we introduced development contributions for community infrastructure which are now charged where new growth assessments are completed. These community infrastructure development contributions are levied for the services provided by the Waimakariri District Council such as community centres and halls, public toilets, cemeteries and play equipment in reserves.

#### Development Contributions - 685.5, Kay Rabe for Woodend Sefton Community Board

**Summary:** The Board is supportive of growth paying for growth and therefore supports the Council reviewing the Development Contributions Policy and the proposed changes.

**Officer recommendations:**

1. **Receive** this submission point.

**Reason for recommendation:** Your feedback regarding your support for the principles of the development contributions policy, being 'growth pays for growth' is noted.

#### Development Contributions - 727.4, Wayne Hawkyard

**Summary:** I agree with user pays.

**Officer recommendations:**

1. **Receive** this submission point.

**Reason for recommendation:** Your feedback regarding your support for the user pays principle is noted.

#### Development Contributions - 728.3, Edward & Justine Hamilton

**Summary:** Contributions should only be applied to the district of the source and used for exactly what they are charged as/referenced as, rather than disappearing into an unknown pot, which they seem to do now?

**Officer recommendations:**

1. **Receive** the submission point.

**2. Notes** the current Development Contributions Schedule, guidance and a worked example are available for information on the Council website.

**Reason for recommendation:** The Development Contribution(DC) schedules that are used to calculate each DC in the district are published online, where it can be viewed on a project by project level exactly what works are being funded by each DC collected. This provides transparency in what projects the DC funding collected is linked to.

#### Development Contributions - 731.5, David Prosser

**Summary:** Generally agree

**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point.

**Reason for recommendation:** With respect to Development contributions your agreement is appreciated

#### Development Contributions - 736.4, Martin Pinkham

**Summary:** I agree with the underlying principles of Development Contributions but the Council needs to be a lot more transparent over the scope of the works included in the calculation of the DCs. While the proposed changes to the Policy were included in the Documents the Spreadsheet of calculations was not. The proposed fee structure for building consents is very misleading as the actual costs are almost always charged, irrespective of the "fee" in the schedule. Also, for almost every consent the actual costs exceed the fee.

**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point.

**2. Notes** a fee structure for each area and service is provided in the Development Contributions Policy to provide transparency.

**Reason for recommendation:** Reason moved to recommendation

#### Development Contributions - 738.5, Joe Holland

**Summary:** This is concerning and by limiting this section to 'Developing Contributions' is not beneficial for Ratepayers to understand what is contained fully in this section. Is this full and fair and thorough consultation with ratepayers?

**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point.

**2. Notes** the Council has reviewed its Development Contribution Policy to confirm that the elements of the policy are still relevant for administration of development contributions.

**3. Notes** submissions to the Annual Plan are received on a range of matters beyond the five consultation topics identified.



**Reason for recommendation:** The Development Contributions Schedule is revised each year as part of the Annual Plan / Long Term Plan process. Periodically the Council reviews the Schedule and over the years has made small amendments to the Development Contributions Policy to take into account the changing environment and needs.

## Development Contributions - 740.1, Areta Wilkinson for Oxford Arts and Arts Waimakariri

### **Summary:**

Tena koutou councillors,

Arts Waimakariri – The three tributaries of Kaiapoi Art on the Quay; Chamber Gallery Rangiora and Oxford Gallery toi o Waimakariri (Oxford Arts Trust) make this joint submission to highlight to Council further economic opportunities through the creative industries. We have identified benefits regarding Development Contributions for your consideration. •

### **#5. Development Contributions. Recommendation.**

As feedback, absent from the Development Contribution Schedule is the application of Development Contributions to increase cultural wellbeing. There is a significant opportunity to create added value here for our District that I appeal WDC to closely consider and make an addition of.

Suggested Action: On behalf of practitioners determined to grow the creative industries in our region I'd like to recommend as part of this Annual Plan that WDC please commission a discussion paper to appraise cultural wellbeing through Development Contributions including how this could be implemented for our region through a staged approach.

Rationale: Development contributions can significantly benefit community by funding public art projects, providing dedicated spaces for artistic activity, and integrating art (including design) into new developments. This can enhance civic pride, stimulate economic activity, and foster a sense of place, cultural wellbeing, and artistic excellence in the community. Developers can be required by council to contribute financially to public art initiatives, either through a fixed percentage of the development cost or a cash-in-lieu payment. These contributions can be used to commission artwork, acquire existing pieces, or support ongoing maintenance and programming of public art. As an example, a 0.5% public art requirement may be satisfied by the financing of onsite stand alone or integrated artwork OR the developer may elect to deposit 0.5% into the Public Art Fund account to be used for the public art enrichment of the City's public spaces. This contribution could be capped. Developers alternatively can incorporate dedicated public art spaces within new developments, such as plazas, courtyards, or provide studio or residency opportunities for artists, fostering ongoing relationships with the community. Art can be integrated into public buildings, facades, entrances, and landscaping, enhancing the overall aesthetic and character of the development. Thus, here is the means bringing distinctiveness & character to generic new commercial spaces and neighbourhoods. Importantly the cultural and wellbeing outcomes are funded by the Development Contribution not from rate payer pockets.

#### Benefits of Development Contributions for Public Art:

- **Enhanced Civic Pride:** Public art can create a sense of pride in the community and the development. These are public opportunities for place making, storytelling and cultural expression.
- **Economic Stimulation:** Public art can attract tourists, support local businesses, and boost the local economy.
- **Cultural Wellbeing:** Public art can contribute to the cultural landscape and foster a sense of place and belonging.
- **Artistic Excellence:** Public art can showcase the talent of local artists and promote a thriving arts community.
- **Community Engagement:** Public art can provide opportunities for community engagement and participation in the arts.

A vision for a district that has a high quality of life must include a plan of investment towards cultural wellbeing. Development Contributions can be a bold and effective instrument to create distinctive character identity and increase cultural wellbeing - all of which attracts people to our district and townships. Development Contributions improve facilities and infrastructure, but over time they can help grow an area's identity and provide significant points of difference from neighboring districts. Australia has a number of regional cities worth researching such as Townsville, Gold Coast, and Toowoomba who have implemented public art projects to improve public spaces and benefit communities.

This Annual Plan may be too soon to make a decision of weight on this specific topic. However this initiative which promises strong alignment with WDC Arts Strategy and Placemaking Strategy should be seriously researched, considered and planned for. This initiative is also in alignment with priorities of the Waimakariri Public Arts Trust who is still being approached for support.

#### **Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point.

**Reason for recommendation:** Your feedback and attention drawn to the benefits of growing the creative industry is appreciated. It should be noted that Development contributions (DCs) are the contributions that the Council levies on the developers of new properties, and new development that place additional demand on infrastructure in the District. These funds are used to provide the additional reserves, roads and/or water, sewer and stormwater (drainage) services needed to meet the demands generated by new residential and non-residential developments. Contributions, therefore, are used to cater for the growth in demand for infrastructure that comes from new properties or activities and these contributions are levied according to The Local Government Act 2002.

# Utilities and Roothing

## Roothing and Footpaths

### Cycle and Pedestrian Safety

#### Cycle and Pedestrian Safety - 1.3, Jackson Davey

**Summary:** I believe that an emphasis on transport funding within Rangiora is important, particularly around cycle and pedestrian safety. Southbrook road is particularly dangerous at the Todds Road intersection, and I believe that a better cycle route is the route proposed in the Rangiora town cycleway stage 1 plan. An interim version of this cycleway should be built (plastic bollards, paint, and sharrows only (such as the Rolleston Ave/Park Terrace cycleway in Christchurch) for the medium term until government funding can be provided for cycleways again, as cycle safety within Rangiora is quite poor compared to similar places like Rolleston, despite inter-town connections being relatively good.

**Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point.
- 2. Acknowledges** the importance of undertaking improvements, including to support walking & cycling.
- 3. Notes** that the current Government Policy Statement (GPS) on Transport provides very limited support for walking & cycling infrastructure, and as such it is unlikely that improvements would be undertaken at this time.
- 4. Notes** that should national funding continue to be constrained, consideration would need to be given to alternative options for funding important projects.
- 5. Notes** that while interim cycleways can be constructed at a lower cost, they need to be fit for purpose and meet safety requirements. This often means they need to be constructed away from busy through roads such as Southbrook Road.

**Reason for recommendation:** The current GPS on Transport provides very limited funding investment in Walking & Cycling, and Waimakariri District Council did not receive any funding in this area. As such projects have largely been put on hold, with the exception of Woodend to Ravenswood and Kaiapoi to Pine Acres. The latter is being funded from Better Off Funding. A report was taken to Council in March 2025 which formally approved postponing all other cycling projects at this time.

## Highfield Lane

Highfield Lane - 77.2, Linda Graveson

**Summary:** Dear Council,

I am writing to make a formal submission to the Waimakariri District Council Annual Plan on behalf of current owner-occupiers of Highfield Lane, Rangiora, requesting that budget be allocated in the upcoming financial year to urgently bring our street infrastructure up to the required standards for a Residential Zone 2 area.

This is no longer a case of future-proofing. The time for action is now. Due to recent events, it has become glaringly evident that our current infrastructure is dangerously inadequate for the zone we are classified under—and we cannot afford to wait for a crisis before upgrades are prioritised.

### 1. Context: A Lane That Has Reached Breaking Point

Highfield Lane is zoned Residential Zone 2. But despite this classification, our physical environment does not reflect even the most basic requirements expected for this zoning.

According to Table 17.1 of the Waimakariri District Plan, a Residential Zone 2 street should have:

- Two-way traffic movement capability
- Designated pedestrian pathways (footpaths)
- Proper kerb and channel drainage
- Adequate on-street parking
- Safe berms and swale management
- Street lighting and signage

Highfield Lane has none of these.

We are a single-lane road, without footpaths, lighting, or any safe space for pedestrians. Cars regularly mount grassy berms just to pass each other. There is no separation between vehicles, children, or residents on foot. Our swale drains, which are essential to flood protection, are being driven over and eroded. Our verges are compromised and unsafe. This is not minor wear and tear—it is a serious issue of amenity, safety, and long-term sustainability.

### 2. Recent Commercial Development Has Exposed the Systemic Failures

Until recently, the lane's shortcomings were tolerated by residents. However, the situation has now escalated following the establishment of a high-traffic commercial business operating out of a residential property on our lane.

This development has made it unmistakably clear that the current infrastructure is no longer fit for purpose. What was once a quiet, low-use cul-de-sac is now dealing with:

- A significant increase in unfamiliar traffic throughout the day

- Clients regularly using the berm for parking and turning , creating damage and congestion
- Residents no longer feeling safe to use the lane as they used to
- Ongoing safety concerns , especially for children, elderly, and those with disabilities

The business is currently in breach of boundary setback regulations , but otherwise faces no real barrier to operating because the regulatory framework only focuses on built form—not on infrastructure capacity, amenity, or safety impacts on neighbouring residents

We have submitted a formal objection , signed by every single current owner-occupier on the lane , opposing this use and highlighting its impacts (see supporting documents). Yet we are repeatedly told that unless the business breaches certain narrow compliance measures (like building location), the broader implications on safety, accessibility, and amenity carry little weight.

This process has left us deeply frustrated—and even more concerned.

### 3. A System That Fails to Protect Residents from Real Harm

What this situation highlights—loudly and clearly—is that our street’s lack of infrastructure is a ticking time bomb . The District Plan’s zoning does not match the physical state of our lane. And the planning framework does not adequately protect us from inappropriate uses or rising traffic.

To be blunt: we have no infrastructure and no regulatory safety net . That combination is unacceptable.

Council cannot simply rely on consent rules when those rules are built around compliance to yard boundaries and not based on actual street suitability . There is currently no adequate mechanism to prevent future commercial activity from impacting our residents’ safety and wellbeing.

We believe Council is now faced with a clear and unavoidable choice: Either upgrade the infrastructure to match the zone’s expectations —or reconsider the kinds of activities being allowed to operate in places that can’t safely support them

### 4. Urgent Issues on the Ground

Let me be specific about the real-world effects happening daily:

- Traffic Safety : Cars are forced to drive onto berms or reverse long distances to give way. This is dangerous for both drivers and pedestrians.
- No Pedestrian Access : There is no safe space for walking. Prams, wheelchairs, and mobility users must be on the lane itself. With increased commercial traffic, this is hazardous.

- **Disability Access** : A long-time resident, Rhea , who lives at the end of the cul-de-sac, lives with multiple disabilities . She has no safe way to use the lane independently. Her access needs have been entirely overlooked in the current planning decisions. This situation is not compliant with the New Zealand Disability Strategy and raises significant equity concerns .
- **Flooding and Swale Damage** : Swale drains and grassy verges are not protected or enforced. Business-related vehicles are damaging these areas regularly, increasing runoff risk and reducing street drainage performance.
- **Street Amenity and Character Degradation** : The very characteristics the District Plan claims to protect—amenity, neighbourhood character, and peaceful residential use—are being lost.

## 5. Our Request to Council

We are asking Council to include in the Annual Plan a dedicated budget allocation for the full upgrade of Highfield Lane's infrastructure , to meet the minimum expectations of a Residential Zone 2 classification.

This must include:

- Widening the lane to allow two-way movement
- Construction of footpaths or pedestrian-safe zones
- Kerb and channel drainage infrastructure
- Parking regulation and protection of berms (e.g. no-stopping lines and signage)
- Swale rehabilitation and protection
- Lighting and street markings
- Assessment of equitable access for residents with disabilities

This is not just an improvement project. It is an essential upgrade to make the street safe , protect our homes and land from flooding, and allow residents to access their homes with dignity and safety.

## 6. Final Thoughts: Council Cannot Wait Any Longer

We have until now accepted that our street was adequate for the number of residents. But this recent situation has shown us that it is not. We are not safe. We are not protected. And we are not being served by regulations that ignore infrastructure realities .

We are asking Council to take a leadership role and act. Because if the District Plan cannot prevent businesses from operating in places that lack the appropriate infrastructure, then Council must step in and ensure the infrastructure is finally put in place .

This is not just a policy issue. It is about the lives and wellbeing of real families, real children, and real residents—who are simply trying to live peacefully in the homes they've invested in and cared for.

Please take this request seriously. We are committed to working with you and will continue to raise our voices until meaningful change occurs.

**Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point.
2. Thanks the submitter for raising the concerns about Highfield Lane.
- 3. Notes** that Highfield Lane is a short lane with a small number of properties feeding off it.
- 4. Notes** Highfield Lanes narrow lane-way characteristics do not support a high speed environment, and there is good visibility along the lane.
- 5. Notes** that it has been agreed to install signage at the start of the road to help remind drivers that pedestrians may be present, and to install No Stopping around the call-de-sac head.
- 6. Notes** that future improvements in terms of a footpath can be considered, however would need to be prioritised against a number other roads around the district, and is likely to be long term.
- 7. Notes** that should activities such as road widening occur, then this would likely result in increasing speeds in the lane.

**Reason for recommendation:** Highfield Lane is a short straight cal-de-sac within the Rangiora urban area.

Highfield Lane connects to Buckleys Road and the lane provides access for 12 properties. Highfield Lane varies from approximately 3.7m to 4.0m in width and does not have kerb & channel or a footpath. Berms abut the sealed carriageway with grass swales to convey stormwater.

Being a narrower road, drivers need to pull to the side when they meet other vehicles, which helps keep speeds low. The look and feel of the lane is similar to a shared driveway. There is no footpath on Highfield Lane, with pedestrians either walking on the road or the grass berm.

Concerns were raised following a private business setting up at a property on the lane. The business operation has been reviewed and is considered to generate low traffic volumes. Requests have been received for road widening, kerb & channel and a footpath to be installed.

Staff have met with residents and agreed to the installation of pedestrian warning sign and consideration of No Stopping lines around the cal-de-sac head to ensure the area is available for turning vehicles.

Council in 2015 approved an annual budget of \$100,000 to start addressing a long list of streets within our urban areas which do not have a footpath, or for busy roads (arterial or collector roads) where there is a footpath on only one side of the road. There are currently approximately 40 streets on this list which have been prioritised. This is not an exhaustive list, with a number of lanes which service a small number of properties not yet being considered. There is anticipated to be a second stage, once the higher priority sites are completed.



There is also a very limited budget for new Kerb & Channel within towns, and areas with significantly higher usage which are of higher priority.

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#### Highfield Lane - 519.1, Lawrence Turner

**Summary:** I, Lawrence Turner of 4 Highfield Lane wish to apply for Residential 2 infrastructure that we are paying rates on to be installed on Highfield Lane.

A safe 2 lane road, Footpaths to connect to Buckleys road and the wider community, Street lighting of which there is NONE.

Due to business now operating out of 7 Highfield Lane, with operating hours to 7 pm in full darkness, this has become a very unsafe road as all foot traffic has to walk on the road as there is no all weather option available.

**Officer recommendations:**

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## Highfield Lane - 682.1, Jan Smithson

**Summary:** Urgent Formal Submission requesting funding to be allocated in the 2025-2026 annual plan to fund the upgrade of Highfield Lane's 1980s infrastructure to infrastructure fit for purpose in 2025 and to provide Highfield Lane residents with a safe walking route to access their community.

### Background

Highfield Lane is a subdivision created in 1980 and still in 2025 Highfield Lane has 1980 roading infra structure.

We have:

- deep swales

- no lighting

- no footpaths

- a single lane with a small turning bay at one end which is shared by pedestrians and all vehicles.

The shared single lane access between all motor vehicles and Highfield Lane's pedestrians is dangerous and in my opinion an accident waiting to happen.

The residents of Highfield Lane have diligently worked at keeping the Lane safe because they are familiar with who is using the lane. They have taken care of our mothers with their prams and toddler children, our primary school aged children, my legally blind daughter and each other by driving slowly and carefully daily in our lane, stopping if necessary, when pedestrians are using the lane.

At the beginning of March 2025, Lotus Therapeutic and Holistic Massage commenced business at 7 Highfield Lane. The business has opening hours of 9.00am to 7.00pm Monday to Saturday and provides one to one and a half hour massage sessions for clients. Suddenly the lane has potentially ten people unfamiliar with Highfield Lane's pedestrians and lay out, driving in the lane each day. (That is 20 vehicle trips per day in cars driven by drivers unfamiliar with Highfield Lane, six days per week including Saturdays).

The traffic volumes this commercial business adds to our 110 metre no exit lane has made Highfield Lane even more dangerous and unsafe for pedestrians and drivers of vehicles in 2025.

My daughter Rhea

My daughter Rhea is a multiplied impaired woman who is legally blind. Rhea lives with me at 6 Highfield Lane.

Below Rhea has dictated her daily lived experience in Highfield Lane and she asks to have a footpath so that she can travel safely into her community by foot.

"I am writing to say I would like a footpath in Highfield Lane to have a safe way to go out to Buckley's Road, since I live at the end of the lane.

For about eight years it has not been safe for me to be able to walk down the lane because the lane has doubled in size in the number of houses since I came in the 90's.

I can't move off the road to get away from any traffic because I can't see where the edge is to get off quickly and I don't know whether I am going to fall in the ditch.

If I hear a car coming, I step to the side, but in most recent times I have not been able to do that, because there have been so many noises in the lane, like children playing and other noises like tree maintenance, lawn mowing or building noises.

When we just had residents and all their friends who knew me, they watched out for me but now we have the business clients coming, so I don't feel safe to walk out there because there is so much traffic out on the road."

Rhea's rights as a Rangiora resident to travel safely into her community along with the rights of all the Rangiora residents in Highfield Lane have been forgotten in 2025.

Our 2024-2034 district plan developed by the Waimakariri District Council seeks Community Outcomes that state:

Socially, Our community has equitable access to the essential infrastructure and services.

Environmentally, The natural and built environment in which people live is clean, healthy and safe.

It is the right of Highfield Lane residents to expect they too are eligible for the above community outcomes. Highfield Lane residents have 1980's roading and drainage infrastructure, created in 1980, and this is still the case in 2025. Our Highfield Lane built environment is not safe and being not safe is not healthy.

The last ten years

Highfield Lane's population has doubled in size in the last ten years resulting in more resident vehicle trips than ever before, more courier vehicle deliveries, more food truck deliveries, more gas bottle truck deliveries, more friends and family vehicles visiting residents, altogether far more traffic than when our subdivision was created in 1980.

This year the lane now has a commercial business generating potentially 120+ vehicle trips per week in cars driven each week by a new set of drivers unfamiliar with the lay out of Highfield Lane and the pedestrians that use our lane.

I can not state often enough how dangerous Highfield Lane has become for its resident pedestrians and vehicle drivers.

My submission

Please urgently upgrade the 1980s infra structure in Highfield Lane to infrastructure fit for 2025 living before there is an accident, by allocating funding for the project in the 2025-2026 annual plan.

Please provide a footpath for residents to walk safely from one end of the lane to the other. Please get rid of the deep swales that you can easily fall into and hurt yourself and replace these with fit for purpose 2025 drainage solutions. Please provide street lighting for safety and security at night.

Please prioritise keeping the existing communities of residents living in Rangiora, such as our Highfield Lane community, safe.

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## Rangiora Eastern Link Road

Rangiora Eastern Link Road - 680.6, Thea Kunkel for Rangiora-Ashley Community Board

**Summary:** The Board is aware of Rangiora's continued population growth and the need for arterial roads to enable development, growth, and efficient movement around the Waimakariri District. It is aware that the Council received \$500,000 in co-funding from the New Zealand Transport Agency (NZTA) to commence a business case and concept design for the Rangiora Eastern Link Road, which is expected to be finalised in 2025 and provide more clarity on the next steps.

The Board acknowledges that the Rangiora Eastern Link Road would assist in reducing congestion through Southbrook and provide an alternate link to State Highway One. However, it believes its development should proceed only once NZTA funding is secured. In light of the continuous growth in traffic, the Board requests the Council to prioritise the Townsend/Fernside/Flaxton route by:

- Completing the Townsend Road culvert
- Deal with the Townsend /Fernside corner
- Deal with the Skew Bridge in West Kaiapoi by bringing the funding forward.
- Implementing road safety options at the Lineside Road crossing with Mulcocks and Bramley Roads.
- Improve road conditions on route to Kaiapoi and the Eastern route via Woodend, including at the Boys Rd and SH1 intersections.

### **Officer recommendations:**

1. **Receive** this submission point.
2. **Notes** the importance of undertaking improvements in a timely manner, to support both safety and our growing districts needs.
3. **Notes** that this is a short-term approach to address a reduction in central government co-funding through the National Land Transport Programme (NLTP).
4. **Notes** that a balanced approach has been taken to re-prioritising projects dependent on project criticality and affordability.
5. **Notes** that should further NLTP funding become available, then Council will be well placed to seek this.
6. **Notes** that should national funding continue to be constrained, consideration would need to be given to alternative options for funding important projects in the future.
7. **Notes** that Council will consider whether to progress with the Rangiora Eastern Link Road construction after the Business Case is complete and a funding decision has been made by NZ Transport Agency.
8. **Notes** that NZ Transport Agency have recently approved funding for the Townsend Road Culvert and as such this project is proposed to progress.
9. **Notes** that discussions are continuing with NZ Transport Agency on the Fernside Road and Mulcock Road connections to SH71 Lineside Road.

**Reason for recommendation:** Following the announcement of NLTP funding, a report was taken to Council outlining the shortfalls in funding between what was requested and approved. The report recommended a balanced approach be taken for how this was managed for the current NLTP period (2024-2027).

The recommended approach was multi-layered and included;

- a. Moving projects beyond the three year period of the NLTP
- b. Delaying projects for consideration as part of the Annual Plan
- c. Continuing with a lower level of investment
- d. Proceeding to design only at this time, or
- e. Funding the shortfall.

While this is a short term approach to address the gap, should national funding continue to be constrained, then consideration will need to be given to alternative options for funding important projects in the future. Since this time, funding has become available for the Townsend Rd Culvert, and as such this project is proposed to be progressed. The intersections of Lineside Rd (SH71) with Fernside Rd and Mulcocks Rd are being discussed with NZ Transport Agency.



## Main Street Oxford

### Main Street Oxford - 726.5, Kay Rabe for Oxford-Ohoka Community Board

**Summary:** The Board also wish to bring to the Council's attention the surface condition of Main Street in Oxford. The road surface has been damaged due to the number of heavy vehicles using the road daily. Therefore, the Board urges the Council to reconsider making budgetary provisions for the resealing of Main Street. The Board urges Council to make budgetary provisions for the resealing of Main Street, particularly from the 50km town entry sign to the Police station and from the Challenge garage through to the West Oxford Pub.

The Board also requests that for speed thresholds similar to the ones that have been installed in Cust to be installed at the entrance to and from the township to try and slow traffic down.

The Board notes that the entry to the town near the Cemetery, that the shingle area has become increasingly pot holed and looks untidy and unsafe. The community requests that the Council tidy this area up so as to give a good impression as people enter the town.

#### **Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point.
2. Thanks the Community Board for raising the issue of road surface damage on Main Street in Oxford.
- 3. Notes** that Oxford Rd from Campbell Lane to High Street is on the Draft Reseal Programme for 2025/26 sealing season.
- 4. Notes** that some minor shoulder widening and sealing will be undertaken as part of reseal repair works which will be undertaken shortly.
- 5. Notes** a recent condition survey has been carried out across the District of sealed road surfaces, and that once this information is available this site will be prioritised against other roads across the district and consideration given as to how it will fit into the forward works programmes.

**Reason for recommendation:** Sealed roads around the district are regularly condition rated to enable the ongoing development of a programme of resealing and resurfacing. The latest survey was undertaken in early 2025 and will be available for Council in May 2025. This data will then be utilised to confirm the forward works programme.

Oxford Road from Campbell Lane to High Street is included in the draft programme for 2025/26. The section of Main Street from Harewood Rd to Commercial Street will be considered once the updated condition rating is available.

## Rural Roads

### Rural Roads - 726.6, Kay Rabe for Oxford-Ohoka Community Board

**Summary:** The Board requests that a higher level of maintenance be carried out on rural shingle roads.

**Officer recommendations:**

1. **Receive** this submission point.
2. Thanks the Community Board for raising the issue of unsealed road maintenance.
3. **Notes** that there has been a significant programme of remetallaing undertaken over the last three years, and that Council through the Long term Plan approved an increase in funding for this area.
4. **Notes** that auditing of unsealed roads is continuing to ensure that the required levels of service is being met.

**Reason for recommendation:** The condition of unsealed roads around the network has been a key area of focus for staff over the last three years. A significant programme of remetalling has been completed following the flood events of 2021, 2022 and 2023. In addition to this, Council has approved additional budget for remetalling and there has be an increase in focus on auditing of the unsealed network, to ensure that the required levels of service are being met. Unsealed roads however, purely due to the nature of these roads, will continue to be impacted by wet weather.

## Footpaths - Oxford

### Footpaths - Oxford - 726.7, Kay Rabe for Oxford-Ohoka Community Board

**Summary:** Numerous streets in Oxford have no footpath or, in some cases, only one side of the road. The Board, therefore, requests the installation of footpaths on at least one side of the road in all the residential streets in Oxford. Several streets are still not connected by footpaths – Harewood Road from Burnt Hill Road to Park Avenue, Matai Place, Redwood Place, Knights Street, and Cheapside Street, among others. It is suggested that a condition assessment is to be undertaken on the foot path on Park Avenue and Main Street (particularly between Park Avenue and Rata Street on both sides of the road) as this foot path is in poor condition with multiple trip hazards.

The Board would also like to request rural schools become better connected to their surrounding communities, particularly in peri-rural areas. We need to have the infrastructure to ensure we are future proofing our rural communities. To allow this to happen we need to invest in multiuse paths to allow students the ability to get to school via other mods other than a car.

#### **Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point.
2. Thanks the Community Board for raising the issue of footpath in Oxford and around rural schools.
- 3. Notes** that there is a New Footpath Programme which has identified and prioritised the installation of footpaths on streets within urban areas that currently have no footpath.
- 4. Notes** that feedback is sought from the Community Board annually with the Rooding Capital Works Programme.
- 5. Notes** that new footpaths on Matai Place, Redwood Place and Knight Street are programmed over the next four years, with Harewood Road currently sitting beyond the current programme.
- 6. Notes** that existing footpaths are condition rated on a three yearly basis, with the most recent rating being completed in March 2025. This rating information is then used to develop the footpath renewal programme and also footpath maintenance needs. Park Avenue and Main Street will be considered alongside other footpaths in the district and prioritised accordingly.
- 7. Notes** that further work is required to consider needs around rural schools, however there is currently no NLTP funding to support improvements in this area.

**Reason for recommendation:** A programme for the installation of new footpaths in our town area areas was developed and approved in 2015. The programme has an annual budget of \$100,000 for the installation of a footpath on one side of road, on streets which do not have a footpath. The streets identified by the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board are largely on the new footpath programme. new footpaths in Weka St (Park Ave to end), Totara Drive and Tui Street (Park Tce to Rata St) have all recently been completed. Matai St / Knight St/ Redwood Place are all programmed to be carried out over the next 4 years.

Safe pedestrian and cycling access for all users is important for our district. Walking and cycling provides good health benefits and dedicated facilities can encourage these alternate modes of travel, which also reduces greenhouse gas emissions.

A significant piece of work has been undertaken by Council to develop a Walking & Cycling Network Plan. This plan was adopted in October 2022 and identifies / prioritise gaps in the network, noting that there is significant demand for upgraded facilities all around the district that will require programming into the future.

Further work needs to be done around rural school needs, however there is currently no NLTP funding to support improvements in this area.

## Speed Limit Oxford Main Street

Speed Limit Oxford Main Street - 726.14, Kay Rabe for Oxford-Ohoka Community Board

**Summary:** The Board again implores the Council to institute a 40km/h speed limit on Main Street, Oxford, as per the numerous residents' requests over the years.

**Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point.
- 2. Notes** the Community Board's continued support for a 40 km/h speed restriction on Main Street, Oxford
- 3. Notes** that Council had agreed to hold work around speed limits until the Setting of Speed Limit Rule 2024 came into effect.
- 4. Notes** that the first tranche of speed limit reviews is focuses around schools, and this is underway now to meet the June 2026 time frame for having these in place.
- 5. Notes** that Council may then consider any other areas where they may wish to make change.

**Reason for recommendation:** On 6th September 2022, Council considered a report referred from the Oxford-Ohoka Community Board seeking approval to implement a 40 km/h speed limit on Main Street Oxford between Burnett Street and Bay Road. Council deliberated on this issue and did not support the recommended change, therefore the resolution was lost and the speed limit remained unchanged. As per Waimakariri District Council's Standing Orders, when a motion has been considered and rejected by the local authority or a Committee, no similar notice of motion may be accepted within the next 12 months, unless signed by not less than one third of all members, including vacancies. As such this matter could not be considered again until after September 2023. In 2024 there was a change in the approach to setting of speed limits, and Council chose to postpone any further decision making until the new Rule came out, which was late 2024.

Work is currently underway on variable speed limits around schools. This has a time frame of completion of June 2026, and as such this is being progressed as the first tranche of changes. Consideration could then be given to other changes the Council may wish to see progressed.

## Ohoka-Rangiora-Kaiapoi Cycle connectivity

Ohoka-Rangiora-Kaiapoi Cycle connectivity - 728.4, Edward & Justine Hamilton

**Summary:** We regularly cycle to both Rangiora and Kaiapoi from Ohoka; often doing the triangle of the three.

This is both for exercise and to run small errands into the towns weekly.

As with most cyclists, we try and avoid riding on the open roads and much prefer to use cycle-ways and the stop banks etc. 90% of drivers are very courteous towards cyclists but then you have the 10% brigade that seem to be out to get you.

To Rangiora, both Flaxton Road and Plasketts Road have little to no hard shoulder to ride on, making them particularly dangerous. Threlkelds Road and east Mill Road from Jacksons Road to Skewbridge Road/Ohoka Road intersection fall into the same category. That is, little to no shoulder to ride on.

Going on the stop bank to Kaiapoi you are forced to cross Skewbridge, this is a very risky exercise on a bike. Getting across Skewbridge road from Mill road to the Silverstream connection is also rather hazardous being offset and on the bend.

Also of concern are the cycle ways that just vanish into the traffic on some roads in Rangiora.

There is one thing for sure, better quality and safer cycle ways will mean a lot more people on bikes.

The existing bike tracks are brilliant. Pines Beach to Waikuku, Rakahuri to Waikuku, Passchendaele, Rangiora Woodend Kaiapoi to Pines Beach etc.

Upon speaking with other cyclists we realise we are not alone in our concerns.

REQUEST: Please can we have more cycle paths with new and safer connectivity, especially from Ohoka to Kaiapoi and Rangiora.

### **Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point.
- 2. Notes** the request for improved cycling facilities between Ohoka, Rangiora and Kaiapoi.
- 3. Notes** that Council approved a Walking & Cycling Network Plan for the district in October 2022, which identifies gaps in the network and set priority one projects to be delivered as funding is available.
- 4. Notes** that a connection between Ohoka and Rangiora / Kaiapoi does not sit within the current prioritised projects and as such is likely to be some time away.
- 5. Notes** that the current Government Policy Statement (GPS) on Transport provides very limited support for walking & cycling infrastructure, and as such it is unlikely that improvements would be undertaken at this time.

**Reason for recommendation:** Safe pedestrian and cycling access for all users is important for our district. Walking and cycling provides good health benefits and dedicated facilities can encourage these alternate modes of travel, which also reduces greenhouse gas emissions.

A significant piece of work has been undertaken by Council to develop a Walking & Cycling Network Plan. This plan was adopted in October 2022 and identifies / prioritise gaps in the network, noting that there is significant demand for upgraded facilities all around the district that will require programming into the future.

A future connection between Ohoka and Rangiora has been identified in the plan, however sits outside of the current prioritised programme and as such is likely to be some time away.



## Speed Limits - Loburn

Speed Limits - Loburn - 732.5, Ian Brown

**Summary:** I really believe the Council is in league with the Police getting citizens fined for speed limits. Loburn is a great place for cops to write tickets. So is River Road.

Councilors are totally in love with their concrete bill. Will do anything to increase monuments everywhere.

**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point.

**Reason for recommendation:** The speed limit of 80 km/h on Loburn Whiterock Road was put in place due to road safety considerations, and is still considered appropriate for the road conditions. Pedestrian refuge islands are installed generally on busy roads where it is hard for pedestrians to cross, thereby supporting a two stage crossing.

## Cycleways Development/Mafeking Bridge Improvements

Cycleways Development/Mafeking Bridge Improvements - 735.1, Martin Pinkham for Kaiapoi Promotions Association Inc

### **Summary:** Mafeking Bridge Improvements

The KPA also supports the proposed budgets for increased levels of service for cycleways in the Roding and Footpath budget, as there are many missing sections in the Walking and Cycling network.

In particular widening of the Mafeking Bridge should be a high priority. This crucial link in the walking and cycling network is completely inadequate for the volume of users. It is not possible for an opposing cyclist or pedestrian to use the bridge if there is a cyclist on it.

The enclosed photographs highlight how inadequate this bridge is, and KPA believes that the upgrading of the deck of this bridge should be a very high priority. The second photograph shows that the structure of this bridge is likely to be sound and that only widening the deck is required to provide a suitable improvement.

The KPA has previously made submissions on this subject and was very pleased to see that the Council resolved, as part of the 2024 Long Term Plan, to undertake the relevant design work in 2024/25 and construction in the 2025/26 year.

However, it is understood that it is now proposed to defer this expenditure to future years. The KPA strongly recommends that improvements to this key section of infrastructure are not deferred any longer and included in the 2025/26 construction programme.

### **Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point.
- 2. Notes** that the funding for widening of the Mafeking Bridge has been moved out to 2028/29 (for design) and 2029/30 (for construction) due to a lack of co-funding through the National Land Transport Programme (NLTP).
- 3. Notes** that the current Government Policy Statement (GPS) on Transport provides very limited support for walking & cycling infrastructure, and as such it is unlikely that improvements would be undertaken at this time.
- 4. Notes** that should national funding continue to be constrained, consideration would need to be given to alternative options for funding important projects. That the Council only Receives this submission point.

**Reason for recommendation:** The current GPS on Transport provides very limited funding investment in Walking & Cycling, and Waimakariri District Council did not receive any funding in this area. As such projects have largely been put on hold.

## Gresson Road/Rangiora Woodend Road Intersection

Gresson Road/Rangiora Woodend Road Intersection - 739.1, Christine Coomber

**Summary:** Last year I made a submission , and attended in person to discuss, the concerns we have about the corner of Gressons Road and the Rangiora Woodend highway intersection.

We understand that in the future , there may be plans that would involve this intersection being considered together with the close intersection of Boys Road, Tuahiwi road and Rangiora Woodend Highway for upgrading.

Also knowing the cut in the funding for roading development for the district I appreciate that the things I asked for, to be considered as issues of safety, have not been undertaken.

Would the Council please consider just painting a simple yellow line to prevent people parking at the intersection alongside the hedge that separates the cycle track and road.

This narrow area, as you know, is used as a left lane when motorists have to skirt around the left of cars trying to turn right into Gressons Road from Rangiora Woodend highway. Vehicles are travelling at 80k.

Some large trucks turning right from Gressons road, need that space to do their turn I have noticed. Motorists seem unaware that there is a safety issue, as they sit in this area sometimes even offloading and leaving trailers etc. A yellow line would solve this issue.

Christine Coomber

421 Gressons rd

### **Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point.
2. Thanks the submitter's concerns about parking on the roadside on Rangiora Woodend Road, at the Gressons Road intersection.
- 3. Notes** that the installation of No Stopping lines will be investigated and staff will liaise with the submitter.
- 4. Notes** that this will need to go through a formal decision making process with the Community Board and Council.

**Reason for recommendation:** The installation of no stopping lines will be investigated and staff will liaise with the submitter.

## Pot Holes

Pot Holes - 742.3, Adrienne Saunders

**Summary:** The pot holes are getting worse, all the road repairs done, in last year are now in need of fixing again. What is being done to fix this problem.

**Officer recommendations:**

1. **Receive** this submission point.
2. **Notes** the submitter's concerns about potholes within the Roding network.
3. **Notes** that staff are continuing to work closely with the Road Maintenance Contractor to ensure a robust programme of pavement repairs is developed which carefully considers the repair type / method.
4. **Notes** that there will be times where holding repairs will be required, until such time as a larger pavement repair or full pavement renewal can be programmed and undertaken.

**Reason for recommendation:** Potholes can occur where either surfacing or the underlying layers of a pavement have failed or have weakness. Potholes can appear within a wider area of failed or stressed pavement. In this case, the pothole repair may be a holding treatment, until such time as a wider repair in the area, or a full pavement renewal can be programmed. Potholes inevitably appear during wet periods, or when pavements are saturated or ground water levels are high. Staff work closely with the Road Maintenance Contractor to agree a programme of repairs, including pavement renewals and resurfacing.

## River Road Realignment

River Road Realignment - 742.4, Adrienne Saunders

**Summary:** This is a danger to the public. The road was narrowed and this is a major heavy vehicle bypass. The road markings cannot be seen at night under the street lighting, and in the wet no Road Marking can be seen at all. This is definitely a Health and Safety hazard and Council should be held responsible

**Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point.
- 2. Notes** the submitter's comments about River Road.
- 3. Notes** that further widening work was carried out along the length to address the concerns raised about width during construction.
- 4. Notes** that the road is considered to be suitable for the heavy vehicles which use this route with a design cross section of 7.85m carriageway width, which allows for two 3.5m traffic lanes, a 0.5m sealed shoulder on the north side and 350mm between the kerb fender and the edge line marking on the south side of the road.
- 5. Notes** that a second coat of road marking will be undertaken through this area.

**Reason for recommendation:** The importance of this route for heavy vehicles is acknowledged, and as such the design cross section is for a 7.85m carriageway width, which allows for two 3.5m traffic lanes, a 0.5m sealed shoulder on the north side and 350mm between the kerb fender and the edge line marking on the south side of the road. Additional widening of the previously upgraded section has been undertaken. A second coat of roadmarking will be carried out through this area.

## Road Cones

Road Cones - 742.5, Adrienne Saunders

**Summary:** When Road management plans are audited, I actually wonder if any of these persons in this department actually have a drivers licence. We have had Road cones causing huge issues on Upper Sefton Road, Yes I have made myself heard and Yes the Council have listened, but how many others in the District have to question and question common sense issues.

**Officer recommendations:**

1. **Receive** this submission point.
2. **Notes** the importance of ensuring work is carried out in an efficient and cost effective manner.
3. **Notes** that work also needs to be done safely and that COPTTM (Code of Practice for Temporary Traffic Management ) has been the industry guide for working on the road for over 20 years.
4. **Notes** that a new Guide (NZ Guide to Temporary Traffic Management or NZGTTM) has been trialled by NZ Transport Agency and is slowly starting to be adopted across the construction industry, however this will take time to implement.
5. **Notes** that this new guide may help reduce costs for lower risk sites, however traffic management is likely to remain at a similar level for high risk sites. That the Council only Receives this submission point.

**Reason for recommendation:** The industry guide for temporary traffic management has recently been reviewed and a new Guide has been trialled by NZ Transport Agency and is slowly being implemented across the industry. This will take time to implement.

## Speed Bumps

Speed Bumps - 742.6, Adrienne Saunders

**Summary:** Speed Bumps – Island Road, Waimakariri Gorge Bridge and other parts of the district. It is obvious that many of you have no idea what it is like to drive towing a horse float with Youngstock aboard, or big horses.

**Officer recommendations:**

1. **Receive** this submission point.
2. **Notes** the submitter's concerns about speed humps.
3. **Notes** that the installation of speed humps can help reduce speed in areas of high risk, or where vehicle speeds are causing damage to infrastructure (such as the Waimakariri Gorge Bridge).
4. **Notes** that the installation of speed humps or other traffic calming devices has to go through a formal decision making process with the Community Board and Council.

**Reason for recommendation:** The installation of speed humps and other traffic calming devices can provide benefit where there are safety concerns or risk to infrastructure.



## Roads Red Safety Paint

Roads Red Safety Paint - 745.1, Shona Powell for Waimakariri Access Group

**Summary:** WAG would like to urgently see the low cost-safety measure of red slurry paint on the road to highlight the change to 50 km/h at the thresholds to Oxford. This safety treatment is used throughout the District. We understand there is budget for Oxford speed threshold treatments in this coming financial year but would like to see this one simple safety measure prioritised to happen early in the year given how long the speed limit and road safety debate has been going on in Oxford.

**Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point.
- 2. Notes** the request to carry out improvements at the thresholds leading into Oxford.
- 3. Confirms** that budget has been signalled through the Minor Safety Programme in 2025/26 for consideration by the Community Boards and Utilities & Roading Committee.
- 4. Notes** that Red Slurry is very weather sensitive and needs to be installed during warmer weather due to drying times, and as such would likely be programmed for the Spring / early Summer.

**Reason for recommendation:** The issue of speed has previously been raised by the Community Board, and a small amount of funding has been included in the proposed Minor Safety Programme for 2025/26 to provide some improvements at thresholds.

This will be going to the Community Boards for feedback later this year.

## Visibility Rangiora High Street

Visibility Rangiora High Street - 745.5, Shona Powell for Waimakariri Access Group

**Summary:** Members have also raised concern about driver behaviour and lack of visibility at the pedestrian crossings on High Street Rangiora. The height of the planters along with the Corokia plantings prevents drivers being able to see wheelchair users and small children who are waiting to cross the road. A number of our members who are wheelchair users have experienced this and are concerned for their safety crossing the road. Although the hedging has been recently trimmed it still adds too much height and blocks visibility. Spring will bring new growth and further block visibility. This is an old photo just to highlight the planters WAG has concerns about.

SEE FULL SUBMISSION FOR PHOTOGRAPH

**Officer recommendations:**

1. **Receive** this submission point.
2. **Notes** the concerns about driver / pedestrian intervisibility at the zebra crossings on High Street.
3. **Notes** that plantings are regularly trimmed and this is being audited.
4. **Notes** that this is a low speed environment.

**Reason for recommendation:** The issue of plantings in the planter boxes on High Street has been considered and the need to keep these well trimmed has been communicated with the maintenance contractor. Staff continue to monitor and audit these plantings.

## Kaiapoi Intersection / Ranfurley Smith Charles Streets

Kaiapoi Intersection / Ranfurley Smith Charles Streets - 747.1, Neil Price

**Summary:** I Neill Price wish to submit the following for consideration by the Council during its deliberations in regards to the Annual Plan 2025.

My submission relates to the Intersection of Ranfurley-Smith- Charles St. Kaiapoi. Over the years Smith St., has now become a very busy route into the Business Area of Kaiapoi.

Having lived very near the said intersection for over sixty-five years I have witnessed serious accidents near misses and complete flouting of the STOP requirements together with the high speeds creates a real problem in relation to safety at this Corner.

I would also like the council Officers to consider making Charles St., a ONE WAY from Davie St., to Smith St.

This was the situation under a previous Council and it seemed to work okay.

The problem of allowing Vehicles into Charles St is the effect it has on the crossing from the Riverbank to the Footpath on the east side of Charles St.

Also is the damage that is done to the underground utilities by the weight of heavy vehicles turning.

I wish to request speaking time to further explain the problems with the status quo

**Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point.
- 2. Notes** the concerns of the submitter.
- 3. Notes** that consideration of a mechanism to limit heavy vehicle use of Charles Street is underway and a report is to be taken to the Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board for consideration.
- 4. Notes** that consideration of a one-way restriction would require further investigation and a decision by Council. That the Council only Receives this submission point.

**Reason for recommendation:** The issue of heavy vehicle use of Charles Street has previously been raised by the Community Board, and a report is being prepared on this subject. The introduction of a one-way system would require further investigation and a decision by Council.

## Sealing on Priors Road

Sealing on Priors Road - 749.1, Chris & Tracy O'Brien

**Summary:** We have just moved back home to NZ and purchased a property at 378 Priors road, Fernside.

I am writing to lobby for the section of Priors road between Dalziels road and Mt Thomas road to be sealed. The amount of speeding and dangerous heavy lorries and traffic send gales of dust into the air and up to the house. It also ruins our cars with dust and stone chips etc.

I understand that the council may be in conversations with a local entrepreneurial developer who it is mooted will be sealing the Rangiora end of Priors road, but only as far as its junction with Dalziels road.

Not to seal the last 750 or so meters to Mt Thomas Rd doesn't make sense.

I have spoken briefly with Tim and he said he'll share my email with Don Young as appropriate council officers, however didn't think a resolve likely.

Please can this be tabled and discussed for budget and agreed asap.

**Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point.
- 2. Notes** the request from the submitter to seal the last 750m of Priors Road to Mt Thomas Road.
- 3. Notes** that this sits outside of the Development area and is not currently programmed for sealing.
- 4. Notes** that it is unlikely, even with development occurring in the area, that traffic volumes would be sufficient to trigger the need for sealing to occur.

**Reason for recommendation:** If development was to occur around the area of the airfield, it is likely the developer would be required to upgrade and seal the road adjacent to the development area. At this stage the additional 750m through to Mt Thomas Road does not have budget for sealing, and the traffic volumes are unlikely to trigger sealing.

## Spokes Canterbury

### Spokes Canterbury - 789.1, Anne Scott for Spokes Canterbury

**Summary:** Spokes understands the reduction in the level of co-funding with NZTA has had a serious impact on the Waimakariri District Council's ability to build and maintain local roads and transport assets, however Waimakariri is in a strong financial position, allowing some leeway to be more ambitious providing infrastructure to support safe active transport, including cycling.

Spokes supports:

1. The priority given to safety around schools (\$100k). This should include providing safe active transport options for students, reducing speeds and moving parking/drop-off options further away from school entrances.
2. The Woodend to Ravenswood Walking and Cycling Connection should go ahead with construction in the 2025/26 financial year rather than be delayed to 2026/27.
3. Any intersections receiving safety upgrades should include best practice cycle treatments, including at the Fernside Road /Todds Road intersection.
4. The Ravenswood Park and Ride, which should include cycle and ride options. Public transport reduces congestion and makes roads safer for all users.
5. Progress on building the Woodend to Kaiapoi cycleway.
6. It is unclear if the funding is there to continue building the cycle connection from High Street to Southbrook Road, which is a high priority.
7. Funding for the business case for a cycle connection from Woodend to Williams Street down the new motorway bypass so it is ready in case of any change to current government policy and funding priorities for active transport.
8. Providing some funding to address priority red and orange cycle infrastructure concerns from the Love to Ride maps above, particularly those around schools and other important community destinations.

I would like the opportunity to present to the Waimakariri District Council at the hearing on the Annual Plan and I am happy to discuss or clarify any issues that arise.

#### **Officer recommendations:**

1. **Receive** this submission point.
2. **Thanks** Spokes for their submission.
3. **Notes** that there is budget within the Annual Plan for addressing speed limits around schools, with this work required to be completed by June 2026.
4. **Notes** that the connection between Woodend and Ravenswood is a high priority, and Council has committed to progressing this connection as soon as possible and likely within the 2025/26 financial year.

**5. Notes** that Council has also supported progressing the connection between Kaiapoi and Pine Acres, however the section between Pine Acres and Woodend will need further consideration in conjunction with the Woodend Bypass works being undertaken by NZ Transport Agency.

**6. Notes** the on road cycle connection between High Street and Southbrook Road has needed to be postponed following the withdrawal of the Transport Choices funding by Central Government.

**7. Notes** that Council has continued to advocate for a shared path as part of the Woodend Bypass, however NZ Transport Agency have indicated that this is not a Government Priority and as such will not be funded.

**8. Notes** that the current Government Policy Statement (GPS) on Transport provides very limited support for walking & cycling infrastructure, and as such it is unlikely that further improvements would be undertaken at this time.

**Reason for recommendation:** Safe pedestrian and cycling access for all users is important for our district. Walking and cycling provides good health benefits and dedicated facilities can encourage these alternate modes of travel, which also reduces greenhouse gas emissions.

A significant piece of work has been undertaken by Council to develop a Walking & Cycling Network Plan. This plan was adopted in October 2022 and identifies / prioritise gaps in the network, noting that there is significant demand for upgraded facilities all around the district that will require programming into the future.

Council are progressing sections of cycleway within its own budget allocation where possible, however a number of projects have had to be postponed due to a lack of co-funding through the National Land Transport Programme (NLTP).

## Woodend Bypass

Woodend Bypass - 742.9, Adrienne Saunders

**Summary:** Woodend- By-Pass- Loss of Houses - Closure of Wards Road.

**Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point.
- 2. Notes** that the Belfast to Pegasus RoNS Project (including the Woodend Bypass) is an NZ Transport Agency led project, with Waimakariri District Council involvement due to the interface with the local road network.
- 3. Notes** that the Woodend Bypass is considered critical infrastructure for Canterbury and our District, and as such Council fully support this project.
- 4. Notes** that the closure of Wards Road is being considered by NZ Transport Agency as part of the RoNS project, due to safety concerns about the operation of the Wards Road intersection.
- 5. Notes** that NZ Transport Agency are liaising with property owners regarding specific property impacts. That the Council only Receives this submission point.

**Reason for recommendation:** The Belfast to Pegasus RoNS project is an important project for Canterbury and our District. This project which includes the Woodend Bypass is considered critical infrastructure and is fully supported by Council. The closure of Wards Rd is required from safety reasons.



## Road linking Pegasus and Gladstone Park

Road linking Pegasus and Gladstone Park - 685.7, Kay Rabe for Woodend Sefton Community Board

**Summary:** The Board requests that serious consideration be given to funding the second connecting road between Pegasus and Gladstone Road in Woodend which has been planned from the beginning of the Pegasus Town development. This would help to mitigate the congestion of entering or exiting the township at the SH1 roundabout. This would also prove invaluable during construction of the new SH1/Pegasus/Ravenswood interchange as part of the Woodend Bypass as it would divert a lot of Pegasus traffic away from the worksite. During an emergency the additional exit/entry would be available immediately with no question about when, or even if, it would be opened as happens now.

While the Board is aware there currently is an emergency egress from Pegasus Main Street to Gladstone Road, this is unsealed and rarely opened when it would assist in traffic flows in and out of Pegasus due to high traffic volume or an accident.

The traffic volumes on SH1 are now at such a high level at peak commuting times, holidays and weekends that the traffic exiting Pegasus backs up some distance. This is because the SH1/Pegasus/Ravenswood roundabout is gridlocked by the high volume of SH1 traffic. If there is an accident that holds up traffic on SH1 this exacerbates the slow movement of traffic. A recent example was an accident in Woodend on 31 March during the morning commute. The result was traffic exiting Pegasus was backed up to Infinity Drive and not really moving. With no other exit available people were either late for work, school, and appointments or missed them entirely. Three accidents on the motorway two days later had a similar effect.

The Board also believes that having a permanent second access to the community would be beneficial given the increased development of the area and would reduce pressure on the Infinity Drive roundabout. In addition, it would provide alternative access for emergency services, potentially providing quicker access to properties and amenities in the eastern part of Pegasus, which includes commercial properties.

The Board requests that the existing emergency egress be upgraded to the standard required for it to become a permanent connector road between Pegasus and SH1 in Woodend. The need for this road to be open in the near future is becoming more evident every day.

### **Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point.
- 2. Thanks** the Community Board for raising the issue of a second road connection between Pegasus and Woodend.
- 3. Notes** that previous reports to the Community Board and Council had supported delaying further investigation into a second road connection between Pegasus and Woodend until a construction time for the Woodend Bypass was confirmed.
- 4. Notes** that now that there is more certainty around this project progressing, consideration of this matter is being given and a briefing will be held with the Community Board and Council.

**5. Notes** that careful coordination of this work will be required with the proposed Woodend Bypass works, and that this has been raised with NZ Transport Agency staff at this early design stage.

**Reason for recommendation:** The issue of the second road access has been considered by the Community Board and Council previously, and with the current work underway by NZ Transport Agency to progress this project, it is considered timely to investigate options and consult with the Community. A briefing is planned to be held with the Council and Community Board on this subject.

# Water Supply

## Chlorination of Drinking Water

### Chlorination of Drinking Water - 12.5, Ross Lawrence McPherson

**Summary:** Would love our water to be unchlorinated we had beautiful clean drinking water without chemicals!

**Officer recommendations:**

1. **Receive** this submission point.
2. **Notes** all public water supplies are now required by law to have chlorine as a residual disinfectant in the water unless an exemption is obtained from the regulator, Water Services Authority-Taumata Arowai.

**Reason for recommendation:** We are currently working with the regulator to determine a pathway forward so that our drinking water can be chlorine-free. However, this is expected to take a significant amount of investment which we would need to engage with the community on through future Long Term or Annual Plans.

### Chlorination of Drinking Water - 34.2, Kevin Burgess

**Summary:** Is it possible to reduce the amount of chlorine in the drinking water as the water tastes strong at the moment.

Also is it possible to reduce the white calcium content as it stains the window glass and bricks on our house when irrigation is being used.

**Officer recommendations:**

1. **Receive** this submission point.
2. **Notes** all public water supplies are now required by law to have chlorine as a residual disinfectant in the water unless an exemption is obtained from the regulator, Water Services Authority-Taumata Arowai.

**Reason for recommendation:** We are currently working with the regulator to determine a pathway forward so that our drinking water can be chlorine-free. However, this is expected to take a significant amount of investment which we would need to engage with the community on through future Long Term or Annual Plans. Council has to comply with the regulator's standards and rules or the amount of chlorine in the water which determines how much chlorine is being added. The white deposits are caused by the natural hardness of the source water. Council regularly monitors the chemical contents of the source water and as the levels are within the regulator's standards for safe drinking water additional treatment is unnecessary.

## Chlorination of Drinking Water - 162.2, H & M Walls

**Summary:** Priority must be given to having or going back to un-chlorinated water.

**Officer recommendations:**

1. **Receive** this submission point.
2. **Notes** all public water supplies are now required by law to have chlorine as a residual disinfectant in the water unless an exemption is obtained from the regulator, Water Services Authority-Taumata Arowai.

**Reason for recommendation:** We are currently working with the regulator to determine a pathway forward so that our drinking water can be chlorine-free. However, this is expected to take a significant amount of investment which we would need to engage with the community on through future Long Term or Annual Plans.

## Chlorination of Drinking Water - 180.2, H Duxbury

**Summary:** Reduce the amount of chlorine used in our once beautiful clear drinking water.

**Officer recommendations:**

1. **Receive** this submission point.
2. **Notes** all public water supplies are now required by law to have chlorine as a residual disinfectant in the water unless an exemption is obtained from the regulator, Water Services Authority-Taumata Arowai.

**Reason for recommendation:** We are currently working with the regulator to determine a pathway forward so that our drinking water can be chlorine-free. However, this is expected to take a significant amount of investment which we would need to engage with the community on through future Long Term or Annual Plans. The Council has to comply with the regulator's rules for amount of chlorine in the water and therefore have very little control over reducing the amount being dosed.

## Chlorination of Drinking Water - 323.1, - Payne

**Summary:** Waimakariri has in the past had the best tasting water, but since the addition of chloride. the water quality has gone downhill. The taste is awful and after every bath or shower my skin reacts so that I am itching all over. The council needs to look for better alternatives to treat our water.

**Officer recommendations:**

1. **Receive** this submission point.
2. **Notes** all public water supplies are now required by law to have chlorine as a residual disinfectant in the water unless an exemption is obtained from the regulator, Water Services Authority-Taumata Arowai.

**Reason for recommendation:** We are currently working with the regulator to determine a pathway forward so that our drinking water can be chlorine-free. However, this is expected to take a significant amount of investment which we would need to engage with the community on through future Long Term or Annual Plans.

#### Chlorination of Drinking Water - 382.2, David & Kaz Berry

**Summary:** Please get rid of the chlorine!

**Officer recommendations:**

1. **Receive** this submission point.
2. **Notes** all public water supplies are now required by law to have chlorine as a residual disinfectant in the water unless an exemption is obtained from the regulator, Water Services Authority-Taumata Arowai.

**Reason for recommendation:** We are currently working with the regulator to determine a pathway forward so that our drinking water can be chlorine-free. However, this is expected to take a significant amount of investment which we would need to engage with the community on through future Long Term or Annual Plans.

#### Chlorination of Drinking Water - 397.2, Linda Harvey

**Summary:** Bring back ultra violet - (no chlorine). Please and thankyou for Waikuku Beach.

**Officer recommendations:**

1. **Receive** this submission point.
2. **Notes** all public water supplies are now required by law to have chlorine as a residual disinfectant in the water unless an exemption is obtained from the regulator, Water Services Authority-Taumata Arowai.

**Reason for recommendation:** We are currently working with the regulator to determine a pathway forward so that our drinking water can be chlorine-free. However, this is expected to take a significant amount of investment which we would need to engage with the community on through future Long Term or Annual Plans. Even though the water is now chlorinated, UV treatment is also in operation to provide protozoa barrier for the drinking water.

#### Chlorination of Drinking Water - 449.2, Beverley Leopold

**Summary:** Also, our drinking water always tasted pure, now I have to buy my drinking water which means more plastic to be recycled. I can still taste the chlorine its terrible.

**Officer recommendations:**

1. **Receive** this submission point.
2. **Notes** all public water supplies are now required by law to have chlorine as a residual disinfectant in the water unless an exemption is obtained from the regulator, Water Services Authority-Taumata Arowai.

**Reason for recommendation:** We are currently working with the regulator to determine a pathway forward so that our drinking water can be chlorine-free. However, this is expected to take a significant amount of investment which we would need to engage with the community on through future Long Term or Annual Plans.

#### Chlorination of Drinking Water - 498.2, PA Hills

**Summary:** Anything that gets rid of the chlorine has my backing. As our water doesn't sit in reservoirs I don't see the need its monitored from the well and as I'm from Kaiapoi I know our water is some of the best on the planet.

**Officer recommendations:**

1. **Receive** this submission point.
2. **Notes** all public water supplies are now required by law to have chlorine as a residual disinfectant in the water unless an exemption is obtained from the regulator, Water Services Authority-Taumata Arowai.

**Reason for recommendation:** We are currently working with the regulator to determine a pathway forward so that our drinking water can be chlorine-free. However, this is expected to take a significant amount of investment which we would need to engage with the community on through future Long Term or Annual Plans.

#### Chlorination of Drinking Water - 545.2, Stewart Milne

**Summary:** Removal of chlorine from the water. Given the water supply for Rangiora is filtered the Canterbury Plains we have the best water in the world. There was no issue before the (last) government imposed the need to put a chemical in the supply. If there became a quality issue the yes chlorine is an option.

But there is no issue so remove the chlorine

**Officer recommendations:**

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2. **Notes** all public water supplies are now required by law to have chlorine as a residual disinfectant in the water unless an exemption is obtained from the regulator, Water Services Authority-Taumata Arowai.

**Reason for recommendation:** We are currently working with the regulator to determine a pathway forward so that our drinking water can be chlorine-free. However, this is expected to take a significant amount of investment which we would need to engage with the community on through future Long Term or Annual Plans.

## Chlorination of Drinking Water - 546.1, PE Vickery

**Summary:** A good quality water supply that our Council provided, some years ago, coming from Kaiapoi artesian wells we paid for at the times. At this time we enjoyed unchlorinated water. My question is, Does our Council really have to comply to the National strategy of All Council having chlorinated water.

'Can we not make our own decisions?'

Please find on the back a poem that I wrote when the water, was first chlorinated.

### **Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point.

**2. Notes** all public water supplies are now required by law to have chlorine as a residual disinfectant in the water unless an exemption is obtained from the regulator, Water Services Authority-Taumata Arowai.

**Reason for recommendation:** We are currently working with the regulator to determine a pathway forward so that our drinking water can be chlorine-free. However, this is expected to take a significant amount of investment which we would need to engage with the community on through future Long Term or Annual Plans.

## Chlorination of Drinking Water - 584.2, Graham Johnson

**Summary:** Why must we contaminate our good water with chlorine because of a government mandate.

UV is better, especially with the quality of our sub terrain water supply. It is able to kill 99.99% of harmful bacteria and pathogens in water without contaminating it with a chemical which ruins the taste and causes corrosion in our water reticulation systems. (Hot water systems, tap fittings etc).

We should continue to fight against this mandate which discriminates against regions which have a good clean uncontaminated water supply.

Our only concern in the future may be how we cope with increased nitrate levels.

### **Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point.

**2. Notes** all public water supplies are now required by law to have chlorine as a residual disinfectant in the water unless an exemption is obtained from the regulator, Water Services Authority-Taumata Arowai.

**Reason for recommendation:** We are currently working with the regulator to determine a pathway forward so that our drinking water can be chlorine-free. However, this is expected to take a significant amount of investment which we would need to engage with the community on through future Long Term or Annual Plans. In addition to chlorine treatment, UV treatment is also being installed at all our drinking water supplies to provide protozoa and bacterial treatment as required by legislation.



## Chlorination of Drinking Water - 622.1, S Hoffman

**Summary:** I'd like to comment that I can't drink the chlorine water as the taste and smell of the water makes me terrible. I go a;; the way to Burnside park to fill my bottles with good unchlorinated drinking water., why can't we have access to unchlorinated water here in Waimakariri, if there is please contact me.

**Officer recommendations:**

1. **Receive** this submission point.
2. **Notes** all public water supplies are now required by law to have chlorine as a residual disinfectant in the water unless an exemption is obtained from the regulator, Water Services Authority-Taumata Arowai.

**Reason for recommendation:** We are currently working with the regulator to determine a pathway forward so that our drinking water can be chlorine-free. However, this is expected to take a significant amount of investment which we would need to engage with the community on through future Long Term or Annual Plans. There are unfortunately no un-chlorinated water filling stations available in the Waimakariri District.

## Chlorination of Drinking Water - 647.2, Janet Pearson

**Summary:** Will it be possible to not chlorinate drinking water?

**Officer recommendations:**

1. **Receive** this submission point.
2. **Notes** all public water supplies are now required by law to have chlorine as a residual disinfectant in the water unless an exemption is obtained from the regulator, Water Services Authority-Taumata Arowai.

**Reason for recommendation:** We are currently working with the regulator to determine a pathway forward so that our drinking water can be chlorine-free. However, this is expected to take a significant amount of investment which we would need to engage with the community on through future Long Term or Annual Plans.

## Chlorination of Drinking Water - 760.2, Colin Hurley

**Summary:** Please remove the chlorine from the water if you can.

**Officer recommendations:**

1. **Receive** this submission point.
2. **Notes** all public water supplies are now required by law to have chlorine as a residual disinfectant in the water unless an exemption is obtained from the regulator, Water Services Authority-Taumata Arowai.

**Reason for recommendation:** We are currently working with the regulator to determine a pathway forward so that our drinking water can be chlorine-free. However, this is expected to take a significant amount of investment which we would need to engage with the community on through future Long Term or Annual Plans.

## Chlorination of Drinking Water - 14.2, John Carter

**Summary:** However, we do need to remove the Chlorine, & add the Fluorine!

Having spent several thousand dollars on my teeth over 70 years, I believe it is very selfish of persons who don't recognise the safe benefits of adding Fluorine to our water supply,

**Officer recommendations:**

1. **Receive** this submission point.
2. **Notes** all public water supplies are now required by law to have chlorine as a residual disinfectant in the water unless an exemption is obtained from the regulator, Water Services Authority - Taumata Arowai.
3. **Notes** Council currently has no plans to fluoridate our water supplies.

**Reason for recommendation:** We are currently working with the regulator to determine a pathway forward so that our drinking water can be chlorine-free. However, this is expected to take a significant amount of investment which we would need to engage with the community on through future Long Term or Annual Plans.

Under the Health (Fluoridation of Drinking Water) Amendment Act 2021 the Director General of Health may instruct the Council to fluoridate any of its water supplies with a population over 500. To date we have not received any such direction from the Director General of Health and therefore there are no plans to fluoridate our water supplies.

## Chlorination of Drinking Water - 32.1, Richard Fogden

**Summary:** My main concern is that here in Kaiapoi the natural spring water we've enjoyed (till recently) is being polluted with the addition of chlorine. This is a toxic chemical that destroys the natural biological balance both in our gardens and our bodies, not to mention hot water cylinders which are destroyed due to the cleansing affects.

I understand that there are times chlorine needs to be used, eg for sanitizing new introduction etc. but as far as constant use of chlorine to kill 100% of any potential effects causing minor illness this is unacceptable.

Or autoimmune system copes very well I'm boosting our defences against pathogens..

I trust you won't be using fluoride any time soon, that would be worse.

It seems obvious to me if you continue the use of these toxins then it is a deliberate attack on us to weaken our immune systems.

Just saying

**Officer recommendations:**

1. **Receive** this submission point.

**2. Notes** all public water supplies are now required by law to have chlorine as a residual disinfectant in the water unless an exemption is obtained from the regulator, Water Services Authority - Taumata Arowai.

**3. Notes** Council currently has no plans to fluoridate our water supplies.

**Reason for recommendation:** We are currently working with the regulator to determine a pathway forward so that our drinking water can be chlorine-free. However, this is expected to take a significant amount of investment which we would need to engage with the community on through future Long Term or Annual Plans.

Under the Health (Fluoridation of Drinking Water) Amendment Act 2021 the Director General of Health may instruct the Council to fluoridate any of its water supplies with a population over 500. To date we have not received any such direction from the Director General of Health.

#### Chlorination of Drinking Water - 36.2, Jeff & Regine Hill & Lenser

**Summary:** however are very concerned about the chlorine used in our drinking/house water supply. Also, totally oppose fluoridisation in the future!

**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point.

**2. Notes** all public water supplies are now required by law to have chlorine as a residual disinfectant in the water unless an exemption is obtained from the regulator, Water Services Authority-Taumata Arowai.

**3. Notes** Council currently has no plans to fluoridate our water supplies.

**Reason for recommendation:** We are currently working with the regulator to determine a pathway forward so that our drinking water can be chlorine-free. However, this is expected to take a significant amount of investment which we would need to engage with the community on through future Long Term or Annual Plans.

Under the Health (Fluoridation of Drinking Water) Amendment Act 2021 the Director General of Health may instruct the Council to fluoridate any of its water supplies with a population over 500. To date we have not received any such direction from the Director General of Health.

#### Chlorination of Drinking Water - 489.2, Russell Forward

**Summary:** Fluoridation is being forced on all, when it could be simply be removed from water & tablets provided for those who feel there are benefits in taking it. It should be about personal choice, not a countrywide directive. Same applies to chlorine. Its time to stand against Govt directives, as we all know they don't often get it rights. The roll out of an ineffective vaccine which had significant side effects for many is a classic example.

**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point.

**2. Notes** all public water supplies are now required by law to have chlorine as a residual disinfectant in the water unless an exemption is obtained from the regulator, Water Services Authority-Taumata Arowai.

**3. Notes** Council currently has no plans to fluoridate our water supplies.

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#### Chlorination of Drinking Water - 537.2, Helene Macnab

**Summary:** No to Fluoride and Chlorine added.  
I want clean, unadulterated water.

**Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point.
- 2. Notes** all public water supplies are now required by law to have chlorine as a residual disinfectant in the water unless an exemption is obtained from the regulator, Water Services Authority-Taumata Arowai.
- 3. Notes** Council currently has no plans to fluoridate our water supplies.

**Reason for recommendation:** We are currently working with the regulator to determine a pathway forward so that our drinking water can be chlorine-free. However, this is expected to take a significant amount of investment which we would need to engage with the community on through future Long Term or Annual Plans. We currently have no plans to fluoridate our water supplies. Under the Health (Fluoridation of Drinking Water) Amendment Act 2021 the Director General of Health may instruct the Council to fluoridate any of its water supplies with a population over 500. To date we have not received any such direction from the Director General of Health.

#### Chlorination of Drinking Water - 124.1, Alister Clearwater

**Summary:** Strictly no chlorine or fluoride to be added to the water in the Ashley Water Scheme.

**Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point.
- 2. Notes** the Ashley Water Scheme is managed by Hurunui District Council.

**Reason for recommendation:** All public water supplies are now required by law to have chlorine as a residual disinfectant in the water which applies to all Councils. In addition, under the Health (Fluoridation of Drinking Water) Amendment Act 2021 the Director General of Health may instruct Councils to fluoridate any of its water supplies with a population over 500 and therefore the decision to fluoridate or not is also out of any Council's control.

## Chlorination of Drinking Water - 325.2, C & C Thompson

**Summary:** I hope this also includes Community discussion in relation to "NO FLUORIDE" in our drinking water based on overseas analysis.

**Officer recommendations:**

1. **Receive** this submission point.
2. **Notes** Council currently has no plans to fluoridate our water supplies. Under the Health (Fluoridation of Drinking Water) Amendment Act 2021 the Director General of Health may instruct the Council to fluoridate any of its water supplies with a population over 500. To date we have not received any such direction from the Director General of Health.

**Reason for recommendation:**

## Chlorination of Drinking Water - 556.2, C & S Harris

**Summary:** There should be NO FLURIDATION, regardless of govt tyranny.

**Officer recommendations:**

1. **Receive** this submission point.
2. **Notes** Council currently has no plans to fluoridate our water supplies.

**Reason for recommendation:** Under the Health (Fluoridation of Drinking Water) Amendment Act 2021 the Director General of Health may instruct the Council to fluoridate any of its water supplies with a population over 500. To date we have not received any such direction from the Director General of Health.

## Chlorination of Drinking Water - 786.2, Gerard van Keppevelt

**Summary:** A pity out water from the tap is very bad with nitrate . Needed a \$1000 filter to solve it!.

**Officer recommendations:**

1. **Receive** this submission point.
2. **Notes** all Council's drinking water supplies comply with the nitrate limits set by the Water Services Regulator-Taumata Arowai through the Drinking Water Standards.
3. **Notes** the Council regularly monitors the nitrate levels in the water in accordance with the Drinking Water Quality Assurance Rules to ensure that we are within the maximum allowable limits.

**Reason for recommendation:** The Drinking Water Standards specifies the maximum amount of different compounds including Nitrates that are safe to have in our drinking water.

## Backflow Prevention

### Backflow Prevention - 28.2, Arch Murray

**Summary:** Waimakariri District Council as I understand have control of the drinking water from source to the toby via the reticulation system and only partly own Backflow Prevention Devices. This part ownership is where the protection of our drinking water falls down. I believe Council should own the drinking water supply completely (source to the last valve of supply) including the Backflow Device regardless of whether the backflow device is on the Council side of the Boundary or not.

After all, the Council has the responsibility of supplying Clean Healthy Drinking Water. In turn Council should be charging customers a fee for the testing of backflow Devices. This in itself would be a good revenue earner which is only going to grow. The revenue from this would help pay for the testers (IQPs) training and installation of devices. I believe in NZ the biggest cause of drinking water contamination is directly due to the lack of backflow devices. I would add that the lack of understanding of Backflow prevention in NZ is a huge problem and needs to be addressed, how many Council staff know that Boundary Backflow prevention has been LAW since 1961.

**Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point.
- 2. Notes** the review of the Backflow Prevention Policy in 2027 will consider the recommendations to change the current ownership model for backflow devices and the potential to introduce charging for testing of backflow devices to offset the costs of ownership.

**Reason for recommendation:** The Backflow Prevention Policy was adopted by the Council in 2022 to manage the risk of backflow to avoid contaminants from any private property entering the Council water supply network. This policy will be reviewed within 5 years of its adoption.

## Water Testing - Mandeville

Water Testing - Mandeville - 472.2, Adrian & Erica Whiteman

**Summary:** We would like to receive annually the results of the Mandeville water testing. Specifically nitrate levels, bacteria etc.

**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point.

**2. Notes** water quality results for all our drinking water supplies can be found on the Council's website.

**Reason for recommendation:** Reason included as part of the recommendation



### 3 Water Services and Water Quality

#### 3 Water Services and Water Quality - 546.2, PE Vickery

**Summary:** The Rangiora area is expanding at an amazing rate. What concerns me, is our capacity to cope with our water Services. Can our effluent and stormwater ponds continue to take the big increase, that stems from the new housing subdivisions that are taking place. Also for the increasing need for good quality water supply, which will end up in these ponds before being liberated to the sea.

**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point.

**2. Notes** as part of the Council's Activity Management Plan process, the Council's 3 Waters infrastructures are regularly assessed to identify upgrades that are required to meet the growth demands in the district. This ensures that Council is able to continue meeting its level of service for all its 3 Waters services.

**Reason for recommendation:** Reason included as part of the recommendation

## Pineacres to Woodend Water Supply

Pineacres to Woodend Water Supply - 630.2, Colin Wilson

**Summary:** I'm wondering if there are plans to run water from along SH1 from Pineacres to Woodend.

Most of the houses along this route have very shallow wells that have a high Iron content that yellows showers, toilets and clothes etc.

**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point.

**2. Notes** extension of the water supply networks are typically triggered by development activities occurring in the area and there is currently no planned development in that area that will bring about extension of the drinking water supply.

**Reason for recommendation:** Reason included as part of the recommendation

## Water Supply > Summerhill Scheme

Water Supply > Summerhill Scheme - 680.11, Thea Kunkel for Rangiora-Ashley Community Board

**Summary:** The Board is concerned about rural service delivery's sustainability and future affordability in light of the estimated 8.2% rate increase for the Summerhill Scheme in the 2025/26 financial year compared to the 2024/25 financial year.

**Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point.
- 2. Notes** district-wide rating for water and wastewater will be considered as part of the 2027-37 Long Term Plan.

**Reason for recommendation:** Staff propose community consultation on district-wide rating for wastewater in 2026 as part of the Long Term Plan process.

## Rating for 3 Waters

### Rating for 3 Waters - 726.16, Kay Rabe for Oxford-Ohoka Community Board

**Summary:** The Board believes that the Council should consider the way it rates for three waters across the Waimakariri District. Traditionally, all schemes have been rated separately. However, the district is now only served by two Council schemes, the Eastern District Scheme and the Oxford Scheme. Over recent years, all other schemes have been amalgamated into the Eastern District Scheme, and as a result, the other smaller schemes have enjoyed the benefits of the larger rating base and economies of scale. All residents should have equal rights to affordable three waters.

The Board understands that the primary driver for the treatment upgrade in Oxford is to achieve consent compliance, the need to meet higher environmental standards, and achieve consent renewal. The Council has faced a similar challenge in recent years with water supplies where UV upgrades have been carried out and this has been rated on a consistent basis across the district even though the schemes are all physically separated.

The Oxford Wastewater scheme is now an outlier in the district's rating of water and wastewater. The Board, therefore, urges the Council to explore the option of a standard Waimakariri District Wastewater rate across the Oxford and Eastern District Schemes.

**Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point.
- 2. Notes** district-wide rating for wastewater will be considered as part of the ongoing Oxford Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade project to ensure that there is a compliance solution for Oxford wastewater prior to consent expiry in 2031.

**Reason for recommendation:** Staff propose community consultation on district-wide rating for wastewater in 2026 as part of the Long Term Plan process.

## Wastewater

### Wastewater and Water Servicing

Wastewater and Water Servicing - 456.2, L Rix

**Summary:** As more houses are built near and around, when will this house get main sewerage and water?

**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receives** this submission point.

**2. Notes** that identification of the property is required to allow staff to investigate further.

**Reason for recommendation:** Extension of the drinking water supply and wastewater networks are typically triggered by development activities occurring in the area which will provide an opportunity for existing properties to connect. We will need to know the location of your property to be able to advise whether there are any development activities occurring.

# Stormwater

## Open Drain

Open Drain - 366.2, Anonymous

**Summary:** Subject: Proposal to Convert Open Drain to Culvert

I am writing to address a matter of significant concern regarding the current open drain on our property at 3 Fraser Place, Rangiora. We have observed that the open drain presents several safety hazards, which we believe need to be promptly addressed.

The open drain poses the following safety risks:

**Accidental Falls:** The open nature of the drain increases the risk of accidental falls, especially for children and pets. There have been incidents where both have accidentally fallen into the drain.

**Health Hazards:** Stagnant water in the open drain can become a breeding ground for mosquitoes and other pests, posing potential health risks.

In light of these concerns, we propose converting the open drain into a culvert. This conversion will not only enhance the safety of our property but also contribute to better water management and environmental conservation.

**Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point.
- 2. Notes** the open drain at 3 Fraser Place is maintained by Council and still conveys stormwater from parts of King Street and nearby properties.
- 3. Notes** the Council prefers to keep such drains open due to their stormwater management, environmental, and biodiversity benefits.
- 4. Notes** the Property owners may request to pipe the drain, but this would be at their own expense.

**Reason for recommendation:** The open drain at 3 Fraser Place is a Council-maintained asset that continues to convey stormwater from nearby properties, despite historical changes to the wider catchment. Council generally prefers to retain such drains in an open state due to their important function in managing stormwater flows and the environmental and biodiversity benefits they provide. While property owners may request to pipe these drains, such work would be at their own cost. Council has inspected the drain and is available to discuss any maintenance concerns or provide further information about the process and implications of piping it.

## Review of Drainage Rates

### Review of Drainage Rates - 633.6, Kay Rabe for Kaiapoi-Tuahiw Community Board

**Summary:** The Board is aware that a review of the current system of drainage rates has been considered in previous years and requests that this review be carried out during the 2025/26 financial year. The Board is concerned that many residents are being charged more than once with the current system and believe that this should be rectified sooner rather than later.

**Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point.
- 2. Notes** that flooding remains an ongoing concern in both Oxford and Mandeville.
- 3. Notes** that in Oxford, Flannigans Drain has limited capacity, which restricts outflows. Two capital projects are planned to improve the capacity of Flannigans Drain and the downstream network.
- 4. Notes** that for Mandeville Stage 1, Council staff will explore opportunities to improve drainage to the west of the project area; however, the most significant improvements for affected properties are expected to result from Stage 2.
- 5. Notes** that for Mandeville Stage 2, understanding subsurface flows is critical to inform the design. Council staff have initiated preliminary discussions regarding a groundwater assessment

**Reason for recommendation:** We recognise that flooding remains a concern in parts of Oxford and Mandeville, despite several completed and ongoing projects. A key issue is the limited capacity of Flannigans Drain, which restricts stormwater flow during high water levels. Two capital projects are planned to address this, one to improve the capacity of Flannigans Drain itself and another to enhance downstream infrastructure, potentially including an overflow system. In Mandeville, Stage 1 works will upgrade the existing channel and Council will look for opportunities to improve drainage for properties to the west of the project area. Stage 2 is expected to have a wider benefit by reducing flooding across a broader area, and we agree that understanding subsurface flows is essential to developing an effective solution. Informed by community feedback, a groundwater study is underway to support this. Together, these initiatives aim to improve local drainage, though some flood risk will remain during extreme events. Further consultation with residents is planned later this year.



## Flooding

### Flooding - 726.10, Kay Rabe for Oxford-Ohoka Community Board

**Summary:** The Board notes that there are a number of stormwater issues which result in flooding during wet weather. These include, but are not limited to, the corner of Rata and Tui Street, sections of High Street, Weka Street and Main Street. The Board would like assurance that these matters are being included in budgets with work scheduled.

Mandeville is also an area of concern for our board. We believe the stage 1 plan needs to happen to offer some relief to the residents impacted. Alongside this downstream impacts must be mitigated by maintaining flow and fixing any pinch points. There are also some other properties west of the proposed area that need some remediation work as well.

Stage 2 should be progressed but firstly by researching the drainage patterns in the greater Swannanoa/West Eyreton area so that we have a sound understanding of the subsurface flows and general hydrology before any suggested works are put forward.

#### **Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point.
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Together, these initiatives aim to improve local drainage, though some flood risk will remain during extreme events. Further consultation with residents is planned later this year.

## Consistency

Consistency - 368.2, Steve Greig

**Summary:** Being rural our main concern is with water race consistency. Will seem more interested in irrigation and stop or overly limit race flow way to much.

**Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point.
- 2. Notes** that the inconsistency in water race flow is due to several factors, including upstream takes and river intake conditions.
- 3. Notes** that if the water race stops flowing at any time, a service request should be lodged so Council staff can investigate the issue in collaboration with Waimakariri Irrigation Limited and work to restore flow as soon as possible.

**Reason for recommendation:** It is understood that the main concern relates to the inconsistent flow in the water race in front of their property, at times the flow is high, while at other times it is nearly dry. This variation is likely due to different upstream takes from the race and periods when the river intake is closed due to consent conditions.

## Solid Waste

### Rubbish and Recycling

Rubbish and Recycling - 680.9, Thea Kunkel for Rangiora-Ashley Community Board

**Summary:** Board supports the upgrade of Southbrook Resource Recovery Park and the ongoing educational programme to ensure residents are aware of what can and cannot be recycled. The Board encourages the Council to invest in the development of better recycling infrastructure, support ongoing recycling initiatives, promote reduction and reuse, and work with local businesses and schools to build confidence, consistency, and a desire to recycle so that this is adopted easily and becomes a regular daily practice.

**Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point.
- 2. Notes** the proposed upgrades at Southbrook resource recovery park are intended to provide improved infrastructure which will make it easier for residents and businesses to divert more materials from landfill

**Reason for recommendation:** The recently awarded sustainability education contract will support current and ongoing recycling initiatives, promote reduction and reuse, and the education team and Council staff work will with local businesses, schools, community groups, service clubs and event managers to build confidence, consistency, and a desire to recycle.

## Future-proofing Oxford's infrastructure

Future-proofing Oxford's infrastructure - 726.8, Kay Rabe for Oxford-Ohoka Community Board

**Summary:** The Board wishes to see more innovative future-proofing of Oxford's infrastructure and waste systems. An example would be looking into technologies that can use waste to generate power. Kate Valley and the Oxford waste systems would be good examples to investigate and consider.

**Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point.
- 2. Notes** the draft Waste Management & Minimisation Plan is intended to direction on what the Council and community do to reduce waste generation as well as increase diversion from landfill.

**Reason for recommendation:** Staff appreciate that the Community Board supports innovation and future-proofing Oxford's waste infrastructure. We propose to undertake some upgrades in the next few years to improve diversion infrastructure at Oxford transfer station, utilising our share of landfill levy funding. We also propose that our new draft Waste Management & Minimisation Plan will focus on expanding what the Council and community do to reduce waste generation as well as increase diversion from landfill. However, Oxford does not have the scale for on-site generation, but all of our waste goes to Kate Valley, which does generate electricity from the landfill gas.

## Kate Valley Landfill

Kate Valley Landfill - 726.9, Kay Rabe for Oxford-Ohoka Community Board

**Summary:** The Board supports the current landfill operation at Kate Valley. We believe that its current business model has both the councils and communities' best interest in mind. It has the capacity to hold waste for many years to come. Due to the unique geomorphology of the area it makes it a suitable place for such a facility. It also means that the waste is contained in one location rather than ad hock around the district. The Board believes such waste should not be managed by private entities. Ultimately such facilities become a financial burden to ratepayers and a potential environmental hazard. This is not a legacy that we want to leave in our district. We would support the Council in opposing such applications.

**Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point.
- 2. Notes** that all current landfill waste for the District is sent to Kate Valley Landfill with no plans to change this arrangement.

**Reason for recommendation:** Staff acknowledge that as a 50/50 Public/Private partnership public interests are considered in developing and maintaining the site. The site is a Class 1 landfill, and as such is consented to accept municipal waste, therefore has been set up and is operated to capture, manage, and reduce leachate and landfill gas emissions.

# Community and Recreation

## Greenspace Activity

### Protection of River Birds –

Protection of River Birds - 469.2, Kate & Walter Tapley & Logeman

**Summary:** Can you please do more to save the rare river birds in the Ashley. Vehicles run all over the place out there.

**Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission.
- 2. Notes** that the administration for the enforcement of vehicle access is covered through the Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw 2024 along the coastal and estuary areas.
- 3. Notes** Waimakariri District Council does not have designated authority within the river corridors themselves, this is administered by Ecan with DoC having authority under the Wild Life Act for enforcement.
- 4. Notes** there have been ongoing conversations with user groups and education around the Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw 2024 and the protection of flora and fauna within this environment.
- 5. Notes** that some gates have been locked to restrict activities which were having a detrimental impact on flora and fauna, in particular the multi agency approach to managing the event known as "Crate Day".
- 6. Notes** that there is ongoing advocacy and support through Pest Free Waimakariri and the Northern Pegasus Bay Advisory Group in relation to protection of bird species within the Estuary and River areas.

**Reason for recommendation:** There are a number of agencies that are involved in the protection of birds within the District. The Council has established and led the implementation of the Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw since 2010. This has had a process with extensive community engagement that has helped to draw out issues and provide a platform for enduring communication between Council and our citizens. The protection of birds is designated under the wildlife act and sits with DoC who do enforcement as well as Ecan who enforce within the estuary area. The Council demonstrates a willingness and leadership by creating the Northern Pegasus Bay Bylaw to coordinate other agencies and give a place for the community to either be part of the process or to engage directly by putting themselves forward to be on the Northern Pegasus Bay Advisory Group.



## Weed control at Matawai Park

Weed control at Matawai Park - 588.1, Anonymous

**Summary:** The understory and canopy of the planted areas in Matawai Park are becoming increasingly dominated by weed species. If the current level of management in these areas continues then the weeds will continue to prosper at the expense of the natives.

Ivy can be found throughout the park and the oldest plants are now climbing the trees. An area of Tradescantia is getting bigger and Chilean Mayten can be seen in several areas in the park. Honeysuckle, blackberry and convolvulus are increasingly present. There are several other exotic and hybrid native species which have been vectored in from the surrounding urban gardens. These species are also having an impact on the park.

Matawai Park is an example of the long term requirements that planted natives can have. Even after 50 years, the planted areas in the park do not have the ecological processes or resilience to become self-sustaining. Enrichment planting was carried out years ago by the advisory group but there is little to see in some areas, as weeds dominate now. The advisory group is no longer active. Its members have either left, passed away or burnt out. This is often the reality with these groups. Most volunteers prefer to be involved in new projects.

Before the Council started contracting out the maintenance in Matawai Park, some of the Council's reserves staff became familiar with the park and there was the opportunity for ongoing timely weed control. Since the park maintenance has been contracted out, the weed burden has increased in the planted areas. The various contractors have carried out some weed control but the present dominance of weeds indicates this work is not sufficient for the long term health of the plantings. At times the advisory group noted that native plants had been killed by the contractors. Advisory group members carried out some weed control in the past but they were unable to use herbicides and the weed burden was more than they could cope with.

The Council needs to employ a person who will become familiar with Matawai Park and carry out weed control on an ongoing basis. Specific weed control and management of the planted areas requires the skill to recognise and target the threatening weed species in a timely and appropriate way. Weeds controlled at an early stage are easier and cheaper to control and often no herbicide is required. Initially there will be some costs associated with reducing the present weed burden. The longer the problem is allowed to persist, the greater the cost will be of addressing it.

I'm unable to attend the hearings to speak to this submission but I can answer any further questions regarding this submission if needed.

### **Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** the submission point.
- 2. Notes** that staff are reviewing the service delivery for natural parks which includes investigation into the setting up of a ranger team.

**3. Notes** that the Biodiversity team will meet with our contractor to discuss the feedback within the submission and review performance on the current specifications.

**4. Notes** that the Biodiversity team are keeping members of the advisory group informed of any specific works within the reserve and maintaining a general communication channel with them.

**Reason for recommendation:** The current vegetation management within Matawai Park is done via the Parks and Reserves maintenance contract. The specifications of this have been supplied by the Matawai Park Advisory Group. The meeting of these specifications will be reviewed with the current contractor in light of this feedback. There is an advisory group at the park, whilst they are not regularly meeting they have been kept informed and contacted through our Senior Ranger (Mike Kwant) in relation to any specific works such as tree removal for example.

Staff have also recently presented to Council on a Section 17A review for how greenspace is managing its service delivery. Part of this outlined that there should be a review of how natural environment areas (or parks) are maintained and that this should be a provisional item which could be delivered by an in house ranger team. This would be staff who have the correct horticultural training and ecological background to be able to manage such areas. Ranger teams are fairly common across local authorities and remain a sound approach to manage such spaces.

## Toilets at Milton Reserve/Ashley Dog Park

Toilets at Milton Reserve/Ashley Dog Park - 515.4, Kirstyn Barnett

**Summary:** Recently at a Rangiora Ashley Community Board meeting, staff brought a report which included placing a single toilet near the Ashley Dog Park/Park n Ride, which will be very

much appreciated. However this is based on a 2017 Toilet strategy which is out of date, and the usage of this area on River Road is high with all the new amenities in this area, plus has high visibility.

I would like the council to consider adding on additional toilets to the plan in this area, two standard and one mobility friendly toilet would be more appropriate.

We have a lot of people walking around this area as well as using the dog park, and public toilets are very important, especially for children and older people.

**Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** the submission point.
- 2. Notes** that the Rangiora Ashley Community Board approved the installation of one toilet at Millton Memorial Park at its March 2025 meeting. The toilet project is expected to be constructed during the winter of 2025.

**Reason for recommendation:** Currently there is no provision at Millton Memorial Park for toilets as this is a new build noted through the Public Toilet Strategy 2017. There is no additional budget within current line items for new toilet provision in this location. It does however point out that the toilet strategy is due for review by 2028 so preparing this prior to the 2027 Draft Long Term Plan would be a sensible timeframe. This could then review provision and identify how the toilet in this location is performing, noting there is no current provision.

It is worth noting that the Rangiora Ashley Community Board received a report on the toilet for Millton Memorial Park in March 2025 and approved the construction of one toilet. There was comment that there should be more toilets at this location, but this was not altered in the motion.

## Environment and Greenspace areas

Environment and Greenspace areas - 633.7, Kay Rabe for Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board

**Summary:** The Board would request that staff be encouraged to work across departmental boundaries to ensure a consistent and holistic treatment of green/environment buffers are maintained such as the corridor from 46 Main North Road through to the Kaiapoi Lakes following the Courtney stream which could be used as a pollination corridor. Another corridor could be the implementation of the planting plan along the Passchendaele Path. These projects would be in keeping with the Council's Natural Environment Policy.

**Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point.
- 2. Notes** that the Greenspace work covering the area from 46 Main North Road (in Kaiapoi) through to the Kaiapoi Lakes (along the Courtney stream) should be presented to the Arohatia Te Awa working party to establish its priority in the overall programme of works.
- 3. Notes** that the Passchendaele Advisory Group are keen to look at the planting of the pathway and have reached out to staff about this. Keep Rangiora Beautiful is also interested in supporting this project at the Rangiora end of the pathway.
- 4. Notes** that staff are working across departmental boundaries with both Community and Recreation staff and Utilities and Roading staff attending Arohatia Te Awa meetings.

**Reason for recommendation:** The area that has been mentioned by the Community Board extends from land opposite the Hellers Factory through to the Kaiapoi Lakes adjacent to Sovereign Palms. This is a significant stretch of water way that goes through a variety of boundaries and ownership. Staff are currently working on the Arohatia Te Awa project, which has mostly focused on the Cam River. The work that is suggested here, should be presented to the Arohatia Te Awa Working Group so they can recommend to Council how this area fits into the wider network and program of works.

The planting through the Passchendaele path is currently being worked on alongside Returned Services representatives who are part of a working party that has been looking at the design for this area. Staff have also met recently with Keep Rangiora Beautiful who are keen to do planting works on the Rangiora end of this pathway. Both of these are progressing and a memorandum update could be presented back to Council once further works have been resolved.

## Town Entrances

Town Entrances - 633.8, Kay Rabe for Kaiapoi-Tuahiwi Community Board

**Summary:** The Board would like to encourage Greenspace staff to prioritise progress on work the town entrances during the next financial year so this work can be completed in a timely manner.

**Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** the submission point.
- 2. Notes** Greenspace staff are working on delivering the entrances projects from the Kaiapoi Tuahiwi General Landscaping Budget.
- 3. Request** that Greenspace staff keep the Kaiapoi Tuahiwi Community Board updated via memorandum at each monthly Community Board meeting on progress and delivers an accurate timeline for delivery.

**Reason for recommendation:** Staff will deliver an updated timeline to the Kaiapoi Tuahiwi community board and keep them updated monthly via memorandum or verbal at their board meetings. Greenspace will prioritise this work to ensure timely and effective delivery. Regular updates will be provided as this project progresses and will continue to keep the Kaiapoi Tuahiwi Community Board informed.

## Southbrook Sports Club

Southbrook Sports Club - 680.7, Thea Kunkel for Rangiora-Ashley Community Board

**Summary:** The Board agrees that the current facilities at the Southbrook Sports Club are no longer fit for purpose and require replacement. It is aware that the Council has allocated a provisional sum of \$1.3 million as a one-third contribution and that the Southbrook Sports Club will be responsible for raising the rest of the funds. The Board requests that the Council reassess the allocation of the Southbrook Sports Club as part of its next Long Term Plan to ascertain whether the Southbrook Sports Club would be able to raise the required funding.

**Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** the submission point.
- 2. Notes** that staff are currently working alongside the Southbrook Sports Club to further the proposed facility renewal project they presented in 2021 through a feasibility study.
- 3. Notes** staff are to provide a report back to Council and the Rangiora Ashley Community Board prior to the 2026 Annual Plan process to outline the status of Southbrooks progress. This report should look to give Council a position on where Southbrook may be in their fund raising and the likelihood of the project proceeding.

**Reason for recommendation:** There have been some changes in the Southbrook club in regards to who is leading, staff have recently met with the new representatives of the club alongside those who have been part of this project historically.

The club remain invested in this process and do wish to continue with the project and have set up a fund raising position within there structure. Ideally staff would do a workshop in the near future with Council to outline progress and have Southbrook demonstrate their investment and pathways to support this project.

Southbrook Sports Club - 742.8, Adrienne Saunders

**Summary:** Southbrook Sports Club - \$1.3M NO.

**Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** the submission point.
- 2. Notes** that the Council has set aside \$1.3 Million in the first year of the 2027-2037 Long Term Plan and that all budget items would be reviewed through that process.
- 3. Notes** the budget does not sit within the Annual Plan timeframes for this years process.

**Reason for recommendation:** The budget for Southbrook sits outside of the current annual plan process cycle. Staff are currently working with the Southbrook Sports Club and will keep Council informed in the coming 18 months on how this is progressing prior to the draft 2027 Long Term Plan cycle.

## Landscape Budgets

### Landscape Budgets - 685.6, Kay Rabe for Woodend Sefton Community Board

**Summary:** The Board values the landscaping budget we oversee as it allows the Board to identify projects that benefit the community and see them through to completion. However, the Board would like the Council to review how the total budget is divided between the four Board areas. The rationale behind the division of funding is unclear and some clarity is needed to ensure equity. Increased costs mean the budget for this financial year for the Board of \$14,326 does not go very far, and with the growth of Woodend/Ravenswood there is a pressing need for more equitable funding to enable the Board to assist in establishing and building communities.

**Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** the submission point.
- 2. Approves** staff to review and report back to Council on general landscaping budgets prior to the Draft Long Term Plan 2027-2037. The review should include recommendations about methodology for how the level of funding is set and how this takes into account growth.

**Reason for recommendation:** The Woodend Sefton community is seeing a high level of growth within its community and a variety of new subdivisions. This is also true of the other Community Board areas given Waimakariri District is a growth area. The general landscaping budget is due for a full review into its methodology and how it is set and can be utilised. This review could also use lessons learnt from the current process to propose how it might best work into the future. This budget enables Community Boards to help beautify their areas and support community driven improvement projects.

## Waikuku Beach Skate Ramp

Waikuku Beach Skate Ramp - 685.9, Kay Rabe for Woodend Sefton Community Board

**Summary:** The concrete skate ramp at Waikuku Beach is not well used as it is considered by skateboarders to be too challenging for most users and a health and safety issue for children trying to utilise this equipment. The Board has requested several times for funding to be set aside to either modify or replace the ramp with a safer option.

**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receives** this submission point.

**2. Notes** that staff will undertake some design work to understand what the cost would be to renovate the existing skate ramp. This information will form the basis of the replacement program that will be presented to Council as part of the comprehensive Long Term Plan process.

**Reason for recommendation:** The submission highlights concerns regarding the concrete skate ramp at Waikuku Beach, particularly that it is underutilised due to its challenging design and poses potential health and safety risks for children. The Board has also reiterated its request for funding to either modify or replace the ramp with a safer alternative.

It is important to note that, currently, there is no work program or allocated budget specifically for skate park renewal. However, the issues raised in the submission align with the broader goals of community well-being and active recreation. It is recommended that this matter be considered within the context of the Play and Active Recreation Strategy, which provides a framework for prioritising and addressing such needs in a strategic and sustainable manner.

The current skate ramp features a vertical design that requires a higher level of skill, making it less suitable for beginner skaters or younger children using scooters. Engaging with the local community and reconsidering the design could reveal a strong interest in modifying the facility to better meet user needs.

It is also worth noting that, prior to the Covid-19 pandemic, a community member expressed interest in redesigning and rebuilding the skate park. This individual, who had been involved in the development of the Methven skate area and was a local Waikuku resident, initiated discussions at the time. However, communication halted due to the pandemic, and the initiative did not progress further.



## Waikuku Beach Public Toilets by Surf Lifesaving Club

Waikuku Beach Public Toilets by Surf Lifesaving Club - 685.10, Kay Rabe for Woodend Sefton Community Board

**Summary:** The Board has raised the need for earlier renewal of this toilet block in previous submissions, as they are only scheduled for renewal between 2051 and 2061. These are identified as high use toilets and currently do not meet service levels. The beach is a popular destination all year round, not just in summer, for surfers, walkers and those that use the accessible viewing platform. New toilets would meet accessibility standards and would also possibly allow for changing facilities, which do not exist at the moment, but are needed.

A draft plan for carparking and accessibility for this area is to be publicly consulted on shortly. At the same time the public will be consulted on the location for a planned community project for a beach volleyball court with both preferred locations near the beach which would increase demand on the toilets. The Board requests that the Council move the replacement of this toilet block forward so there is certainty for planning around how all of the pieces will work together in this physically constrained, but very popular area. With the high growth in the surrounding area and across the District and the new accessible viewing platform, the need for safe, accessible and fit for purpose toilets will only continue to increase.

### **Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** the submission point.
- 2. Approves** that staff should update the Public Toilet Strategy 2017 prior to the Draft 2027-2037 Long Term Plan to ensure that it has updated information.
- 3. Notes** that the strategy update should look to adjust budgets where required and ensure existing toilet provision is adequate according to agreed levels of service and is mindful of growth.
- 4. Notes** that staff are currently undertaking public consultation to determine the community's priorities for development of the Waikuku Surf Life Saving beach area. This will be reported back to the Woodend Sefton Community Board and may include prioritisation of existing replacement funding as a recommendation from the Board to Council.

**Reason for recommendation:** Staff recently presented a plan for consultation to the Woodend Sefton Community Board in regards to car park and accessibility improvements to the Waikuku Beach area adjacent to the Surf Life Saving building.

The Board fed back that whilst there is support around the improvements there continues to be concern about the ability for the current toilets within this location to support the growth of the wider community and the popularity of Waikuku Beach. Several improvements have been implemented in this location, and whilst the toilet block does not score poorly on its condition assessment criteria, it does have some issues with how accessible it is. This is the primary concern of the WSCB. The plan also has the potential for further increases in usage of this area, with a community funded volley ball court and interest from commercial operators to set up in this area. Both could add to the use of the toilet and its current capacity concerns.

The current toilet renewal program, sees the Waikuku Beach asset out beyond the year 2050. In order to bring this forward, there would need to either be substantive changes to the current program, noting Woodend beach domain toilet is to be renewed in the coming financial year and is a key project for the WSCB, or an additional budget would need to be added as a line item.

Staff have recommended through the annual plan process, that the Public Toilet Strategy should be updated to coincide with the draft 2027 Long Term Plan. This review should address the renewal program and report back to Council any changes that might be proposed, or reprogramming of the capital works for 2027.

## Heritage Notation Removal

### Heritage Notation Removal - 718.1, Norman Hewett for Rangiora Bowling Club

**Summary:** Request to remove the heritage notation from the Rangiora Bowling Club Pavilion located at 25 Good Street, Rangiora. We would recommend that a case manager be appointed to assist the Bowling Club with this.

As President of the Building Committee of the Rangiora Bowling Club, I am writing on behalf of the Club to formally request that the heritage notation currently applied to the Bowling Club building be removed from the District Plan.

The Club is a long-standing community asset that provides recreational and social opportunities to a broad cross-section of our local population. However, the current heritage listing imposes significant constraints on our ability to maintain, modernise, and make the best use of the building for our members and the wider community.

While we respect the value of heritage in our district, we believe the designation in this instance is no longer appropriate for the following reasons:

1. It is totally unreasonable to expect a small sports club to upkeep and maintain a heritage building such as the building we have on our property. It is not fit for purpose and requires significant alterations to firstly bring it up to current building standards, as well as making it user friendly for our members.
2. Functional Limitations: The heritage designation restricts necessary upgrades that are essential to meet current building code standards, accessibility requirements, and futureproofing the facility for community use.
3. Community Benefit: Removal of the notation would enable us to undertake enhancements that will better serve our members and ensure the long-term viability of the Club as a community venue.
4. The members of the Rangiora Bowling Club are in the older age bracket and have no ability to carry out any of the required work that needs to be done. The Bowling Club also does not have the financial resources to cover the huge costs in renovation.

The Rangiora Bowling Club is committed to ensuring our buildings remain an active, safe, and welcoming space. The current heritage status stands in the way of those goals and imposes unnecessary costs and regulatory burdens.

Relief Sought: That the heritage notation currently applied to the Rangiora Bowling Club building at 25 Good Street be removed from the Proposed District Plan.

#### **Officer recommendations:**

1. **Receive** this submission point.
2. **Approves** \$10,000 of operational funding to support further feasibility analysis of options for the future of Rangiora Bowls. This will include an accurate valuation being completed that will inform the viability of potential options.

**3. Notes** that greenspace staff are to work with planning staff to understand what the process would be for the lifting of a heritage order, and if this can be done. This would then require a report back to Council and the information to be shared with Rangiora Bowls.

**3. Notes** that staff are to continue to work alongside Rangiora Bowls and provide them with support as they progress through options for the future of their club in Rangiora.

**Reason for recommendation:** Staff are presently working alongside the Rangiora Bowls Club to look at possible options in relation to how they might be able to develop there site. This has involved the potential to look at options for them to sell the land they currently own and move to another location, in particular they have shown interest in Southbrook Park, which would in turn assist that project with additional funding and create a greater hub of clubs.

One of the main issues that the club is facing is the heritage designation on the building/land. This is limiting what the club can currently do with the building (which they have demonstrated is not fit for purpose) including modification that they can afford and the potential for them to sell and gain the level of finance they would require to move and establish greens and a new building.

Greenspace staff would need to work with Planning Unit to understand what the process would be in regards to any change in status through the district plan or lifting of the heritage order.

## Land purchase for second Cricket Oval

Land purchase for second Cricket Oval - 726.11, Kay Rabe for Oxford-Ohoka Community Board

**Summary:** The Board does not support the purchase of land for a second cricket oval. This is not considered a priority as there are other good cricket ovals throughout the district.

**Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** the submission point.
- 2. Notes** that that land for the second cricket oval at 154 Eastbelt is already owned by Council and was purchased with thoughts that it could support a second cricket oval.
- 3. Notes** that the project is identified as a cost share with Canterbury Cricket and Canterbury Country Cricket, with details currently being worked through in regards to how the cost share agreement would work. This is to be reported back to Council with progress updates by the end of the financial year.

**Reason for recommendation:** Staff are currently working with Canterbury Cricket and Canterbury Country Cricket in regards to a cost share arrangement for this project. Council have earmarked \$500,000 over two years to this project, noting it is a cost share and requires investment from Cricket to proceed. At present this is being worked through with a report due back to Council once negotiations have completed and the parties have reached an outcome which can be presented.

## Rangiora Airfield

Rangiora Airfield - 726.12, Kay Rabe for Oxford-Ohoka Community Board

**Summary:** The Board believes that the Airfield should be self-funding and an increase in rental and landing costs is in order to achieve this goal.

**Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** the submission point.
- 2. Notes** that the airfield is currently undergoing a fee review that will be reported back through to Council for decision.

**Reason for recommendation:** The airfield manager and special projects team are currently carrying out a fee review at the airfield which is to be reported back through to Council for decision.

## Adderley Terrace / Fuller Street Landscaping

Adderley Terrace / Fuller Street Landscaping - 736.1, Martin Pinkham

**Summary:** Despite numerous submissions from the KTCB and me there has been no progress in addressing the unsafe and unsightly state of the corridor adjacent to the railway line on the north side of Fuller Street between Otaki Street and the Northern Motorway.

As can be seen on the attached photographs this area is a disgrace.

I made a personal submission on this matter in 2023 and received the attached letter.

I made another submission in 2024 and received the attached letter.

It appears that council staff do not have the skills to negotiate a Licence to Occupy this section of crown land. I suggest that WDC engages my wife Janine to undertake this task. She successfully negotiated the Kaiapoi Borough School obtaining a Licence to Occupy the crown land on the other side of the railway line, as shown on the attached drawing. This area of overgrown vegetation was subsequently cleared and now is part of the Kaiapoi Borough School grounds, and the Kaiapoi Community Garden.

There are a number of potential sources of funding to complete this project including the KTCB General Landscape budget, and Reserve Development Contributions.

### **Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** the submission point.
- 2. Notes** that the land in question is owned by Central Government and is not currently under any administration by Council. If Council was to enter into a lease or license, it would then be responsible for the ongoing maintenance and upkeep of this area of land, which would need to be a variation to the current Parks and Reserves Contract, this would also incur an ongoing operational cost.
- 3. Notes** that as this is not growth related or capital, the use of Development or Reserve Contributions is not applicable. This would need to be rate funded as it is ongoing operational works.
- 4. Notes** that staff have contacted LINZ who administer the land in question. Staff will report back to the Kaiapoi Tuahiwi Community Board regarding progress of any negotiation or discussion.

**Reason for recommendation:** The submission highlights ongoing concerns regarding the unsafe and unsightly state of the corridor adjacent to the railway line on Fuller Street. It proposes addressing the issue by negotiating a Licence to Occupy the section of crown land in question, with a specific suggestion to engage an individual experienced in similar negotiations. It should be noted that this land owned by central government, not Waimakariri District Council.

It is important to note that implementing this proposal would result in additional operational costs. These would stem from the maintenance and management responsibilities associated with the corridor's upkeep, which would need to be factored into the operational budget. Consequently, any such costs would need to be covered through rates, impacting the community financially.

The submission identifies potential funding sources, including the KTCB General Landscape budget and Reserve Development Contributions. Whilst the KTCB General Landscape Budget could contribute to the project's initial establishment it could not mitigate the ongoing operational expenditure required to maintain the area. As this is not a growth project, Reserve Development Contributions could not be used.

Should this matter proceed, careful consideration will be needed to evaluate both the benefits of improving the corridor and the implications for long-term operational costs.



## Dudley Skatepark Mobility Parking

Dudley Skatepark Mobility Parking - 745.2, Shona Powell for Waimakariri Access Group

**Summary:** Members would like to see Mobility parking available at the Dudley Skatepark carpark on White St. The Youth Council activation platform was purposefully created wheelchair accessible, to enable wheelchair users to use the platform.

**Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point.
- 2. Approves** staff to investigate the establishment of an accessible car park adjacent to Dudley Skate Park so that there is access onto the recently installed platform that the youth Council instigated.
- 3. Notes** that staff should report this change through to the Rangiora Ashley Community Board for their approval once design and any associated costs are understood.

**Reason for recommendation:** There is currently no accessible parking allocated on this side of the road. There are two by the school, however that does not aid access to Dudley Park. From looking at the established parking area, there is potential to create an accessible car park as there are cut downs in the kerb. This would mean, the work could be done without the need for construction, rather it would be done via paint, although it would reduce the overall capacity of car parking by one. Given the provision within this area, that should not be a major impact, compared with providing access for an entire community of interest who is currently not provided for.

It is anticipated that the level of work required could be considered within current budgets for capital renewals.

## Construction of a Recreational Cycle Route

Construction of a Recreational Cycle Route - 735.3, Martin Pinkham for Kaiapoi Promotions Association Inc

### **Summary:** Cycleways Development

The Kaiapoi Promotion Association Inc (KPA) welcomes the opportunity to make this submission to the 2025/26 Annual Plan.

The KPA strongly supports of the proposal to provide \$250,000 in the Recreation budget towards the construction of a recreational cycle route from the north end of the Waimakariri River bridge to central Kaiapoi utilising the existing Ecan stopbanks.

This proposal to include the project in the 2020/21 Annual Plan was supported by the council following the consideration of presentations from KPA and ENC at its meeting on 1 October 2019. At that meeting ENC highlighted that this recreational route is a key component of a wider recreational cycle route extending into North Canterbury. The KPA was very disappointed that the Council did not proceed with this project in the 2020/21 year, and was advised that funding would be available in future years.

The Council has spent a lot of money developing the central Kaiapoi area and it is imperative that the cycleways are located in places that makes access to central Kaiapoi simple and safe for visitors. While the Council has completed a commuter route to link the CNC cycle route to the Kaiapoi to Rangiora route, this route will not appeal to visitors and recreational walkers and cyclists.

Walking and cycling is a key attraction for visitors to Kaiapoi, and that the residents of North Christchurch are the primary target market for visitors. As the country moves forward from the Covid days it is clear that domestic visitors to Kaiapoi will be key to ensuring that a wide range of businesses in the Kaiapoi area survive.

The CNC project has already made provision for this key visitor link in the design of its Wheels to Waipara project, and completing this first stage would be critical to see the whole project advance. ENC has secured some funding towards this project and it is imperative that the WDC supports this project so it can proceed.

In addition, Ecan is very supportive of the project, as it is complimentary to its existing recreational cycle trails, and has already completed some works to facilitate the project. Ecan has already made changes to the stopbank access gates to facilitate this route.

### **Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point.
- 2. Notes** that there is an increase in cycle visitors into the Kaiapoi central town area and this is supporting local businesses with more people visiting.
- 3. Notes** that ECan have carried out works to the pathway in recent years which has seen improvements to its condition. This is also an asset on ECan land and is currently maintained by the Regional Council.

**4. Notes** that staff should review the current track and discuss with ECan what the intention is for this asset into the future. This is to be reported back to Council for awareness on its future and if there is a role for Council to play in regards to funding or track condition intervention.

**Reason for recommendation:** ECan has stated that at the time work was carried out to this pathway including new metal being put on the surface and adjustments to its gate. Both of these features made the pathway more suitable for bike riders who wanted to access Kaiapoi from Main North Road Bridge. Post Covid, alongside the improvement works that Ecan carried out, the budget was seen as something that could be saved to help provide relief to rate payers at the time.

The asset itself is on the Ecan stopbank and is not maintained by Waimakariri District Council. If WDC decides to put capital funding into this asset, it would likely result in the need to also undertake its ongoing maintenance. Whilst this would be a great attraction for Kaiapoi, it would be at a cost not currently sourced from our rate payers. Given this is also working as it is under Ecan control and we are seeing an increase in cycle visitors into Kaiapoi, this is not seen at this time as a priority for Council to put funding aside for.

If the project is supported, staff could bring a proposal back prior to the draft 2027 Long Term Plan for Council to consider.

## Mainpower Stadium

Mainpower Stadium - 742.10, Adrienne Saunders

**Summary:** MainPower Stadium – should be commercially backed and user pays. Not ratepayer funded.

**Officer recommendations:**

1. **Receive** this submission point.
2. **Notes** at its April meeting in 2025, Council approved a Management Agreement and a lease to be held with the North Canterbury Sport and Recreation Trust.
3. **Notes** that the report outlined the importance of having a facility that is available to the community and affordable for the general public to participate.
4. **Notes** under this agreement, Waimakariri District Council will receive all revenue from the stadium including, hire fees, naming rights and signage income and commercial lease income from NCSRT for the gym, cafe and physio rooms. This will offset the majority of the operating cost for the areas covered under this agreement.

**Reason for recommendation:** Council has made a commitment to work with the North Canterbury Sport and Recreation Trust to provide community rates and an accessible facility through the management agreement we have in place for Mainpower Stadium. This asset is well utilised within our community and has seen over 400,000 participants including national age group sorts tournaments, televised ANZ netball fixtures as well as a number of large awards dinners and ethnic sports tournaments.

Council ratified at its 1st April 2025 meeting the following recommendations:  
THAT the Council:

- a. Receives Report No. TRIM 250321048567.
- b. Approves the execution of the Management Agreement with the North Canterbury Sport and Recreation Trust for the management of the indoor courts, large function room, sports house office space and the common areas of Mainpower Stadium for a term of ten years plus two rights of renewal of five years.
- c. Approves the execution of the commercial lease with the North Canterbury Sport and Recreation Trust for the lease of the fitness centre, physio rooms and the Cafe at Mainpower Stadium for a term of ten years plus two rights of renewal of five years.
- d. Approves the purchase of the carpet tiles and floor trollies from the North Canterbury Sport and Recreation Trust for \$60,000.
- e. Notes Council will pay a fee to the North Canterbury Sport and Recreation Trust to cover the staffing costs of operating the areas covered under the management agreement.

- f. Notes All revenue from the areas covered under the management agreement will be collected by Council, this will include hire fees, naming rights, and signage. In addition, Council will also receive revenue for the commercially leased areas including the gym, café and physio rooms.
- g. Notes the management fee from Council to NCSRT will be paid monthly and the revenue from the managed area will be received monthly by Council. Under this agreement, Waimakariri District Council will receive all revenue from the stadium including, hire fees, naming rights and signage income and commercial lease income from NCSRT for the gym, cafe and physio rooms. This will offset the majority of the operating cost for the areas covered under this agreement.
- h. Notes that the indemnity and liability cover of the North Canterbury Sport and Recreation Trust is limited to \$10 million and any losses beyond this amount would be incurred by Council.
- i. Notes That NCSRT have purchased equipment including furniture and IT equipment for the Stadium. These items are currently listed as trust assets in the agreement; however staff will continue to work with the NCRST regarding the ownership and replacement of these items.
- j. Notes the purchase cost of the carpet tiles is estimated to be recouped through hire fees in eight years.

## Targeted Services Rate for Pegasus

Targeted Services Rate for Pegasus - 685.8, Kay Rabe for Woodend Sefton Community Board

**Summary:** A targeted 'Pegasus Service Rate' of \$73.30 per annum is currently charged to Pegasus ratepayers with the only information provided being it is because of the high number of street trees in Pegasus. The total forecast for this targeted rate for the 2025/26 year is \$135,378. No information has been provided to residents to support the rate itself, the amount charged or how it is spent.

For several years the Board has requested that this targeted rate for street trees be reviewed as most of the initial trees planted have reached maturity and maintenance requirements have reduced. There are still a number of immature trees which have been planted as replacements over the years because the type of tree originally planted may not have been suited to the environment or be subject to disease, through poor maintenance, lack of irrigation at a crucial time, or damage.

This level of service for the number of street trees is now common in newer subdivisions and many need a high level of maintenance. In other towns in the District there are street gardens with flowers and shrubs, bedding plant gardens, rose gardens, and street decorations, but not in Pegasus. These all carry high maintenance costs, but those ratepayers are not charged an additional rate.

The Council aims to prioritise nature and connect people and nature. Street trees play a part in this as well as reserves, and in Pegasus with the lake and extensive wetlands the street trees create a corridor for native birds and cooling the environment. But only in Pegasus is a targeted rate charged for the number of street trees.

The Board request that this extra rate be rescinded for the start of the 2025/26 year given the level of service is the norm in new developments, other towns have high maintenance gardens and street decorations, and the length of time the rate has been in place to cover the initial costs whilst the trees became established.

### **Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point.
- 2. Approves** staff reviewing the tree rates for Pegasus and providing a report back to both the Woodend Sefton Community Board and Council to outline concerns raised and identify the future requirement for this rate.
- 3. Notes** that there should be a level of service comparison as part of this against other newly developed subdivisions.

**Reason for recommendation:** The submission acknowledges the ecological and aesthetic contributions of street trees in Pegasus, including their role in enhancing biodiversity, creating habitat corridors for native species, and mitigating urban heat effects. However, the submission raises concerns about whether this targeted rate continues to reflect current conditions and approaches in comparable developments.

Generally once a tree matures there is need to continue maintenance and the costs can increase due to the size of the tree and complexity in how an arborist must work with it. Pegasus at the time of its development had the tree rate created due to the large number of trees within the roading corridor. Due to the ongoing maintenance and replacement of these trees, this has contributed to the need for the targeted rate. Staff are working through a review of this rate to understand what the ongoing cost needs to be and if there is any change that could be proposed for Council to consider.

Recommendations for Council Action:

**\*\*Rate Review:\*\*** A comprehensive reassessment of the Pegasus Service Rate, incorporating:

- Maintenance requirements for mature versus recently planted trees.
- Current cost breakdowns and allocation specifics.

## CCTV Network

CCTV Network - 680.12, Thea Kunkel for Rangiora-Ashley Community Board

**Summary:** The Board is aware that increased growth also brings increased challenges to our local communities and businesses, such as increased crime. Thus, the Board encourages the Council to do all it can to ensure a visible New Zealand Police presence in the Rangiora Town Centre, review the local CCTV network to improve safety and security and work alongside local businesses to promote vigilance and protection against community crime.

**Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point.
- 2. Notes** staff are currently preparing a draft Crime Camera Policy that should be presented to Council within the current term.
- 3. Notes** staff work with both Police and local Neighbourhood Watch Groups to ensure they have access to the camera network.

**Reason for recommendation:** Staff are currently preparing a CCTV policy which will be presented to Council and has had involvement by Police and Neighbourhood Watch. The RACB may wish to invite local Police representatives to attend their meeting and provide an update on local statistics and ask questions they may have. This could become an annual update that the RACB seeks from Police to help keep both parties informed of emerging issues or concerns and what could be done to address these.



## Mandeville Sports Club

General Support 684.6, Dayle Sutherland for Mandeville Sports Club

**Summary:** The Mandeville Sports Club would like to extend and acknowledge our thanks for the great work carried out by Council and its officers in support of the Mandeville Sports Club and the wider community upon which we serve on behalf of the Council in managing the Mandeville Reserve.

**Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** the submission.
- 2. Notes** the submitter's kind words of support.

**Reason for recommendation:** Waimakariri District Councillors and Council staff thank the submitter for their kind comments.

# Aquatics

## Dudley Pool mobile hoist

Dudley Pool mobile hoist - 745.3, Shona Powell for Waimakariri Access Group

**Summary:** WAG thanks Council for the availability of the new mobile hoist at Dudley Pool, however, the accessible bathroom is still inadequate for use by a teen or adult with limited mobility or for those in larger power chairs. WAG is working with Aquatics looking at how to improve the changing facilities to allow for adults with disabilities. The risk of injury faced by carers and family members when assisting disabled people changing at the pool is high as there is not enough space or an adult sized change table with hoist.

**Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receives** the submission.
- 2. Notes** that the District Aquatic Plan has identified the continued growth in demand for space within our facilities, which includes the disability access changing spaces.
- 3. Notes** that as part of our ongoing replacement and maintenance works we are working to address some of the more minor issues such as replacing the doors with a lighter model making them easier for customers to operate.
- 4. Notes** that the space within these rooms is limited due to the nature of the building and its construction.
- 5. Notes** that planning for the development of new spaces and services such as a hydrotherapy pool and upgraded changing spaces has been progressed, however funding for these has moved out of the current Long Term Plan cycle to focus on Councils other projects, the current financial context and to balance rates affordability.

**Reason for recommendation:** The District Aquatic Plan has identified the continued growth in demand for space within our facilities, which includes the disability access changing spaces. Subsequent additions including a roof mounted hoist, wet bed and mobile pool hoist have better enabled access within the facility but also serve to further crowd limited space.

Further some users who require larger or more complex power chairs and those who require multiple people to assist with changing quickly find the current space available within the access changing spaces limiting. The current spaces were built to code and meet the requirements of accessibility design at the time of construction. Due to their internal location within the facility options for expansion of the current spaces are limited without creating other more significant issues.

Options for further development of Dudley and its changing areas were moved out of the current Long Term Plan cycle to focus Council support on other projects, the current financial context and to balance rates affordability.

## Dudley Pool Changing Places

Dudley Pool Changing Places - 745.4, Shona Powell for Waimakariri Access Group

**Summary:** We also take this opportunity to remind Council of our previous submissions for a Changing Places fully Accessible bathroom in the District. Members think having one as part of the Dudley Pool complex or including it as part of the Pavilion redevelopment which could be accessed from the pool would be ideal. It should also be accessible externally out of pool hours to Changing Places keyholders. Information on Changing Places bathrooms is available at <https://www.changingplaces.org.nz/> .

**Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receives** the submission.
- 2. Notes** that the District Aquatic Plan has identified the continued growth in demand for space within our facilities, which includes the disability access changing spaces.
- 3. Notes** staff are committed to working with the Waimakariri Access Group to promote access to public facilities creating a barrier-free, inclusive environment for all. This will include seeking input into the upgrade and further development of facilities which might benefit their users and the wider community through the placement of accessible toilets and changing areas.
- 4. Notes** the decision during the 2024 - 34 Long Term Plan budget process to move funding out of the current Long Term Plan cycle to focus on Councils other projects, the current financial context and to balance rates affordability.
- 5. Notes** that design work for the extension to the Rangiora Library is currently underway. The potential for a changes places facility to be incorporated into this building will be explored. Funding for the extension starts in the 2027 financial year.

**Reason for recommendation:** The District Aquatic Plan has identified the continued growth in demand for space within our facilities, which includes the disability access changing space. Staff are currently working with the Waimakariri Access Group to look at which of the Councils future development opportunities could best incorporate accessible bathroom facilities to ensure a balanced availability of facilities in core activity areas so as to best suit users needs and the wider community. Options for further development of Dudley's facilities and incorporation of the Pavilion were moved out of the current Long Term Plan cycle to focus Council support on other projects, the current financial context and to balance rates affordability.

# Community Development

## Food Security and Sustainability

Food Security and Sustainability - 680.8, Thea Kunkel for Rangiora-Ashley Community Board

**Summary:** Food is an essential part of people's daily lives, and having reliable access to affordable, nutritious, and safe food is fundamental to the health and wellbeing of the community. The Board encourages the Council to support community-led initiatives to improve access to food, such as community gardens and food forests. A Food Forest aims to support a community's food security by providing local foraging opportunities and increasing community participation in growing food. In addition, community gardens provide food security, friendship, and lifelong garden skills for future generations by creating a general feeling of wellbeing in a supportive environment and collectively growing produce.

The Board asks the Council to actively support food security initiatives by providing initial funding to establish suitable spaces for the location of Food Forests and community gardens in the Rangiora-Ashley Ward without imposing strict rules. Once established, these gardens and forests will be community-driven, locally supported, and nurtured. They will bring together people from all walks of life, all ages, and all skill levels, foster a sense of purpose, share life skills, and provide the community with much-needed food relief in the local district.

### **Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** the submission point.
- 2. Notes** that Council's Community Development and Greenspace Teams acknowledge and appreciate the value of food forests and community gardens and continue to work with Food Secure North Canterbury and Kaiapoi Food Forest to identify appropriate locations for new community gardens and good forests, and engaging with communities interested in these.
- 3. Notes** community development staff ongoing involvement in the Food Secure North Canterbury (FSNC) Network and the associated acquisition of significant funding to support its endeavours.
- 4. Notes** that should staff identify a need for Council funding support for FSNC, a report will be brought to Council at the appropriate time.

**Reason for recommendation:** Thank you for your submission, highlighting the value of Food Forests and Community Gardens. We agree that these provide tremendous community value, in terms of empowering people out of dependence. Food Secure North Canterbury continues to work with Council on locations for new forests and community gardens, and to find communities interested in having one.

As part of their involvement on the Food Secure North Canterbury Steering Group, community development staff continue to work with the Kaiapoi Food Forest, Food Secure North Canterbury partners, Timebank Waimakariri and other community garden and food forest partners (including Kaiapoi and Hope Community Gardens) to promote, encourage and facilitate increased local provision of food forest and community garden initiatives. This work also includes encouraging and supporting garden to plate- style initiatives, such as those offered by Kaiapoi Community Garden and Hope Community Trust Garden.

Food Secure North Canterbury (FSNC) is a network comprised of Satisfy Food Rescue, Oxford Community Trust, Kaiapoi Community Garden, Kaiapoi Food Forest, Social Services Waimakariri, Community Wellbeing North Canterbury Trust, and Waimakariri and Hurunui District Council community development facilitators. At the time of its inception, Waimakariri District Council community development staff facilitated the acquisition of a considerable amount of post-COVID funding for the endeavour. This has enabled FSNC to apply a strategic approach to facilitating increased food equity, empowerment and provision for those in our communities who, for various reasons are otherwise unable to access adequate, nutritious food for themselves and their whanau.

Council's Community Development and Greenspace Teams acknowledge and appreciate the value of food forests and community gardens and staff provide support for endeavours to increase the availability of food secure initiatives across appropriate public spaces. In terms of funding, with food security continuing to be a national priority it is expected that some degree of central government and philanthropic funding is likely to continue. However, should such avenues not be available, with staff continuing to have active involvement in Food Secure North Canterbury, should the need for targeted Council funding support become apparent, a report will be brought to Council at the appropriate time.

## Community Health and Safety

Community Health and Safety - 680.10, Thea Kunkel for Rangiora-Ashley  
Community Board

**Summary:** The Board wishes to urge the Council to support local organisations committed to improving safety, including the Rangiora Volunteer Fire Brigade, the St John Ambulance Services, North Canterbury Neighbourhood Support, and Rangiora Community Patrol.

The Board shares the community's frustration over the lack of progress made on a promised after-hours medical centre in Rangiora. It, therefore, supports any effort by the Council to facilitate the development of an urgent care extended-hours facility alongside the Rangiora Hospital and Health Hub in Ashley Street, Rangiora. It also notes that scientific evidence suggests that youth vaping has become a social issue in New Zealand, as a significant proportion of youth who have never smoked now vape regularly. The Board, therefore, believes there is an urgent need to reduce youth appeal to vapes. Hence, it encourages the Council to regulate the proximity of specialist vape retailers to schools and other youth-serving facilities (e.g. parks, sports facilities and playgrounds).

### **Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point.
- 2. Notes** the support already indicated through provision for staff to undertake voluntary duties with Rangiora Fire Brigade.
- 3. Notes** community development staff support via the Waimakariri Health Advisory Group, around the establishment of the successful St John Ambulance medical shuttle, that enables many of our local elderly residents to get to appointments at the various Christchurch Hospitals.
- 4. Notes** community development staff support for Neighbourhood Support's governance group, including support with strategic planning, funding, and process, as well as a regular grant made to support the endeavours of North Canterbury Neighbourhood Support in facilitating neighbourhood connection across the District.
- 5. Notes** the support offered to Community Patrols, via provision of rent-free accommodation for its monitoring function.
- 6. Notes** that Council has already offered considerable financial support to ensure the progressing of the Health Hub project.
- 7. Notes** that community development staff have supported local networks, including Social Services Waimakariri and Youth Council in making submissions to national consultations around vaping.
- 8. Notes** the intention of Environmental Services Unit staff to include vaping as a consideration in a pending review of Council's Smoke Free Bylaw.

**Reason for recommendation:** Thank you for your detailed submission to the 2025/26 Draft Annual Plan.

With respect to the first item raised, around support for local organisations supporting the safety of local residents, Council provides a range of supports, as follows:

- a. provision for staff to undertake voluntary duties with Rangiora Fire Brigade

- b. support via the Waimakariri Health Advisory Group, around the establishment of the successful St John Ambulance medical shuttle, that enables many of our local elderly residents to get to appointments at the various Christchurch Hospitals
- c. community development staff support for Neighbourhood Support's governance group, including support with strategic planning, funding, and process, as well as a regular grant made to support the endeavours of North Canterbury Neighbourhood Support in facilitating neighbourhood connection across the District.
- d. support offered to Community Patrols, via provision of rent-free accommodation for its monitoring function.

With respect to the second item around support for the Rangiora Health Hub and after-hours primary health provision, Council has already offered considerable financial support to ensure the progressing of the Health Hub project.

In terms of the third item, community development staff have supported local networks, including Social Services Waimakariri and Youth Council in making submissions to national consultations around vaping. Additionally, it is the intention of Environmental Services Unit staff to include vaping as a consideration in a pending review of Council's Smoke Free Bylaw

Again, thank you for your detailed submission, which evidences your considerable commitment to the community that you serve.

## GLOW Initiatives

GLOW Initiatives - 742.12, Adrienne Saunders

**Summary:** Support for Global Locals of Waimakariri (GLOW) initiatives.

**Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** the submission point.
- 2. Acknowledges** the value of Global Locals of Waimakariri (GLOW) in engaging, connecting and empowering local migrants and newcomers, so that they can to actively participate in the district's communities and have equitable access to its services and supports.
- 3. Notes** community development staff provide support with connections and the acquisition of external funding, so that these initiatives are sustainable.

**Reason for recommendation:** Global Locals of Waimakariri (GLOW) was established as part of post-earthquake efforts to create a mechanism for welcoming, connecting, and empowering migrant newcomers. This initiative aims to ensure that migrants can actively participate in the district's communities and have equitable access to its services and supports. The success of the monthly social connection group, along with GLOW's various migrant-led events and activities, has showcased the district's ethnic diversity.

GLOW's role and place in the community align with several key priority areas in the Welcoming Communities Plan and other strategic documents developed in recent years. Originally part of a wider migrant projects steering group, GLOW was established in 2016 as part of strategic post-earthquake work to connect and support migrants and newcomers as they settled into the district. In 2018, the group rebranded and now operates independently, focusing on social connection and events, while the agency-based steering group takes a more strategic approach to addressing issues that prevent migrants from accessing local services, supports, and opportunities.

While the steering group continues to support English language classes, cultural competency, driver licensing, visa issues, and more, GLOW runs monthly multicultural social groups, a migrant-led cooking class series, and a range of events and displays that showcase the various cultures that make up our district. Community development staff provide support with connections and the acquisition of external funding to ensure these initiatives are sustainable.

A survey undertaken in 2022 highlighted that loneliness was one of the most significant issues faced by local migrants. The value of GLOW lies in creating a safe, welcoming place where newcomers can meet others experiencing similar challenges as they integrate into communities. It also empowers migrants who might otherwise be socially isolated to contribute to increasing the cultural awareness and competency of all local residents. With its alignment with several priority areas in the pending release of the Welcoming Communities Plan for the Waimakariri District, GLOW will continue to play an important role in engaging, connecting, and empowering local migrants and newcomers, ensuring they can actively participate in the district's communities and have equitable access to its services and supports.



# Grants

## Waimakariri Public Arts Trust

Waimakariri Public Arts Trust - 182.1, Wilson Henderson for Waimakariri Public Arts Trust

**Summary:** Submission to the WDC Annual Plan  
From Waimakariri Public Arts Trust

### INTRODUCTION

The Waimakariri Public Arts Trust (WPAT) is a charitable trust overseen by the Waimakariri District Council. The trust develops public arts projects in the Waimakariri District through raising funds to commission artworks.

The purposes of the Waimakariri Public Arts Trust (WPAT) are to promote art and culture in the Waimakariri District, encourage public art in new developments and redevelopments, raise funds to enable the commission of art works, educate the public about art and artists, and support arts projects and events in the community.

Artworks are commonly used in public outdoor spaces as a way to enhance the environment, reinforce the cultural and community identity and promote towns and cities. They showcase creativity and innovation.

### PROGRESS IN 2024

The Waimakariri Public Arts Trust (WPAT) made substantial progress during 2024.

Work with the Waimakariri District Council (WDC) has resulted in the preparation of a Memorandum of Understanding between WPAT and the WDC. Substantial work has also been done on contracts the Trust will use with artists engaged for WPAT projects. Our work has been further supported by the Council's Arts Coordinator.

Our Trustees are all volunteers and put in many hours of unpaid work to make the carry out the work of the Trust.

### GOING FORWARD

Now that we have established an annual plan and budget we have a clear idea of necessary costs to ensure our work is focussed and accountable.

Unfortunately, our Council grant was halved two years ago and the grant of \$5000 we current receive from Council does not cover the day-to-day operations of the Trust.

Our 2025 plan identifies specific projects together with budget requirements.

We therefore request the Council considers increasing our grant as outlined below.

- \* Maintenance of the WPAT Website \$1,870
- \* Establishment and promotion of the Waimakariri Public Arts Trust Trail \$3,000
- \* Ongoing maintenance of the Public Art Records Archive \$500
- \* Promotion and Public Events \$ 3,000
- \* Costs for Treasurers Role \$3,600

- \* Koha – work with Mana whenua \$500
- \* Plaques for existing and new art works \$600
- \* TOTAL \$13,070

We would appreciate the opportunity to speak to our application if that is possible.

W J Henderson  
Chair, Waimakariri Public Arts Trust

**Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** the submission point.
- 2. Approves** an increase to the annual grant for the Waimakariri Public Arts Trust from \$5,000 (currently identified in the draft Annual Plan) to \$8,500.
- 3. Notes** that the grant amount is a contribution towards the operational requirements of running the trust.
- 4. Notes** that the Waimakariri Public Arts Trust offers a valuable service to our Community and the work and processes they follow have enriched our public realm and the Art offering people can enjoy.
- 5. Notes** that there may be alternative funding sources for the Waimakariri Public Arts Trust to investigate that would assist with a range of costs, and that the staff from the Community and Recreation Department could assist in how they apply for such funding.

**Reason for recommendation:** The Waimakariri Public Arts Trust undertake a valuable role for Council and the District through the work they do to procure and attract art across the public realm. They have been working well over the past year to put in place some solid foundations in regards to process which has been ably assisted through the Arts Adviser in the Community Team. This is now being led by Mel Foster following on from the foundations that Michelle (her predecessor) has set with the Trust.

This has enabled confidence within the activities that the Trust are performing and the assistance they have requested above has logic and community benefit in supporting.

The assistance for the website would be an annual cost, this is to help finalise the set up and ongoing domain hosting. It is suggested that this would be an enabling outcome and assist the Trust greatly in how they both promote and seek funding, as this would be a source to also highlight portfolios and give confidence to artists and funders.

The Arts trail is one of the more significant projects that the Arts Trust is undertaking and will be a great addition to an already established trail.

Ongoing maintenance of Public Arts Record - This is work undertaken by a trustee so should not be compensated as this is a normal task for a volunteer group to perform.

Treasurers role, this is a standard role required within Trusts and is not something that is paid for in other committees or funded through Council. It may be more appropriate for the Trust to approach external funders to help support any paid position they believe they require.

The Koha may or may not be required each year and could be a cost that is fund raised to help cover given it is a nominal amount.

The plaques could be worked into the greenspace budget or covered under existing budgets and this to be outlined between the Trust and Greenspace. This could be worked into the process that is currently in place, which sees that plaques need approval to be put in place on art works or around them.

## Ohoka Domain Advisory Group

Ohoka Domain Advisory Group - 683.2, Edward Hamilton for Ohoka Domain Advisory Group

**Summary:** Request : Ongoing funds to continue with the development and general up keep of the Ohoka Bush/Ohoka Domain and Gate Keepers Lodge, beyond the scope of what the Council contractors carry out.

Amount: \$9,000 per year for the next three years

Expenditure breakdown as below: (per year)

Chemical sprays (glycophate) \$500

Purchase of additional plants \$4500  
(replacement/in-filling) mulch

Lodge restoration/maintenance \$3000

Incidentals: trapping/pest Control, misc. \$1000

A large portion of the work is done by volunteers which saves the ratepayers many dollars.

Our records show volunteer hours are more than 600 hours per year. Averaging 15 hours per working bee each month, Ian at least two hours a day, coupled with Edward and Richard volunteering at least two hours+ a week. Local school children completing such programs as the William Pike Challenge contribute hours as well as other individuals carrying out community service.

ODAG has a proven track record of producing great results on a small budget in the Ohoka Domain. The group works well with the WDC Greenspace team to continue to enhance what has to be the 'jewel in the crown' when it comes to domains in the district.

The Domain/Bush is seeing an ever increasing number of visitors enjoying what is on offer. We are seeing large groups using the Domain most weekends.

Lodge:

Funds for a repaint of the exterior of the Lodge is requested. The Lodge was painted six years ago but the paint condition has deteriorated.

We are currently painting and wall-papering the interior as the carpentry work involving the skirting boards, window and door frames has been completed. The exterior is now due for a tidy up with barge boards and window frames needing attention. We will require scaffolding for some of this work.

The Lodge is a popular spot that draws a lot of attention. It is used as a picnic spot, a venue for weddings and photos and most of all, a historic site that people can walk around and appreciate; so it is important to keep it looking at its best.

The ODAG also request that WDC build into their incoming plan, funds to re-surface the tennis courts, upgrade the BMX track and enhance the playground.

#### Tennis courts:

When the contractors last re-did the surface they only used a small machine which left un-even joins through the courts. Some of these joins they came back and “patched” because there were so uneven. These “repairs” resulted in even more un-even joins. A few years later the courts were painted to help cover the joins. This surface is now lifting. The courts are very well used and so therefore deserve a new surface.

#### BMX Track:

This has had little attention since its original build 15 years ago. It is recommended to extend the track up to the flying fox and generally give it a good birthday, i.e. Re-surface and improve the berms and jumps.

#### Playground:

The Ohoka population is continuing to grow and the Domain has become a popular spot for families from further afield. It is important to keep the playground up-to-date and relevant as an exciting place for children to play and enjoy.

#### **Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** the submission point.
- 2. Approves** an annual grant of \$8,500 per annum for the next three years to cover pest control, lodge restoration/maintenance, mulch and purchase of additional plants.
- 3. Notes** that the playground is on a regular maintenance cycle and has been designed to support growth in its use through the surrounding residential area and also noting the influx of visitors to the domain through the likes of the farmers market.
- 4. Notes** that the BMX track does not have a specific budget for renewal, however BMX tracks are to be included in the Play and Active Recreation Strategy.
- 5. Notes** there is hard surface budget in year nine of the 2024 Long Term Plan (this being the first year of that program budget) and Ohoka Domain tennis court is noted as being in poor condition.
- 6. Notes** that the domain currently accommodates commercial activities that generate more revenue than the requested grant total.

**Reason for recommendation:** The Ohoka Domain Advisory Group has a solid history of getting work done and has demonstrated ability when it comes to the works they have asked for financial assistance. The Ohoka Bush is testament to the work this group is able to carry out and they have in previous years done great work for their community with funding assistance from Council.

The lodge restoration/maintenance works will add to the experience of people at the domain and it has become a feature since it was relocated to where it stands now.

Staff have recommended above that the group is supported with an annual grant for the next three years. The ODAG have shown maturity around grants and have only ever asked for these in time periods so they can reassess where they are at and what they genuinely need. The work done is of benefit to the wider community.

Spraying could be replaced with removal of weeds by hand and even through working bees. It has been suggested in staff recommendation that the group is supported with an exclusion on the spray item.

The playground itself had a significant renewal in 2019 which included the addition of a bbq area and new equipment with a new layout and this also led to the installation of the flying fox (which was funded by the community itself). This continues to have ongoing maintenance to keep it up to date and safe.

The BMX track doesn't have specific funding for renewal, this is to be covered by the Play and Active Recreation Strategy, which is to include such recreational assets. This will identify a program of works for renewal within the current asset base, including Ohoka.

The tennis court is not budgeted for in the short term but there is funding in year nine of the 2024 Long Term Plan. The court itself is in poor condition and is listed as needing renewal works. In the interim it would need operational funding to patch any minor issues. Staff intend to propose for the 2027 Draft Long Term Plan, a program and budget for this asset base. This would also be covered within the Play and Active Recreation Strategy.

## Northern Agricultural & Pastoral Association

Northern Agricultural & Pastoral Association - 721.2, Samantha Schwind for Northern A&P Association

**Summary:** Re: Continued Support for Ongoing Grant Funding

Northern Agricultural & Pastoral Association appreciate your support we have had over the past 12 years through the grants we have received. The grant funding has been instrumental in helping us deliver our A&P Show and other community events, with maintenance of the grounds and the buildings and allowing the community to hire the facilities at a community rate.

We respectfully ask that this grant be continued so we can delivery benefits to the community.

Our objectives are:

1. To be beneficial to the community by maintaining our grounds and buildings to the highest standard possible, allowing the wider community access to an excellent range of facilities.
2. To be beneficial to the community by hosting an annual A & P Show, allowing the rural, lifestyle and urban communities to compete or show their stock or produce against other competitors in the same field.
3. To be beneficial to the community by providing a common link between town and country and to enhance this relationship wherever possible.
4. To advance education by encouraging variety and the best cultivation methods in green feed. An annual competition is run with this purpose in mind.
5. To encourage the quality production of hay and silage. An annual Winterfeed Competition is run with this purpose in mind.
6. To encourage and enhance the breeding standards of all livestock. Several annual competitions are held with this purpose in mind.
7. To always be looking to improve our facilities and looking towards the future with short, midand long-term objectives in mind.
8. To recognise the efforts of those before us and maintain the proud tradition of the Northern A&P Association.
9. To expand the appeal of the Show and the Showgrounds to the wider Canterbury Community.
10. The Association strongly believes in supporting community groups wherever possible.

Recent projects and users of the grounds and facilities.

- The Skurr Centre has been completed and used regularly by Community groups at a community rate. Knitting, Embroidery, Sewing, and Art.
- The Skurr Centre is used by the Community for work gatherings, meetings, fundraising groups, conferences and workshops.

- The toilet blocks were upgraded in 2024.
- The Pavilion building is regularly used for markets, book fairs, country music festivals, dog training classes and other community groups.
- The Pavilion building is used for Toot for Tucker as the packing station at no charge.
- The Function Centre has a new heating system in place for our regular users – Fitness classes, dance classes, meetings, workshops and conferences. Once a quarter, it is used as a Sing Group centre for the elderly from the local homes, which is the highlight of their day.
- Rubber and Sand has recently been applied to the Dressage Arena for Equestrian users to enhance usage.
- The Association have Menz Shed on site 3 days a week and they are given a rent-free lease of their building to support them. Rangiora Art Society and North Canterbury Poultry and Pigeon Club both have free storage space on site.
- Aside from the groups and individuals that hire the facilities and buildings at the grounds, the Association works closely with other nonprofit groups to assist where possible.
- RT12 use the grounds for training and camping purposes at no charge.
- We are home to Rangiora Pony Club, North Canterbury Dressage and Christchurch Polo Club and have over 100 Equestrian members who use the grounds daily.
- The grounds are used for Muscle Car, which has a significant injection into the community retailers.
- Notably, NPC Rugby is returning for its third year and North Canterbury Rugby are looking to host their senior and junior games during this time. These events attract large crowds and bring a welcome financial boost to the area, supporting local retailers, hospitality providers and other businesses. The positive flow on effects is felt widely across the community, reinforcing the social and economic value of what we do.
- Working with WDC and Waimak United Football to use the grounds for training and matches at no cost to Waimak United. New floodlights have been purchased for night training.
- Several local groups are using the Pavilion and Function Centre for a low or nominal rental.
- Waimakariri Civil Defence Emergency training programmes are held at the grounds at no cost.
- A Counselling group have leased the Old Secretary's Office for a low nominal fee.
- North Canterbury Rugby have leased the Function Centre Office for a low nominal fee.



- The Association has local schools use the grounds for Cross Country runs and use the toilet blocks. This is all provided free of charge.
- Sunday Funday was held here at the end of March at a discounted rate. A community day out for families.
- The events hosted at the showgrounds provide a significant economic boost to the businesses in Rangiora and the wider district, particularly in retail and hospitality.

We would welcome the opportunity to provide further details on our recent achievements and outline how continued funding will be used to deliver benefits to the community.

We thank you again for your longstanding support and look forward to a continued partnership.

**Officer recommendations:**

1. **Receive** the submission.
2. **Notes** that the Council and Northern A and P Association had a license to occupy agreement that stipulated specific conditions for use of the A and P Showgrounds (Rangiora) by Council.
3. **Notes** that Notes that there is no proposed change to current budgets with the submission put forward by the Northern Agricultural & Pastoral Association.
4. **Notes** that staff are continuing to work with the Northern Agricultural & Pastoral Association to review Councils role, funding and what if any agreement should be put in place between the two organisations to safe guard continued community sport usage of the grounds.
5. **Notes** that staff should hold a workshop with Council to detail discussions between the two parties and what the future arrangement could be to safe guard community sport continuing to use the showgrounds.

**Reason for recommendation:** Council has previously held a licence to occupy at the Rangiora Showgrounds to provide community sport space. Over the years this has included Rugby and Football. The Waimakariri United Football Club are presently interested in using the grounds and are actively using the area for training and potentially some games.

North Canterbury Rugby and Canterbury Rugby have hosted National Provincial games at the showgrounds and intend to do the same again this year. This has been a popular attraction for the community with thousands in attendance over the past two years.

The license has now lapsed and staff have been working with the A and P Association to renew the license. Recent conversations have indicated that the Association is keen to move away from a license and continue to have the currently budgeted \$40,000 per annum, paid out as a grant. Staff have indicated that there would likely need to be some form of agreement in place if this was the direction that was followed, either through a grant arrangement (accountability), or possibly a memorandum of understanding or heads of agreement type document. This needs further work so that the parties can come back to Council in regards to these ongoing discussions.

The continuation of the fee being paid in the coming financial year does not alter the draft annual plan as this has been accounted for. However the discussions and report back to Council needs to be finalised prior to the next draft annual plan confirming this funding to be ongoing.

## Surf Lifesaving NZ

Surf Lifesaving NZ - 730.1, Stu Bryce for Surf Life Saving New Zealand Inc

**Summary:** Kia ora

Firstly thank you and the council leaders for the historical support that allows Surf lifesaving to patrol weekdays at Waikuku and 7 days a week at Pegasus and Woodend. The benefits of these services are for both the rate paying members of the Waimakariri area along with visitors both regionally and nationally.

Surf Life Saving New Zealand (SLSNZ) wish to submit for an increase in the allocated amount of funding for the Paid Lifeguard service (PLS) at Waikuku, Pegasus and Woodend beaches for the Summer School holiday period.

Last season saw a shortfall to cover the preferred dates, which was funded out of other WDC funds to cover the beaches, which with achieved the support and council leaders.

We wish to formally have this amount in the plan and for it to be maintained to that level going forward with increases allowed for inflation and living wage increases.

To patrol the three beaches for a total of 110 working days the cost is \$162,192.17. This would allow for patrols at Waikuku for 40 days (8 weeks, weekends services by volunteers) and Pegasus and Woodend for 35 days (5 weeks full service).

This would be an increase from the current allowance of \$120,690. This would only formalize what we have delivered over the past number of seasons.

Last season saw 9 rescues and 19 First aid at the beaches with a total headcount of over 65000 users across the three beaches.

**Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point.
- 2. Notes** a staff report has been submitted addressing this submission. The report has options for the Council to consider in regards to the proposal put forward by Surf Life Saving New Zealand.

**Reason for recommendation:** Please note that there has been a staff report submitted to address this proposal.

## Kaiapoi Promotions Association

Kaiapoi Promotions Association - 735.2, Martin Pinkham for Kaiapoi Promotions Association Inc

**Summary:** Visitor Maps and Signage

The Kaiapoi Promotion Association Inc (KPA) welcomes the opportunity to make this submission to the 2025/26 Annual Plan

**A Walking / Cycling Visitor Maps**

The KPA wishes to acknowledge the great work undertaken by ENC in promoting the District through the Visit Waimakariri website and the Visitor Centre and encouraging visitors to use the many recreational facilities in Waimakariri District.

However, the Visit Waimakariri guide can only provide a general overview and has focused on highlighting the key cycle routes and trails, and the linkages between the trails. Due to its general nature it is not able to provide a detailed guide to each of the routes, and provide historical, cultural and recreational information for visitors.

Research by KPA, and the recent WDC Visitor Strategy, have identified the key attractions for visitors being:

- Walking / cycling
- River precinct including historical sites and sculptures
- Parks / reserves
- Beaches

KPA believes that a project that could be implemented quickly to provide the maximum benefit to support efforts to attract visitors to Kaiapoi is the production of a series of Walking / Cycling route guides.

KPA has undertaken further research on what other areas have done and concluded that the approach taken by the Nelson region would work well in Kaiapoi. The Nelson area has created a series of Walking and Cycling route maps in an A4 format, some single and some double sided. The maps, examples of which are attached, have a consistent theme and have:

- a schematic, easy to follow, map
- commentary on points of cultural, historic, civic and ecological interest
- recreational features

It is proposed that hard copies would be available from the iSite, and digital versions of the maps would be hosted on the Visit Waimakariri website, and the KPA website, where they can be:

- downloaded and printed off prior to a visit
- read directly on a tablet or phone

A request to WDC staff requesting a map that identified recent historical and artistic features resulted in a reply that there was no such mapping.

The Kaiapoi Promotions Association requests a one off grant of \$15,000 to create 15 maps of the Kaiapoi, The Pines Beach / Kairaki, and Tuahiwi area, including providing the following;

- project management
- consultation with key stakeholders including Te Ngai o Tuahuriri Rununga, Kaiapoi Historic Association, Kaiapoi-Tuahiw Community Board and ENC.
- production of digital version of maps
- production of 500 hard copies
- distribution of digital copies to ENC, and other interested parties, to host on their websites

**Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point.
- 2. Notes** the proposal has good merit and potential to support the Waimakariri Visitor Strategy.
- 3. Notes** that there is potential to work through Enterprise North Canterbury to look at fund raising the \$15,000 through local commercial and businesses representatives.
- 4. Notes** that Council supports this project and believes this would be of benefit for the local businesses and visitors to Kaiapoi.

**Reason for recommendation:** The Kaiapoi Promotions Association (KPA) has submitted a proposal requesting a one-off grant of \$15,000 for the development of Walking and Cycling Visitor Maps for the Kaiapoi, The Pines Beach/Kairaki, and Tuahiwi areas. These maps aim to provide detailed guides for visitors, highlighting historical, cultural, and recreational features that complement the existing Visit Waimakariri guide.

Key components of the project include:

- **Content Focus:** Maps would feature schematic designs and commentary on cultural, historical, civic, and ecological points of interest, along with recreational facilities.
- **Formats:** Both digital and hard copies would be produced, with 500 hard copies available at the iSite and digital versions hosted on Visit Waimakariri and KPA websites for download and easy access.
- **Stakeholder Collaboration:** The project would involve consultation with Te Ngai o Tuahuriri Runanga, Kaiapoi Historic Association, Kaiapoi-Tuahiw Community Board, and Enterprise North Canterbury (ENC).

The submission underscores the alignment of this initiative with the objectives of the WDC Visitor Strategy, which prioritizes walking and cycling as key attractions for visitors alongside other recreational and cultural features.

The staff recommendations are based on the following considerations:

1. Financial Constraints: Current budgets are fully allocated to existing priorities, leaving no capacity to support additional funding requests. Approving this grant would require reallocation of resources, which may impact other essential projects.
2. Alternative Funding Options: KPA is encouraged to seek external funding sources, such as local sponsorships, grants, or partnerships with businesses. Enterprise North Canterbury (ENC) may be able to assist in identifying and securing these opportunities.
3. Collaborative Potential: External partnerships not only mitigate financial barriers but also foster greater community involvement and shared ownership of the project, enhancing its long-term sustainability.
4. Strategic Alignment: While the project aligns with the Council's Visitor Strategy, alternative approaches to funding would better balance fiscal responsibility with community benefit.

Staff do acknowledge the merit of this proposal and its alignment with the district's strategic objectives but recommends exploring alternative funding pathways to implement the project. Supporting KPA in identifying and securing these opportunities aligns with our commitment to fostering community-driven initiatives. Ideally groups would look for external funding to help with initiatives that have benefit for both the residential and commercial community.

## North Canterbury Dog Training Club

North Canterbury Dog Training Club - 737.1, Deana Lyons for North Canterbury Dog Training Club

**Summary:** Please find attached our proposal for a dedicated training facility for the North Canterbury Dog Training Club.

We believe this initiative aligns well with Council goals and would greatly benefit the local community. We welcome the chance to discuss this further and appreciate your time and support.

If there is anything else you require from us please do not hesitate to let us know.

**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point.

**2. Approves** staff to make contact with the North Canterbury Dog Training Club to have open conversations about their proposal and how this would be funded. The conversation should indicate that at this time Council does not have funding it can contribute to such a facility and that any land would be subject to availability and Council approval via a staff report.

**Reason for recommendation:** The North Canterbury Dog Training Club has submitted a proposal for a dedicated training facility at Millton Memorial Reserve. They believe this initiative aligns with council goals and would deliver significant benefits to the local community. Their proposal expresses a willingness to discuss the idea further and emphasises their appreciation for the council's consideration.

While the proposal shows merit and enthusiasm, it is recommended that any council response highlights our openness to dialogue while clearly communicating that, at this stage, no financial or land commitments can be made. This ensures transparency and manages expectations while keeping the lines of communication open for future discussions.

The Millton Memorial Reserve Concept Plan has been created, consulted and approved through the Rangiora Ashley Community Board. While this does not consider the provision of a dog training building there is potentially space available and it would be good to have further conversations with the group.

## Oxford Arts Trust

### Oxford Arts Trust - 741.1, Areta Wilkinson for Oxford Arts Trust

**Summary:** For this annual submission Oxford Arts Trust would like to draw your attention to a new, additional annual expense related to public safety at Oxford Gallery. As kaitiaki of this well cared for facility OAT asks Council for an increased annual allocation to cover this new and ongoing annual cost.

From now on Oxford Gallery must complete an Annual Compliance Schedule which involves: Fire Alarm Annual Survey, Fire Alarm Monthly Test, Certification Fees, and an Annual Building WOF for a total cost of \$1190.00 ex GST per annum (quote attached p.3). Towards this new regime, we have already committed \$400 for the initial survey completed by the Council compliance team, we have extended our fire alarm system at a cost of \$450, bought two new fire extinguishers for \$350 and now will ensure daily, monthly and 6-monthly inspections. This is an unavoidable responsibility that must be fulfilled by our Team, and is more money for our volunteers to raise.

OAT thank the WDC for our current annual grant contribution towards annual utilities costs, and ask this be secured and slowly increased. As a NFP addressing the Cultural Outcome above, we cannot deliver our Oxford Gallery creative program without council support. Our Team works very hard to secure extra grant funding to provide our programme content (exhibitions, activities, events) and they do a marvellous job at delivery using these limited resources within constraints. The workload is demanding for our small crew but support from council and community is boosting.

In return for councils investment Oxford Arts Trust governing Oxford Gallery confirm our commitment to serve the Waimakariri District as a creative centre where everyone feels enthusiastic, encouraged and positively impacted by the arts for their wellbeing. Oxford Gallery actively contributes to the identity of Oxford Township, from our attractive rural setting we showcase local talent, produce learning and creative experiences, and create meaningful points of connection for people in our district and beyond. Our robust reporting presents the fruits of this support and investment - our strategic ambition to increase community engagement is showing to be effective with 100% increased participation levels (see Performance report for YE 2024). Most recently we delivered the inaugural and interactive FLOW Festival of Creativity 15th March 2025 resulting in 750 visitors, 6 performances, 16 creative activities, 7 demos!

Oxford is where it is happening! Please visit our arts centre Thu-Sun 11am-4pm to see how fresh and upbeat the gallery is looking. Please continue to support our community gallery.

Thank you for this chance to give feedback and make submission. There are substantial opportunities for identity building in this region that can add cultural value to peoples lives.

#### **Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point.



**2. Approves** staff investigating potential increases to ongoing annual compliance / building warrant of fitness costs across the community building network and report this back to Council.

**3. Notes** the report should indicate the likelihood of this being a cost that several or more community building owners / operators may look to seek if Council approves this for Oxford Arts Trust.

**4. Notes** these are costs which are required to operate publicly accessible buildings due to safety standards.

**Reason for recommendation:** The operational costs that the OAT have identified is in relation to the requirements for Building Warrants of Fitness (BWOFF). This is a compliance cost that is required across publicly accessed buildings, which will impact not only OAT, but a variety of other building owners who allow the public entry.

The OAT are correct that this is going to be an ongoing cost and is adding to the requirement for fund raising due to changes in procedure or standards in operating buildings. Council has seen such changes in its own building stock and we are aware of other providers who are feeling the impact of this additional cost to keep doors open to the public.

As this is not going to be a one off cost and will likely impact other building providers, it is suggested that more work is done to quantify this prior to Council increasing any grants, as this may be something that is required by others as well. It is therefore recommended that staff do more investigation into the impact this might have and give Council greater clarity on what level of assistance may be sought from public building operators / owners. Note that Council are also currently in the process of tendering for a new BWOFF monitoring contractor.

# Property

## Property Management

Property Management - 726.15, Kay Rabe for Oxford-Ohoka Community Board

**Summary:** The Board wishes to suggest that the Council be more diligent in utilising its property portfolio. A list of all properties should be collated with a description, what income it currently generates, and the potential market valuation for income. Any way to generate revenue would benefit ratepayers, and the Board is aware of properties that have been vacant for long periods that could have been rented. The Board feels this is an opportunity for additional revenue and would make the best use of these assets. Some properties noted are the section on the corner of McHughs Road, Two Chain Road and Tram Road, Pontz Road and Oxford Road corner and Tram/Woodfield Road. Most of these areas are not maintained and are an eyesore.

**Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point.
- 2. Notes** the Council Property Unit will work with Activity / Asset owning Business Units within Council to explore opportunities to gain revenue from property, where they are no longer needed for operational purposes and are not proposed to be re-purposed or sold. This will form part of the property review currently being progressed by the Property Unit, under the direction of the Property Portfolio Working Group. The specific forestry properties referenced by the Community Board will be investigated in response to the concerns raised and included in the property review mentioned earlier.

**Reason for recommendation:** Council own over 900 properties, most of which are used for the delivery of Council services or Activities. Various internal business units of Council are designated as the internal asset owner of these properties, usually associated with current or historic Council activities on the sites. The business unit or Activities may include infrastructure (such as Roading or 3 Waters), or other services (such as parks, reserves or community facilities) to name a few examples. These Units make decision about the use these properties are put to.

In some cases, a property is no longer used for the above Activities. Depending on the status of the land, there may be an opportunity for it to be leased out to generate revenue and to offset holding costs. Periodically, the internal asset owners (or the Property Unit) are approached directly by members of the public to lease specific properties. Equally the internal asset owning business unit may request the Property Unit to approach adjoining owners or the open market to seek parties that may wish to lease the site or part of it.

The Property Unit administer well over 400 leases and licences, but do so on behalf of other asset owning business units, and under their instructions. Administration of these properties has been frustrated by the lack of a lease management system, but this is currently being addressed via the development of the new Council wide CES. This will significantly enhance the management and reporting of leases and licences.

In addition, the Property Unit are working with asset owning business units to review all property they own and a key aspect of this considers whether part or all of a site could be repurposed or used more effectively. One option for a poorly utilised site would be for it to be leased to a third party. This work falls under the direction of the Property Portfolio Working Group. The output of this work will align with the review suggested by the Community Board.

The specific properties referenced have historically been used for forestry purposes. Following the harvest of these properties, which generate revenue from the sale of timber, the sites are replanted. As with some other rural activities the visual amenity can be poor, due to the harvest residual not able to be sold on commercial terms. The residue can be chipped and spread to avoid this in some locations, where there is an ancillary recreational use, but this generally adds significantly to the cost. In some cases, small blocks are now proving to be uneconomic due to high health and safety considerations and poor economies of scale. The blocks of land identified will be reviewed in response to the concerns raised and will be included in the property review mentioned earlier.

# Planning and Regulations

## Solar Farms

Solar Farms - 192.2, Nan & Peter Wright

**Summary:** I read ,the Waimakariri District Council's statement

"The WD C has always prioritised safe, affordable and reliable drinking water."

Presently the W D C has an application from an Australian Company to build a solar farm at Ashley, under one kilometre from the source of our drinking water on the Lower Sefton Road.

This series of shallow wells provides water for thousands of people over a very wide area. At present these wells are Safe, Affordable and Reliable.

Overseas evidence shows (a simple goggle search) solar farms are subject to high wind and storm damage. The panels crack and leach heavy metal toxic contaminants into the soil which will flow downhill with rain.

Overseas there already has been numerous solar farm fires apparently caused by faulty equipment. Sparks and overheated cables could easily catch fire in dry conditions. Once ignited there fires cannot be extinguished .Toxic cancer causing chemical particles end up in the ground water. Previously faecal matter has been detected in the water. Toxic particles would be no different. The cost of providing safe drinking water for people and stock would cost millions of dollars. It would be an event of unprecedented disaster proportions.

To ensure that our drinking water remains SAFE the solar farm application must be DECLINED.

**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point.

**Reason for recommendation:** It is important that all effects of the proposed solar farm, including any potential effects on drinking water, are assessed during processing of the resource consent application. All potential effects, including all matters raised by submitters, will be considered and assessed by Council staff and also by the Commissioner appointed to decide the application.

Solar Farms - 742.7, Adrienne Saunders

**Summary:** Solar Farm – Upper Sefton Road. Submissions closed and I expected that the Submissions should have been put up on Council Website for public to View. Other Councils do and I find this unacceptable. This is not being open and Transparent.

**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point.

**Reason for recommendation:** Council staff process resource consents in accordance with the requirements of the Resource Management Act, and submissions aren't required to be available on a website for public view. However, this is an option that Council staff are currently investigating. There are issues to consider, particularly in relation to privacy. Once the relevant matters have been considered, submissions may be published on the Council website.

## Building in Flood Prone Areas

### Building in Flood Prone Areas - 215.2, Alan Russell

**Summary:** Please stop letting houses being built on floodplains, i.e. The Okuku \*\*\*\*\* along 'Inglis' Road.

Houses were never built there in the early days for a reason.

The rain storm that flooded those properties was not a big flood.

It all went under the Okuku bridge.

In a big flood it will not.

I'm 74 years of age, grew up in Loburn & have lived at Okuku.

In a major flood the Grey River pushes the Okuku out over there.

The last flood around here was in 1953. I remember the old Okuku bridge, from memory timber, with passing bay. Was a single lane that you drove up onto. Kept low on either side to take pressure off the bridge in a major flood. Same was done with the present bridge.

I remember the eastern side being built up, but kept lower than the bridge.

#### **Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point.

**Reason for recommendation:** It is acknowledged that some 4ha lots have previously been granted subdivision consent under the Operative District Plan (and previous District Plans), at the eastern end of Inglis Road, adjacent to the Okuku River. Some of those lots are subject to medium-high flood hazard.

The subdivision of land and construction of dwellings, in relation to flood hazard, is largely controlled by the Resource Management Act (RMA) and the District Plan. In recent years, the RMA was amended to give greater priority to natural hazards. The Proposed District Plan contains new objectives, policies and rules relating to flood hazards, which reflects the increased priority. The rules will include a range of measures to avoid or mitigate flood risk, as appropriate. They will have effect in August/September 2025.

## Suburban Estates development

Suburban Estates development - 742.15, Adrienne Saunders

**Summary:** Suburban Estates development / B & A Stokes - Wards Road – Gressons Road. – Lack of Public Consultation.

**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** the submission

**2. Notes** that the process followed by the Council was as required by the Resource Management Act.

**Reason for recommendation:** The development proposal was submitted by the applicant as a submission to the Proposed District Plan (PDP) – i.e. it was not a part of the original PDP which the Council released, and consulted on.

Because it is a private developer's submission, it does not go through the same consultation process that a resource consent (for example) does. I would say, the submission seeking the rezoning was notified for further submissions, which could have been received from any member of the public.

The Council collated all of the submissions made to the PDP (of which there were many covering all manner of issues) and puts them on the website and in the newspaper. This is the mandated process as per the RMA.

The decision on this rezoning is now before independent commissioners, and the Council is expecting an outcome on this rezoning (as well as all other PDP matters) in June or July.

In addition, the applicants have separately applied for and been granted status to be considered under the Fast Track Consenting Act. They may choose to pursue this avenue if they are not satisfied with the rezoning application to the PDP.

# Financial Management

## Earthquake Loan

### Earthquake Loan - 515.3, Kirstyn Barnett

**Summary:** I would like to encourage the council to stop using the earthquake recovery loan as a smoothing tool to reduce rates. The main earthquake damage occurred in 2010, which is now 15 years ago, and this loan was intended for a specific purpose and should be drawing to a close. The appetite to link projects to the earthquakes has diminished and it is important to be completely transparent in the actual costs driving rates increases. Using depreciation smoothing is an appropriate tool, the earthquake recovery loan should not be used for this purpose and have a finite date.

**Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point.
- 2. Notes** the total earthquake rates revenue will increase by 5% in 2025/26. The financial model has forecast the earthquake loan to be repaid in the 2043/44 year, which is 32 years from when it was first raised.

**Reason for recommendation:** The earthquake loan is longer than the usual loan of 25 years, as the Council rated less than needed in the early years of the loan to help ratepayers to recover from the earthquakes.

### Earthquake Loan - 742.14, Adrienne Saunders

**Summary:** Council continues to pay loans to cover Earthquake Recovery and MainPower Stadium. (How much is Earthquake Recovery and how much is Mainpower Stadium?)

**Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point.
- 2. Notes** that the process followed by the Council was as required by the Resource Management Act.

**Reason for recommendation:**



## Health Hub Rangiora

Health Hub Rangiora - 742.11, Adrienne Saunders

**Summary:** Health Hub Rangiora. –This is a Private Practice No extra Doctors and not an after hour surgery. – No funding from Council, you are not a bank or have the qualifications to be a Bank to private enterprises.

**Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** this submission point.
- 2. Notes** the submitter's feedback, however does not support the comments made.

**Reason for recommendation:** Rangiora Health Hub which will include urgent after hours care, will operate 7 days a week from 8am-10pm. The funding provided will be paid back in full, including interests and other expenses and therefore at no cost to the rate payer.

## Debt

Debt - 742.13, Adrienne Saunders

**Summary:** Debt: No further borrowing. No Increase in Debt/Rates take %. Mayor interview on Compass FM leading up to Easter was that your Debt (council Debt) is just like a Mortgage. That everyone/almost everyone has a mortgage and included himself, and that the Council's debt is no different to house hold Mortgage. I beg to differ. I get to choose my debt level and repayment plan. When Council Staff and Mayor get to choose the level of Debt on my behalf is this not Debt Bondage/Slavery.

**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** this submission point.

**2. Notes** that the Council has a responsibility to provide infrastructure for the District, for Roading, Water, Drainage and recreation and community facilities. The use of debt to fund the purchase of these assets is an Received practice as it allows for the cost of the asset to be paid over time by the ratepayers who will receive the benefit of those assets.

**Reason for recommendation:** The Long-Term Plan and Annual Plan consultation processes provide an opportunity for ratepayers to express their opinions about the projects that are being undertaken that will require debt to be raised.

# Strategy, Engagement and Economic Development

## Engagement

### Engagement - 10.6, Sam Fisher

**Summary:** i would like to see more presentations on the issues, with simple Q&As on misunderstandings and misrepresentations.

**Officer recommendations:**

1. **Receive** the submission.
2. **Notes** that the Council always strives to make sure our engagement information on the issues, options and finances is simple and easy to understand.
3. **Notes** that staff will see merit in putting together Q&As on the main topics for engagement and this is something that will be investigated and considered for our next Annual and Long Term Plans.

**Reason for recommendation:** This is a good observation by the submitter and could help break down barriers to engagement, and provide simple answers to commonly asked questions, or complex topics.

### Engagement - 585.6, Anonymous

**Summary:** I encourage the Council to continue strengthening its communication and engagement with residents — particularly when it comes to changes that impact rates, water services, or infrastructure contributions. Many of these topics are complex, and greater transparency, early consultation, and plain-language explanations would help build trust and encourage more participation from the community.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Draft Annual Plan. I appreciate the Council's efforts to manage growth and infrastructure needs across the district and hope my comments can contribute to decision-making that balances financial responsibility with fairness and community wellbeing.

**Officer recommendations:**

1. **Receive** this submission.
2. **Acknowledges** that rates increases impact on the budgets of people in the community, and that significant work has been undertaken to keep the rates increase as low as possible while providing for continued growth, and maintaining current levels of service for the community.
3. **Notes** the importance of the work undertaken by Council, including Council's Community Team, in supporting more vulnerable members of our community.

**Reason for recommendation:** Council thanks the submitter for their submission and for taking part in our Draft Annual Plan process. Waimakariri District Council values community input as it strengthens our representation, enables better decision making, empowers the community and builds trust and transparency. We have a team on site who specialise in engagement and have been improving the councils practices and processes in this space over subsequent years. We plan to continue building on this success in the coming years too.

# Strategy

## Affordability

### Affordability - 4.4, Mell Cassidy

**Summary:** rates shouldn't have to go up that much, especially when we are in a recession and people are already struggling with power, petrol, food and insurances going up constantly.

**Officer recommendations:**

1. **Receive** the submission.
2. **Acknowledges** that rates increases impact on the budgets of people in the community, and that significant work has been undertaken to keep the rates increase as low as possible while providing for continued growth, and maintaining current levels of service for the community.

**Reason for recommendation:** The Council is very aware of the increased cost of living, and the financial hardship being experienced by members of our community, and has made careful budgeting decisions to keep the rates increase as low as possible, while maintaining the ability to provide for continued population growth and community services and facilities.

### Affordability - 8.6, geoff sperry

**Summary:** if council used money wisely and not wasteful spending  
You wouldn't need to constantly raise rates  
Stop doing percentage rates rises  
Charge every home the same

**Officer recommendations:**

1. **Receive** the submission.
2. **Notes** that the Council is committed to delivering on what was signalled through the Long Term Plan 2024 - 2034 and are continually exploring opportunities to achieve greater value for money.
3. **Acknowledges** that rates increase impacts the budgets of people in the community and that significant work has been undertaken to keep the rates increase as low as possible while providing for continued growth, and maintaining current levels of service for the community.

**Reason for recommendation:** The Council is financially in good shape. It is important to the Council to balance affordability for residents, especially when we know households are under pressure. Rates are a combination of general rates where everyone has access to the services (for example activities such as roading and transportation) and targeted rates only paid by those who receive that activity or service for example, wastewater and rubbish collection. Council carefully considers how rates costs are allocated and aims to rate for activities and services fairly.

#### Affordability - 9.6, Anonymous

**Summary:** WDC staff especially the Mayor need to stop seeing Rate Payers Money as their own: its NOT. Those rate payers work very hard, so they should get a say in how THEIR MONEY is being spent. Right now they feel exploited, used, cheated, robbed, and insulted, and are so pleased that the Local Body Elections are fast approaching, when they will get a chance to kick out the arrogant crooks.

**Officer recommendations:**

1. **Receive** the submission.
2. **Acknowledges** that rates increases impact on the budgets of people in the community, and that significant work has been undertaken to keep the rates increase as low as possible while providing for continued growth, and maintaining current levels of service for the community.

**Reason for recommendation:** The Council is very aware of the increased cost of living, and the financial hardship being experienced by members of our community, and has made careful budgeting decisions to keep the rates increase as low as possible, while maintaining the ability to provide for continued population growth and community services and facilities.

#### Affordability - 18.6, Swati Naidu

**Summary:** DONT WANT and CANT AFFORD ANY INCREASE IN RATES. You might end up with more people selling their houses and going on benefits if this continues

**Officer recommendations:**

1. **Receive** the submission.
2. **Acknowledges** that rates increases impact on the budgets of people in the community, and that significant work has been undertaken to keep the rates increase as low as possible while providing for continued growth, and maintaining current levels of service for the community.

**Reason for recommendation:** The Council is very aware of the increased cost of living, and the financial hardship being experienced by members of our community, and has made careful budgeting decisions to keep the rates increase as low as possible, while maintaining the ability to provide for continued population growth and community services and facilities.

**Summary:** Executive Summary

Thank you to Council staff and elected members for your work on the Draft Annual Plan. I appreciate the complexity of balancing costs, service delivery, and community expectations in the current environment.

However, I believe this Plan continues a concerning trend — retaining spending on nonessential and “nice-to-have” projects while deferring key infrastructure that our district genuinely needs.

The proposed 4.98% rates increase equates to approximately \$4.91 million in additional revenue. In my view, this increase could be reduced by more than half — to a 2.3% rise (around \$2.27 million) — without compromising any critical services.

To achieve this, I believe Council should:

1. Identify and remove non-essential and poorly defined expenditure.
2. Stop deferring essential infrastructure projects simply to keep the rates figure down . I recognise that this is an election year — but Council decisions should be based on what the community needs, not what looks good politically.
3. Be far more transparent about where money is being spent , so residents like myself can properly engage with and respond to what’s actually in the budget.

1. Cut Non-Essential Expenditure First

Several areas of “nice-to-have” or poorly defined spending could be eliminated or deferred. These are not core services and should not take precedence over transport, drainage, or public safety infrastructure.

Examples already visible in the Plan :

- • \$264,000 – “Non-specified Reserve Enhancement” A vague line item with no defined purpose. This is the very definition of a slush fund and has no place in this budget.
- \$256,000 – Walking and Cycling Strategy (deferred, not cancelled) Originally allocated for the Woodend–Ravenswood cycleway. Without usage data or clear demand, this project should be removed, not delayed.
- Traffic-Calming Initiatives (e.g. speed bumps, raised tables) These initiatives offer questionable safety benefits, carry long-term maintenance costs, and do not reflect widespread community support. They should be removed from the current and future budgets.
- Communications, Strategy & Engagement (~\$10 million combined) A 10–15% reduction in this area could conservatively free up \$1–\$1.5 million, particularly given the reduced capital programme.

- Community Initiatives (e.g. social, youth, cultural) Many are worthwhile but could be phased or scaled. Estimated savings: \$500,000–\$750,000.
- Canterbury Museum Contribution \$4.8 million is being committed over three years to a non-core facility. Deferring part of the 2025/26 allocation could save \$500,000+ .

While the examples above demonstrate potential for \$2.3–\$3.0 million in savings , a more serious issue underpins all of them:

The lack of detail in the budget makes it extremely difficult to properly review, challenge, or prioritise this expenditure.

In every case — from community initiatives to traffic-calming to communications — key information is missing: individual line items, programme breakdowns, staff costs, or even basic descriptions.

This level of generalisation prevents meaningful public engagement and makes it impossible to determine where the most appropriate savings could be made. Until Council provides a fully itemised breakdown of discretionary operating and capital expenditure, any consultation process remains fundamentally incomplete.

## 2. Stop Deferring Essential Infrastructure

While non-core spending remains in the budget, the following high-priority projects are being deferred:

- Road safety improvements
- Key intersection upgrades
- Stormwater/drainage works
- Woodend improvements tied to the future bypass

These are essential projects — required for community safety, resilience, and long-term functionality. Cutting or delaying them while retaining discretionary spending sends the wrong message.

Request: Council should reverse this pattern — protect and prioritise essential infrastructure, and remove or reduce non-essentials.

## 3. Improve Transparency – Make the Real Budget Visible

The biggest challenge I've faced in reviewing this Plan is not just the level of spending — but how hidden much of it is .

Examples:

- \$264,000 – “Non-specified reserve enhancement ” is buried in the Recreation budget with no explanation of what it's for, how it will be used, or where. This is a significant amount of public money allocated with no detail — effectively a slush fund.
- There is no identifiable breakdown for traffic calming projects such as speed bumps or cycleway expenditure

- Communications, strategy, and engagement activities are grouped together with no itemised costs.
- “Community development” and similar initiatives are vague and span multiple lines.

This lack of itemisation prevents meaningful engagement , and makes it impossible for residents like me to provide informed, constructive feedback on where spending could or should be reprioritised.

Request: Council must release a line-item summary of all discretionary operational and capital expenditure. This should include project descriptions, programme costs, staffing allocations, and timing.

### Consultation Framing Must Reflect Community Priorities

It’s also clear that the consultation process and supporting materials are framed around the issues Council chooses to highlight , rather than the ones I — and many others — consistently raise.

The focus is often on specific initiatives or funding items, while repeated community concerns — especially around affordability and sticking to the basics — are noticeably underrepresented in the documentation.

This gives the impression of a top-down, curated consultation process , rather than one that genuinely reflects and responds to the concerns of the wider community.

Request: Future consultation documents must address the most commonly expressed public priorities — affordability, service delivery fundamentals, and the elimination of “nice-to-haves” — not just Council-initiated projects.

### Conclusion

As a resident and business adviser in this district, I believe Council needs to show clearer discipline, stronger prioritisation, and better transparency.

In this economic climate, residents like me expect Council to:

- Fund essential infrastructure and core services
- Eliminate or defer low-priority and poorly defined spending
- Clearly explain where ratepayer money is going
- Act in the long-term interests of the district — not short-term political positioning

A 4.98% increase is not the only option. A 2.3% increase is achievable — but only if Council chooses to cut what we don’t need, rather than deferring what we do.

### Officer recommendations:

**1. Receives** this submission.

**2. Acknowledges** that rates increases impact on the budgets of people in the community, and that significant work has been undertaken to keep the rates increase as low as possible while providing for continued growth, and maintaining current levels of service for the community.



**3. Notes** that Council prepares budgets for Annual and Long Term Plans, which publicly consulted on before being confirmed, and that some budget lines represent a range of individual work activities that are similar in nature, and more detail is provided for these at an operational level.

**4. Notes** that a district wide customer satisfaction survey is conducted every three years seeking feedback from residents on the wide range of Council activities provided. And overall satisfaction for the services Council provide was 85% in 2016 and 2019, and 86% in 2022, highlighting that while views about the variety of services Council provide will vary, residents are generally very satisfied and supportive of the range of Council activities.

**Reason for recommendation:** Council acknowledges that rates increase impact affordability for our community. Considerable effort is made to ensure rates increases are kept to a minimum while continuing to enable growth and maintaining appropriate levels of service for our community.

Council gives careful consideration to the projects required to maintain levels of service and meet the costs of growth in the district. A range of financial, economic, social and service level factors are considered through the Annual and Long Term Plan processes to ensure the communities access to public services, and service level expectations are met.

#### Affordability - 509.2, Drucilla Kingi-Patterson

**Summary:** I believe the Council is out of touch with how hard it is for a segment of the community - some of this is government policy.

The hidden people:

- Disabled
- Elderly
- Those on fixed income
- Those with children who do not own a home
- Homeless

This is a Canterbury-wide problem. Over the last eight years I've come across white poor plus teenagers recovering from time out with mental issues, unemployed, plus 30 plus who have had to change jobs, earthquake, covid, no work in media-government cuts.

In town last week came across three people at different locations on different days in a distressed state.

Waimakariri elderly people dealing with bereavement. Even myself lack of sufficient support dealing with a sick husband.

The way we were treated over Covid plus dealing with the answer over loss. I opp shop to help me cope.

I support the council's effect over the after hours clinic But I do not like the terms eight years ago many could not afford \$100 fee the situation has not changed.

If a partner is ill over a long period of time you find their partner who many times elderly, female plus carer has to make a choice payup take them in but go without healthcare or support for yourself. Sometimes even food.

Some of these elderly also lost their homes Kaiapoi on Christchurch 2011.

We are all dealing with some form of grief.

If you look at fairness, I believe the value of farms has decreased compliance very costly. Bust loss of good farm land to housing.

With rates rises it seems like those on fixed income partly paying for those on wage incomes moving into the area, many from Auckland and overseas. We have to pay to improve our infrastructure.

Long term I see many elderly, mainly women because there are many women over 65 in NZ than men, having to sell up or being forced to take a lodger or move into a rest home. Not an option for me.

**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receives** this submission.

**2. Acknowledges** that rates increases impact on the budgets of people in the community, and that significant work has been undertaken to keep the rates increase as low as possible while providing for continued growth, and maintaining current levels of service for the community.

**3. Notes** the importance of the work undertaken by Council, including Council's Community Team, in supporting more vulnerable members of our community.

**Reason for recommendation:** The Council is very aware of the increased cost of living, and the financial hardship being experienced by members of our community, and has made careful budgeting decisions to keep the rates increase as low as possible, while maintaining the ability to provide for continued population growth and community services and facilities. Council provides a number of services and functions aimed at supporting more vulnerable members of the community, and positive social outcomes. Amongst others these include elderly persons housing, and delivery and support of community and socially focused services through the Council's Community Team.

## Affordability - 726.13, Kay Rabe for Oxford-Ohoka Community Board

**Summary:** Overall, the Board supports infrastructural development and keeping up with Council's core business. Any extras or perceived 'nice to haves' - like the cricket oval - should be seriously considered as to whether they are something that the Council needs to be investing in right now. Let's do the essentials well and integrate extra projects as funds afford.

**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** the submission.

**2. Acknowledges** that rates increases impact on the budgets of people in the community, and that significant work has been undertaken to keep the rates increase as low as possible while providing for continued growth, and maintaining current levels of service for the community.

**3. Notes** that the project is identified as a cost share with Canterbury Cricket and Canterbury Country Cricket, with details currently being worked through in regards to how the cost share agreement would work. Notes that this is to be reported back to Council with progress updates by the end of the financial year.

**Reason for recommendation:** The Council is very aware of the increased cost of living, and the financial hardship being experienced by members of our community, and has made careful budgeting decisions to keep the rates increase as low as possible, while maintaining the ability to provide for continued population growth and community services and facilities.

Staff are currently working with Canterbury Cricket and Canterbury Country Cricket in regards to a cost share arrangement for this project. Council have earmarked \$500,000 over two years to this project, noting it is a cost share and requires investment from Cricket to proceed. At present this is being worked through with a report due back to Council once negotiations have completed and the parties have reached an outcome which can be presented.

#### Affordability - 733.3, Ross Gargett

**Summary:** Keep rates increases below 5%.

Cut spending if need be to do this.

The amount of new housing in the district should create enough extra revenue.

**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receives** the submission.

**2. Acknowledges** that rates increases impact on the budgets of people in the community, and that significant work has been undertaken to keep the rates increase as low as possible (4.98% average rates increase signalled in the 2025/25 Annual Plan) while providing for continued growth, and maintaining current levels of service for the community.

**Reason for recommendation:** The Council is very aware of the increased cost of living, and the financial hardship being experienced by members of our community, and has made careful budgeting decisions to keep the rates increase as low as possible, while maintaining the ability to provide for continued population growth and community services and facilities.

## Other

### Central Government Responsibilities

#### Central Government Responsibilities - 5.6, Neil Wilkinson

**Summary:** The WDC must continue to lobby central government to accept responsibilities and find ways to remove barriers to local government. Such things as extending the term to four years would reduce costs and given the level of apathy around local body politics, have little impact. Changing the voting system should not be an option if the costs increase - find solutions to the current form of voting. I do appreciate the WDC low rate increase and it's comforting to know we're one of the lowest in the country, but a rate increase is still an increase in our costs when our income is not increasing.

**Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receive** the submission.
- 2. Acknowledges** that rates increases impact on the budgets of people in the community, and that significant work has been undertaken to keep the rates increase as low as possible while providing for continued growth, and maintaining current levels of service for the community.
- 3. Notes** that the Council advocates regularly on topics of relevance to Central Government, on behalf of the Waimakariri and our community, and will continue to undertake this advocacy work.

**Reason for recommendation:** The Council is very aware of the increased cost of living, and the financial hardship being experienced by members of our community, and has made careful budgeting decisions to keep the rates increase as low as possible, while maintaining the ability to provide for continued population growth and community services and facilities. Council understands the value to advocating for our community to Central Government, to positively influence national policy and direction settings for our community.

## Use of Consultant

### Use of Consultants - 33.1, Grant Crossett

**Summary:** In a time where councils should be trimming costs please explain why the Council paid an outside consultant group to come up with an answer employed staff with I'm assuming intelligence and planning skills should have been able to do yourselves.

I would rather have seen that council had completed an assessment and came up the following options which I'm beating would have been the same as the Independent group.

As a rate payer if council have to refer/depend on outside consultants then why are staff employed at council.

To me getting a consultant smacks of the inability of council to make decisions.

#### **Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receive** the submission.

**2. Acknowledges** that being financial responsible is important particularly given the impact the increasing cost of living is having on people within the community, and that significant work has been undertaken to keep the rates increase as low as possible while providing for continued growth, and maintaining current levels of service for the community.

**3. Notes** that during the 2024 -34 Long Term Plan process, budgets were reviewed to ensure the use of consultants was minimised and wherever possible work was reassigned to staff and prioritised as appropriate, and that this approach has continued through the development of the 2025/26 Annual Plan.

**4. Notes** that on occasions where specialised knowledge or skills are required, or short term urgent work is required to be undertaken, Council may require the support of consultants to ensure critical and important work is undertaken within appropriate timeframes.

**Reason for recommendation:** The Council is very aware of the increased cost of living, and the financial hardship being experienced by members of our community, and has made careful budgeting decisions to keep the rates increase as low as possible, while maintaining the ability to provide for continued population growth and community services and facilities. The use of consultant only occurs where specialised skills or knowledge are required and are not held within existing staff resources, where legislative or best practice requirements determine outside support is required, or where short term, urgent and/or unexpected work cannot be undertaken within existing resources in appropriate timeframes.

LGNZ - 45.5, Nick Wood

**Summary:** I see no mention of withdrawing from Local Government New Zealand. Why not?

Auckland, Kaipara District, Christchurch City, the West Coast Regional, Grey District, Westland District and most recently Western Bay of Plenty District councils have all left that ideological policy sausage factory of an organisation. None of those councils have suffered since shedding this odious cloak have they?

I refer to my submission for LTP consultation on 12 April 2024

12 April 2024

As part of the Long Term Plan consultation I wish to raise the issue of Waimakariri District withdrawing from Local Government New Zealand. I make the case below for council consideration.

Waimakariri District should withdraw from Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) "Fool me once, shame on you. Fool me twice, shame on me."  
Fool me once.... Three Waters reform.

In January 2020 the Local Government minister signalled intentions to reform three waters nationwide<sup>1</sup>. There was no mention of the detail of the water reforms in the Labour party manifesto who went on to win the 2020 election colloquially dubbed "the Covid Election"<sup>2,3</sup>.

By March 2021 the Department of Internal Affairs had indicated that \$2.5 billion of incentives would be needed to secure a voluntary approach to the reforms and avoid councils opting out<sup>4</sup>.

Additionally, DIA proposed mandatory approach to local authority participation that would be preceded by discussions with local authorities to gain their agreement (with individual councils or a representative body such as LGNZ) had yet to be determined<sup>5</sup>.

In January 2020, the Local Government minister signalled intentions for nationwide three waters reform. By March 2021 the Department of Internal Affairs considered the risk of many opt-outs under a voluntary approach and so estimated \$2.5 billion to cover financial incentives among others. Then in April 2021, DIA proposed a mandatory approach where the government simply required participation by law but to give the appearance of legitimacy and acceptance, this mandatory approach would be preceded by discussions with a representative body, LGNZ<sup>5</sup>. By June 2021 it became apparent that endorsement from the local authorities themselves hadn't been a consideration in the negotiations<sup>6</sup>.

The Labour government was determined to obtain “agreement” one way or another. The demands for endorsement of LGNZ were dispatched to the President of LGNZ Stuart Crosby<sup>7</sup> and shortly after a glowing endorsement of the government’s offer was posted on LGNZ’s

website<sup>8</sup>. The strategy to cut out the local authorities and their constituents by negotiating solely with LGNZ to seek endorsement had worked.

Further details appeared in June 2021 and announced that four new entities would take over the assets of the local councils. Soon after in July 2021, LGNZ came out in support of the Labour government’s water reforms and the \$2.5 billion of incentives that came along with it. It appears that DIA’s suggestion of gaining agreement through LGNZ was the way to go and a year earlier the LGNZ National Council had agreed to work with the government on its preferred model.

The water services plan that Labour had not campaigned on now had endorsement from LGNZ who had not consulted with its members constituents. This demonstrated the very powerful position LGNZ was in. Rather than gaining the endorsement of thousands of ratepayers, the government simply needed it from one supposed “representative body” and to hell with the different views of the members.

Not surprisingly this event raised public awareness of LGNZ not acting in the best interests of the people who elected its members and invoked a reaction.

Mayor Dan Gordon helped setup Communities for Local Democracy in direct opposition to the Labour government’s Three Waters reform and received support from many other councils around New Zealand. Some councils withdrew from LGNZ as a result and others threatened to withdraw over the simple fact that bizarrely, LGNZ was supporting the government’s views over its own members views.

Three waters reform was very polarising and partisan at the time and LGNZ choose to take a partisan side in the argument by pretending to do the right thing on behalf of members by aligning with the Labour government’s proposal.

The public does not know how LGNZ canvassed its members across the country. Perhaps the LGNZ team negotiating with the Labour government were stacked with Labour aligned proxies as well! The public does not know.

What would have been more helpful for the public is to see what its members wanted and produce some kind of agreed negotiating position that the members would stand behind.

LGNZ simply did not act in the interests of its members.

Fool me twice.... Maori Wards

Recently LGNZ has come out publicly criticising the National/Act/ NZ First coalition government’s intended repeal of the changes made to the Local Electoral Act 2001 by the previous Labour government through the Local Electoral (Māori Wards and Māori Constituencies) Amendment Bill<sup>9</sup>.

LGNZ maintains the position is that Maori wards and constituencies be treated like all other wards and decisions be made at council level. This position is problematic.

It is true that councils make decisions about:

- The total number of councillors for the District and the way they are elected - at 'large' or by ward.
- The boundaries of wards and their names.
- Whether there should be community boards in the district and, if so, the number of boards; their names and boundaries; the number of members for each board including any appointed members; and whether the board area should be subdivided for electoral purposes<sup>10</sup>.

Those decisions about the makeup of wards and boards embrace all adults irrespective of immutable human characteristics – all ethnicities, all ages of majority, all sexual preferences, all biological sexes, all religions, all physical abilities. LGNZ's position implies that councils alone should determine whether to have a specified number of representatives of one ethnicity without the other ethnicities in the community having a say in the matter. Lest we forget the historic instances of favouring different ethnicities in governance.

Here are a few examples in case anyone needs reminding:

- Nazi Germany excluded Jews from local councils.
- Rwandan local councils helped identify minority Tutsis and coordinate their killings by the majority Hutus.
- South African councils and communities were divided along racial lines.
- United States southern states used poll taxes to suppress African-American voters.
- New Zealand imposed a poll tax (10 Pounds per person in 1881) on Chinese immigrants - equivalent to \$2,000 per person in today's money. It was increased to 100 Pounds in 1896 (\$24,000 in today's money) and only repealed in 1944.

Moreover, if a council were to decide one immutable characteristic should have a ward, then why not have other wards also based on other immutable human characteristics? In time perhaps we will see an Anglican ward, a Rainbow ward, an Indian ward, a Female ward etc..

The modern idea that mandating more ethnic discrimination somehow makes society better has flimsy foundations.

Furthermore, there is no need for ethnic discrimination in New Zealand governance for the simple reason that there are now more Maori MPs in central government than ever before<sup>11</sup>.



Excluding the Maori electorates there are 27 Maori MPs out of 114 non-Maori seats, or 23.7% Maori representation in the current parliament. Compare that with a 17.3% Maori in the general population – one might deduce that Maori are overrepresented in parliament!

Those MPs demonstrate Maori do not require special treatment - Maori are as capable at reaching the governance table as every other ethnicity in New Zealand and simple logic would lead to the expectation of local government being no different.

LGNZ does not believe in a universal suffrage system and all member councils have been tarnished with that same brush by the body supposed to be representing them.

Do Waimakariri councillors believe in universal suffrage, or don't they? If the affirmative, then it is an additional reason to not dissociate from LGNZ.

The parties forming the coalition government formed in 2023 all agreed to repeal Labour's Maori wards legislation<sup>12, 13, 14</sup>.

Yet contrary to the electorate's views as demonstrated by the 2023 general election result, LGNZ (and the Labour party) believe the coalition government is overreaching by repealing Labour's policy that was never campaigned on. Overt bias and partisanship from LGNZ.

Fooled again...Lowering of Voting Age

In August 2023, the Labour government announced the introduction of a bill to lower the voting age for local elections and polls<sup>15</sup>. This was another initiative not campaigned on by the Labour party for the 2020 election. Voters had not voted on the basis this policy even existed. Yet when the bill was introduced, LGNZ again campaigned to support the Labour government's plan to lower the voting age by making a submission to the Justice Committee in October 2023<sup>16</sup>.

While noting the LGNZ members had many views, the submission was riddled with hypothesis about how it could be good to lower the voting age for candidates and voting at the local body elections (i.e. one side of the argument). One might be forgiven that an LGNZ logo had accidentally been placed on a Labour talking points cheat sheet about the matter.

The inconsistency of an association of local government authorities supporting the idea of lowering the voting age when the constituents of said local government authorities are against the idea (polls show more than 70% oppose the idea<sup>17</sup>) is breathtakingly arrogant to say the least.

This fact alone demonstrates that LGNZ is not interested in representing the views of its members as a whole and just a select few whose ideas tend to align with Labour party ideology.

Did the constituents of Waimakariri demonstrate a strong view to lower the voting age? If they did, I missed that....

Is LGNZ representative of the Waimakariri council in this instance?

Attempts to right the ship...

In June 2023, Mayor Dan Gordon had a noble vision to change LGNZ from the inside and decided to run for President of LGNZ stating<sup>18</sup>:

*"In recent years LGNZ has lost its way especially with regards to Three Waters and this has been witnessed with a number of Councils like Auckland and Kaipara deciding to leave and a number of others considering similar action.*

*"I made the decision to stand as you can either sit on the side-lines or do something about it. A key priority for me is to ensure that LGNZ represents its membership and concentrates on advocating for Councils and their communities."*

(...Has anyone checked in with Auckland and Kaipara councils to see how on earth they managed to cope with the loss of LGNZ benefits?...)

Alas, the LGNZ Presidency did not go to Mayor Gordon and change will not be forthcoming. The die is now cast for further partisan lobbying by LGNZ under the faux cloak of representative legitimacy. LGNZ cannot be changed from the inside – it simply cannot be changed; their ideology has been entrenched. The voters of New Zealand did not vote for the policy positions that LGNZ supports and promotes for two reasons.

Firstly, those policies (three waters, Maori wards and lowering the voting age) were not campaigned on by Labour in the 2020 election. The policies have no electorate mandate.

Secondly, all the three policies were roundly rejected in the 2023 election with the three coalition parties who formed the government all campaigning to reverse those policies or (in the case of the voting age) were broadly unpopular with the electorate.

What to do....?

It is simply not a case of some LGNZ members wagging a fingering and tut-tutting the rogue LGNZ leadership, members, and bureaucrats to pull their heads in and stop being naughty ideological lobbyists by claiming to speak for all members.

This would only allow a cooling off period until the next occasion to lobby for another partisan position against the current government and for the current opposition.

As I have outlined above, LGNZ is not representative of Waimakariri, nor of a good proportion of the people in New Zealand. LGNZ is a partisan political lobbying organisation that pretends to represent broad church views of its members. Past submissions and statements on government business show LGNZ's true colours.

Like Auckland City Council (March 2023) and Kaipara District Council (May 2023), the Waimakariri District Council should show courage and leadership by withdrawing its membership from LGNZ forthwith.

Not only will withdrawing from LGNZ return Waimakariri Council's own voice to reflect the interests, views, and values of its constituents, but it will also save valuable rate payer funds normally spent for each annual membership subscription, conference, seminar, and meeting not attended (air fares, hotels, meals, conference/seminar fees, rental cars etc).

Waimakariri Council will then have the freedom to independently support any proposal (or not) from across the land that represents the views of constituents without being usurped by unelected bureaucrats dreaming up delusional partisan political policy positions being pitched by a pseudo-representative association.

How many times can Waimakariri repeat this proverb in the context of LGNZ?

"Fool me once, shame on you. Fool me twice, shame on me. "

To all Waimakariri District Councillors, I say leave LGNZ.

"Leap and the net will appear."

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**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receives** this submission.

**2. Notes** Council has considered the educational, informational and sector collaboration benefits of staying with LGNZ at the present time as being of value. Council will continue to remind and advise LGNZ of their role to support elected members who are working for the best interests of the communities their memberships represent.

**Reason for recommendation:** LGNZ is a body representing interests of Councils and elected members. It has a role of advocating to central government on behalf of Councils and providing education forums and networking opportunities to elected members to assist in their role of serving their communities. At present, these benefits are seen as having value to Council, particularly with regards to the broad and complex nature of work and issues facing the local government sector at present.

## Christchurch Stadium

Christchurch Stadium - 157.2, Ian Blenkinsop

**Summary:** For your info, I am also opposed to paying anything towards the Christchurch Stadium which will probably turn into a white elephant.

**Officer recommendations:**

**1. Receives** this submission.

**2. Notes** that Council currently has made no provision to fund either operational or capital expenditure associated with the Christchurch Stadium within the Annual or Long Term Plan.

**Reason for recommendation:** The Council has made no provision for capital or operational expenditure associated with the Christchurch Stadium within it Annual or Long Term Plans.

## Digital Signage

Digital Signage - 281.2, Paul Tayler

**Summary:** May I make a comment about the mini Las Vegas effect at Southbrook. You may very well be getting a good return on the TV advertising but it is visually very distracting.

**Officer recommendations:**

- 1. Receives** this submission.
- 2. Notes** that staff are currently reviewing the Council's Signage Bylaw and will include this feedback into that process for consideration.

**Reason for recommendation:** The District Plan and Signage Bylaw 2019 provide the Council with regulatory tools to manage the impact of signs across the District in terms of safety and public nuisance.

## General Comments

General Comments 19.6, Brian Warren

**Summary:** WDC Councillors and staff are to be commended for the good work in shaping our community to date and for the future.

**Officer recommendations:**

1. **Receive** the submission.
2. **Notes** the submitters kind words of support.

**Reason for recommendation:** Waimakariri District Councillors and Council staff thank the submitter for their kind comments.