

# Long term plan – submission by Matt Roberts

I would like to speak to this submission

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## Transport

### Cross Valley Connections

The plan indicates a large financial commitment to support the Cross Valley Connection (CVC). Any development of a large-scale new road needs to support council's climate emergency declaration by reducing carbon emissions.

There is a risk of serious adverse impacts on the Moera community depending on the route choice for a CVC. Community severance would be created by using the existing Randwick Road as the route. A large round about at the Randwick Road and Mason Street intersection could have similar impacts.

There is also a risk to residents and to students at Randwick school from increasing pollutants from vehicles, especially from diesel vehicles, if the route uses Randwick Road (Liu & Grigg 2018).

It is now scientifically proven that a new road route can risk have only short-term congestion benefits due to induced traffic growth as more people think driving is an attractive option (Department for Transport 2018, Litman 2021:22). This is a particular risk for the CVC if a key goal is improving Petone Foreshore, but traffic growth means that route and the cross valley link both become congested.

Any investment in the CVC needs stand up to robust review to give a high level of certainty that it will deliver lasting benefits taking into account the impact of induced traffic growth.

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### Recommendation

That Council only proceed in investment in the CVC if an independent review shows it can be delivered in a way that:

- reduces carbon emissions – including accounting for induced traffic growth
  - avoids severance by acting as a physical divide for the Moera community
  - will not create great harm from pollution, especially diesel particulates and especially near Randwick School
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### Cycling and micro mobility

Council needs to do much more to grow a safe cycling network. There has been some route growth but it has been limited to a few spines (Wainuiomata path and part of the Belt way) . Routes that link to schools, key services and retail areas are needed.

Council needs to be much more ambitious. About half car journey are less than 2km. Creating

safe and pleasant routes will help a much greater share of these journeys being by more sustainable modes.

A budget of about \$13 million over ten years for cycling connections and cycleways out of a budget of \$353 million for transport will not buy much of a network unless there is a huge contribution from central government. One Auckland estimate is that urban cycle routes cost about \$3 million a kilometre<sup>1</sup>. We know some spending is depending on further investigations but want to see a much greater commitment in the Long-term Plan to cycling and other micro mobility modes.

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– <https://www.greeterauckland.org.nz/2018/09/14/cycleway-costs-and-safety-comms/>

The Wellington City Council LTP consultation includes at the highest a consultation option to spend \$226 million on its cycling network. <https://www.letstalk.wellington.govt.nz/cycleways>

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#### Recommendations

- that council increase dedicated funding so it can fully implement its cycling plan and the micro-mobility study
  - that the officers table the micro-mobility study so councillors formally receive it
  - that a funding strategy to deliver the micro mobility plan and a truly comprehensive cycle network is developed.
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## Connected Communities

### Equity in funding across community services is important

Council funding to support community services makes an important contribution to a fairer and caring Hutt City. Council has made a multi-million-dollar investment in community hubs and there are significant ongoing operational costs of \$10 to \$12 million a year with over 90% of this funded by rates.

There are other parts of our city including where there are very high levels of deprivation. It is important that council resources are available on an equitable basis to support people with higher needs across our city.

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#### Recommendation

That council ensure funding is available on an equitable basis across the city especially where there is a focus on improving outcomes for residents in more deprived parts of our city and the council operated hubs only meet part of this need.

### Community development

The Long-term Plan consultation documents briefly mention a shift to asset based community development and community coordinators for Council's community partnering and support function. We are not aware of engagement with the community to inform this shift and what it will mean for how council will support and work with neighbourhoods and community groups.

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#### Recommendation

That the change in focus of the community development functions of Hutt City Council are developed through engagement with the community.

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### District plan review

Moera has a unique character with its railway cottages and newer higher density apartments. It is important that the 1920's railway cottages are protected. They are a special part of the history of Hutt City. Moera differs from other areas of railway housing as it was developed as a privately owned settlement designed to provide affordable housing for railway workers to buy when the railway workshops moved to Woburn. This makes saving some of this housing more important as its history is unique at a New Zealand wide scale.

Wellington City has protected a group of railway houses in Ngaio. Hutt City needs to act now in the same way to save this unique housing before more homes are lost.

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### *Recommendations*

That the plan set out clear heritage protections for:

- railway houses in Moera and part of Waiwhetu South (Awamutu Grove) along with the community hall in Moera

That rules related to development in the city are clear and enforceable:

- this needs to include changes to the District Plan that reflect the Petone 2040 Spatial Plan that also covers Moera
- having sufficient detail in the plan that makes expectations of developers to retain overall character non-negotiable.

That Council has sufficient staff with the necessary skills to ensure development applications are reviewed and requirements enforced to achieve consistency with what will be the new District Plan.

That developments support sustainable transport that reflects Council's climate emergency declaration – eg support for micro mobility, car share schemes and higher density near public transport.

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### **Moera Library Extension**

The Moera library extension has been funded for several years but Council has not yet started this important improvement. The extension will address important health and safety issues and make the library a more functional layout. It will also help the library to operate safely during situations like Covid-19.

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### Recommendation

Funding for the Moera library extension is retained and this extension is a priority project in the 2021-22 financial year.

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### **Other comments**

#### **The three waters**

Fixing and maintaining water infrastructure is something we agree with.

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### Recommendation

- that maintaining water infrastructure is adequately funded.
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#### **Climate change and natural hazards**

As a low-lying area near the coast Moera is particularly at risk from climate change and natural hazards. We support council having a focus on this priority. This is much more than about it vehicle fleet and energy use it needs a holistic approach across the city. Reflected I



the kind of urban form and transport modes the city promotes.

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Recommendation

- that work on climate change is more comprehensive including how urban develop and transport funding align with climate change objectives for the city.
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### **Housing affordability and sustainable urban development**

Housing affordability is an important issue, especially for lower income residents. Council plans need to support increased housing that is environmentally sustainable and fits with the existing urban form and is affordable. This includes a focus on work with rather than destroying heritage.

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Recommendation

- that the drive for more housing in the Hutt focus on sustainability, liveability and affordability.
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### **Naenae Pool and Petone Wharf**

Naenae pool plays an important part in the life of a community that has higher needs. Learning to swim is also a safety issue for children. Naenae needs the economic stimulus associated with the pool.

Petone wharf is part of the history of Petone from the days when it was used for exports from Gear meets. It is valued by many, but the cost to full retain it need careful consideration.

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Recommendation

- that expert advice should shape the scale of the replacement of Naenae pool.
  - that detailed costing is key to determining if the full wharf should be retained or in the short term at least part needs to be demolished without replacement at least in the short to medium term
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### **Riverlink**

A large investment in Riverlink is budget. The flood protection will benefit downstream communities such as Moera. While we see value in enhancing links to the river through Riverlink it is important that costs are carefully managed and projected returns on this invest are thoroughly tested including the assertion that Riverlink shows a 237% return on investment over 20 years. This is council investment, but are rate payers getting their share of the return, or is its captured by a few private property owners?

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Recommendation

- that assumptions about the return on the more beatification elements of Riverlink are thoroughly tested
  - That options to equitably share the costs and benefits of a better integration of the CBD with te Awa Kairangi the Hutt River are explored.
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## References

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Q1. Do you own or rent the home you live in?	Own
Q2. Do you own a property in Lower Hutt that you do not live in?	No
Q3. What type of property do you own?	not answered
Q4. Age	30-39 years
Q5. Suburb	Stokes Valley, Lower Hutt
Q6. Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the general direction Hutt City Council is taking for the Long Term Plan 2021–2031	Disagree
Q7. Which option do you support?	Option 1 (preferred option): Significant increase in Three Waters investment
Q8. Is there another way the investment in Three Waters could be put together? Fill this out if you think we could structure the investment options differently.	
Managing existing infrastructure	Option 1 - significant increase
Sustainable water supply	Option 1 - significant increase
Healthy urban waterways	Option 1 - significant increase
Reducing carbon emissions	Option 1 - significant increase
Q9. Which option do you support?	Option 2: Reactive approach with reducing service levels over time
Q10. Is there another way the investment in transport could be put together? Fill this out if you think we could structure the investment options differently.	
Cross Valley Transport Connection	Option 2 - reactive approach
Cycle and Micro-mobility	Option 1 - proactive approach
Road resurfacing	Option 2 - reactive approach
Traffic safety	Option 2 - reactive approach
Q11. Please add here any other ideas or comments you have about the proposed water and transport infrastructure investment	
We definitely need to be investing in water infrastructure. Biking, walking and public transport needs to be made the most attractive way to move around. We need to be divesting from cars, big wide roads.	

Q12. Which option do you support?

Option 1 (preferred option): Build a new, modern, fit for purpose and sustainable facility which has a similar level of facility and services as the existing pool

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Q13. Please add here any other ideas or comments you have about the rebuild of Naenae Pool

A real need to invest in this, so important for the community.

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Q14. Which option do you support?

not answered

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Q15. Please add here any other ideas or comments you have about the Petone Wharf refurbishment

A cycle way, separated from walkers, would make it much more attractive for both. Really should be trying to lessen traffic in this area.

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Q16. Which option do you support?

Option 1 (preferred option): Increase investment in RiverLink

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Q17. Add here any thoughts on the level of investment in this project and the approach to delivering RiverLink

Make walking and biking the best way to get around. Put homes closely around public transport. People shouldn't even need to have a car. Make all amenities accessible from 20 minutes walking. But remember to keep green space!!!

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Q18. If you have any other thoughts or ideas relating to supporting an innovative, agile economy and attractive city add them here

Green space is absolutely necessary for the health and wellbeing of people and planet.

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Q19. Do you agree with the approach to addressing the future of the Hutt City Community Facilities Trust?

No

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Q20. Add here your thoughts on the approach outlined for the Community Facilities Trust and any other approach you feel would work better

They need to be run by the community in order to best meet their needs.

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Q21. Do you agree with the direction we are taking on connected communities?

Don't know

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Q22. Add here your thoughts on the approach to building connected communities and any other approach you feel would work better

The plan provided wasn't clear what exactly you'd like to do. Libraries are so important and should be more invested in. I'm concerned with the cut back in hours. They are the community's living room, hub, place to relax and learn.

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Q23. Add here any thoughts or ideas on the proposed projects, or anything you think we've missed

This is alarmingly underfunded and not strong enough. New Zealand is experiencing a biodiversity crisis. Where are the funds and space to preserve our species? Trapping, weed control. The stance towards climate change needs to be STRONG. Not just council buildings and vehicles, everyone's!!

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**Q24. Add here any thoughts or ideas relating to increasing the housing supply in Lower Hutt**

I think its nuts to be building medium density anywhere other than very close to public transport hubs. The city needs to increase in density by train stations. There are houses popping up in the middle of suburbs, they just don't suit a quiet neighborhood

**Q25. Which option do you support?**

Option 1 (preferred option): 62% residential share of the total general rate

**Q26. Which option do you support?**

Option 1 (preferred option): Align rural rating category definition with the District Plan

**Q27. Which option do you support?**

Option 2: Retain commercial accommodation category

**Q28. Add here any thoughts or comments about the proposed changes and/or financial sustainability in general**

not answered

**Q29. Which option do you support?**

Option 1 (preferred option): Retain a policy of meeting 100% of Council's planned growth costs from development and financial contributions

**Q30. Add here any other feedback on the development contributions policy**

not answered

**Q31. The overall rates revenue rise needed to cover Council's preferred options is proposed to be 5.9% in 2021/22. What are your thoughts on this increase?**

Thats fine if going to be spent well

**Q32. Do you have any ideas about what you would like to see in/for the City going forward**

Urban agriculture! We need to be growing food right here in the hutt. This isn't community gardens, its farming right here. The soil here is fantastic. It needs to be built,which is an excellent way to sequester carbon. We need a resilient community, which means having the land, resources, knowledge, skills, and community connections to grow our own food. Please set land and money aside for urban agriculture projects!!

**Q33. Would you like to present your feedback to council in person?**

Yes

**Q34. Your name**

Kathryn Martin

**Q35. Contact phone number**

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**Q37. Organisation name - only fill this out if you are giving feedback on behalf of an organisation**

not answered



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This submission is provided by the board of Fraser Parks Sportsville (Inc.)

Fraser Park Sportsville (FPS) is the significant sports hub facility, incorporating the Ricoh Sports Centre (RSC), opened in March 2019. It is governed and managed by the local community in partnership with Hutt City Council and the Community Facilities Trust (CFT) for the benefit of its founding member clubs and the local community.

### **Community Facilities Trust**

The board of FPS acknowledge the tireless work of CFT in partnering Council in the development and asset management of some of Hutt City's most significant community facilities. In particular we acknowledge the advice and support provided by Trust Chair John Strahl to the board during, what has been a most challenging 18-month period as the fledgling entity of Fraser Park Sportsville came into being.

With the programme of significant community facility development now paused and Council searching for the most cost effective model to oversee and maintain the community facilities owned by the CFT, like RSC, we acknowledge the logical step being proposed in the 10 year plan.

While there is no direct funding being set aside for CFT in the 10 year plan, the legal entity remains important for Council as a fundraising vehicle for future/similar capital projects and we would encourage council to maintain the Trust's purpose and legal status.

While accepting that changes to the ownership model will simplify and clarify the relationship between Council and FPS it does highlight some risks.

Given the pragmatic and collegial relationship fostered between FPS and the CFT it is these areas of risk that we wish to highlight in our submission.

As stated above we have built a strong and enduring relationship with CFT which has never felt like a landlord/tenant relationship but more like a 'one team' approach and that we are 'all in this together'. The board of Fraser Park Sportsville is therefore keen to ensure that the tone of the relationship between Council and FPS continues along the same lines and that the relationship is not viewed as purely an asset management relationship. With this in mind we would welcome the continued ongoing relationship with Council senior management.

We are also aware of the significant asset management and renewals plan put in place by CFT for RSC and would expect that funds set aside for this purpose are protected and maintained. Any reduction in funding, set aside in the renewals plan could have significant repercussions for the viability of FPS in future years.

The board of FPS looks forward to continuing its ongoing relationship with Council, both councillors and senior staff should this new model be adopted through the 10-year plan.

Both CFT and FPS have corporate sponsors associated with the maintenance and operation of RSC. Should the proposed changes occur the board of FPS request that all these sponsors be managed by FPS with revenue from such arrangements going towards the running of the facility.

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6 May 2021

### **Submission on 10 Year Plan**

Citizens Advice Bureau Lower Hutt (CABLH)

We are happy to be working with the Council on the move to the War Memorial Library and are keen to continue with this.

We thought that by now we would be in the library by now and would have seen a corresponding reduction in our operating costs. However, we are now advised that this move could be 18 months away. We need support in the meantime.

As an organization we are keen to develop an ongoing partnership with the council that would allow CABLH to continue operating efficiently in Lower Hutt. To this end we propose that we be reentered as a separate line item in the Annual Plan as has been the case in the past, rather than being part of contestable funding. We are interested in meeting to discuss the details of any requirement from the Annual Plan, which we estimate to be of the order of \$50,000 made up of operating costs and rental. The proposed move to the Library will of course reduce this by removal of the rental expenses.

The Citizens Advice Bureau Lower Hutt (CABLH) aims to ensure that people in Hutt City do not suffer through ignorance of their rights and responsibilities or of the services available, or because they cannot express their needs effectively.

Our service is free, independent, impartial, non-judgmental and easily accessible. We empower people. Our key resource is our well trained volunteers who have access to information on a vast range of topics.

A recent study carried out by Price Waterhouse Cooper on Wellington CAB, indicated that the Council gained a value in excess of what they invested.

We wish to present our submissions to the Hutt City Council in person and can be contacted for a presentation time through our Manager, Lynne Philp on 570-2609

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Alan Thorburn".

Alan Thorburn

Chairperson

CAB Lower Hutt

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- Q1. **Do you own or rent the home you live in?** Own
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- Q2. **Do you own a property in Lower Hutt that you do not live in?** Yes
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- Q3. **What type of property do you own?** not answered
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- Q4. **Age** 40-49 years
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- Q5. **Suburb** Wainuiomata, Lower Hutt
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- Q6. **Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the general direction Hutt City Council is taking for the Long Term Plan 2021–2031** Neither agree nor disagree
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- Q7. **Which option do you support?** Option 1 (preferred option): Significant increase in Three Waters investment
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- Q8. **Is there another way the investment in Three Waters could be put together? Fill this out if you think we could structure the investment options differently.**
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|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Managing existing infrastructure | Option 1 - significant increase    |
| Sustainable water supply         | Option 1 - significant increase    |
| Healthy urban waterways          | Option 1 - significant increase    |
| Reducing carbon emissions        | Option 2 - maintain current levels |
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- Q9. **Which option do you support?** not answered
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- Q10. **Is there another way the investment in transport could be put together? Fill this out if you think we could structure the investment options differently.**
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| Cross Valley Transport Connection | Option 2 - reactive approach  |
| Cycle and Micro-mobility          | Option 2 - reactive approach  |
| Road resurfacing                  | Option 1 - proactive approach |
| Traffic safety                    | Option 1 - proactive approach |
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- Q11. **Please add here any other ideas or comments you have about the proposed water and transport infrastructure investment**
- Reducing carbon emissions - we are already leading in the space for Wgtn region Traffic safety - This should be first
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- Q12. **Which option do you support?** not answered
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**Q13. Please add here any other ideas or comments you have about the rebuild of Naenae Pool**

Alternative option: Spend that money on infrastructure I do not support the Naenae Pool rebuild at all

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**Q14. Which option do you support?**

Option 1 (preferred option): Bring forward budget to demolish the head and fully refurbish most of Petone Wharf to the 2021-23 financial years

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**Q15. Please add here any other ideas or comments you have about the Petone Wharf refurbishment**

Make it a functional wharf This is not urgent however encouraging alt. transport then the public have more choices to get across the wider region.

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**Q16. Which option do you support?**

Option 1 (preferred option): Increase investment in RiverLink

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**Q17. Add here any thoughts on the level of investment in this project and the approach to delivering RiverLink**

Do option one by cancelling the Naenae Pool rebuild Flood management

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**Q18. If you have any other thoughts or ideas relating to supporting an innovative, agile economy and attractive city add them here**

Lower Hutt is not a real life game of monopoly = we need more open spaces, green areas, nature, bush, forest, and ecological protection. I know that those things don't give rates but they do attract visitors and make for healthy and happy people and communities that have access to them for recreation, In time they become assets. But they need to be protected and valued now.

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**Q19. Do you agree with the approach to addressing the future of the Hutt City Community Facilities Trust?**

Yes

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**Q20. Add here your thoughts on the approach outlined for the Community Facilities Trust and any other approach you feel would work better**

More focus on the environment. All 17 of the sustainable development goals need to be at the heart of the LTP.

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**Q21. Do you agree with the direction we are taking on connected communities?**

not answered

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**Q22. Add here your thoughts on the approach to building connected communities and any other approach you feel would work better**

Alternative option: Needs to be improved Your engagement policy needs to be improved. Partnerships: re: gateway and plantings locals have ideas for their suburb - engage with them, listen to them. Wainui can with the playground for the Wellington Region - we need to keep the rural heart of this suburb. What is the vision for Wainui? Wainuiomata Natural Heritage has one. Talk to them.

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**Q23. Add here any thoughts or ideas on the proposed projects, or anything you think we've missed**

This needs to be a higher focus for Council. Wainuiomata's awa is a river of national importance and needs to be protected as a taonga. Keep rural areas rural. In the future they will be valued and run as farm stays / wedding venues / holiday destinations / horse trekking etc. These things are important and valuable to a community as a whole.

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**Q24. Add here any thoughts or ideas relating to increasing the housing supply in Lower Hutt**

Housing is central government. I support the RMA. We need to retail green space. Put the environment first.

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**Q25. Which option do you support?**

Option 2: 63% residential share of the total general rate

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**Q26. Which option do you support?**

Option 2: Maintain the current rural category definition

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**Q27. Which option do you support?**

Option 1 (preferred option): Remove the commercial accommodation category

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**Q28. Add here any thoughts or comments about the proposed changes and/or financial sustainability in general**

Rates Split: equality with commercial rates are needed Keep rural properties rural Rural people should have the final say on this change. Not the general population. Rural land, space, green space and natural heritage have value beyond financial and tis time HCC recognises this.

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**Q29. Which option do you support?**

Option 2: Fund part of Council's planned growth costs from development contributions and financial contributions, and the remainder from another funding source, such as rates

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**Q30. Add here any other feedback on the development contributions policy**

Create natural and heritage attractions like an ecosanctuary to attract visitors, fill hotels and spend at cafe's and restaurants.

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**Q31. The overall rates revenue rise needed to cover Council's preferred options is proposed to be 5.9% in 2021/22.**

**What are your thoughts on this increase?**

not answered

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**Q32. Do you have any ideas about what you would like to see in/for the City going forward**

Community voices need longer than three minutes to speak. This is not the UN other places give 5-10 min. Where is the focus on the Sustainable Development Goals? Wainuiomata River needs to be protected. Wainuiomata does not want a shooting range in this suburb; Lower Hutt does not need one either. Wainuiomata does not want a clean fill or a construction / demolition waste facility. Wainuiomata can be an ecological taonga for Lower Hutt e.g. kakapo sanctuary Protect the rural areas of Wainuiomata Less Council trying to influence results: I don't think you as the entity 'proposing' this plan should be telling us what your 'preferred' option is as this action influences people without the resources (time, energy etc.) to research the affects of your 'preferred options'.

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**Q33. Would you like to present your feedback to council in person?**

Yes

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**Q34. Your name**

Sally-ann Moffat

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**Q35. Contact phone number**

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**Q36. Email or street address**

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**Q37. Organisation name - only fill this out if you are giving feedback on behalf of an organisation**

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<b>DEMOGRAPHICS</b>	
Age:	70-79 years

<b>Three Waters Infrastructure</b>	
Which option do you support?	Option 1 (preferred option): Significant increase in three waters investment
Is there another way the investment in Three Waters could be put together?	
Managing existing infrastructure:	Option 1 - significant increase
Sustainable water supply:	Option 1 - significant increase
Healthy urban waterways:	Option 1 - significant increase
Reducing carbon emissions:	Option 1 - significant increase

<b>Transport</b>	
Which option do you support?	(not answered)
Is there another way the investment in transport could be put together?	
Cross Valley Transport Connection:	Option 1 - proactive approach
Cycling & Micro-mobility programme:	Option 2 - reactive approach
Road resurfacing:	Option 1 - proactive approach
Traffic safety:	Option 1 - proactive approach
Please add here any other ideas or comments about the proposed water and transport infrastructure investment:	One aspect of infrastructure maintenance relates to parking in areas around critical hubs such as the hospital and the new medical hub. This is already an issue in streets around these resources but the decision to permit intensification of housing without provision of parking can only make this more serious. In streets such as Witako Street parking is very difficult. Why, for example can we not reduce the size of the berms to permit ease of movement along streets such as this which is also a major route for ambulances to and from the hospital? This could be done while still preserving most of the trees, though I would question why anyone thought that pohutukawa were appropriate trees for suburban bverms.

<b>Naenae Pool</b>	
Which option do you support?	Option 1 (preferred option): Build a new, modern, fit for purpose and sustainable facility which has a similar level of facility and services as the existing pool
Please add here any other ideas or comments about the rebuild of Naenae Pool:	Though expensive, Option 1 would provide a long term and important resource for the valley, relieving the pressure on the Huia Pool and its environs.

<b>Petone Wharf</b>	
Which option do you support?	Option 2: Budget to demolish the head of Petone Wharf in 2021-2022, but leave the budget for the refurbishment in the 2032 financial year
Please add here any other ideas or comments about the Petone Wharf refurbishment:	With the pressure on infrastructure related to the intensification of housing, vital work needs to be done on sewage disposal and water supplies. The Petone Wharf is a "nice but not vital" feature of the valley and should be a lower priority.



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**Q1. Add here any thoughts or ideas relating to increasing the housing supply in Lower Hutt**

I am confident that most people recognise the essential need for managed intensification of housing on the valley: the days of quarter acre sections are long gone. however, I have serious concerns about the effect of some of the housing projects on a sense of community. To build only two-storeyed housing developments excludes the elderly and the disabled who may wish to live on one level for their safety. The current proposals appear to imply that the elderly should all go off and live in retirement villages but many either do not want that or will never be able to afford it. Further, communities, real communities, are formed by a mix of people in ages, backgrounds, occupations etc. The housing the city offers should reflect that. Additionally, I believe the Council cannot renege on its responsibility to monitor what is being built. Everybody needs green spaces, children need places to play. The development, for example, on the old Taita Hotel site is totally reprehensible. Council cannot permit such sterile developments to become the norm.

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Q2. **Suburb** Epuni, Lower Hutt

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Q3. **Age** 70-79 years

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Q4. **Do you own or rent the home you live in?** Own

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Q5. **Would you like to present your feedback to council in person?** Yes

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Q6. **Your name** Dr. Gillian Green

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Q7. **Contact phone number**

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**Q1. Which option do you support?**

Option 1 (preferred option): Significant increase in three waters investment

**Q2. Is there another way the investment in Three Waters could be put together? Fill this out if you think we could structure the investment options differently.**

Managing existing infrastructure	Option 1 - significant increase
Sustainable water supply	Option 1 - significant increase
Healthy urban waterways	Option 1 - significant increase
Reducing carbon emissions	Option 2 - maintain current levels

**Q3. Which option do you support?**

Option 1 (preferred option): Proactive approach to transport investment

**Q4. Is there another way the investment in transport could be put together? Fill this out if you think we could structure the investment options differently.**

Cross Valley Transport Connection	Option 1 - proactive approach
Cycle and Micro-mobility	Option 1 - proactive approach
Road resurfacing	Option 1 - proactive approach
Traffic safety	Option 1 - proactive approach

**Q5. Please add here any other ideas and comments you have about the proposed three water and transport infrastructure investment**

Let's stop talking and get some action happening!

**Q6. Which option do you support?**

Option 1 (preferred option): Build a new, modern, fit for purpose and sustainable facility which has a similar level of facility and services as the existing pool

**Q7. Please add here any other ideas or comments you have about the rebuild of Naenae Pool**

Let's make a pool a feature of Hutt City that we can be proud of that is capable of hosting a range of events at the same time, a multi purpose facility that will put Hutt City on the map and attract the type of events and competitions needed to bolster and benefit the local Community. What an opportunity we have here to make something special and amazing that has the potential for so much benefit. We didn't get it right with Huia, let's not make shortcuts on Naenae and suffer the same fate-this needs to be a facility with pool space to accommodate the range of sporting codes, we talk about the importance of health and obesity, esp for young people who are getting increasingly addicted to screens -with no facilities how are able to partake in water sports if the facilities are not available?! Finally, after 3 years of no action-it is time to stop talking about it and start making progress, talking and more talking is not progress that is leading to action. There's an amazing community out there ready to help-let's make it happen, and soon, before the gap in sporting codes becomes any bigger than it already is.

**Q8. Which option do you support?**

Option 2: Budget to demolish the head of Petone Wharf in 2021-2022, but leave the budget for the refurbishment in the 2032 financial year

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**Q9. Please add here any other ideas or comments you have about the Petone Wharf refurbishment**

not answered

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**Q10. Suburb**

Eastbourne, Lower Hutt

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**Q11. Age**

40-49 years

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**Q12. Would you like to present your feedback to council in person?**

Yes

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**Q13. Your name**

not answered

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**Q14. Contact phone number**

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**SPORT  
NEW ZEALAND**  
IHI AOTEAROA

# Long Term Plan Submission

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**Submission to the Hutt City Council**  
May 2021



## About Sport New Zealand

Sport New Zealand (Sport NZ) is the crown agency responsible for contributing to the wellbeing of everybody in Aotearoa New Zealand by leading an enriching and inspiring play, active recreation, and sport system. Sport NZ's vision is simple – to get **Every Body Active in Aotearoa New Zealand**.

Our role as kaitiaki of the system focusses on lifting the physical activity levels of all those living within Aotearoa and having the greatest possible impact on wellbeing. We achieve our outcomes by aligning our investment through partnerships, funds and programmes to our strategic priorities set out in our four-year strategic plan.

Hutt City Council is important to the work of Sport NZ.

## The importance of Council

Hutt City Council is a major provider of sport and recreation facilities in the Hutt Valley and has played a significant leadership role in the development of high quality facilities. We appreciate this leadership and investment – without it much of what happens in our sector would not be possible. Council investment has provided positive outcomes for a wide range of sports codes and community members from diverse cultures, ages, and abilities. We also acknowledge the commitment of council staff in supporting the sector.

Play, active recreation and sport make an enormous contribution to the health and wellbeing of all the residents of Hutt City, contributing to happier, healthier people and connected communities. Physical activity, its wide-ranging benefits and its importance to our communities are fundamental to meeting the outcomes identified in several council plans and strategies.

We acknowledge the challenges Council faces with balancing the various competing demands such as growth, transport, climate change and water quality. The impact of Covid-19 will be with us for some time to come, so too the decisions made in this 10-year Budget.

While we acknowledge and commend Hutt City Council for the strong track record over several terms of government in delivering a broad range of opportunities, which specifically focus on play and physical activity opportunities, it would now appear that there is decreased emphasis and therefore decreased investment in some relevant areas – particularly in community activation programming and events. We appreciate that Council is now placing greater emphasis on engaging with and empowering local communities and neighbourhoods to find their own solutions but continued thought is required regarding Council's role in enhancing the wellbeing of its community through physical activity, particularly for higher deprivation communities where the barriers to physical activity can be greater. We would recommend that Council reviews how it leverages relationships with community providers and organisations such as Nuku Ora and Healthy Families Hutt Valley to ensure such communities can still connect to appropriate activation opportunities.

We were delighted recently to see senior council representatives strongly embrace the wellbeing focus of the upcoming local government review. It is against this context that we would encourage council to consider, in any alterations to the draft plan, how the interaction of investment, policy, programmes and the physical environment specifically support the physical wellbeing of Hutt City residents, and in particular our tamariki and rangatahi.

As Lower Hutt continues to grow, planning for wellbeing requires consideration beyond investment in facilities and destinations and into understanding the wellbeing and developmental needs of whanau. Alongside our main regional partner –Nuku Ora, we are interested in a discussion which maps a theory of change for this approach with a focus upon physical activity.

## The importance of Nuku Ora (Formally Sport Wellington)

Sport New Zealand invests into Regional Sports Trusts, like Nuku Ora for their regional leadership of the play, active recreation and sport system and consider them to be our significant regional partner and champion of our strategic vision. This aligns well with their own vision of “Hauora. Everyone active, healthy, and happy”. Nuku Ora work hard to build strong strategic relationships, particularly with councils and have driven the development and implementation of *Living Well*, the regional physical activity framework for the Wellington Region, which is hallmarked by organisational collaboration in order to achieve regionwide strategic outcomes. We acknowledge Council’s proactive stance and direct investment in supporting Nuku Ora for their regional leadership of the play, active recreation and sport sector and implementation of *Living Well*.

## The impact of COVID-19 on the play, active recreation and sport sector

COVID-19 has placed significant pressure on Aotearoa New Zealand’s play, active recreation, and sport system.

- Through our insights, we know the COVID-19 lockdowns has exacerbated inequalities, putting some population groups at even more risk regarding their physical and mental wellbeing.
- Analysis of media commentary also identified concerns about returning to previous activities in shared public spaces due to safety.
- Sector organisations which play a key role in enabling New Zealanders to be active were also impacted by COVID-19. These impacts include lost revenue, cash flow difficulties, reduced capacity and change of membership.

All these things have hit the sector hard, and Sport NZ is working with regional sports trusts, like Nuku Ora, councils, and other local stakeholders to find solutions to help address these.

## The Future of Play, Active Recreation and Sport

The impacts of Covid-19 have accelerated the need for our sector to consider the future state of play, action recreation and sport to position itself for the next 20 years and beyond. Over the last year work has been underway with the sector to better understand the challenges and create a more active future through a system that does things differently and better. Emerging themes from this work paint a picture of a system that is:

- Values-based, inclusive, equitable, fair, affordable, bi-cultural, multi-cultural, gender neutral/gender free, caring, strong sense of belonging, safe, affordable, universally accessible, universal design, cooperative and co-designed.
- Locally led and behaves as a dynamic network, which integrates action across many agencies / communities / regions and leverages systems thinking and practice.
- Collaborative through a high trust model with clear roles and incorporates new parties, innovative funding, distributed decision-making and continuously learns and adapts to changing needs, situations, and facts (data-driven).
- Giving effect to the principles of Tiriti o Waitangi through Mana Ōrite – partnership, Mana Maori – protection, Mana Taurite – participation.
- Caring and protective of the unique natural environment (mountains, lakes, seas, native bush, fauna and flora) in which people can be active, and contribute to environmental sustainability through

safeguarding natural resources (air, water, land) and planning the physical environment to support activity, universal access and accessibility of spaces and places to be active.

- Achieving Mauri Tū, Mauri ora – ‘an active soul is a healthy soul’. Mauri ora describes a heightened state of physical, mental, emotional, spiritual wellbeing and cultural vitality. In physical activity it is when we are fully engaged, active, strong, and well.

## Target audiences and activity areas

Sport NZ remains committed to making progress towards our primary goal of ensuring more tamariki and rangatahi (aged 5 – 18) have access to quality physical activity options. We aspire to reduce the drop off in activity levels of rangatahi from ages 12 to 18 and increase the levels of activity for those tamariki and rangatahi who are less active.

## Hutt City Council investment in Play, Active Recreation and Sport

Sport NZ, Nuku Ora, and Hutt City Council officers have been working alongside representatives from all greater Wellington councils and with the active recreation and sports sector to develop a co-ordinated and collaborative approach for future sport and recreation facility provision. The Wellington Region Spaces and Places Plan (2019-2022) provides Council with a clear strategic view of infrastructure needs for the region and the evaluation criteria to prioritise investment and ultimately make better decisions. This plan is at a critical stage of implementation and we would urge council to identify how it will contribute, alongside other councils to ensure Nuku Ora can provide the appropriate level of capability and capacity to lead this strategic approach.

## Hutt City Council’s support for Play

Sport New Zealand’s focus upon Play has grown sharply over the last few years to accommodate our strategic priorities. We have grown our workforce and steeply grown our investment into the sector.

Hutt City Council has been successful, not just in securing some of this investment as a catalyst for activation, but in being an important and reliable partner in the growth of play across the region (alongside Nuku Ora) and beyond.

More specifically, as the *Tu Manawa Active Aotearoa* fund has empowered Play development across the country, HCC have been generous in sharing practice regarding their string of successful projects and approaches. The by-product was the quick deployment of a range of new play programmes activating thousands of tamariki nationwide. We wish to thank those officers involved in supporting this transformation.

Play activations of this type serve to normalise play everywhere and promote the benefits and impacts of play to a growing cohort of New Zealanders. To consolidate upon this success, and to remain at the vanguard, we encourage Hutt City Council to now contemplate an integrated planning approach towards play.

Doing so would mobilise teams across council in a child-friendly fashion and ensure there is more opportunity to activate spaces and places and create environments that encourage physical activity through incidental play. Hutt City Council clearly understand that play is not just playgrounds, and as such, have established firm footings to begin to plan for a child-friendly city.

Through our regional partner, Nuku Ora, Sport NZ can support council on the play journey

## **Sport NZ recommendations/feedback on specific consultation topics**

### **1. Investing in Infrastructure**

#### **Naenae Pool**

Sport New Zealand supports Council's Preferred Option 1 for the replacement of the existing earthquake prone pool.

We acknowledge the vital wellbeing and sporting role that this facility plays for both the local Naenae and Lower Hutt communities, along with its importance to the aquatic network of facilities across the region.

We note and support Council's intention to utilise sustainable technology to reduce the operating costs of the pool in future years and its impact on the environment. We would encourage Council to take a similar approach to the construction methods and materials used in the project and adopt a whole of life costs analysis to consider this.

By way of a regional example the ASB Sports Centre in Kilbirnie adopted a roofing system which, while adding \$270,000 to the original build cost was estimated to save \$31,000,000 over 70 years of the buildings life by reducing the number of times the roof would need to be replaced compared to a cheaper product being used. In addition, the material chosen included 60% recycled content, and 95% of the roof will be able to be recycled at the end of its life.

#### **Eastern Bays Shared Path**

Sport New Zealand supports Council's, Preferred Option 1 – Proactive approach to transport investment in respect of the Eastern Bays Shared Path.

Providing increased connectivity through Active Transport with improved safety to support walking and cycling activities are key elements in encouraging communities to increase their levels of physical activity. A coordinated and inter-connected Active Transport network makes a tangible contribution to community wellbeing and provides opportunities for the whole whanau, and, in particular tamariki, to participate in physical activity which has numerous wellbeing benefits. In our view this adds to Council's *Connected Communities* strategic aim leading to a safer, connected, healthier, inclusive, and resilient Hutt City community

### **2. Connected Communities.**

We strongly support Council's partnering approach to working with local communities to meet community needs. This is also a hallmark of our own strategy through a locally led approach which also aligns well with the approach taken by Nuku Ora.

We are mindful though, that with so many of the Hutt Valleys high-deprivation communities struggling to deal with the economic fall-out of Covid 19, doing so may at times require council to move beyond 'partnering and support' to provide direct leadership and expertise.

It is good to also see Council looking to work with local community organisation in order to activate the various places and spaces under its ownership and would request that council looks at all of its work through the lens of wellbeing and physical activity

#### **Community Facilities Trust**

Sport NZ appreciates the rationale for transferring direct ownership of significant community facilities from CFT back to Council. We also acknowledge Council's statements relating to asset renewals. CFT has played a significant role in the development and maintenance of the facilities currently under its ownership and we would therefore hope that, should these facilities transfer to Council ownership, that Council will maintain the same high level of collegial working relationship that the Trust has provided with each facility and that the strong focus on asset maintenance and renewals are maintained.

We also take this opportunity to acknowledge the voluntary contribution that the CFT trustees have made to the community.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit to the Hutt City Council draft 10-year plan.

Ngā mihi

**Sport New Zealand**

# **Wainuiomata Rural Community Association Incorporated**

## **Submission on the Hutt City Council Ten Year Plan 2021-2031**

This is the Wainuiomata Rural Community Association Incorporated submission on the Hutt City Council Draft Ten Year Plan.

### **Background to this submission**

Letters on the subject to a proposed change in the rating of certain properties were sent by the Hutt City Council to approximately 400 supposedly unaffected rural ratepayers and around 50 ratepayers who were supposedly affected by the change. The communications caused considerable confusion among some of the rural community. Three urgent requests for an extension to the submissions deadline were made by WRCAI. All three requests were rejected by the Council. This submission is made under protest. We as an association remain unclear as to the rationale for the change and the rationale for the communication to allegedly unaffected ratepayers. We are particularly concerned to learn that a clarification letter was only sent to the allegedly unaffected ratepayers. Given the nature of communications that we have had with members, we remain concerned that the Council did not direct specific communications to clarify the situation with the most affected ratepayers.

### **The Position of WRCAI**

The proposed changes to the rates policy appears to run contrary to the stated goals and priorities of the Council. We are particularly concerned to see that the proposed policy will greatly affect the rates liability for a small number of ratepayers for a corresponding negligible effect on Council revenue. We are also greatly concerned to see the implications for the rest of the rural community. If the proposal is adopted, ratepayers will be compelled to immediately pay much higher rates should their land zoning be changed in a future District Plan. It is presumed that the Council is aware of this potential and this prompted the confused mail out to a large number of supposedly unaffected ratepayers.

### **Hutt City Council Four Wellbeings**

Oranga Taiao Environmental Wellbeing  
Oranga Ōhanga Economic Wellbeing  
Oranga Hapori Social Wellbeing  
Oranga Ahurea Cultural Wellbeing

### **Hutt City Council Key priorities**

Whakangao i ngā poupou hapori Investing in Infrastructure  
Taunaki Ōhanga Auaha, Tāone Whakapoapoa Supporting an innovative, agile economy & attractive city  
Hei Āhuru Mōwai mō te Katoa Increasing housing supply  
Tūhono Hapori Connecting communities  
Tiaki Taiao Caring for and protecting our environment  
Whakauka Ahumoni Financial sustainability

### **Oranga Taiao Environmental Wellbeing Tiaki Taiao Caring for and protecting our environment**

The areas earmarked for the changes to rates within the Wainuiomata area are evidently covered in trees (see Maps 4-8). These trees are carbon sinks. Rating these properties at the residential rate penalises the owners for contributing to the environmental well-being of

the wider community. The carbon benefits of keeping the properties as they are should be considered.

On page 9 of the draft LTP, it is stated that HCC will gain funds from carbon credits. However, in many parts of the Hutt, included areas close to private properties subject to the proposed rating change, HCC has poisoned pine trees. These poisoned trees represent a huge net loss in carbon storage. These emissions are not clearly accounted for in any of the Council planning documents. The Council appears to be completely unaware of the total carbon accounts for its activities.

The Hutt City Council asserts that it contributes to environmental wellbeing in the district:

Our programmes include: planting of indigenous plants, pest plant programme, pest tree programme, Percy's Scenic Reserve ex-situ conservation collection, indigenous biodiversity fund, and predator free Hutt Valley. Alongside these, we strive to integrate the protection of indigenous biodiversity in spatial plans and neighbourhood development. LTP Page 27

However, the detailed accounts in the Ten Year Plan do not include any appreciable spending on the bush reserves. The second part of the paragraph above is particularly concerning: 'we strive to integrate the protection of indigenous biodiversity in spatial plans'. As far as we are aware, the spatial definition of areas of indigenous biodiversity ceased with the abandonment of Plan Change 46. If this spatial planning has continued it has been without the input and knowledge of rural ratepayers.

### **Activity: Urban Design**

#### **What we do**

We take a lead role in the urban design, spatial planning and the master planning of our city and town centres. Our urban design and development experts partner with our communities, iwi and stakeholders to translate the community's aspirations into implementable actions and activities. LTP Page 37

Requests for information relating to Spatial planning in the Wainuiomata area have been refused on the grounds that the Council does not hold spatial planning information (with the exception of Queen St and Wainuiomata North). Either the statement above is incorrect for most of Wainuiomata, or else the Council has not provided the information to the public.

#### **What we do**

We provide, develop, maintain and protect a reserve network which contributes to a healthy natural environment. We manage sportsgrounds, civic parks, neighbourhood parks, bush reserves, cemeteries, playgrounds, the foreshore, street trees and gardens.

#### **Why we do it**

Our reserves and natural spaces help to conserve landscapes that give the city character and protect natural and cultural features. As parts of our city become more densely developed, protected areas of public open space will become increasingly important.

Reserves contribute to the city's ability to recover from events such as storms, flooding and earthquakes, and, along with open spaces and parks, make for an inviting city that attracts businesses, residents and visitors. They contribute to an

enjoyable urban life where people can take part in recreation and sport, create their own outdoor fun and participate in community life. Open spaces create spaces for informal gatherings and chance encounters and compensate for the loss of private open space in higher density residential areas. This supports good physical and mental health. LTP Page 45

Again, the assertions of the Council in relation to reserves are contradicted by the break down of proposed expenditure. There is no clear expenditure on bush reserves in the Ten Year Plan. The WRCAI is concerned that the shortfall in expenditure on public reserves, given the Council's previous actions with Significant Natural Areas. The Council must not look to restrictions on private owners to make up for the shortcomings in its own environmental obligations. Further to this, it must not financially penalise rural ratepayers who are maintaining forest on their properties. This is exactly what the proposed change to the rural rates will do. The only way to realise a residential value from the affected properties would be to clear the land and construct residential dwellings.

### **Whakauka Ahumoni Financial sustainability**

At the very best, the rate changes proposal is financially neutral for the Council. However, the same cannot be said for ratepayers. Although the changes will have a significant effect on the affected ratepayers, the overall effect on the Council revenue is in all practical respects zero. The Council is obliged to consider costs comparative to benefits in proposed changes. There is no evidence that this has been done for this proposal.

The wider implications for the Wainuiomata rural community are very concerning. The Council itself implies that the proposed rating change is directed to anticipated changes to zones in the District Plan:

### **Rural differential category definition**

Council is proposing to align the definition of the rural rating category with the definition of rural in the District Plan. The proposed approach improves definition clarity, supports legal compliance and provides longevity to the policy, as property rating will naturally change with land use over time. LTP Page 71

We are concerned that the proposed change is a cynical move to prevent rural ratepayers from being able to submit on the timing of rating increases that might arise from the District Plan. It was particularly concerning to see the supposed LTP engagement being run in conjunction with the early District Plan engagement sessions without any clear effort on the part of the Council to clearly differentiate between the two processes.

### **Whakangao i ngā poupu hapori Investing in Infrastructure**

In general, the rural parts of Wainuiomata are currently not connected to the water supply or waste-water. The breakdowns of Council expenditure indicates that the largest areas of anticipated expenditure increases are for services that the rural areas do not use. It is clearly not just for rural ratepayers to see disproportionate increases in their rates for services they are generally not using. Whether or not the specific properties affected by the rating proposal are in fact connected to the respective services is entirely absent from the discussion in the Ten Year Plan.

The Hutt City Council asserted the following:

Our Rates Remission Policy allows us to grant rates relief where it is considered fair and reasonable to do so. We are proposing some changes to our Rates Remission



Policy to support the implementation of the new rubbish and recycling service and to support the changes we are proposing in terms of how we rate rural properties and some commercial properties. In addition, we are simplifying the wording where appropriate, to make the policy easier to understand. Page 113

The Council clearly faltered at the first hurdle. Many members of the Wainuiomata rural community expressed confusion at the Council communications. Despite admitting to having caused confusion, the Council has repeatedly refused to extend the submissions period and has done so knowing that the most affected ratepayers were not sent any additional clarification.

### **Two additional points**

It is noted with concern that there is no specific mention in the Ten Year Plan of the Maori freehold land parcels in the Wainuiomata Rural area. It is also concerning to note that a number of organisations were listed under the Mana Whenua section of the document, but no mention was made of the owners of Maori Freehold Land.

It is noted that a specific mention of an issue relating to Maori Freehold land was made:

At present, the law does not allow Councils to register such a statutory land charge against Māori freehold land. Accordingly, Māori freehold land is not eligible for rates postponement under this policy (unless and until the law is changed so that the Council can register a statutory land charge). P118

However, it is notable that the Ten Year Plan makes no specific effort to address this point.

It is noted with concern that the Hutt City Council reserve that is subject to a proposed change to the rates (see Map 6) is a title subject to a s.27B (State Owned Enterprises Act 1986) memorial. In fact, this is just one of a number of titles subject to the proposal that have such a memorial. Nowhere in the Ten Year Plan document is there any indication of the Council being aware of the implications of these memorials.

<https://waitangitribunal.govt.nz/applications/memorialised-land-section-27b/>

Maps referred to in this document can be accessed in the following folder:

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1nWIWHq\\_6LvqHCwu8dsBWT9Yto5MI3p5f?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1nWIWHq_6LvqHCwu8dsBWT9Yto5MI3p5f?usp=sharing)

Craig Innes  
Deputy Chair, Wainuiomata Rural Community Association Inc.  
6 May 2021

**Submitter name:** Jane Wootton

**Topic of submission:** Wainuiomata rural (rates)

**No physical submission**

## Submission to Hutt City Council's Long Term Plan

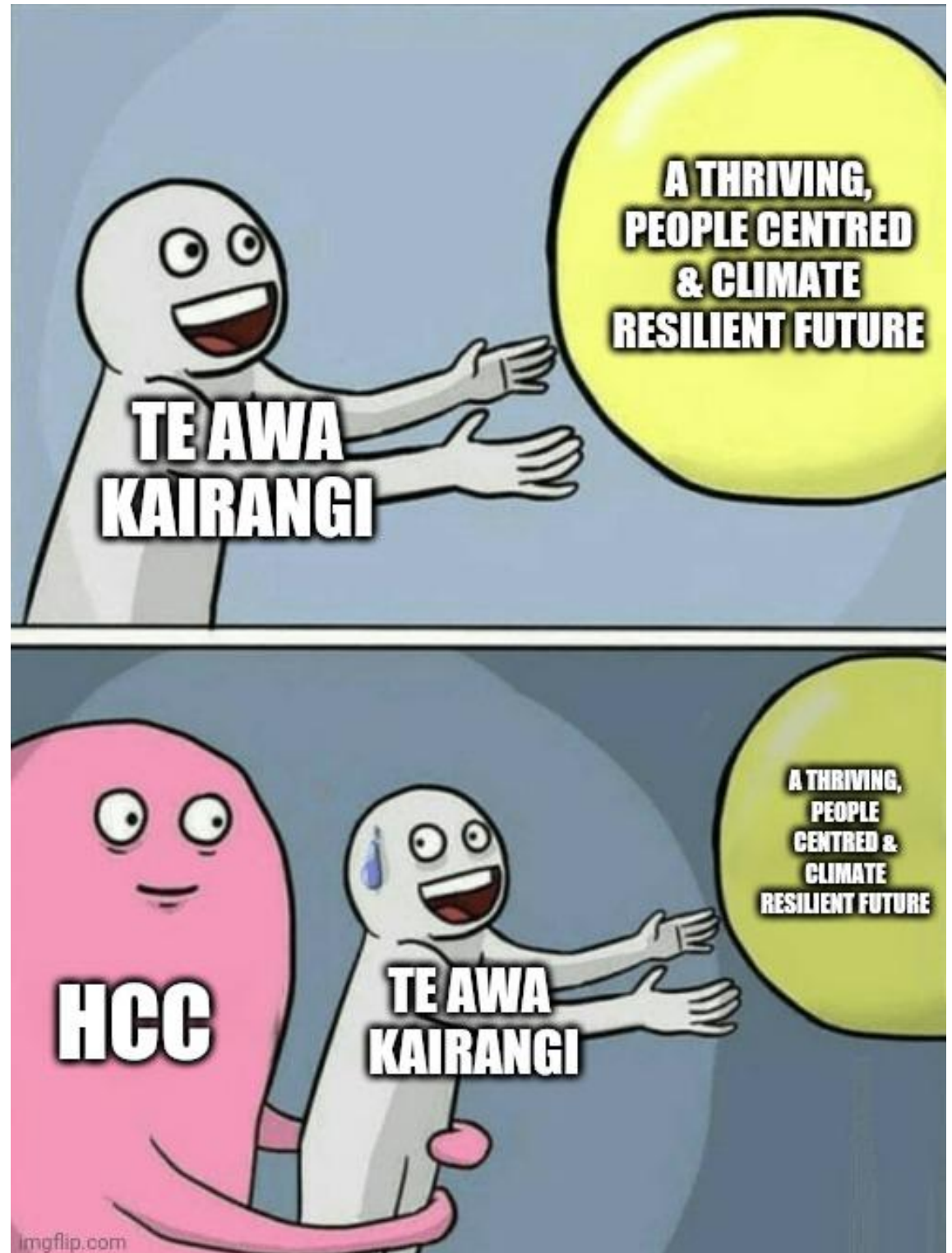
*As I write this submission it is 679 days since Hutt City Council declared a Climate Emergency for Te Awa Kairangi.*

I have spent years advocating to this Council about the need to respond urgently to the Climate Crisis. I have presented written submissions, spoken in public comment, met Councillors and the Mayor, written letters and more. Throughout this I have consistently made reference to the best evidence that we have, commitments and strategies of Hutt City Council and the values and priorities that you claim to hold.

Despite this, and Hutt City's own declaration of a Climate Emergency hundreds of days ago, your organisation is once again fundamentally failing to plan for the zero carbon transition that we so desperately need.

Don't get me wrong, I am not so arrogant to think that just because I have presented to HCC that my suggestions should be adopted but;

1. I am one of many that have presented time and again asking for decisions that will ensure a safe climate future,
2. Your legislative framework empowers you to promote environmental wellbeing and consider the needs of future communities,
3. HCC itself has all the words but none of the action and;
4. The case for action is so strong that these consistent approaches should not be necessary in the first instance.



Perhaps then I am crazy making yet another approach to this Council, I certainly do so begrudgingly as I no longer believe that HCC holds any intention to genuinely listen to the public. Remind me again what the definition of insanity is?

I do not think that I am a perennial cynic, I had great hopes for this Council at the beginning of the triennium. Unfortunately you have proved to be incredibly effective at grinding away any hope your people held.

## A Timeline

### 2009

*“Investment in environmental sustainability is anchored in the recognition that ultimately, it is natural resources, natural services, and the environment that underpins our standard of living and wellbeing over the long term...Few of these resources or services are paid for directly, and only some are protected from longer term degradation. Globally, nationally and regionally, evidence overwhelmingly suggests we are running down these resources – akin to drawing on capital assets to use as income. Unless we act to stem this trend, it will have long term social, health, and economic consequences.”*

Would you believe that this was written for your own 2009

Environmental Sustainability Strategy more than 12 years ago? I am not at all convinced that the current Hutt City organisation could muster the clarity of thought or strength of conviction. Let's go back to the future I say.

### 2014

*“Our principal aim is to encourage more people to cycle and walk more often and further, for commuting and recreational purposes. Achieving this aim requires a paradigm shift in thinking about and resourcing walking and cycling in order to create a network that is safe, easy, convenient, attractive and pleasurable”*

Taken from [Walk and Cycle the Hutt](#). This sounds like the talk of an organisation that I could have faith in.



## 2017

*“For our part we commit to:*

*1. Develop and implement ambitious action plans that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and support resilience within our own councils and for our local communities. These plans will:*

- a. promote walking, cycling, public transport and other low carbon transport options;*
- b. work to improve the resource efficiency and health of homes, businesses and infrastructure in our district; and*
- c. support the use of renewable energy and uptake of electric vehicles.”*

Taken from the [2017 Local Government Leaders' Climate Change Declaration](#) signed by Mayor Wallace on behalf of Hutt City Council. Wonderful. In addition this declaration included a number of principles which acknowledged that 'It is a fundamental human right to inherit a habitable planet' and 'Long-term thinking, policies and actions are needed to ensure the reasonably foreseeable needs of current and future generations are met.'

This is incredibly sensible stuff.

## 2019

Hutt City Council declared a Climate Emergency for Te Awa Kairangi on 27 June. A City-Wide Carbon Reduction Plan is to be developed [‘with the plan to be completed in 2020’](#).

## 2020

Despite passing an 'Emergency Budget' HCC fails to commit to any meaningful climate action.

On 29 September Council directed officers that the Draft Long Term Plan should include 'a Chapter on Climate Change, including an Action Plan and Measurements and that the four wellbeings are considered'.

Foundation work on a City-Wide plan does not start until November. No public engagements are held.

## 2021

Hutt City Council consults on a Draft Long Term Plan that does not include a Chapter on Climate Change or an Action Plan. The Draft Long Term Plan proposed to direct investment into high emitting activities in direct contradiction to Hutt City's Climate Emergency declaration.





### Some Facts

In 2018 the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change published its Special Report on 1.5°C of Global Warming which found that (net) world wide emissions would [need to drop 45% by 2030](#) to prevent the global average atmospheric temperature exceeding 1.5°C and the catastrophic changes to our climate, oceans, ice sheets, land ecosystems and societies that would accompany that.

In 2019 the United Nations Environment Programme translated this figure for us in their Emissions Gap Report. A 45% reduction by 2030 would mean a (net) [7.6% reduction every year this decade](#) (page XX).

In 2020 the best global estimates are that, with all the pandemic related curtailments of human activity included, (gross CO2) [emissions decreased by 7% but no more.](#)

In 2021 the global community needs to maintain that decrease and reduce 7+% again.

[Statistics New Zealand estimates](#) that (gross) emissions in Aotearoa decreased by 8.1% in the June quarter, reflecting our national lockdown, but emissions rebounded 9.1% in the September quarter. A small decrease in the December quarter saw emissions round out at 4.8% down on 2019.

In 2021 [the International Energy Agency estimates in their Global Energy Review](#) report that global CO2 emissions will climb once more with a rise of 4.8% expected, just 1.2% down on the 2019 peak.

[Note that some of these links refer to different metrics- for example net reductions vs estimated gross GHG emissions and estimated gross CO2 emissions. Taken together however they show a very concerning trend].

We have much work to do.

### **What is Hutt City Council's Role?**

To the right is the makeup of Hutt City's emissions taken from the [2019 Greenhouse Gas Inventory](#).

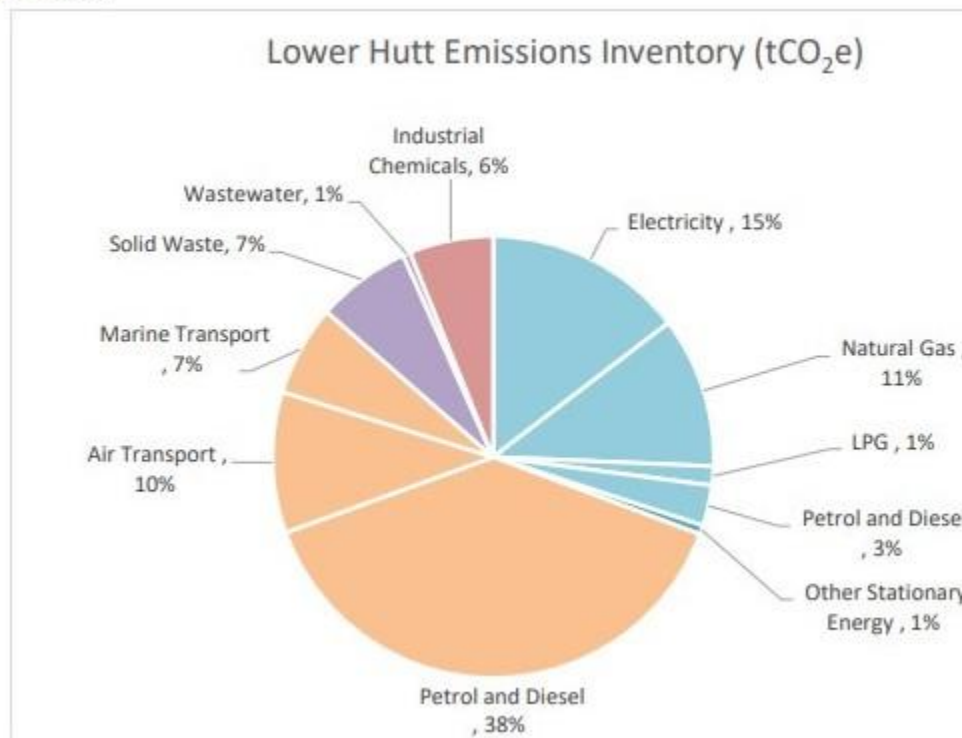
Transport emissions comprise 56% of our emissions profile. On road diesel and petrol emissions alone (at 38%) are bigger than the next biggest sector, Stationary Energy, combined (at 30%).

Moreover, Hutt City Council controls the local road, walking and cycling networks.

Transport represents the nexus where our emissions are greatest and where Hutt City can have the most impact. Indeed, the changes we need to see in our transport network *cannot be achieved without Hutt City Council* stepping up to the plate.

Following are some ideas that I would like to see implemented;

**Figure 10 Total gross emissions breakdown, by source (emissions representing less than 1% of total emissions are not shown)**



- Fully fund the Cycling and Micromobility programme (currently at just 16% of the recommendation).
- Fully fund the Street Safety Programme developed in partnership with Waka Kotahi (currently at just 50% of the recommendation).
- Create a framework for local communities to work towards low traffic neighbourhoods.

See [The Shared Path](#), a joint report by The Helen Clark Foundation (led by Holly Walker, a local) and WSP (the firm developing your integrated transport strategy).

- Ensure your district, spatial and transport planning aligns with the 15 Minute City concept.

See [this shovel ready funding application](#) from Hamilton City Council to understand the potential.

- Develop and roll out a plan for bus priority improvements across the city.
- Accelerate your work to align bus stops to national standards.
- Fund the long planned Central City Bus Hub.
- Take a leaf out of your 2009 Environmental Sustainability Strategy and implement a [Complete Streets policy](#)- imagine if we had a decade head start on this!
- Urgently move to [safer speeds](#) across the city.
- Ensure that there is a clear road space hierarchy in the Parking Policy that prioritises safety for all users and commit to sticking to it in practice.
- Set KPIs for mode shift and decreasing vehicle kilometres travelled (VKT).
- Defund stages two and three of the Cross Valley Connection. If the decision is made to pursue the project in the long term, stick by the Council's previous commitment to model the carbon impacts.
- Commission work to understand the potential for a rapid transit connection to Wainuiomata and for moving freight out of Seaview/Gracefield by rail.

## HCC Be Like:



Fully  
fund cycleways  
and  
street safety



Fully  
fund roading  
improvements



## Cross Valley Connection: A Critical Review

The renewed Cross Valley Connection project had a dubious introduction to public life. It was first considered at a meeting of Hutt City Council at 2pm on 28 July 2020. Officers advise that the supplementary agenda was made publicly available at approximately 2.50pm on 24 July, failing to satisfy the two business days notice required under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act.

Following criticism from the public regarding a lack of engagement the minutes of this meeting record that 'Mayor Barry assured the meeting that work with communities would now begin.'

Despite this commitment Mayor Barry's Office and the Council's Head of Transport have repeatedly refused to begin initial communications with residents that are likely to lose their homes.

Following this meeting Council officers for months refused to release the full Cross Valley Connection Programme Business Case on dubious grounds. This decision was only reversed after presentation of Ombudsman guidance and a similar previous determination from the Ombudsman. During this period, on 24 September, Council agreed to include the full \$160M programme in the DLTP (before the business case was available to the public and before it had a completed peer review).

The 2016 Strategic Case for the project notes that Hutt City Council wished to proceed immediately to an Indicative Business Case. Officers advise that the move to undertake a Programme Business Case first instead was mandated by Waka Kotahi however Council's Head of Transport is unable to locate any communications which detail why this was required of HCC.

A key commitment from day one in relation to this project is the assurance that modelling of the carbon impact would be undertaken. At the [Council meeting on 28 July](#) (see 2:36:40) the following interaction took place;

*Cr Briggs: Tena koe Kara,*

*Just a question following on from the briefing. Just to reiterate in that briefing I asked questions around climate change and decarbonisation and if the work had been done to fully explore what a Cross Valley Connection would do, whether its increasing or decreasing our carbon, and **what's** the plan on that going forward. I just want to confirm that the consultants alongside you would undergo that work as well as keeping Climate Change as a key pillar of the work going forward as well.*

*Director of Economy and Development: Yes and it will also be a key pillar of our Integrated Transport Plan which will inform the direction of this project, of Cross Valley Link, so it is a crucial element of this project...*

This is confirmed by the following note from the minutes of a closed Council workshop held on 23 July which were provided to me under an OIA.

- Selwyn advised estimated tonnage of carbon reduction of each stage would be assessed in next steps.

In response to a request for information about when these assessments would be taking place HCC's Director of Economy and Development said the following, essentially walking back the earlier commitment;

"It is my understanding that I did not confirm that climate modelling would be undertaken as a part of the Cross Valley Link project. Rather, that future reporting to Council on Cross Valley Link would include considerations towards climate change."

Further, the project's financial case assumes traffic growth of 1.3% per annum. Hutt City Council has [recently endorsed](#) (see 2:24:00) draft advice from He Pou a Rangi which presents a path to 2035 with [zero increase](#) (page 9) in household vehicle kilometres travelled.

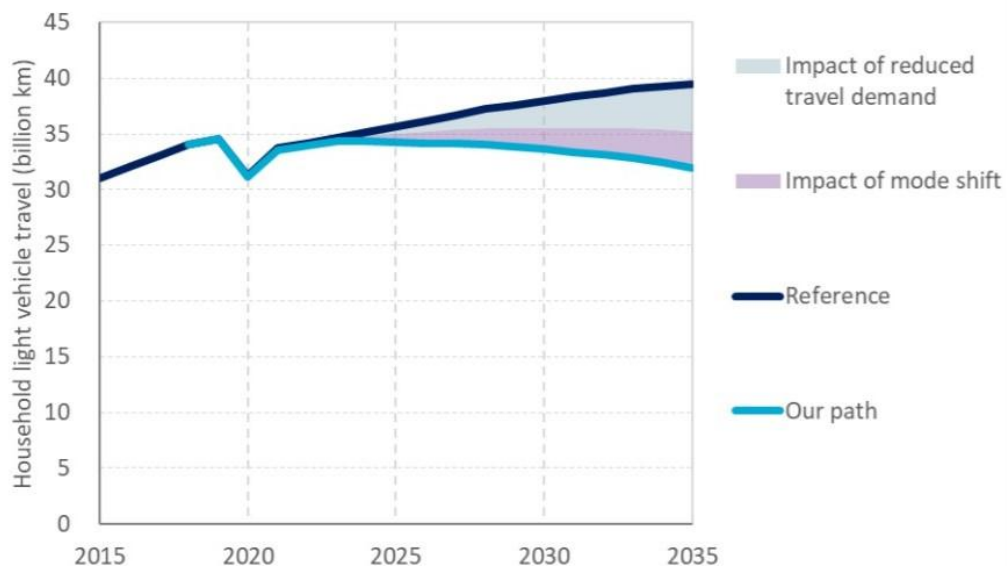


Figure 9.5: Household light vehicle travel in our path compared with under current policies.

Source: Commission analysis.



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For context, traffic growth of 1.3% per annum over the 14 years to 2035 would result in a cumulative 39% increase in traffic volumes. This is not sustainable and does not align with Hutt City Council's endorsement of advice from He Pou a Rangi.

The 1.3% traffic growth figure has been sensitivity tested at 1.1% and 1.5%. This work shows that the BCR is sensitive to the assumed traffic growth as it is 1.6 times higher at 1.5% than at 1.1%.

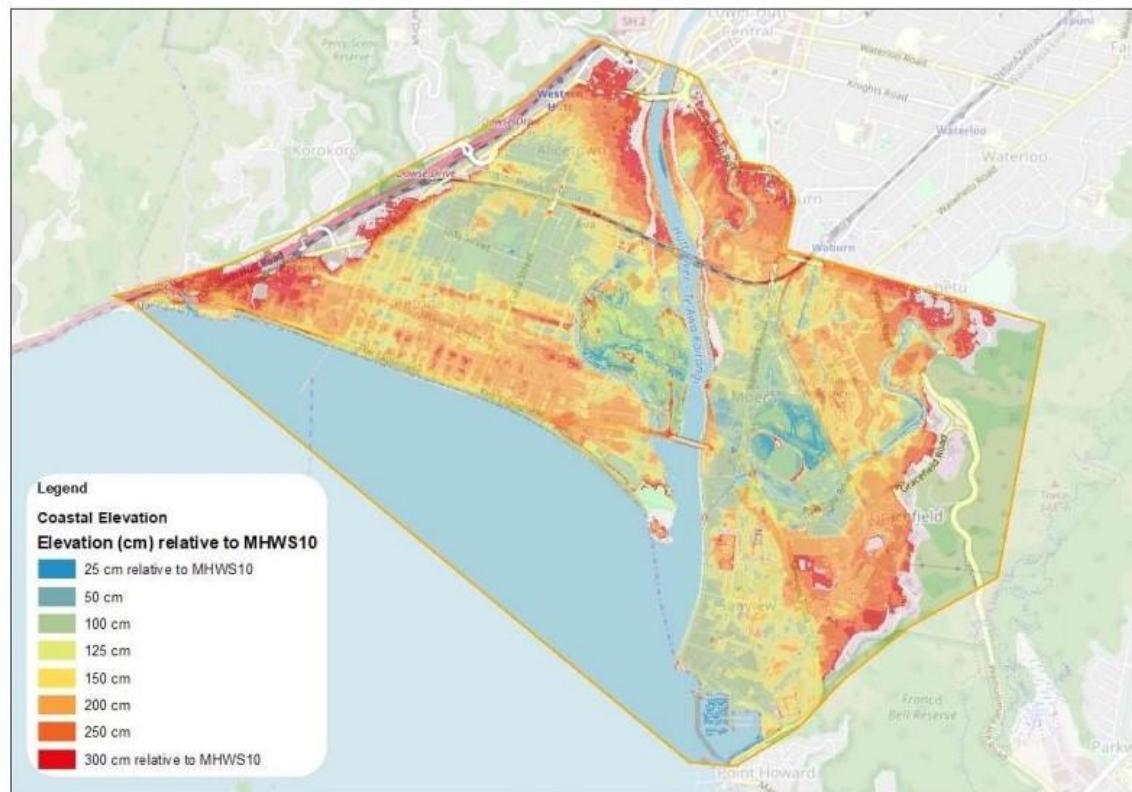
Officers advise that there are no plans to test the BCR with a 0% traffic growth assumption as their (incorrect, as seen in the graph above) interpretation is that He Pou a Rangi does allow for increasing VKT up to 2035.

Another mis-step in officer advice can be seen to the right. This figure and interpretation is found on page 68 of the CVC PBC.

What we see is a fundamental mis-reading of the sea level rise map. There is no meaningful advice offered on the impacts of sea level rise on the preferred alignment as encouraged under the [Coastal Hazards and Climate Change Guidance for Local Government](#).

At a Council briefing on 11 November 2020 focusing on the Long Term Plan Dwayne Fletcher was present via Zoom to speak to members about the Development Contributions Policy review. He fielded a question from a member regarding the application of a district wide development contribution fee for transport infrastructure when it could be seen that major transport investments, such as the CVC, provided greater benefits to some parts of the city than others.

**Figure 32** Sea Level Rise Predictions for the Project Study Area



As indicated above in Figure 32, long term sea level rise is likely to have a widespread impact on the Project Study Area. Particularly vulnerable locations include the Petone West, Petone South, Seaview and Alicetown areas where sea level rise is predicted to be as much as 300cm. In terms of the transport system, the study area's most vulnerable sections are The Esplanade (west), and the road and rail network in and around The Esplanade / Hutt Road roundabout. GWRC's 2019 assessment of coastal vulnerability to climate change and sea level rise also identified that the Seaview and Petone areas were amongst the most vulnerable to the effects of sea level rise in the Wellington region.<sup>55</sup>



Dwayne explained that, according to talks with the transport team, modelling showed that the benefits of this investment would be distributed across the city with improved traffic flows on many key routes.

Officers advise that this modelling has not taken place meaning that the Cross Valley Connection will serve to make new housing across the city more expensive without any evidence that benefits will be felt across the city. The agenda of the Long Term Plan Subcommittee of 30 November says the following;

*“the most significant district wide charge being for Transport – largely driven by the Cross-Valley Connector.”*

Finally, the cost figures that Hutt City Council has consulted on for the Cross Valley Connection are not accurate. Much has been made of engaging on the basis of accurate or conservative cost estimates however the \$160M (uninflated) budgeted for the Cross Valley Connection does not include property acquisition costs. Given that most of the current preferred alignment is on land not currently owned by Hutt City Council these costs will be in the tens of millions- we have only recently seen cost increases in the RiverLink project primarily driven by the need to acquire additional property. This should have been a major qualification in Hutt City Council’s consultation materials but I have not seen it mentioned anywhere.

These are not the only issues with the Cross Valley Connections programme but they are some of the most glaring. In particular the incongruence between this transport planning and the climate emergency- two puzzle pieces that simply do not fit. While a programme will never be perfect at this stage there are certainly some major issues yet to be reconciled.

I encourage Hutt City Council to commit to carbon modelling, undertake the work to understand a zero traffic growth future for Cross Valley Transport, cost property acquisitions and remove funding for stages two and three of the project while this work is yet to be complete.



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Q1. Do you own or rent the home you live in?	Own
Q2. Do you own a property in Lower Hutt that you do not live in?	No
Q3. What type of property do you own?	not answered
Q4. Age	40-49 years
Q5. Suburb	Kelson, Lower Hutt
Q6. Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the general direction Hutt City Council is taking for the Long Term Plan 2021–2031	Neither agree nor disagree
Q7. Which option do you support?	Option 1 (preferred option): Significant increase in Three Waters investment
Q8. Is there another way the investment in Three Waters could be put together? Fill this out if you think we could structure the investment options differently.	
Managing existing infrastructure	Option 1 - significant increase
Sustainable water supply	Option 2 - maintain current levels
Healthy urban waterways	Option 1 - significant increase
Reducing carbon emissions	Option 1 - significant increase
Q9. Which option do you support?	Option 1 (preferred option): Proactive approach to transport investment
Q10. Is there another way the investment in transport could be put together? Fill this out if you think we could structure the investment options differently.	
Cross Valley Transport Connection	Option 2 - reactive approach
Cycle and Micro-mobility	Option 1 - proactive approach
Road resurfacing	Option 1 - proactive approach
Traffic safety	Option 1 - proactive approach
Q11. Please add here any other ideas or comments you have about the proposed water and transport infrastructure investment	
<p>All the approaches need to have a climate change focus and specific goals and analysis relating to this. There is absolutely no point in looking at the CVL unless it is specifically designed from the start to reduce our emissions in the most effective way possible. This document is still all talk and no specific, measurable actions on climate change, despite a number of councillors asking for this. If this is an issue with time and resourcing of offices then this should be the first priority.</p>	

Q12. Which option do you support?

Option 1 (preferred option): Build a new, modern, fit for purpose and sustainable facility which has a similar level of facility and services as the existing pool

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Q13. Please add here any other ideas or comments you have about the rebuild of Naenae Pool

not answered

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Q14. Which option do you support?

Option 2: Budget to demolish the head of Petone Wharf in 2021-2022, but leave the budget for the refurbishment in the 2032 financial year

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Q15. Please add here any other ideas or comments you have about the Petone Wharf refurbishment

Neither option is good. Further thought and analysis must go into this as to how sea-level rise will impact the long-term use or we are wasting money. The potential for car reduction should also be considered, but then that raises the question as to if the wharf is in the best location to do this.

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Q16. Which option do you support?

Option 1 (preferred option): Increase investment in RiverLink

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Q17. Add here any thoughts on the level of investment in this project and the approach to delivering RiverLink

The footbridge to connect the station should be a much higher priority if this plan is to align with our climate change goals and help the south end of the city centre.

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Q18. If you have any other thoughts or ideas relating to supporting an innovative, agile economy and attractive city add them here

not answered

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Q19. Do you agree with the approach to addressing the future of the Hutt City Community Facilities Trust?

Yes

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Q20. Add here your thoughts on the approach outlined for the Community Facilities Trust and any other approach you feel would work better

We still need to find more of a balance to support all sports rather than the seemingly ad-hoc basis of support we currently have. Hopefully, the trust is a step in the correct direction.

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Q21. Do you agree with the direction we are taking on connected communities?

Yes

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Q22. Add here your thoughts on the approach to building connected communities and any other approach you feel would work better

not answered

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**Q23. Add here any thoughts or ideas on the proposed projects, or anything you think we've missed**

We need to differentiate actions/measurements for Climate change adaptation and Climate change mitigation. These are both important, but should be taken as separate items and clearly identified as such. As the saying goes "If you can't measure it, you can't improve it." (Peter Drucker) and if the council are not reporting on the specifics then we are not going to see an improvement.

**Q24. Add here any thoughts or ideas relating to increasing the housing supply in Lower Hutt**

I agree with the funding for infrastructure around consents in that developers should be paying more of the costs. However, I think there should be more of an incentive for developers to reduce the need for supply specifically three waters, e.g. reduced council costs for adding water retention systems, gray water systems, rain capture etc.

**Q25. Which option do you support?**

Option 1 (preferred option): 62% residential share of the total general rate

**Q26. Which option do you support?**

Option 1 (preferred option): Align rural rating category definition with the District Plan

**Q27. Which option do you support?**

not answered

**Q28. Add here any thoughts or comments about the proposed changes and/or financial sustainability in general**

Where rates changes will have a high degree of change should be spread over more than one year (Specifically Rural differential rating)

**Q29. Which option do you support?**

Option 2: Fund part of Council's planned growth costs from development contributions and financial contributions, and the remainder from another funding source, such as rates

**Q30. Add here any other feedback on the development contributions policy**

The 100% funding of council growth via development and financial costs should be offset by council funds to encourage the best long term outcomes e.g. reduction in water usage.

**Q31. The overall rates revenue rise needed to cover Council's preferred options is proposed to be 5.9% in 2021/22.**

**What are your thoughts on this increase?**

It's OK, but oversimplified. Some people will pay less than this with the bins and associated savings and some will pay significantly more and this could have been eliminated by using PAYT. Council did NOT do a good enough job in investigating the options before this went out to consultation.

**Q32. Do you have any ideas about what you would like to see in/for the City going forward**

We absolutely have to measure and report on our climate impact with specific goals. Ideally, we should be setting an example and aiming for Carbon Zero by 2030 at best and 50% reduction by 2030 at absolute worst or we are not going to meet our goal of 1.5degC

**Q33. Would you like to present your feedback to council in person?**

Yes

**Q34. Your name**

Chris Parkin

Q35. **Contact phone number**

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Q36. **Email or street address**

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Q37. **Organisation name - only fill this out if you are** not answered  
**giving feedback on behalf of an organisation**

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**Hutt City Council**  
**2021-31 10 Year Plan:**  
***Submission***

Kaine Thompson

## **Purpose**

1. This paper serves as my submission to the Hutt City Council (“the Council”) draft 2021-31 Ten-year Plan (“Plan”).

## **Introduction**

2. Thank you for an opportunity to provide comment on your draft 2021-31 Ten-year Plan. This is my first opportunity to do so as a new resident and ratepayer in the Council’s district.
3. I note that your Plan is set out as follows:
  - Our key priorities
  - Investing in infrastructure
  - Infrastructure strategy
  - Caring for and protecting our environment
  - Increasing housing supply
  - Supporting an innovative, agile economy and attractive city
  - Connected community
  - Financial sustainability.
4. I am focusing my submission on suggestions you may wish to consider. My suggestions align with your current draft Plan but may raise the potential for you to:
  - be more likely to succeed in achieving your objectives for the city
  - provide you with additional capacity to deliver more of your plan
  - create opportunities for you to be a sector leader in addressing challenges universal to the local government sector.

## **Your key priorities**

5. I agree with your chosen priorities and support your focus on them.
6. I was raised in the Hutt and moved overseas when I was 19. When I returned to New Zealand, I chose to live and work in Wellington. I have recently returned to the Hutt and in the intervening time have seen the significant changes made by successive Councils to reinvigorate and grow the city and the surrounding areas.
7. Those Councils, and this one, are to be congratulated for sustained efforts to revitalise the Hutt as a people-centric, walkable, liveable city. As times have changed, so too must the vision of the Council’s governing our cities and so too with the Hutt.
8. I am very supportive of what you are intending to do and how you intend to do it. The comments I have made reflect where I believe you could be even more ambitious.

## Investing in Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai Lower Hutt

9. I wholly support your proposals to be ambitious for Te Awa Kairangi, for its residents and for your Council to become a sector leader in addressing challenges that are universal to the local government sector; specifically investing in upgrading lateral and transport infrastructure, facilitating housing development, adapting our cities to be more empathetic to the people who live in them and managing our collective resources in a sustainable and meaningful way.
10. A question for the Council, could you be more bold? This is political question and I support your intention to take on the challenges faced by Te Awa Kairangi. It is also a question of capacity and resource.

### *The myth of low rates-increases*

11. For many years in Te Awa Kairangi, like in places throughout Aotearoa, political candidates have been successful on the promise of “lower rates increases”. However, this platform comes with consequences:

#### The Benefits of Lower Rates Increases:

- Less pressure on the current generation of rate payers
- More focus by the Council on “core activities”
- Less change.

#### The Consequences of Lower Rates Increases:

- Deferred maintenance and renewals creating a bow-wave of pressure
- Increasingly less responsive local authorities
- Inflexible balance sheets that constrain an ability to implement progressive policy.

12. The promise of lower rates increases is, in the short-term, appealing to many ratepayers; particularly for those on low and fixed incomes. However, artificially suppressed rates increases shift the burden to future councils and create inter-generational disparities that become exponentially more expensive.

### *Being honest about rates*

13. The average residential rates charges for Te Awa Kairangi are around \$2,700 a year. Accepting that any change in rates for those on low or fixed incomes is a significant impact, your responsibility is to weigh up what is best for the entire district.
14. How does \$2,700 compare? The first issue I would note when trying to assess whether this is good value for money is to understand the extent of service provision for that price. You deliver not one service, not 50 services, but you deliver over 100 services:
  - Parks and recreational areas
  - Street cleaning
  - Road maintenance
  - Waste management
  - Consenting
  - Resource management
  - Housing development
  - And, many others.

15. While it is easy to say “*I don’t use those services*”, our communities take a collective approach for two reasons; the first, universal benefit. The second reason is because it is more productive and effective to procure service provision at scale. I haven’t accessed the public health or public education systems in many years either, but I contribute to those systems by paying taxes – and, they’re worth it to have the society we do.
16. How does \$2,700 compare with other commercial services providers?
- The average residential power bill in the Wellington region is around \$2,300 per year in 2020<sup>1</sup>. Noting, of course, this is for the provision of a single service.
  - The average New Zealand household spent around \$2,500 on petrol per year in 2020<sup>2</sup>, again for a single service that is subject to market forces.
  - The average New Zealand household spends around \$1,700 on telecommunications per year in 2021<sup>3</sup>.
17. Compared with other services, the Council represents good value for money.

#### *Why not index to inflation?*

18. Many submitters and critics will ask why local authorities do not index rates increases to inflation. This is especially pointed given that most New Zealanders would not expect to see increases to their income beyond inflation.
19. Quite simply, rates do not pay for Weetbix, bread, or milk. Rates pays for bitumen, to manage waste, to build facilities or to manage infrastructure. According to the Reserve Bank, inflation through 2021 is currently at 0.58%. Putting aside 2020 and 2021 because of the circumstances forced by the COVID-19 Pandemic, New Zealand’s inflation in 2019 and 2018 were recorded at 1.6%.
20. For comparison, inflationary pressures on the cost of materials to support renewals, or building have been in excess of 10% for a sustained period of time.

#### *Comparative rates charges*

21. Comparisons between councils is also like comparing apples with space-stations. For example, the Wellington City Council district is able to keep average rates bills to around \$3,000 per year per residential rating unit. This average is maintained by a significant income derived from fees and charges, a strong commercial rates differential and from a range of target rates tools. For example:
- Wellington City Council benefits from a commercial rates differential of over 3 compared with residential rates. As a proportion of income, commercial rates represent around 50% of total rates income.

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<sup>1</sup> [glimp.co.nz/average-power-bill-in-New-Zealand](https://glimp.co.nz/average-power-bill-in-New-Zealand), Glimp.co.nz *n.d.*, accessed April 2021, [Link](#)

<sup>2</sup> Statistics New Zealand, 3 March 2020, accessed April 2021, [link](#)

<sup>3</sup> Commerce Commission, New Zealand Telecommunications Snapshot, Household expenditure on telecommunications, P17. March 2021, [link](#)

- Wellington City Council also benefits from a targeted rates approach for a range of special areas:
    - Commercial sector – for activities that benefit the commercial sector
    - Downtown – marketing and events, retail and tourism activities
    - Business improvement districts – for specific commercial districts.
  - Other urban areas also benefit because of income derived from Council Controlled Companies such as airports, stadiums, or significant regional tourist attractions.
22. Not all local authority districts are created equal. While Te Awa Kairangi is blessed with many natural and built advantages, it is also constrained with fewer options to generate income from non-rates sources.

### *A Different Approach*

23. It is unfair to say that “little has been done” in Te Awa Kairangi to develop its sources of revenue to balance the pressure on rate payers. However, in the last decade, there has been more focus on lower rates increases. Unsurprisingly, this has resulted in the inevitable “bow-wave” of pressures.
24. Addressing those pressures now, before it’s too late, is key to the future success of our district.
25. Some options the Council may wish to consider to grow both the number of revenue opportunities and redistribute the pressure of the rates burden to sit more where it lays:
- **Central City Levy** – similar to Wellington’s downtown levy, a CCL will provide ring-fenced funds that are designed to support local economic initiatives that benefit the commercial sector.
  - **Scalable Commercial Differential** – While Te Awa Kairangi already has a commercial differential, the Council may wish to increase the current differential to a more appropriate level on the basis of generating activity within the central business area that is to the benefit of those ratepayers specifically but to the city generally.
  - **Incentive-Based Development Fund** – the Council may make partnership funding available that is accessible by local economic development initiatives that create long-term employment opportunities, generate tourism activity or which support efforts to reinvigorate key areas within the district.
  - **Village Improvement Districts** – specific targeted commercial rates that support the implementation of agreed VID Development Plans on a five year planning cycle. This funding must be ring-fenced to VIDs with planning subject to Council approval and consultation.
26. These concepts are not new, but they also drive an approach of subsidiarity where smaller communities within Te Awa Kairangi are empowered to take actions that benefit their communities. Empowerment is a responsibility, so policies could be developed by the Council to ensure plans and activities are aligned with the Council’s Ten-year plan and consultation and engagement.

27. These concepts and others like them enable the Council to drive its Plan for the district from the ground up, they draw communities in to take more direct control of how things get done at a “village level” and they enable a clear demonstration of how rates are put to work for the benefit of ratepayers.

## **Be Ambitious!!**

28. Your Plan sets out a bold programme, especially with respect to investment in lateral and transport infrastructure. The time is now and you should be congratulated for taking, head on, the challenges that have been building over time.
29. The question of whether you are being bold enough remains. Your Plan sets out a significant programme of transformation for Te Awa Kairangi, but could you do more?
30. I have made some suggestions below about how you might be able to create additional capacity and budget flexibility to better enable you to achieve your objectives.

### *Over-programme Capex*

31. Like most local authorities, the Council will inevitably and probably frustratingly record annual CAPEX underspends. While this is most likely to be associated with delays to the implementation of new CAPEX projects such as parks, capacity to spend is constrained by a range of factors including the availability of qualified labour and the availability of materials.
32. To create some flexibility, the Council may wish to consider over-programming its CAPEX programme in the first five years of the Plan. Simply, if the Council underspends CAPEX by around 25% each year, the Council may decide to over-programme CAPEX to 120%. While this seems counterintuitive, it creates flexibility within the Budget to bring some projects forward and push others out where they are likely to be delayed in any of the years in the Plan.
33. Capacity to spend and the “burn rate” at which the Council can spend available resource relies heavily on an ability to provide for some movement within the Budget. I am sure your officers may already consider this approach worth some investigation, I would encourage Councillors to explore it.

### *Be bold about mode-shift*

34. Your Plan proposes a range of investment decisions to improve footpaths, roads and strengthen the Cuba Street overbridge. Your Plan also highlights work to be undertaken that would deliver improved cycling and micro-mobility infrastructure.
35. Combined with considering over-programming your CAPEX to maximise the capacity you have to spend the resources available inside the ten-year frame of the Plan, some consideration could be given to phasing projects to align with major infrastructure works.
36. For example, where lateral infrastructure is being replaced or renewals undertaken, could the implementation of transport infrastructure projects be phased to occur at an appropriate point at the end of that project? There will most certainly be productivity gains from this, but there may also be financial savings, which could then be reapplied back into other projects or fund projects to be brought forward.

### *Partnership approach*

37. If the Council did decide to over-programme its CAPEX and, to complement that, did also decide to phase appropriate transport infrastructure improvements, some consideration might then be given to a partnership approach to deliver the work.
38. Asking the market to respond to a more comprehensive proposal to deliver both lateral and transport infrastructure would enable the Council to appoint preferred partners in a red-hot market in which capacity remains an issue. A preferred partners approach means the Council has a single contract to manage on a range of projects.
39. It is well understood that the market knows that winning a contract with local government is a guarantee of payment no matter what may come. It is my view that the Council could make the market work harder and approach such as this would potentially create more competition for major projects.
40. Additionally, it is possible that major projects could force some collaboration within the market where a range of services may come together to offer a package to deliver on the proposals.
41. I am sure your Officers would have far greater expertise at developing proposals that could bring additional benefits to the Council, when the scale of your proposed investment is considered.

### ***Increase Housing Supply***

42. I support your approach to facilitating housing development.

### *Pre-consent*

43. I am uncertain whether the Council holds significant land assets that could be transferred to developable housing sites. However, if it does, the Council may wish to consider a pre-consented approach to land release as below:

If the Council owns all or some of the land assets:

- Package suitable sites together in scalable packages (for example, a package may include a 300m site, a 1200m site and a 400m site in varying locations in the district)
- Apply a pre-consented sale status to them (the sites must be purchased as a package and they may be sold at a premium considering the consented status.
- Apply a “use-it-or-lose-it” consenting condition to discourage land-banking. Some investigation as to whether this could occur as a condition of sale would assist.
- Additional conditions to pre-consented package sales could be that a percentage of the development must be held for social housing, another for first home buyers and the remainder at commercial rates.
- Remove development contributions from package sales.

- Consider a rates freeze on the package sites from the point at which work commences until the properties are sold.
44. A similar approach could be considered for where the Council may not necessarily own the land assets. Instead, applications could be received from developers on the same basis of conditions as set out above.

## **Conclusion**

45. Thank you for the opportunity to submit and for your ratepayers to engage with you about the future of Te Awa Kairangi. I look forward to seeing your final Plan and to viewing and hearing the ideas of other submitters.
46. I would value an opportunity to make a verbal submission at the appropriate time.

**Kaine Thompson**





**WELLINGTON REGION HOCKEY STADIUM TRUST  
&  
WELLINGTON HOCKEY ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED**

Submission to  
Hutt City Council

Thank you for the opportunity to present this submission and for your consideration. This submission represents the views and wishes of the Wellington Region Hockey Stadium Trust (WRHST), as the body responsible for providing hockey facilities, and the Wellington Hockey Association, Incorporated (WHA), as the provider of hockey administration and operations, and is supported by a number of hockey clubs, schools, and other important organisations in the Hutt City Council region and beyond.

**REQUEST**

WRHST and WHA are requesting that Hutt City Council (HCC) partner with WRHST and WHA to re-build and replace the current hockey turf at Fraser Park/Sportsville. The turf and substrata are due for replacement. The present facility is showing a high level of wear and tear and is quickly reaching the point of being a Health and Safety issue and desperately needs to be replaced this year. We propose upgrading the turf to meet regional standards to allow a wider range of grades and tournaments to be played at the venue. Please find attached to this submission a report from Polytan, the experts in Hockey Turfs in New Zealand, around the issues with the current turf.

We believe that a first-rate hockey turf is essential for Lower Hutt, as the hockey community, number of teams, and the general population are growing. It is our hope that many of the games and trainings currently being held at the National Hockey Stadium in Berhampore, Wellington can be held in Lower Hutt, with all the ancillary benefits, financial and otherwise, that accompany such a shift. These also include lowering carbon emissions and reducing greenhouse gases due to a reduction of people having to travel to the other side of Wellington City. We also believe that sports generally – and hockey in particular – are a connector of

people and communities and, as such, is consistent with HCC's identified priority of Tuhono Hapori (Connecting Communities).

## **NEED**

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Fraser Park Turf currently offers a minimum standard local facility. Without support, WRHST is only able to make the bare minimum investment which will maintain the turf but not improve the facility or level of service. Currently Premier Hockey teams have to travel to the water-based turfs in Berhampore to play, due to the turf at Fraser Park being only sand-based. This increases the cost to play for players as well as being a barrier to participation, especially for those in lower socio-economic areas. It also takes away opportunities for larger groups of supporters to attend top level games - supporters that utilise local facilities like Fraser Park Sportsville FPS and who create a community feel to our sport. The system is currently disjointed, with top club teams not training or playing in Lower Hutt. We wish to take advantage of the synergies with the Fraser Park Sportsville to create a greater community connection and support the work they are doing with their facility.

WRHST and WHA recognise that Lower Hutt is a hub of hockey in the Wellington region and will benefit from a turf that can be more fully utilised throughout the day and evening and by a range of hockey levels, from young children through masters. In order to provide this WRHST and WHA are proposing:

- Refurbishment and extension of the substrata,
- Installing new elastic base layer with a water-based turf with a desire install a water harvesting/sequestering system (i.e reuse of Ricoh roof runoff) to limit the impact on the council water supply and stormwater system,
- The installation of energy-efficient LED lighting, and
- The addition of safety fencing, dugouts and a scoreboard.

These upgrades will create a better facility that will last longer, allow for higher usage and a higher grade of hockey to be played in Lower Hutt (more school and club tournaments), and address the issue of sustainability through the capture and harvesting of water and energy-efficient lighting. No other turfs in Wellington harvest water so this technology will be ground-breaking in our region.

There is also the potential for other users to benefit from the facility, including those already using the other fields at Fraser Park who are struggling with access to turf time.

## Community Benefit

We already have a strong Hockey community in Lower Hutt. Hockey is currently at an apex and is growing. There are presently 56 team that base themselves out of Fraser Park. The breakdown is as follows:

Club/School	Junior Teams	Senior Teams	Total
Naenae/Rata St	2		2
Chilton	1	1	2
St. Orans	1	4	5
St Bernard's College	1	0	1
Hutt Valley HS	0	2	2
Naenae College	0	2	2
Sacred Heart	0	1	1
Hutt United	16	9	25
Petone	1	4	5
Naenae	1	4	5
Wainuiomata	3	1	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>54</b>

The economic benefits of hosting tournaments are meaningful. By way of example, the recent Lower North Island Premiership Boys & Girls Hockey Tournament in Manawatu had over 1,950 spectators, almost 500 competitors, managers, coaches, and officials, and yielded \$431,800 in direct economic impact. This was during a period of COVID lockdown.

The hockey turf is currently one of the most utilised venues on Fraser Park during the winter with practices late into the evening, and junior programs and games from dawn to dusk on the weekend. The increased level of service will allow a better experience for the users and open it up to more use over the summer as well.

A better facility would also give hockey clubs in other areas of Wellington the opportunity to bring more teams from outside Lower Hutt including Wairarapa, Kapiti, Porirua and Upper Hutt, which currently battle Wellington traffic to get to facilities in Wellington city. This will bring additional economic benefit and intra-regional visits and exposure to the modern facilities at the park.

## RECOMMENDATION

In the spirit of being fair and equitable, we propose that the cost of upgrades to the Fraser Park Hockey Turf be shared between WRHST/WHA, charitable grants, and HCC. We estimate the total renovation cost to be approximately \$900,000, and request that we share the cost at 1/3 for each of the three parties. As such, we are asking HCC to invest \$300,000 in the next financial

year. We have access to the other 2/3rds so we would be able to commence this project late 2021.

As an add on to this submission, Fraser Park is a logical location for long-term growth of the sport, we would like to see HCC consider further inclusion of funds in the future to work with WRHST to provide a second turf facility that will allow larger tournaments to be held and provide for local and regional growth in the sport.

WRHST and WHA believes that these recommendations support the Council's Leisure and Wellbeing Strategy goals of having *"world-class facilities and rated as excellent against national and international benchmarks"* and *"make a real difference for all people of Hutt City – particularly those in our high deprivation communities"*. We believe our submission is in line with the long-term community integrated facilities plan, e.g. improving and being part of an integrated community hub.

## **SUPPORT**

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Hockey had a long tradition of user pays and investing in building and maintaining its own facilities and we will continue to contribute to the upkeep of our facilities. We also wish to support Lower Hutt's recreation and sporting goals in the long term through support of an initiative like FPS and low impact infrastructure.

This submission has the support of numerous schools, hockey clubs, and other key organisations in Lower Hutt and the region. They are:

- Fraser Park Sportsville
- Nuku Ora
- Naenae Hockey Club
- Hutt International Boys School
- Hutt United Hockey Club
- Upper Hutt Hockey
- Northern United Hockey Club
- Northern United Junior Hockey Club
- Tawa Titans Hockey Club
- Victoria University Hockey Club
- Wainuiomata Hockey Club
- Harbour City Hockey Club
- Karori Junior Hockey Club
- Onslow College Hockey
- Wainuiomata Hockey Club
- Karori Hockey Club
- Brooklyn Geckos Hockey Club
- YW Petone Hockey Club
- Tawa Junior Hockey Club



06 May 2021

Lisa Jones  
Chief Executive  
Wellington Hockey Association  
Mt Albert Road  
Newtown  
**WELLINGTON**

Dear Lisa,

**RE: FRASER PARK – SURVEY RESULTS**

As discussed, we are pleased to provide a summary of the results of the survey work undertaken on the existing hockey surface at Fraser Park by survey technician, Alex Hanify from Polytan on the 28<sup>th</sup> of April 2021.

A pdf copy of the results is attached for your information and raw data can be provided upon request.

Broadly speaking the field was likely originally constructed with a longitudinal fall of approximately 0.4% from south to north with an elevated central crown profile of 0.9% from each side of the pitch.

As noted during the field work, there are a number of areas that have settled within the pitch where additional shots were taken to determine the extent. These areas are primarily located in the northern half of the pitch in three isolated areas which are shown in the contour lines visible in the layout attached.

Based on the survey information provided, the settlement that has occurred ranges from 15mm – 35mm in the worst areas measured from the extent of the surrounding areas. A photographic summary of these areas is attached in **APPENDIX 1** for your reference.

The governing body for hockey (FIH) have a set of standards that specify the quality, performance and construction criteria for hockey fields (pitches). A copy of this document is attached for your information.

While some performance requirements vary across the various levels of pitches (from community multisport to international); surface regularity remains consistent across all levels of hockey, as follows:

<b>Surface regularity</b>	There must not be any undulations that exceed 6mm under 3m straight edge 3mm under a 0.3m straight edge
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*Source: FIH Hockey Turf & Field Standard; Part 2 – Construction and performance requirements*

Surface regularity is important as changes in grade, sudden or pronounced, can adversely affect the consistency of the ball roll.

Further, and in the obvious case of this pitch, sudden or pronounced changes in surface regularity create inconsistency underfoot and should be considered with respect to the safety of the players and officials using the surface.

It is our opinion that given the extent and depth of the subsidence, a risk assessment should be undertaken to determine the ongoing suitability and safety of the surface for use.

With that said, there is no doubt that the areas detailed above, and in the survey information, fall outside the prescribed requirements for surface regularity.

We would be pleased to undertake a joint inspection with any interested parties to demonstrate the FIH testing procedure if required.



Please do not hesitate to contact should you wish to clarify any aspect of this submission.

Kind regards,



Cody Linton

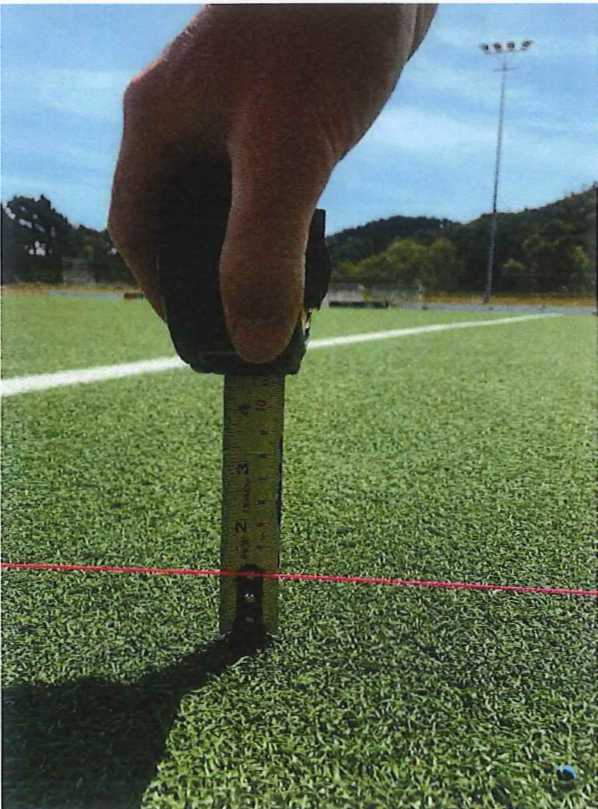
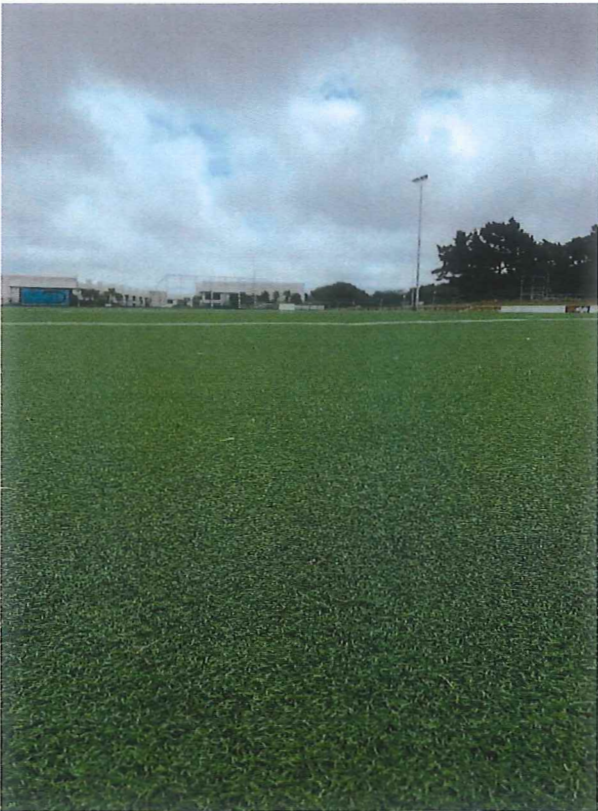
**General Manager**

[cody.linton@polytan.co.nz](mailto:cody.linton@polytan.co.nz)





## APPENDIX 1

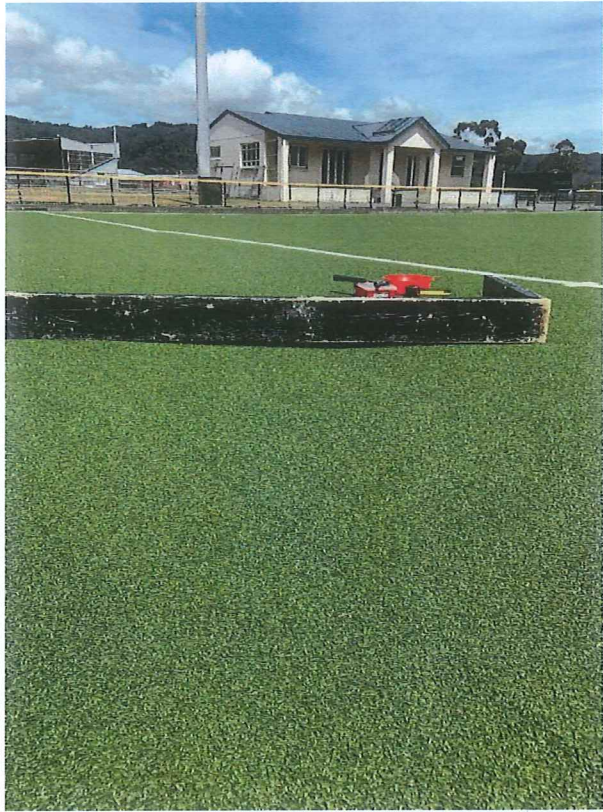


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Hutt City Council  
30 Laings Rd LOWER HUTT

3 May 2021

Dear Hutt City Council,

Naenae Hockey Club and Naenae Juniors support the submission by Wellington Region Hockey Stadium Trust and the Wellington Hockey Association for a replacement turf at Fraser Park.

We have been struggling to maintain our Premier teams in Lower Hutt going from 6 adult teams to 4 this year due to losing our top two men's teams (prem 1&2 grades), Coaches and players at the top level are base in or move to Wellington City as that is where their games and practices are.

We think the investment by the council would really lift the venue and give us something to be proud of. At the moment we possibly have the least fi for purpose venue in the region. It would be great to have something as good as what Kapiti and Wellington city offer but in our own backyard.

We are committed to growing our community and connecting with the areas we represent in the north of Lower Hutt but cost and travel are concerns. I don't believe we could get the turf we need without help from the Council as our players are worried that it would mean increase to our fees pushing more out of the sport in the Hutt.

We work closely with Naenae College and Rata St school with our club members being parents and coaches. We know from talking to them that our juniors and students would love to have their hockey home see a bit of Aroha!

We thank you for your time in considering the submission.

Yours Sincerely

Rochelle Desmond  
NHC Secretary



Hutt City Council  
30 Laings Rd  
LOWER HUTT

29<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Dear Hutt City Council,

This letter is to confirm that Hutt International Boys School supports the submission by Wellington Region Hockey Stadium Trust and the Wellington Hockey Association for a replacement turf at Fraser Park.

We have a player base of 48 children and this turf project will benefit everyone involved in our club at the school.

We thank you for your time in considering the submission.

Yours Sincerely

Mark Borthwick

Sports Coordinator  
Hutt International Boys School



Hutt City Council

30 Laings Rd

LOWER HUTT

4 May 2021

Dear Hutt City Council,

This letter is to confirm that Hutt United Hockey Club supports the submission by Wellington Region Hockey Stadium Trust and the Wellington Hockey Association for a replacement turf at Fraser Park.

We have a player base of 150 adults and 130 children and this turf project will benefit everyone involved in our club. We want our players to experience their sport supported by decent facilities which includes as a minimum a turf that is safe to play on. We want to have access to the RICOH sports pavilion at an affordable cost and would like to see Hockey have some visibility in the building so we have a sense of identity and belonging to the facility. The current facility has space for some smaller warm up /practice small junior game turfs would also add a lot of amenity to the facility. We are envious of the investment that Football and Rugby has had in the Sportsville development and would like to see Hockey get a share of the sports investment.

We thank you for your time in considering the submission.

Yours Sincerely

Karen Wallace

Club Treasurer on behalf of the Hutt United Hockey Club Committee



Hutt City Council  
30 Laings Rd  
LOWER HUTT

29<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Dear Hutt City Council,

This letter is to confirm that Upper Hutt Hockey Club supports the submission by Wellington Region Hockey Stadium Trust and the Wellington Hockey Association for a replacement turf at Fraser Park.

We have a player base of over 100 adults and over 60 children and this turf project will benefit everyone involved in our club.

We thank you for your time in considering the submission.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jane Hirst".

Jane Hirst  
Club Secretary  
Upper Hutt Hockey Club

Hutt City Council  
30 Laings Road  
LOWER HUTT

29<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Dear Hutt City Council,

This letter is to confirm that Northern United Hockey Club Inc supports the submission by Wellington Region Hockey Stadium Trust and the Wellington Hockey Association for a replacement turf at Fraser Park.

We have a player base of around 90 open grade players and this turf project will benefit everyone involved in our club. It would be great to have a high quality playing surface in the Hutt, to compliment the Ricoh Sports Centre.

We thank you for your time in considering the submission.

Yours Sincerely,



Sam French  
President  
Northern United Hockey Club Inc



Hutt City Council

30 Laings Rd

LOWER HUTT

3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021

Dear Hutt City Council,

This letter is to confirm that NORTHERN UNITED JUNIOR HOCKEY CLUB supports the submission by Wellington Region Hockey Stadium Trust and the Wellington Hockey Association for a replacement turf at Fraser Park.

We have a player base of 90-100 children and this turf project will benefit everyone involved in our club.

We thank you for your time in considering the submission.

Yours Sincerely

Geoff Charles

(Co-President NUJHC)



Hutt City Council  
30 Laings Rd  
LOWER HUTT

29<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Dear Hutt City Council,

This letter is to confirm that Tawa Hockey Club Incorporated supports the submission by Wellington Region Hockey Stadium Trust and the Wellington Hockey Association for a replacement turf at Fraser Park.

We have a player base of 104 adults children and this turf project will benefit everyone involved in our club.

We thank you for your time in considering the submission.

Yours Sincerely

Gareth Jeune

Secretary

Tawa Hockey Club Incorporated



29<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Hutt City Council

30 Laings Rd

LOWER HUTT

Dear Hutt City Council,

This letter is to confirm that Victoria University of Wellington Hockey Club supports the submission by Wellington Region Hockey Stadium Trust and the Wellington Hockey Association for a replacement turf at Fraser Park.

We have a player base of 201 adults and this turf project will benefit everyone involved in our club.

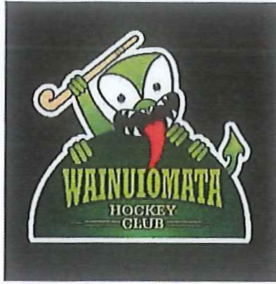
We thank you for your time in considering the submission.

Yours Sincerely

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Hugh Rosemergy  
Club Secretary





Hutt City Council

30 Laings Rd

LOWER HUTT

29<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Dear Hutt City Council,

This letter is to confirm that Wainuiomata Junior Hockey Club supports the submission by Wellington Region Hockey Stadium Trust and the Wellington Hockey Association for a replacement turf at Fraser Park.

We have a player base of 30 children plus supporters/coaches/managers and this turf project will benefit everyone involved in our club.

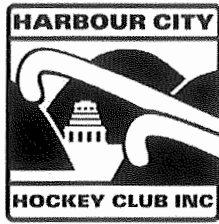
We thank you for your time in considering the submission.

Yours Sincerely

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Barbara Meiklejohn

Junior Convenor



Hutt City Council  
30 Laings Rd  
LOWER HUTT

29<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Dear Hutt City Council,

This letter is to confirm that Harbour City Hockey supports the submission by Wellington Region Hockey Stadium Trust and the Wellington Hockey Association for a replacement turf at Fraser Park.

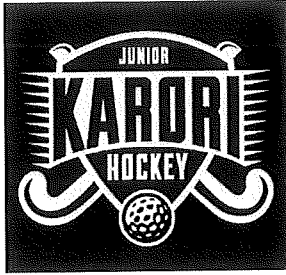
We have a player base of 130 adults and 10 children and this turf project will benefit everyone involved in our club.

We thank you for your time in considering the submission.

Yours Sincerely

Caryn Vautier  
Secretary of Harbour City Hockey Club

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Hutt City Council

30 Laings Rd

LOWER HUTT

3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021

Dear Hutt City Council,

This letter is to confirm that Karori Junior Hockey Club supports the submission by Wellington Region Hockey Stadium Trust and the Wellington Hockey Association for a replacement turf at Fraser Park.

We have a player base of 22 children and this turf project will benefit everyone involved in our club.

We thank you for your time in considering the submission.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alice Andersen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent loop at the end.

Alice Andersen

Co-convenor.



Hutt City Council

30 Laings Rd

LOWER HUTT

29<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Dear Hutt City Council,

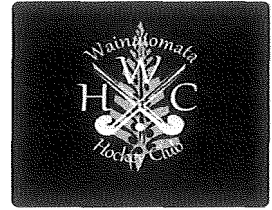
This letter is to confirm that Onslow College Hockey supports the submission by Wellington Region Hockey Stadium Trust and the Wellington Hockey Association for a replacement turf at Fraser Park.

We have a player base of 75 students and this turf project will benefit everyone involved in our club.

We thank you for your time in considering the submission.

Yours Sincerely

Jason Hackett  
Chairperson



Hutt City Council  
30 Laings Rd  
LOWER HUTT

29<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Dear Hutt City Council,

This letter is to confirm that Wainuiomata Hockey Club Inc. supports the submission by Wellington Region Hockey Stadium Trust and the Wellington Hockey Association for a replacement turf at Fraser Park.

We have a player base of ~20 adults and ~ 45 children and this turf project will benefit everyone involved in our club.

We thank you for your time in considering the submission.

Yours Sincerely

Kirsten Asher  
Wainuiomata Hockey Club Treasurer



Hutt City Council  
30 Laings Rd  
LOWER HUTT

29<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Dear Hutt City Council,

This letter is to confirm that **Karori Hockey Club** supports the submission by Wellington Region Hockey Stadium Trust and the Wellington Hockey Association for a replacement turf at Fraser Park.

We have a player base of 109 adults who regularly play at Fraser Park throughout the season and this turf project, to provide better playing surface, will benefit everyone involved in our club.

We thank you for your time in considering the submission.

Yours Sincerely

Vanessa Goodchild  
Karori Women's Captain



Hutt City Council  
30 Laings Rd  
LOWER HUTT

29<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Dear Hutt City Council,

This letter is to confirm that Geckos Hockey Club supports the submission by Wellington Region Hockey Stadium Trust and the Wellington Hockey Association for a replacement turf at Fraser Park.

We have a player base of 80 children and this turf project will benefit everyone involved in our club.

We thank you for your time in considering the submission.

Yours Sincerely

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President Geckos Hockey Club

YW Petone Hockey Club,  
C/- Wellington Hockey Association

Hutt City Council  
30 Laings Rd  
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29<sup>th</sup> April 2021

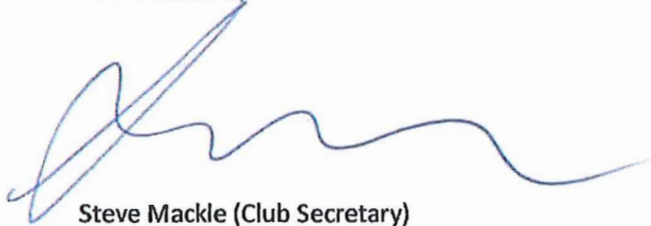
Dear Hutt City Council,

This letter is to confirm that The YW Petone Hockey Club supports the submission by Wellington Region Hockey Stadium Trust and the Wellington Hockey Association for a replacement turf at Fraser Park.

We have a player base of 61 adults, 5 tertiary students and 10 secondary students and this turf project will benefit everyone involved in our club.

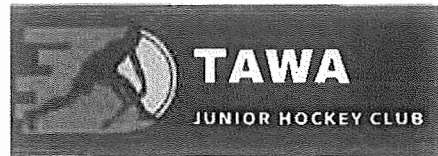
We thank you for your time in considering the submission.

Yours Sincerely

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Steve Mackle (Club Secretary)





Hutt City Council

30 Laings Rd

LOWER HUTT

29<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Dear Hutt City Council,

This letter is to confirm that Tawa Junior Hockey Club supports the submission by Wellington Region Hockey Stadium Trust and the Wellington Hockey Association for a replacement turf at Fraser Park.

We have a player base of 100 children and this turf project will benefit everyone involved in our club.

We thank you for your time in considering the submission.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Debbie Te Awhe", is written in black ink.

Debbie Te Awhe

ClubChairperson

Hutt City Council  
30 Laings Road,  
Lower Hutt

5 May 2021

This letter is a submission in support of the WHRST/WHA submission on Fraser Park Hockey turf asking for additional funds to upgrade the existing turf. We have prepared a snapshot of the views and endorsements of various hockey supporters from the wider Wellington region and our Hutt community.

We hope this shows the community support from a range of real people who are personally affected by the current state and level of service of the existing turf and are keen to see something positive happen.

On behalf of our hockey community thank you for considering our request.

Yours sincerely

*D.R. McFarlane*

Deborah McFarlane  
Naenae Hockey Club Committee  
Hutt United Premier 2 women's coach.



**Nick Clark**

16h · 🌐



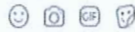
It'd be awesome getting a better turf, I think having higher level games there would help encourage more people into hockey in the Hutt. Plus not having skin sandpapered off would be a bonus.

👍 Like

💬 Comment



Write a comment...



**Cassie Severin**

17h · 🌐



Would be awesome to have a new safer water turf at Fraser Park. Will bring more people down to sportsville and having prems teams play out in the Hutt would be great for club spirit.

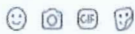
Let's get a home turf that we can be proud of! ❤️❤️

👍 Like

💬 Comment



Write a comment...



**Nicola Chisnall**

20h · 🌐



An additional turf would provide better linkage between hockey facilities and the Sportsville complex. It could provide additional income opportunities associated with the complex and quality turf combination such as hockey training camps, tournaments and increased competition opportunities associated with improved facilities.

👍 Like

💬 Comment



Write a comment...



**Sunshine Patricia**

Yesterday at 6:52 AM · 🌐



I'm keen to see something safer and would be incredible to see a water turf in the hutt. It is time to make a turf and place that we are proud of!

👍 You, Cassie Severin and Elyse Jane Cullen

👍 Like

💬 Comment



Write a comment...



**Danella Rennie**

May 4 at 9:34 PM · 🌐



It would be great for the community to have a top class facility/ground. Bringing more people into the region to play and watch hockey would also benefit local business.

👍 Like

💬 Comment



Write a comment...



**Colette Mackenzie**

May 4 at 9:28 PM · 🌐



Upgrading the Fraser Park turf to a water based turf, and upgrading the facilities, has the potential to attract City teams out to the Hutt to train as well as play, with flow on benefits to local Hutt businesses (service stations, cafes / restaurants for team social events, or coffees after games, sports shops for last minute supplies).

In addition, a top class surface will mean more premier games, and City supporters who are currently unlikely to make the trip to the Hutt are far more likely to travel if the experience is better.

👍 2

👍 Like

💬 Comment



Write a comment...





**Sue Spellacey**

May 4 at 7:58 PM · 🌐



Hutt hockey families deserve a top level hockey turf and the ability to host top level games. There are so many dedicated families who put so much effort into coaching and developing players for years. Imagine the money it could generate with shopping stints to Lower Hutt, just down the road. How cool would it be for grandma and grandad to pop down the road and support.

A decent facility that they can call the home of hockey in the Hutt, with storage, umpire space, ability to host meetings, a cafe with food, coffee, crowds and laughter.

Invest in the good people of the Hutt Lower Hutt City council, they are worth it.

Sue Spellacey Kapiti



Write a comment...



**Lisa-Jane Arthur**

May 4 at 3:36 PM · 🌐



I have been taking my boys here to play hockey since my eldest who is now 22 was 5 years old an upgrade is soo overdue...my 2 other boys still play hockey so we are still visiting the turf.



Write a comment...



**Sola Freeman**

May 4 at 2:49 PM · 🌐



An upgrade of Fraser turf is well overdue. To be able to host top level hockey in the Hutt and be proud of the state of the turf would be fabulous. With the Lower Hutt Sport facility right next door it makes sense to step in now before the hockey turf and facility gets even more embarrassing.

👍 You and 1 other



Write a comment...



**Ford Lambert**

May 4 at 2:44 PM · 🌐



It would be mint to have a water turf installed at Fraser, more hockey brings more people to the community and it benefits everyone Plus it would be awesome to have a turf that didn't require me to bring a packet of chips for all the dips in the bloody surface

[#MakeFraserParkTurfGreatAgain](#)

👍 You, Cassie Severin, Nick Clark and 1 other



Write a comment...



**Joshua Bird**

May 4 at 1:55 PM · 🌐



I'm keen to see something safer and a water turf that the Hutt can be proud of. Will let us host some top level hockey!

👍 Deborah Rose McFarlane



Write a comment...



**Deborah Rose McFarlane**

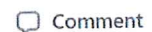
May 4 at 9:42 AM · 🌐



Being a coach of a Hutt premier team and living just a 10 minute drive from Fraser Park, the upgrade of the turf would make a massive difference to my hockey life!

The ability to play Prem games just down the road, will cut my turf commuting time by 40 minutes (on a good day). As an added bonus it will be a lot easier for me to get to the turf to support our other Premier Teams than it is currently!

👍 Nicola Rumens and 1 other



Write a comment...





Hutt City Council,  
Private Bag 31-912,  
Lower Hutt, 5040

18<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Mayor Campbell Barry and Councillors,

### **Annual Plan Submission 2021/22**

Please consider this a submission to the council's annual plan. I am writing to bid for \$5,000 to assist with delivery of the New Zealand Chinese Language Week (NZCLW) being held across New Zealand 26<sup>th</sup> of September to the 2<sup>nd</sup> of October 2021.

### **Background**

The New Zealand Chinese Language Week Charitable Trust was established in 2015 to enhance New Zealanders' understanding of Chinese language and culture. Since then, New Zealand Chinese Language Week has grown in reach and exposure year-on-year and had strong support from current and previous governments, as well as many Councils, schools and businesses.

Building linguistic and cultural skills of New Zealanders not only provides a crucial underpinning of our educational and social strength as a country and community, but will increasingly be a necessary foundation for New Zealand business, government and society to engage with China. Such skills will be needed to rebuild our tourism industry, to support local governments and their sister city initiatives, and to promote trade and investment.

As acknowledged already through Sister City relationships and the China New Zealand Mayoral Forum, the relationship with China is an important one. Many local businesses have found the support of their council has helped them to do business in China.

Supporting NZCLW is another practical way to get more local businesses and communities exposed to Chinese language and culture leading to more trade and exchanges. The week is growing in popularity and becoming an annual fixture on the calendar, however we require sponsorship and partnerships to deliver the initiative – hence we are asking for your financial support.

### **NZCLW 2021**

This week NZCLW will build on its past successes engaging schools; government and local government; local communities and commercial enterprises. We do this through supporting the delivery of a range of fun and practical activities – exposing Kiwis to Chinese culture and encouraging Kiwis to “give Chinese a go”. Planned activities include:

- Events to promote Chinese learning in schools, including activities with schools in China;

- Publishing a trilingual children's book for distribution to schools and libraries across New Zealand;
- Community-based activities including National Dumpling Day;
- Challenges to promote basic Chinese skills in business and the community, with supporting printed material;
- High level promotion of the importance of building Chinese language capacity – from the Prime Minister, Mayors, Ministers and business leaders;
- Media promotion; and
- Ongoing engagement and activities via social media.

In terms of council involvement, many Mayors have taken up the #5Days5Phrases Challenge; libraries have held a range of activities including book readings in Mandarin, China-themed displays and dances, calligraphy demonstrations and other events.

We believe supporting New Zealand Chinese Language Week is an investment in New Zealand's future and its prosperity. It is a means of acknowledging our multi-cultural character and the contribution made by New Zealanders of Chinese ethnicity to our business and society. As we emerge from Covid-19, having a society that has enhanced linguistic and cultural capability to engage with China will become ever more important. All parts of our community – government and business in particular – need to build knowledge and understanding of China and its language and culture.

For more information don't hesitate to visit the NZCLW website: [www.nzclw.com](http://www.nzclw.com)

Thank-you for considering our Annual Plan 2021/22 submission. If you have any further queries or information please do not hesitate to contact Cathie Bell, on email [nzclw@nzclw.com](mailto:nzclw@nzclw.com)

Warmest regards,



Jo Coughlan  
Chair  
New Zealand Chinese Language Week Trust

Submission to Hutt City Council's Long-Term Plan 2021 - 2031





To Hutt City Council

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to your proposed long-term plan 2021 – 2031.

We have looked at your plan through a wellbeing and physical activity lens. We implicitly believe in the value that being physically active can add to increasing and maintaining wellbeing at an individual, city and district, and regional level.

Consideration of your proposed projects through a wellbeing and physical activity lens involves taking account of several factors including:

- the impact of proposals on play, active recreation, active transport, and sport opportunities
- the extent to which proposals support diversity and inclusion that help to address inequity of opportunity
- spaces and places that are designed for multi-use and multi-domain purposes
- the opportunity to activate cities and towns and communities

At the same time, we are taking the opportunity to introduce you to the changes we have made here at Nuku Ora (formerly Sport Wellington) with a view to understanding how your council and Nuku Ora can work more effectively together on physical activity opportunities and experiences that encourage and support greater wellbeing in your communities.

We would welcome an opportunity to talk to you about our submission.

Nga mihi



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## Introducing Nuku Ora

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Kia rau nuku

Kia rau wai

Kia rau ora

Like the water that flows through our region, connecting us and providing energy and life, we want physical activity to flow through our lives, connecting us and bringing health, wellbeing, and joy.

Our whakatauki was developed from the common themes arising from conversations we had with mana whenua around the meaning and value of physical activity and the importance to our work of the land, the people, physical activity, and health and wellbeing.

This in turn led to the creation of our new name and visual identity.

### ***Why change?***

Our previous name did not accurately reflect the purpose of our organisation, the scope of the people and partners we work with, and the mahi we do every day to ensure that everyone has equitable opportunities to be active, healthy, and happy.

We have been working in the health, sport, and recreation space for over twenty years but because our name has always been Sport Wellington, many of our stakeholders and community have perceived our focus, indeed our sole focus, to be sport.

Sport is important to the wellbeing of the region and will remain a key component of our work; but it is not the answer for everyone. Our communities are telling us they need more diverse ways to be physically active; they are looking for opportunities through active recreation, active transport, play and sport. Each of these has a role to play in improving the wellbeing of communities in this region.

We needed an identity that removed any barriers to building relationships with partners and communities in all the sectors we operate in. We needed an identity that all our staff could proudly wear on their t-shirts, no matter who they are working with or what they are doing.

While for some people it might just be a 'name change', for us this process has been about creating a unifying identity for the organisation. Something that truly reflects the outcomes we want to achieve, and the work each of our staff do every day.



## Nuku Ora Strategy 2032

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Strategy 2032 is our 12-year strategic plan. It signals a departure from previous strategic plans in that it:

- Highlights wellbeing as a critical outcome, in particular the aspects of wellbeing that can be enhanced through physical activity
- Focuses broadly on physical activity (play, active recreation, active transport, and sport)
- Emphasises the need to address inequitable access to physical activity.

Our communities have told us that things are changing for them and while there is incredible value to individuals, for whanau, for communities, and for our region through being physically active, not everyone in our region has equitable access to opportunities.

We know that the gap between active and inactive populations is widening and that traditional offerings are not the solution for everyone meaning we must respond differently.

### Strategy 2032

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Our Vision: Hauora. Everyone active, healthy, and happy

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Our 12-year Strategic Outcome: Improved wellbeing through increased physical activity

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Our Purpose: Transforming lives in the Wellington region.

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Although our new strategy has a 12-year focus we will work on three four-year blocks. This gives us the ability to adapt and adjust to the changing needs of our communities.

We have identified three strategic priorities for the first phase from 2020-2024. These priorities are:

- 1. Less active people become more active**
  - Our approach here is to target specific communities where there are higher rates of inactivity and focus our effort on changing this.
- 2. Opportunities to be active better meet the needs of participants**
  - We want providers to understand the importance of removing barriers and understanding better the needs of participants to support and encourage ongoing, regular participation as well as creating quality experiences that realise the value of physical activity for maximum wellbeing benefit.
- 3. A connected and effective regional physical activity system**
  - Our focus here is on building a system that supports physical activity through facilitating and working in partnership with organisations that have an interest in wellbeing through physical activity and ensuring that there are enough of the right resources – people, money, spaces and places, insights, and opportunities to enable more physical activity.

To implement Strategy 2032, we will:

- Recognise community differences within a regional context
- Collaborate meaningfully to create value for partners and communities
- Be advocates for inclusion as we recognise the diverse nature of our communities so that no-one misses out.

## Our focus on less active people and communities

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Covid's impact has heightened the inequities in the regional physical activity system from both a provider and participant perspective. Participation numbers have not returned to pre-Covid levels and providers are struggling to address the financial and membership challenges that exist with reduced capacity (another consequence of Covid) for many. The effects of Covid will continue to have an impact on their operations for some time to come.

In response Nuku Ora is garnering its resources and focusing on specific communities within the region. Our work is increasingly focused on less active people and communities - specifically:

- Tamariki and rangatahi
- Women and girls
- People with a disability
- Maori and Pasifika communities
- Those living in high deprivation areas

These are communities of interest to our two organisations, and we would welcome the opportunity to work with officials on collaborative responses.

## A focus on physical activity (play, active recreation, active transport, and sport)

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Our insights tell us that people in our communities are looking for different ways of being physically active while also facing different barriers to accessing opportunities that may already be on offer.

Levels of play amongst our children are declining. We want to address this decline given that a playful childhood is a critical element in living a physically active life. We are building our knowledge about the importance of self-directed play for children as a means of supporting their development and wellbeing. This goes beyond the provision of a playground – it is about having a broader focus on creating playful environments and communities giving children time, place, and permission to play in a way that works for them.

*This highlights the importance of the work that your Council is doing to promote play in the Hutt, and we would urge you to continue and develop this work. We would encourage Council to consider the play opportunity in the development of infrastructure projects especially.*

Sport remains an important part of the physical activity landscape, but participation in sport is declining (in some sports more than others) and in general, people are wanting to be active at a time and place that fits their lifestyle rather than in a scheduled manner. Volunteering is also changing as people look to fit this into their lives. Volunteers are giving less time and looking for shorter, less time-consuming commitments through episodic volunteering or project-based volunteering. Changes occurring in our communities such as an ageing population, greater ethnic and cultural diversity, and changes to work also impact volunteering.

*We would encourage Council to continue to recognise the importance of local clubs and the direct support they require to continue to viably provide participation activities to communities.*

Active recreation is non-competitive physical activity for the purpose of wellbeing and enjoyment. It includes activities that occur in built, landscaped and natural environments (including outdoor recreation, fitness/exercise, community recreation, aquatics), which are undertaken by individuals and by groups, and occur with and without the involvement of a 'provider' group or organisation (that is, can be undertaken independently).

Active recreation provides a significant opportunity to attract people who are seeking a broader range of activity experiences. In the wider Wellington region, we are almost spoilt for choice when it comes to active

recreation - walking, swimming, cycling, equipment-based exercise, fishing, running, yoga and more. And, we have lots of opportunities to participate regardless of our age, life stage, income, culture, place of residence, physical ability, or other factors.

People want physical activity to be an easy fit with their everyday lifestyles. Active transport, whether it be walking, biking, scootering, or skateboarding, provides a great opportunity for people to integrate physical activity into their daily routines. Our interest in ensuring that active transport is supported through the presence of connected networks of walkways and cycleways and that active design principles are widely applied to create active environments.

## Sector challenges

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### *Post-Covid*

As stated earlier, Sport NZ data shows that participation numbers have not returned to pre-Covid levels and providers are having to contend with the financial and membership challenges that exist. Sector organisations which play a key role in enabling New Zealanders to be active were impacted through lost revenue, cash flow difficulties, reduced capacity and change of membership. More significant was the loss of Class 4 gambling revenues during Alert Level 3 and 4 restrictions. The sport and recreation sector lost about \$14 million of funds for each of the three months gaming activity did not occur during Alert levels 3 and 4. Currently participation rates are around 90% of pre-Covid levels.

### *Fees*

RSOs are increasingly affected by the rising cost and affordability of community sport. As the costs of provision increase so too does the cost of participation and for many participants this becomes a barrier. Given the inequities that already exist within the physical activity system we know that sport is out of the reach of some in our communities.

We acknowledge the challenge for council around setting fees and covering costs. Of concern to many RSOs is the ongoing increase in fees for use of sports fields and facilities used for community sport. Their concerns are around ensuring that there continues to be affordable access to an adequate number of spaces and places to run their activities. While RSOs look to absorb fee increases there is a point at which these have to be passed on to their member clubs creating an additional financial burden on predominantly volunteer led and run organisations.

### *Facilities*

Access to and use of facilities is the main area of interaction between the sector and councils. At Nuku Ora we are looking at ways we can initiate regular conversations between all councils and facility users to talk about facility use and development and address collaboratively issues that may arise. Of interest to users currently are:

- Maintaining minimum standards of maintenance and upkeep of facilities to be able to optimise the use of spaces and places across the regional network.
- Exploring ways to have better alignment across the region's Councils on strategic and operational facility matters. In the case of RSOs, which have a regional focus, they are required to work with all councils and within the different systems, pricing, standards, and other requirements of each council which can be both time consuming and problematic at times.
- Responding to the changing needs of participants appropriately. Many sports are identifying the importance of providing female friendly facilities including separate toilets and shower blocks given that men's and women's matches are increasingly scheduled at the same time. There is also a need to consider the facility needs of other genders, people with disabilities, and others who are not currently universally catered for.

- Developing a greater understanding of the asset management approaches of councils particularly around repairs and maintenance cycles
- Flexibility of cost models for facilities such as artificial turfs once the capital outlays have been paid for.

There is recognition by the sector of the complexities of facility management and the extent to which facilities are subsidised by council. As a region our network meets demand and there is awareness of the work being done by councils to respond to the challenges of anticipated growth in our communities.

## Nuku Ora's feedback on specific proposals

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To begin we want to acknowledge the great work that is occurring through the leadership of Hutt City Council and Healthy Families and in particular the Neighbourhoods and Communities group to support communities to be more physically active. Play in the Hutt is recognised across the region and nationally as a quality approach to play not only for the nature of the work being done but also as an example of effective partnering in action (including with the community to empower them to be active through play and to take ownership of the play opportunities in their neighbourhoods).

There is also good work being done to address some of the inequities around accessing physical activity opportunities. This work has focused on less active communities (particularly young people) and helping them to overcome some of the barriers they face in accessing the wide range of physical activity opportunities that exist in the Hutt.

We look forward to continuing to work with this group where our outcomes and work programmes overlap.

### **Project: Infrastructure**

#### *Transport infrastructure*

We would support a proactive approach to developing transport infrastructure particularly as it impacts on the availability of walking and cycling pathways (and other non-motorised forms of active transport) that enable people to easily integrate physical activity into their daily lives and connect with their personal places of interest. Walkways and cycleways support journeys from place to place and create opportunities for the inclusion of play –along-the-way activities as part of those journeys. We would encourage consideration of play provision and /or opportunities in the development of infrastructure.

#### *Naenae Pool*

We support Option 1 that involves replacing the pool and associated services to at least the same level as existed previously. We appreciate that this has cost implications, however as noted, the pool is a key facility both for the Hutt City community and as a part of the wider regional facility network. It is great to see the intent to use new technology to reduce operating costs and to lessen the impact on the environment. There is growing consideration of the need to reduce the carbon footprint of sports facilities.

We would encourage consideration during the design phase of the opportunities to link the new pool with other physical activity opportunities – for example the creation of play spaces around or nearby the pool, or walkways and cycleways that connect the pool to other parts of Naenae to encourage more physical activity.

### **Project: Connected Communities**

Active communities are also connected communities, so we support this way of working and see it as an opportunity for Nuku Ora and Hutt City Council to work together. It aligns closely with our locally led approach. We are currently exploring how to work in a more focused way in order to have a greater impact on specific

communities where levels of physical activity are low and people have different barriers to overcome in order to be active across the range of physical activity domains – play, active recreation, active transport, and sport. We recognise the importance of working in partnerships with Councils given our mutual interest in the wellbeing of these communities.

This is an area of strength for Hutt City. Activations in under-utilised spaces and community programming will remain important for helping communities to connect and to stimulate local sources of leadership and influence especially in those communities where tamariki and rangatahi live and where the barriers to participation are significant. We urge Council to reconsider the level of investment in this work given the many social and wellbeing gains that can be made.

#### *Active Cities*

An emerging area of interest for Nuku Ora is the concept of active cities. This involves consideration in planning of active design principles and creating an environment through design that enables physical activity to be an easily integrated part of everyday lifestyles. Part of this approach involves consideration of projects and initiatives through a multi-physical activity domain lens – for example how might a sports field also support play and how might active transport provisions link people to parks and reserves, or through city design can pop up parks or informal play areas be created.

#### *Community Facilities Trust*

We acknowledge the work of the Community Facilities Trust (CFT) in creating some significant community infrastructure for sport and recreation. With the completion of the four major community hubs, and no projects planned, the original purpose of the CFT is currently not as relevant as it was in 2012.

We appreciate that there will be efficiency gains for the Council in taking ownership of those facilities and the responsibilities that previously sat with CFT. What needs to remain in the forefront of the Council's thinking around the CFT is that it was an important mechanism for increasing community involvement in the provision of community facilities. If the CFT is not providing this then there clearly needs to be other opportunities and mechanism in place to enable this.

#### **Funding request: Spaces and Places (Facilities) shared role**

The Regional Spaces and Places (Facilities) Plan was signed off by the region's Mayors in December 2019. The plan provides a strategic framework for joint decision-making about facilities deemed regional, national, and international facilities while also advocating for local planning at city and district levels that considers the broader regional network of facilities. While implementation of the plan began in early 2020, progress has been slowed by the impact of Covid-19.

Nuku Ora has undergone a strategic review of its structure and made changes to ensure it can deliver its new strategy and that it can continue to operate in a fiscally responsible way given the impact of Covid-19.

A dedicated resource to support the implementation of the Regional Spaces and Places plan is one of the at-risk roles in the new structure, hence this proposal to consider a shared role across the region's councils and Nuku Ora.

#### **Proposal**

The proposal seeks consideration by each of the region's councils to support a Regional Facilities Advisor role which would be housed and managed by Nuku Ora. The purpose of this role is to:

- Guide the implementation of the Wellington Region Spaces and Places (Facilities) Plan through working alongside local authority partners, investors, and user groups.
- To provide a regional view on facility developments, ensuring that new facility developments and re-developments are aligned to the principles identified in the regional plan.
- To provide support and advice to facility development partners to ensure regional plan outcomes are met.
- To work alongside your council's staff and provide support to their work including connecting with the sector and Sport NZ on facility matters.

Nuku Ora has secured some funding for this role and is looking for investment from council partners to create a shared role from 1 July 2021 through to 30 June 2024 with a review of the arrangement to be carried out at the end of the first year (during July/August 2022). Nuku Ora will also continue to contribute to the role.

We are asking for your consideration of investing in this role. Note that should this proceed, there will be detailed accountabilities back to individual councils against any investment received. Additionally, it is proposed that progress reports against the regional plan will be provided to Council CEO and Mayoral forums.

We are asking for your consideration of a contribution of \$19,500 on an annual basis for the next three years.

We welcome an opportunity to talk further with you on all these matters.

Nga mihi  
Phil Gibbons



# THE DOWSE FOUNDATION

Jo Miller  
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5 May 2021

Dear Ms Miller,

**Re: Hutt City Council 10 Year Plan - The Dowse Foundation Submission**

## **Submission on 10 Year Plan**

1. I am making this submission on the Hutt City Council (Council) 10 Year Plan on behalf of the Dowse Foundation (Foundation), in my capacity as the Foundation's Chair.
2. In light of the significant challenges that have faced the Lower Hutt community due to COVID-19 this past year, the Foundation is focused on supporting the Dowse Art Museum (The Dowse) to energise and uplift the community through the arts.
3. We hold a fundamental belief that the arts are vital for fostering identity and meaningful connections for communities, especially when navigating times of crisis, and that The Dowse is one of the vehicles through which this can happen in Lower Hutt.

## **Dowse Foundation**

4. The Foundation is a charitable trust established in 2003.
5. The charitable purposes of the Foundation include stimulating interest in The Dowse, facilitating public access to and enjoyment of the arts, extending the educational and cultural influence of The Dowse throughout the community and supporting projects which will benefit The Dowse. The board of the Foundation is made up of ten trustees, all committed to supporting The Dowse.
6. The Foundation is a stakeholder in the Lower Hutt community, having been actively involved for over a decade in fundraising, promoting and supporting The Dowse and the arts.
7. The Foundation was formed to support the extensions and renovations to The Dowse buildings in 2006/07. In order to gain support from the central government's museum fund which would cover a third of the project costs, Council had to fund one-third of the project, and the community the other third. The community share of the project costs was raised at the time by the Foundation, being approximately \$2 million dollars.

8. The resulting rebuild was enormously successful, giving The Dowse greater capacity to hold exhibitions and programmes. It enabled increased community participation, including children, with visitor numbers rising from under 100,000 a year to consistently around 200,000 a year.
9. Since its inception, the Foundation has provided both financial and non-financial support to The Dowse. This support has included sponsoring the Gold Award, enabling collection acquisitions by The Dowse and the HCC Sculpture Trust, and enhancing exhibitions through the funding of various related publications.
10. The Foundation appreciates the recognition it has received for its activities to date in the 10 Year Plan (p78).

### **The Dowse's role over the next 10 years**

11. The Foundation has a strong interest in the future of The Dowse and its role in energising and uplifting Lower Hutt's communities and businesses through the arts.
12. We are in the process of preparing a strategy to re-engage with the community in support of The Dowse and the arts more broadly, which would be in line with Council's objectives for art and museums (p47). We look forward to continuing our work with The Dowse and Council in this respect.

### *The Dowse and Petone's Settlers Museums as strategic assets*

13. We are happy that the 10 Year Plan recognises the collections held by The Dowse and the Petone Settlers' Museum as strategic assets (p99).
14. The Foundation would welcome a change to the 10 Year Plan that would expressly state that the Museums themselves, as well as their collections, are designated as strategic assets within the meaning of the Local Government Act 2002.
15. In our view, without the two Museums, the collections could not be enjoyed by the community at large, and - as a consequence - the Council would be unable to meet its objectives of organising exhibitions for the community (with all the associated educational events, such as talks and workshops), and providing a place for other social and cultural events, where local artists can be supported.

### *Funds for refurbishment works*

16. We were disappointed to note that there no longer appears to be a provision for capital works to build the refurbished Dowse entrance, which would make the museum more welcoming.
17. While the Council is under financial pressure, the Foundation believes that it would not benefit the Lower Hutt community to delay this final stage of the entranceway refurbishment project for a further 10 years.
18. An update to the entranceway has been discussed and planned for a large number of years. The existing entranceway, with its jaded and worn outer decking (particularly when compared to the new and renovated Council buildings) and the lack of direct

- access to the reception area, detracts from the high presentation standards within The Dowse.
19. The Foundation understands that the Council had already committed to architectural plans, and that the design and the structural engineering work has already been completed and paid for.
  20. All that remains to be done, and would require Council funding, is to build the new entranceway. Funds for this had been included previously in the annual Dowse operating budget.
  21. The risk in delaying this final stage of the project is that the cost of the works increases, making it financially more onerous. If the project is delayed for too long, inevitable changes in legislation and building, planning and engineering standards may require that work already undertaken (and paid for) is re-done so as to ensure compliance with the new laws and standards. This means that more funds would be spent, undertaking work that had been completed in the past, because the project was not finalised in a prompt manner.
  22. An updated entranceway would considerably enhance the visitor experience to The Dowse, rather than undermining the visitor experience both prior to, and upon, their arrival. We respectfully request that Council reconsider this position, so that the refurbishment project is completed as soon as possible.

*Continue to build The Dowse's profile*

23. To date, The Dowse has been doing a wonderful job reaching many audiences across Lower Hutt and the broader Wellington region.
24. As we mentioned in our submissions to Council's 2020/2021 Annual Plan, we feel The Dowse has a major role to play over the coming years in helping develop a vibrant Lower Hutt community:
  - a. **Supporting local businesses** - by attracting visitors right into the heart of Lower Hutt. These visitors are likely to come from both the Wellington region and around the country, and hopefully, now that trans-Tasman travel has resumed, from across the Tasman.
  - b. **Being a place for meaningful reconnection** - by offering a special creative place where the community can access resources and events in ways that can alleviate the pressure in peoples' lives, while fostering a tangible sense of pride and collective identity for all members of the community.
  - c. **Supporting youth** - by offering education and mentoring programmes, enhancing the active engagement of Lower Hutt residents with their community.
  - d. **Providing a variety of events, activities and resources** - by using the inherent flexibility of the different media engaged with by the arts.
  - e. **Being a place for the arts** - where the community can express its creativity and engage with the arts, a vital part of strengthening the sense of place and self.

25. To meet these goals, the Foundation feels that The Dowse must both continue to operate at the same high standards at which it is operating now.
26. But that will not be sufficient. In order to fulfill its role The Dowse needs to continue to build its profile. It needs the continued support of the Council to reach a widening community audience through all the available digital and non-digital avenues.

**Presenting our submission**

27. The Foundation would welcome the opportunity to appear before the Council to discuss this submission further. Thank you in advance for this opportunity.

Yours faithfully,



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**Q1. Which option do you support?**

Option 2: Maintaining current levels of service with modest additional investment

**Q2. Is there another way the investment in Three Waters could be put together? Fill this out if you think we could structure the investment options differently.**

Managing existing infrastructure

Option 2 - maintain current levels

Sustainable water supply

Option 2 - maintain current levels

Healthy urban waterways

Option 2 - maintain current levels

Reducing carbon emissions

Option 2 - maintain current levels

**Q3. Which option do you support?**

Option 1 (preferred option): Proactive approach to transport investment

**Q4. Is there another way the investment in transport could be put together? Fill this out if you think we could structure the investment options differently.**

Cross Valley Transport Connection

Option 1 - proactive approach

Cycle and Micro-mobility

Option 1 - proactive approach

Road resurfacing

Option 1 - proactive approach

Traffic safety

Option 1 - proactive approach

**Q5. Please add here any other ideas and comments you have about the proposed three water and transport infrastructure investment**

not answered

**Q6. Which option do you support?**

Option 1 (preferred option): Build a new, modern, fit for purpose and sustainable facility which has a similar level of facility and services as the existing pool

**Q7. Please add here any other ideas or comments you have about the rebuild of Naenae Pool**

There are so many water sports suffering with Naenae pool being closed. This is not just about people going for a swim. As waterpolo players we are missing out on so many opportunities. We need to get this right. The Huia redevelopment has not freed up any more opportunities for water sports - therefore Naenae needs to be done properly. We have been waiting for nearly three years to get to this point. Please stop the talk and start acting.

**Q8. Which option do you support?**

Option 2: Budget to demolish the head of Petone Wharf in 2021-2022, but leave the budget for the refurbishment in the 2032 financial year

**Q9. Please add here any other ideas or comments you have about the Petone Wharf refurbishment**

A wharf is a nice to have in Petone. Use the money for must haves like Naenae pool. There are more important things to spend money on.

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**Q10. Suburb** Wainuiomata, Lower Hutt

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**Q11. Age** 50-59 years

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**Q12. Would you like to present your feedback to council in person?** Yes

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**Q13. Your name** Tania Goss

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**Q14. Contact phone number**

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**Q1. Which option do you support?**

Option 1 (preferred option): Significant increase in three waters investment

**Q2. Is there another way the investment in Three Waters could be put together? Fill this out if you think we could structure the investment options differently.**

Managing existing infrastructure	Option 1 - significant increase
Sustainable water supply	Option 1 - significant increase
Healthy urban waterways	Option 1 - significant increase
Reducing carbon emissions	Option 2 - maintain current levels

**Q3. Which option do you support?**

Option 1 (preferred option): Proactive approach to transport investment

**Q4. Is there another way the investment in transport could be put together? Fill this out if you think we could structure the investment options differently.**

Cross Valley Transport Connection	Option 1 - proactive approach
Cycle and Micro-mobility	Option 2 - reactive approach
Road resurfacing	Option 1 - proactive approach
Traffic safety	Option 1 - proactive approach

**Q5. Please add here any other ideas and comments you have about the proposed three water and transport infrastructure investment**

not answered

**Q6. Which option do you support?**

Option 1 (preferred option): Build a new, modern, fit for purpose and sustainable facility which has a similar level of facility and services as the existing pool



**Q7. Please add here any other ideas or comments you have about the rebuild of Naenae Pool**

Hutt City needs would best benefit from a mixed use facility that is capable of being intensively utilised by public and user groups simultaneously, not mutually exclusively - is the best capital investment to be considered; Hutt City and the Greater Wellington Region needs an aquatic facility that is fit for purpose - suitable for; family use in a play pool, along with a 53m x 25m pool suitable for intensive programming (swimming, waterpolo, school) and public use; Hutt Water Polo Club is the largest user group across Hutt City aquatic centers and the major 'tenant' at Naenae pool, the sport and the club are both growing locally; A redeveloped Naenae Pool that is fit for purpose(s) can service club and academy training, local and regional competitions, and national plus international events. The positive economic uplift for local businesses is significant, if Hutt City and Hutt Water Polo Club have pool facilities that can regularly host regional, national and international events; Water polo can be played by 8 years to 60 year olds in a 1.2m deep pool for primary children and in a 30m long, by 2m deep pool for senior games and events. Hutt Water Polo Club is the largest water polo club in the Greater Wellington Region. We are a busy, progressive club encouraging participation at all age groups while fostering an environment for the highest level of competition and personal sporting achievement. Hutt Water Polo has a proud history of players, coaches and officials actively involved at National, International and Olympic levels.

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**Q8. Which option do you support?**

not answered

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**Q9. Please add here any other ideas or comments you have about the Petone Wharf refurbishment**

I grew up in Petone and apart from catching the ferry to Matiu where my friends lived, our family were not regular users of the wharf. I understand it has historic significance but I would rather see the investment made toward other recreational services like the Naenae Pool rebuild that would have a higher year round user base and also generate a return on investment for Hutt City. Otherwise lets perhaps think about how we could make the wharf safe while also use it is different ways as we have never done before. being nostalgic is lovely, but lets create new memories!

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**Q10. Suburb**

Wainuiomata, Lower Hutt

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**Q11. Age**

40-49 years

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**Q12. Would you like to present your feedback to council in person?**

Yes

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**Q13. Your name**

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Q1. Do you own or rent the home you live in?	Own
Q2. Do you own a property in Lower Hutt that you do not live in?	No
Q3. What type of property do you own?	not answered
Q4. Age	60-69 years
Q5. Suburb	Stokes Valley, Lower Hutt
Q6. Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the general direction Hutt City Council is taking for the Long Term Plan 2021–2031	Agree
Q7. Which option do you support?	Option 1 (preferred option): Significant increase in Three Waters investment
Q8. Is there another way the investment in Three Waters could be put together? Fill this out if you think we could structure the investment options differently.	
Managing existing infrastructure	Option 2 - maintain current levels
Sustainable water supply	Option 1 - significant increase
Healthy urban waterways	Option 2 - maintain current levels
Reducing carbon emissions	Option 2 - maintain current levels
Q9. Which option do you support?	Option 1 (preferred option): Proactive approach to transport investment
Q10. Is there another way the investment in transport could be put together? Fill this out if you think we could structure the investment options differently.	
Cross Valley Transport Connection	Option 1 - proactive approach
Cycle and Micro-mobility	Option 2 - reactive approach
Road resurfacing	Option 1 - proactive approach
Traffic safety	Option 2 - reactive approach
Q11. Please add here any other ideas or comments you have about the proposed water and transport infrastructure investment	
	not answered

Q12. Which option do you support?

Option 1 (preferred option): Build a new, modern, fit for purpose and sustainable facility which has a similar level of facility and services as the existing pool

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Q13. Please add here any other ideas or comments you have about the rebuild of Naenae Pool

The facility should be multipurpose and be the place for community events and training opportunities.

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Q14. Which option do you support?

Option 1 (preferred option): Bring forward budget to demolish the head and fully refurbish most of Petone Wharf to the 2021-23 financial years

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Q15. Please add here any other ideas or comments you have about the Petone Wharf refurbishment

not answered

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Q16. Which option do you support?

Option 1 (preferred option): Increase investment in RiverLink

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Q17. Add here any thoughts on the level of investment in this project and the approach to delivering RiverLink

not answered

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Q18. If you have any other thoughts or ideas relating to supporting an innovative, agile economy and attractive city add them here

A small outdoor performance space such as an Amphi Theatre would increase vibrance for the residents and visitors to the city. It will attract tourism and increase economy.

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Q19. Do you agree with the approach to addressing the future of the Hutt City Community Facilities Trust?

Don't know

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Q20. Add here your thoughts on the approach outlined for the Community Facilities Trust and any other approach you feel would work better

not answered

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Q21. Do you agree with the direction we are taking on connected communities?

Don't know

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Q22. Add here your thoughts on the approach to building connected communities and any other approach you feel would work better

not answered

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Q23. Add here any thoughts or ideas on the proposed projects, or anything you think we've missed

A facility that would provide community groups offering free training lessons in art and culture free of cost. Also, a space that would allow music or sports groups to store their gear within the facility.

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Q24. Add here any thoughts or ideas relating to increasing the housing supply in Lower Hutt

Existing commercial and tall buildings can be converted to apartment style blocks to increase housing supply.

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Q25. **Which option do you support?** Option 1 (preferred option): 62% residential share of the total general rate

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Q26. **Which option do you support?** Option 2: Maintain the current rural category definition

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Q27. **Which option do you support?** Option 2: Retain commercial accommodation category

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Q28. **Add here any thoughts or comments about the proposed changes and/or financial sustainability in general**

not answered

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Q29. **Which option do you support?** Option 1 (preferred option): Retain a policy of meeting 100% of Council's planned growth costs from development and financial contributions

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Q30. **Add here any other feedback on the development contributions policy**

not answered

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Q31. **The overall rates revenue rise needed to cover Council's preferred options is proposed to be 5.9% in 2021/22. What are your thoughts on this increase?**

That's a huge increase and cannot be sustainable long term for residents in the Hutt.

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Q32. **Do you have any ideas about what you would like to see in/for the City going forward**

We want to see a thriving arts community in the Hutt recognising the well being and holistic development of the individual and groups involved in the arts that is well supported and recognised by the council. The council should develop a specific arts and culture strategy for the city in this plan as one of its priorities.

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Q33. **Would you like to present your feedback to council in person?** Yes

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Q34. **Your name** Alison Eldredge & Prabha Ravi

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Q35. **Contact phone number**

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Q36. **Email or street address** admin@arohanuistrings.org

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Q37. **Organisation name - only fill this out if you are giving feedback on behalf of an organisation** Arohanui Strings- Sistema Hutt Valley

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**From:** Pam Hindmarsh  
**Sent:** Thursday, 6 May 2021 4:17 PM  
**To:** haveyoursay  
**Subject:** Hutt City Council 10-Year Plan 2021-2031

Kia ora Hutt City Council,

As Chair of the Lower Hutt Creative Communities arts funding panel, I have been asked by the panel to make a submission to Council's 10 Year Plan.

Over the past 3 years that I have been on the panel, I and the other panel members have noticed a high demand from the local arts community for venue funding to support their community led arts and culture events, workshops and project development (e.g. rehearsal spaces). Many of the venues are Council owned or controlled, such as The Little Theatre, The Event Centre, and Council's community hubs. The cost of hiring these venues is a large chunk out of the budget. The Creative Communities fund, provided by central government through Creative New Zealand is not a large enough pool to cover these applications. We always have more applications than there are funds available. The costs of hiring the venues, including sound and lighting costs is a huge barrier to these grass roots community led cultural events which bring so much vibrancy to Hutt City.

We, therefore, ask Council to support local arts and culture through providing dedicated funding to cover venue costs in Hutt Valley, which will include performance and rehearsal spaces.

The role of the arts in building vibrant, thriving cities is well documented. The arts play a crucial part in delivering to (at least) two of Council's priorities:

- Priority 4: Supporting an innovative, agile economy and attractive city | Taunaki ōhanga auaha, tāone whakapoapoa
- Priority 5: Connecting Communities | Tūhono hapori

### **What is Council's role in supporting arts and culture in Hutt City?**

The amendment to the Local Government Act, reinstating the four aspects of community well-being – social, economic, environmental and cultural – means Council has a legislative responsibility to promote the cultural well-being of our communities. Arts, culture and creative activity have a huge contribution to make to this. “The reinstatement of the four well-beings acknowledges that through all these services [infrastructure, cultural and social amenities, health of the environment], and more, local government has a broader role in fostering liveable communities, than simply providing ‘core services’.” LGNZ President Dave Cull. <https://www.lgnz.co.nz/news-and-media/2019-media-releases/reinstated-well-beings-endorse-councils-community-focus/>

According to [Creative New Zealand's, 'New Zealanders and the arts' report 2017](#), New Zealanders agree the arts are a source of national pride and should be inclusive and accessible to all. They agree the arts provide many benefits, ranging from personal well-being through to economic growth and social cohesion

The arts play a huge role in making people feel connected – an important aspect of wellbeing and quality of life (see [Quality of Life survey](#)) . Two-thirds (64%) of New Zealanders learn about different cultures through the arts.

In the Greater Wellington Region, 57% of people feel the arts improve how they feel about life in general (Creative New Zealand New Zealanders and the arts, Wellington Region report p.17)

More than half of New Zealanders agree that the arts contribute positively to the economy (59%), improve New Zealand society (57%) and help define who we are as New Zealanders (54%). There is strong support for the arts to reflect New Zealand's cultural diversity (67%) and most New Zealanders agree the arts should be a part of everyone's education (61%).

We are very fortunate to have a huge range of talent and expertise in the arts. We urge Council to support our artistic community through offering venue funding for local arts and culture organisations and practitioners.

**Presenting at the Council meeting:**

Representatives from Lower Hutt Creative Communities panel would like to present our submission at the public hearing 20 - 21 May.

Ngā mihi nui,

Pam Hindmarsh,

Chair, Lower Hutt Creative Communities Panel



**Respondent No:** 362

**Login:** Anonymous

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**IP Address:** n/a

Q1. **Do you own or rent the home you live in?** not answered

Q2. **Do you own a property in Lower Hutt that you do not live in?** not answered

Q3. **What type of property do you own?** not answered

Q4. **Age** not answered

Q5. **Suburb** not answered

Q6. **Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the general direction Hutt City Council is taking for the Long Term Plan 2021–2031** not answered

Q7. **Which option do you support?** not answered

Q8. **Is there another way the investment in Three Waters could be put together? Fill this out if you think we could structure the investment options differently.**

Q9. **Which option do you support?** not answered

Q10. **Is there another way the investment in transport could be put together? Fill this out if you think we could structure the investment options differently.**

Q11. **Please add here any other ideas or comments you have about the proposed water and transport infrastructure investment**

not answered

Q12. **Which option do you support?** Option 1 (preferred option): Build a new, modern, fit for purpose and sustainable facility which has a similar level of facility and services as the existing pool

Q13. **Please add here any other ideas or comments you have about the rebuild of Naenae Pool**

E Tu Awakairanga Hutt Art Trust would like to see the inclusion of public art in this project.

Q14. **Which option do you support?** not answered

Q15. **Please add here any other ideas or comments you have about the Petone Wharf refurbishment**

not answered



Q16. Which option do you support?

Option 1 (preferred option): Increase investment in RiverLink

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Q17. Add here any thoughts on the level of investment in this project and the approach to delivering RiverLink

E Tu Awakairangi Hutt Art Trust supports the proposed increase in funding for Riverlink. We feel the higher level of investment is essential to ensure the development meets its potential to deliver a world-class urban heart and river interface Hutt City. Regardless of funding level, we believe the development should incorporate stunning public art integrated throughout the development. The Trust proposes that Council mandate the inclusion of public art in the design for Riverlink, as this will ensure the most attractive result possible is delivered for the available budget. If public art is not mandated, the public art component is likely to be cut in the "race to the bottom" by competing delivery consortiums, resulting in a much less engaging, attractive and innovative result.

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Q18. If you have any other thoughts or ideas relating to supporting an innovative, agile economy and attractive city add them here

E Tu Awakairangi would like to advocate for the implementation of a percent-for-art policy. Such a policy would help ensure that every development contributes to the attractiveness of the city and its reputation for innovation. Ensuring all developments incorporate an art component will increase local pride and engagement and make Hutt City a more desirable place to live. Art is all too often cut in the development process for budget reasons, and if it is included at all it is often tacked on as an afterthought rather than incorporated effectively. As a result, art's potential to contribute to the look of the project is limited. When art is included from the outset and its budget is protected, it can be incorporated into practical aspects such as paving, sun screening, seating and lighting, which need to be part of the project anyway. When incorporated early, art can give the project as a whole a significantly more attractive and innovative look for, often, little or no extra cost. Alternatively or additionally, significant sentinel-type artworks could be delivered from percent-for-art funding to create welcoming and engaging focus points throughout the city. Percent for art is a tested and established method for ensuring art is delivered in a proportional manner, and is very common in major cities and smaller towns around the world, particularly in Europe and the United States, where it has been established since the 1930s. It is also widespread in Australia, including at a state-wide level in Western Australia, and in Melbourne. E Tu supports the establishment of a percent for art policy in Hutt City, and proposes a portion of the funds are allocated to the Trust so that it can source and deliver a portion of the artworks. This would allow Council to draw on the Trust's expertise in art project development, and allow the Trust to draw on its connections and source support in kind to reduce production and installation costs as it has done for the artworks it has delivered in the past.

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Q19. Do you agree with the approach to addressing the future of the Hutt City Community Facilities Trust?

not answered

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Q20. Add here your thoughts on the approach outlined for the Community Facilities Trust and any other approach you feel would work better

not answered

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Q21. Do you agree with the direction we are taking on connected communities?

not answered

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Q22. Add here your thoughts on the approach to building connected communities and any other approach you feel would work better

not answered

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**Q23. Add here any thoughts or ideas on the proposed projects, or anything you think we've missed**

not answered

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**Q24. Add here any thoughts or ideas relating to increasing the housing supply in Lower Hutt**

not answered

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**Q25. Which option do you support?**

not answered

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**Q26. Which option do you support?**

not answered

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**Q27. Which option do you support?**

not answered

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**Q28. Add here any thoughts or comments about the proposed changes and/or financial sustainability in general**

not answered

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**Q29. Which option do you support?**

not answered

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**Q30. Add here any other feedback on the development contributions policy**

not answered

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**Q31. The overall rates revenue rise needed to cover Council's preferred options is proposed to be 5.9% in 2021/22.**

**What are your thoughts on this increase?**

not answered

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**Q32. Do you have any ideas about what you would like to see in/for the City going forward**

E Tu Awakairangi Hutt Art Trust would like to see more artworks incorporated into new developments throughout the city. We also feel the city is in need of artworks that represent mana whenua.

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**Q33. Would you like to present your feedback to council in person?**

Yes

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**Q34. Your name**

Amanda Waijers

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**Q35. Contact phone number**

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**Q36. Email or street address**

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**Q37. Organisation name - only fill this out if you are giving feedback on behalf of an organisation**

E Tu Awakairangi Hutt Art Trust

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**Respondent No:** 32

**Login:** Anonymous

**Email:** n/a

**Responded At:** May 06, 2021 16:48:32 pm

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**IP Address:** n/a

Q1. Which option do you support? not answered

Q2. Is there another way the investment in Three Waters could be put together? Fill this out if you think we could structure the investment options differently.

Q3. Which option do you support? not answered

Q4. Is there another way the investment in transport could be put together? Fill this out if you think we could structure the investment options differently.

Q5. Please add here any other ideas and comments you have about the proposed three water and transport infrastructure investment

not answered

Q6. Which option do you support? not answered

Q7. Please add here any other ideas or comments you have about the rebuild of Naenae Pool

not answered

Q8. Which option do you support? Option 1 (preferred option): Bring forward budget to demolish the head and fully refurbish Petone Wharf to the 2021-23 financial years

Q9. Please add here any other ideas or comments you have about the Petone Wharf refurbishment

Our organisation is particularly keen to prioritise Option 1. Petone Wharf has important heritage values and provides highly valued recreational amenity opportunities for those who are unwilling or unable to partake in organised recreational activities. If the refurbishment project is delayed for a decade, as we saw with the recent earthquakes, there may be much more refurbishment work needed (or the wharf may need to be completely beyond saving). We agree with the statement in the Draft LTP: "The future of Petone wharf and its place in Lower Hutt's history has been discussed widely for a number of years, and the wishes of residents and visitors are clear – they want the wharf to be refurbished so it can maintain its significance as a heritage site and a major feature of Petone for many years to come." While we would like to retain the whole of the historic fabric, we accept that a slightly shorter head can be acceptable if the remainder of the structure is retained.

Q10. Suburb Petone, Lower Hutt

Q11. Age not answered

Q12. Would you like to present your feedback to council in person? Yes

Q13. **Your name**

Petone Historical Society, c/o Sylvia Allan

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Q14. **Contact phone number**

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**Respondent No:** 29

**Login:** Anonymous

**Email:** n/a

**Responded At:** May 06, 2021 15:35:43 pm

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**IP Address:** n/a

Q1. **Which option do you support?** not answered

Q2. **Is there another way the investment in Three Waters could be put together? Fill this out if you think we could structure the investment options differently.**

Q3. **Which option do you support?** not answered

Q4. **Is there another way the investment in transport could be put together? Fill this out if you think we could structure the investment options differently.**

Q5. **Please add here any other ideas and comments you have about the proposed three water and transport infrastructure investment**

not answered

Q6. **Which option do you support?**

Option 1 (preferred option): Build a new, modern, fit for purpose and sustainable facility which has a similar level of facility and services as the existing pool

Q7. **Please add here any other ideas or comments you have about the rebuild of Naenae Pool**

The rebuild of the Naenae pool is a once in a lifetime opportunity to create a community venue where Hutt City can excel in aquatic sports and fitness on a local, regional and national stage. There is no question that locals will love and patronise a new Naenae pool. But the real added value for the city is much more than that... A new complex - if built right - would easily become a focal point for a range of aquatic events adding genuine economic value back into the community. For competitive swimming alone (not to mention the many other aquatic disciplines) the opportunities for events is large. As an example, the NZ Swimming National Age Group Championships could be hosted at a new Naenae pool - with the Hutt City being in the centre of the country its location is very attractive. This event would bring 750+ swimmers, 200+ coaches and another 350+ parents. Over 1,000 of those people would be from out of town and they would spend in the community for 7+ days. In addition there will be an active social media presence for the city and the event has live streaming coverage on Sky Sport. The number of possible events and value to the Hutt City community - taking into account all aquatic disciplines - is compelling and exciting. Exposure to regional and national events will automatically raise the profile of the sport and increase the opportunities for local kids to experience. Hutt City has produced a number of aquatic national champions and olympians. Having a world class facility will provide new opportunities for all citizens for many years to come. [For more thoughts on the economic analysis of swimming events please contact the SwimZone Racing Chairman chair@sZR.co.nz]

Q8. **Which option do you support?** not answered

Q9. **Please add here any other ideas or comments you have about the Petone Wharf refurbishment**

not answered

Q10. **Suburb**

Boulcott, Lower Hutt

Q11. **Age** 50-59 years

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Q12. **Would you like to present your feedback to council in person?** Yes

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Q13. **Your name** Martyn Bain (Resident & Swimzone Racing Chairman)

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Q14. **Contact phone number**

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**Respondent No:** 3

**Login:** Anonymous

**Email:** n/a

**Responded At:** Apr 06, 2021 16:53:21 pm

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**IP Address:** n/a

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- Q1. **Do you own or rent the home you live in?** Own
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- Q2. **Do you own a property in Lower Hutt that you do not live in?** No
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- Q3. **What type of property do you own?** not answered
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- Q4. **Age** 40-49 years
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- Q5. **Suburb** Epuni, Lower Hutt
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- Q6. **Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the general direction Hutt City Council is taking for the Long Term Plan 2021–2031** Strongly agree
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- Q7. **Which option do you support?** Option 1 (preferred option): Significant increase in Three Waters investment
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- Q8. **Is there another way the investment in Three Waters could be put together? Fill this out if you think we could structure the investment options differently.**
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- Q9. **Which option do you support?** Option 1 (preferred option): Proactive approach to transport investment
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- Q10. **Is there another way the investment in transport could be put together? Fill this out if you think we could structure the investment options differently.**
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- Q11. **Please add here any other ideas or comments you have about the proposed water and transport infrastructure investment**  
not answered
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- Q12. **Which option do you support?** Option 1 (preferred option): Build a new, modern, fit for purpose and sustainable facility which has a similar level of facility and services as the existing pool
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- Q13. **Please add here any other ideas or comments you have about the rebuild of Naenae Pool**  
Naenae Pool and Naenae Library are extensively used by several special needs schools in the area. A rebuilt Naenae Pool could be the BEST location to build a Changing Place fully accessible toilet, because Naenae is already a community hub for wheelchair users who might need to use a toilet or get changed while out in the community.
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Q14. Which option do you support?

Option 1 (preferred option): Bring forward budget to demolish the head and fully refurbish most of Petone Wharf to the 2021-23 financial years

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Q15. Please add here any other ideas or comments you have about the Petone Wharf refurbishment

Focus on reducing costs in the long term.

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Q16. Which option do you support?

Option 1 (preferred option): Increase investment in RiverLink

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Q17. Add here any thoughts on the level of investment in this project and the approach to delivering RiverLink

not answered

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Q18. If you have any other thoughts or ideas relating to supporting an innovative, agile economy and attractive city add them here

Years ago Hutt City committed to building a Changing Places fully accessible toilet in the Hutt, but this hasn't happened yet. I understand there are arguments over where to put a Changing Place. The best location of all might actually be in Naenae as part of the Naenae Pool rebuild, because Naenae Pool and Naenae Library are extensively used by disabled kids from Kimi Ora School and Conductive Education, as well as disabled adults in the community e.g. Laura Fergusson Trust.

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Q19. Do you agree with the approach to addressing the future of the Hutt City Community Facilities Trust?

Yes

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Q20. Add here your thoughts on the approach outlined for the Community Facilities Trust and any other approach you feel would work better

not answered

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Q21. Do you agree with the direction we are taking on connected communities?

Yes

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Q22. Add here your thoughts on the approach to building connected communities and any other approach you feel would work better

Accessibility is a key ingredient to creating truly connected communities which meet the needs of ALL residents.

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Q23. Add here any thoughts or ideas on the proposed projects, or anything you think we've missed

I've been pushing Naenae as a location for a Changing Places fully accessible toilet to be built. Please note this doesn't have to be either/or... ideally we will have several Changing Places toilets built across the whole city.

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Q24. Add here any thoughts or ideas relating to increasing the housing supply in Lower Hutt

not answered

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Q25. Which option do you support?

Option 1 (preferred option): 62% residential share of the total general rate

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Q26. Which option do you support?

Option 1 (preferred option): Align rural rating category definition with the District Plan

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Q27. Which option do you support?

Option 1 (preferred option): Remove the commercial accommodation category

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Q28. Add here any thoughts or comments about the proposed changes and/or financial sustainability in general

not answered

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Q29. Which option do you support?

Option 1 (preferred option): Retain a policy of meeting 100% of Council's planned growth costs from development and financial contributions

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Q30. Add here any other feedback on the development contributions policy

not answered

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Q31. The overall rates revenue rise needed to cover Council's preferred options is proposed to be 5.9% in 2021/22. What are your thoughts on this increase?

not answered

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Q32. Do you have any ideas about what you would like to see in/for the City going forward

Focus on accessibility and fixing the infrastructure.

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Q33. Would you like to present your feedback to council in person?

Yes

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Q34. Your name

Nat Janke-Gilman

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Q35. Contact phone number

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Q36. Email or street address

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Q37. Organisation name - only fill this out if you are giving feedback on behalf of an organisation

Changing Places NZ

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**Respondent No:** 310

**Login:** Anonymous

**Email:** n/a

**Responded At:** May 06, 2021 10:06:47 am

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**IP Address:** n/a

Q1. Do you own or rent the home you live in?	Own
Q2. Do you own a property in Lower Hutt that you do not live in?	not answered
Q3. What type of property do you own?	not answered
Q4. Age	50-59 years
Q5. Suburb	Waiwhetu, Lower Hutt
Q6. Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the general direction Hutt City Council is taking for the Long Term Plan 2021–2031	Neither agree nor disagree
Q7. Which option do you support?	not answered
Q8. Is there another way the investment in Three Waters could be put together? Fill this out if you think we could structure the investment options differently.	
Managing existing infrastructure	Option 1 - significant increase
Sustainable water supply	Option 1 - significant increase
Healthy urban waterways	Option 1 - significant increase
Reducing carbon emissions	Option 2 - maintain current levels
Q9. Which option do you support?	Option 1 (preferred option): Proactive approach to transport investment
Q10. Is there another way the investment in transport could be put together? Fill this out if you think we could structure the investment options differently.	
Cross Valley Transport Connection	Option 1 - proactive approach
Cycle and Micro-mobility	Option 1 - proactive approach
Road resurfacing	Option 1 - proactive approach
Traffic safety	Option 1 - proactive approach
Q11. Please add here any other ideas or comments you have about the proposed water and transport infrastructure investment	not answered
Q12. Which option do you support?	Option 2: Rebuild the pool with a lower level of facility and services

Q13. Please add here any other ideas or comments you have about the rebuild of Naenae Pool

not answered

Q14. Which option do you support?

not answered

Q15. Please add here any other ideas or comments you have about the Petone Wharf refurbishment

Full refurb

Q16. Which option do you support?

Option 2: Maintain funding to RiverLink at current level

Q17. Add here any thoughts on the level of investment in this project and the approach to delivering RiverLink

not answered

Q18. If you have any other thoughts or ideas relating to supporting an innovative, agile economy and attractive city add them here

not answered

Q19. Do you agree with the approach to addressing the future of the Hutt City Community Facilities Trust?

not answered

Q20. Add here your thoughts on the approach outlined for the Community Facilities Trust and any other approach you feel would work better

not answered

Q21. Do you agree with the direction we are taking on connected communities?

Yes

Q22. Add here your thoughts on the approach to building connected communities and any other approach you feel would work better

not answered

Q23. Add here any thoughts or ideas on the proposed projects, or anything you think we've missed

not answered

Q24. Add here any thoughts or ideas relating to increasing the housing supply in Lower Hutt

not answered

Q25. Which option do you support?

Option 2: 63% residential share of the total general rate

Q26. Which option do you support?

Option 1 (preferred option): Align rural rating category definition with the District Plan

Q27. Which option do you support?

Option 1 (preferred option): Remove the commercial accommodation category

**Q28. Add here any thoughts or comments about the proposed changes and/or financial sustainability in general**

not answered

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**Q29. Which option do you support?**

Option 2: Fund part of Council's planned growth costs from development contributions and financial contributions, and the remainder from another funding source, such as rates

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**Q30. Add here any other feedback on the development contributions policy**

not answered

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**Q31. The overall rates revenue rise needed to cover Council's preferred options is proposed to be 5.9% in 2021/22. What are your thoughts on this increase?**

not answered

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**Q32. Do you have any ideas about what you would like to see in/for the City going forward**

not answered

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**Q33. Would you like to present your feedback to council in person?**

Yes

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**Q34. Your name**

Megan Toms

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**Q35. Contact phone number**

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**Q36. Email or street address**

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**Q37. Organisation name - only fill this out if you are giving feedback on behalf of an organisation**

not answered

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**Respondent No:** 311

**Login:** Anonymous

**Email:** n/a

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**IP Address:** n/a

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- Q1. **Do you own or rent the home you live in?** not answered
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- Q2. **Do you own a property in Lower Hutt that you do not live in?** not answered
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- Q3. **What type of property do you own?** not answered
- 
- Q4. **Age** 50-59 years
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- Q5. **Suburb** not answered
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- Q6. **Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the general direction Hutt City Council is taking for the Long Term Plan 2021–2031** Agree
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- Q7. **Which option do you support?** Option 1 (preferred option): Significant increase in Three Waters investment
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- Q8. **Is there another way the investment in Three Waters could be put together? Fill this out if you think we could structure the investment options differently.**
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|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Managing existing infrastructure | Option 1 - significant increase    |
| Sustainable water supply         | Option 1 - significant increase    |
| Healthy urban waterways          | Option 2 - maintain current levels |
| Reducing carbon emissions        | Option 1 - significant increase    |
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- Q9. **Which option do you support?** Option 1 (preferred option): Proactive approach to transport investment
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- Q10. **Is there another way the investment in transport could be put together? Fill this out if you think we could structure the investment options differently.**
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| Cross Valley Transport Connection | Option 1 - proactive approach |
| Cycle and Micro-mobility          | Option 1 - proactive approach |
| Road resurfacing                  | Option 1 - proactive approach |
| Traffic safety                    | Option 1 - proactive approach |
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- Q11. **Please add here any other ideas or comments you have about the proposed water and transport infrastructure investment**
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- Q12. **Which option do you support?** not answered
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**Q13. Please add here any other ideas or comments you have about the rebuild of Naenae Pool**

not answered

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**Q14. Which option do you support?**

not answered

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**Q15. Please add here any other ideas or comments you have about the Petone Wharf refurbishment**

We want a full refurbishment for heritage, sustainability, tourism opportunities

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**Q16. Which option do you support?**

Option 2: Maintain funding to RiverLink at current level

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**Q17. Add here any thoughts on the level of investment in this project and the approach to delivering RiverLink**

not answered

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**Q18. If you have any other thoughts or ideas relating to supporting an innovative, agile economy and attractive city add them here**

not answered

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**Q19. Do you agree with the approach to addressing the future of the Hutt City Community Facilities Trust?**

not answered

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**Q20. Add here your thoughts on the approach outlined for the Community Facilities Trust and any other approach you feel would work better**

not answered

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**Q21. Do you agree with the direction we are taking on connected communities?**

not answered

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**Q22. Add here your thoughts on the approach to building connected communities and any other approach you feel would work better**

not answered

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**Q23. Add here any thoughts or ideas on the proposed projects, or anything you think we've missed**

not answered

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**Q24. Add here any thoughts or ideas relating to increasing the housing supply in Lower Hutt**

not answered

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**Q25. Which option do you support?**

Option 2: 63% residential share of the total general rate

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**Q26. Which option do you support?**

Option 1 (preferred option): Align rural rating category definition with the District Plan

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**Q27. Which option do you support?**

Option 1 (preferred option): Remove the commercial accommodation category

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**Q28. Add here any thoughts or comments about the proposed changes and/or financial sustainability in general**

not answered

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**Q29. Which option do you support?**

Option 2: Fund part of Council's planned growth costs from development contributions and financial contributions, and the remainder from another funding source, such as rates

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**Q30. Add here any other feedback on the development contributions policy**

not answered

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**Q31. The overall rates revenue rise needed to cover Council's preferred options is proposed to be 5.9% in 2021/22.**

**What are your thoughts on this increase?**

not answered

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**Q32. Do you have any ideas about what you would like to see in/for the City going forward**

not answered

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**Q33. Would you like to present your feedback to council in person?**

Yes

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**Q34. Your name**

Fay Drysdale

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**Q35. Contact phone number**

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**Q36. Email or street address**

not answered

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**Q37. Organisation name - only fill this out if you are giving feedback on behalf of an organisation**

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- Q1. **Do you own or rent the home you live in?** Own
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- Q2. **Do you own a property in Lower Hutt that you do not live in?** Yes
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- Q3. **What type of property do you own?** not answered
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- Q4. **Age** 50-59 years
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- Q5. **Suburb** Korokoro, Lower Hutt
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- Q6. **Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the general direction Hutt City Council is taking for the Long Term Plan 2021–2031** Agree
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- Q7. **Which option do you support?** Option 1 (preferred option): Significant increase in Three Waters investment
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- Q8. **Is there another way the investment in Three Waters could be put together? Fill this out if you think we could structure the investment options differently.**
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|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Managing existing infrastructure | Option 1 - significant increase    |
| Sustainable water supply         | Option 1 - significant increase    |
| Healthy urban waterways          | Option 2 - maintain current levels |
| Reducing carbon emissions        | Option 1 - significant increase    |
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- Q9. **Which option do you support?** Option 1 (preferred option): Proactive approach to transport investment
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- Q10. **Is there another way the investment in transport could be put together? Fill this out if you think we could structure the investment options differently.**
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| Cross Valley Transport Connection | Option 1 - proactive approach |
| Cycle and Micro-mobility          | Option 1 - proactive approach |
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- Q11. **Please add here any other ideas or comments you have about the proposed water and transport infrastructure investment**
- not answered
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- Q12. **Which option do you support?** Option 2: Rebuild the pool with a lower level of facility and services
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**Q13. Please add here any other ideas or comments you have about the rebuild of Naenae Pool**

not answered

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**Q14. Which option do you support?**

not answered

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**Q15. Please add here any other ideas or comments you have about the Petone Wharf refurbishment**

The Petone Wharf is a significant heritage facility for not only Petone but Wellington. It needs to be fully retained + refurbished for resilience, sustainability, to get cars off the road, for tourism, for emergency reasons

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**Q16. Which option do you support?**

Option 2: Maintain funding to RiverLink at current level

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**Q17. Add here any thoughts on the level of investment in this project and the approach to delivering RiverLink**

not answered

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**Q18. If you have any other thoughts or ideas relating to supporting an innovative, agile economy and attractive city add them here**

not answered

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**Q19. Do you agree with the approach to addressing the future of the Hutt City Community Facilities Trust?**

not answered

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**Q20. Add here your thoughts on the approach outlined for the Community Facilities Trust and any other approach you feel would work better**

not answered

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**Q21. Do you agree with the direction we are taking on connected communities?**

not answered

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**Q22. Add here your thoughts on the approach to building connected communities and any other approach you feel would work better**

not answered

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**Q23. Add here any thoughts or ideas on the proposed projects, or anything you think we've missed**

not answered

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**Q24. Add here any thoughts or ideas relating to increasing the housing supply in Lower Hutt**

not answered

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**Q25. Which option do you support?**

Option 2: 63% residential share of the total general rate

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Option 1 (preferred option): Align rural rating category definition with the District Plan

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**Q28. Add here any thoughts or comments about the proposed changes and/or financial sustainability in general**

not answered

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Option 2: Fund part of Council's planned growth costs from development contributions and financial contributions, and the remainder from another funding source, such as rates

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not answered

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not answered

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not answered

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**Q33. Would you like to present your feedback to council in person?**

Yes

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**Q34. Your name**

John Donnelly

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**Q35. Contact phone number**

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**Q36. Email or street address**

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**Q37. Organisation name - only fill this out if you are giving feedback on behalf of an organisation**

Petone 2040 - Jackson Street Committee

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- Q1. **Do you own or rent the home you live in?** Own
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- Q2. **Do you own a property in Lower Hutt that you do not live in?** Yes
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- Q3. **What type of property do you own?** not answered
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- Q4. **Age** 60-69 years
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- Q5. **Suburb** Eastbourne, Lower Hutt
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- Q6. **Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the general direction Hutt City Council is taking for the Long Term Plan 2021–2031** Neither agree nor disagree
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- Q8. **Is there another way the investment in Three Waters could be put together? Fill this out if you think we could structure the investment options differently.**
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- Q10. **Is there another way the investment in transport could be put together? Fill this out if you think we could structure the investment options differently.**
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| Cross Valley Transport Connection | Option 2 - reactive approach  |
| Cycle and Micro-mobility          | Option 2 - reactive approach  |
| Road resurfacing                  | Option 1 - proactive approach |
| Traffic safety                    | Option 1 - proactive approach |
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- Q11. **Please add here any other ideas or comments you have about the proposed water and transport infrastructure investment**
- not answered
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- Q12. **Which option do you support?** Option 2: Rebuild the pool with a lower level of facility and services
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Q13. Please add here any other ideas or comments you have about the rebuild of Naenae Pool

not answered

Q14. Which option do you support?

not answered

Q15. Please add here any other ideas or comments you have about the Petone Wharf refurbishment

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Yes

Q20. Add here your thoughts on the approach outlined for the Community Facilities Trust and any other approach you feel would work better

not answered

Q21. Do you agree with the direction we are taking on connected communities?

No

Q22. Add here your thoughts on the approach to building connected communities and any other approach you feel would work better

not answered

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not answered

Q24. Add here any thoughts or ideas relating to increasing the housing supply in Lower Hutt

not answered

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**What are your thoughts on this increase?**

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**Q32. Do you have any ideas about what you would like to see in/for the City going forward**

not answered

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**Q33. Would you like to present your feedback to council in person?**

Yes

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**Q34. Your name**

Leo O'Sullivan

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**Q35. Contact phone number**

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**Q36. Email or street address**

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**Q37. Organisation name - only fill this out if you are giving feedback on behalf of an organisation**

not answered

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**From:** James Beban  
**Sent:** Saturday, 8 May 2021 1:05 PM  
**To:** haveyoursay  
**Subject:** Long term plan consultation

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Good Afternoon

I know this submission is 2 days late and I apologize. I have a small point on the long term plan I would like to raise. I see the new resource consent fees hourly rates are increasing and moving to a graduated system, based on planners experience. While I support the move to a graduated system, the hourly rate for the non-senior planners is simply too high and out of kilter with market hourly rate. Graduate planners should not be charged out at \$175 per hour. The planners are still learning and often their consents processing takes longer, and we sometimes respond to questions that we would not expect to receive from a more experienced planner. As a private company we are unable to charge our graduate or less experience planners at a rate that is close to what HCC is proposing. My view is that this rate should be reduced to closer to \$150 per hour (inclusive of GST). This would bring it more in line with market rates, while still covering the costs of a planner (based on average salary and company costs expectations).

It is also important to note the costs of a resource consent in the wider context of a development cost. While the resource consent fees increase may be seen as modest, when considered in the context of the increased development contributions and the reserve fees (which are remaining the same), Council fees would represent approximately 40% of the costs for the vacant site two lot subdivision in Wainuiomata. The remaining 60% of the costs represents the planners, surveyors and legal costs as well as the installation of the 3 waters, power and telecommunication services. While the rationale for the increase in development contributions is understandable given the large number of years in under investment in infrastructure, Council still needs to consider its other costs and the resulting impact of these on the overall cost of development. It is for these reasons that I believe the hourly rate for the less experienced planners needs to be reconsidered.

If this submission is able to be considered and accepted I am happy to speak to it.

Kind Regards

**James Beban**  
Director / Planner

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- Q1. **Do you own or rent the home you live in?** Own
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- Q2. **Do you own a property in Lower Hutt that you do not live in?** No
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- Q3. **What type of property do you own?** not answered
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- Q4. **Age** 60-69 years
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- Q5. **Suburb** Wainuiomata, Lower Hutt
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- Q6. **Rate your level of agreement or disagreement with the general direction Hutt City Council is taking for the Long Term Plan 2021–2031** Strongly disagree
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- Q7. **Which option do you support?** Option 2: Maintaining current levels of service with modest additional investment
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- Q8. **Is there another way the investment in Three Waters could be put together? Fill this out if you think we could structure the investment options differently.**
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|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Managing existing infrastructure | Option 2 - maintain current levels |
| Sustainable water supply         | Option 2 - maintain current levels |
| Healthy urban waterways          | Option 2 - maintain current levels |
| Reducing carbon emissions        | Option 1 - significant increase    |
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- Q9. **Which option do you support?** Option 2: Reactive approach with reducing service levels over time
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- Q10. **Is there another way the investment in transport could be put together? Fill this out if you think we could structure the investment options differently.**
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- Q11. **Please add here any other ideas or comments you have about the proposed water and transport infrastructure investment**
- Stop intensifying the township area and putting pressure on our water quality and pipes. Keep developers away from the shopping areas and destroying the properties of those who have been here for years.
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- Q12. **Which option do you support?** Option 1 (preferred option): Build a new, modern, fit for purpose and sustainable facility which has a similar level of facility and services as the existing pool
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**Q13. Please add here any other ideas or comments you have about the rebuild of Naenae Pool**

Spend the money for the Queen St. disaster on the Naenae Pool. Why spoil an already beautiful place in Wainuiomata. Put it where its needed and not where its not wanted.

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**Q14. Which option do you support?**

Option 1 (preferred option): Bring forward budget to demolish the head and fully refurbish most of Petone Wharf to the 2021-23 financial years

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**Q15. Please add here any other ideas or comments you have about the Petone Wharf refurbishment**

I hope only a small part of the wharf needs to be demolished?? Haven't been told.

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**Q16. Which option do you support?**

not answered

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**Q17. Add here any thoughts on the level of investment in this project and the approach to delivering RiverLink**

I don't know enough about this to comment.

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**Q18. If you have any other thoughts or ideas relating to supporting an innovative, agile economy and attractive city add them here**

Don't put any more concrete in it. Just make it more pleasant to live in - space and green grass and flowers. Don't increase the rates.

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**Q19. Do you agree with the approach to addressing the future of the Hutt City Community Facilities Trust?**

No

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**Q20. Add here your thoughts on the approach outlined for the Community Facilities Trust and any other approach you feel would work better**

I'm sure the communities can do this themselves - if they want to stop interfering in the lives of residents - This must all cost alot of money.

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**Q21. Do you agree with the direction we are taking on connected communities?**

not answered

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**Q22. Add here your thoughts on the approach to building connected communities and any other approach you feel would work better**

I don't know what it is. And maybe others don't.

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**Q23. Add here any thoughts or ideas on the proposed projects, or anything you think we've missed**

Leave the Queen St. development in Wainui and revisit it in ten - 10 years time. There are unrealistic and inaccurate reasons for this development i.e. - there are no artistic exhibitors crying out for space or theatrical stages needed for performers. Just keep all the green grass we can. It adequately soaks up and washes away any mes & remains left after community activities and is much nicer to walk and in summer during a fair or outside social event.

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**Q24. Add here any thoughts or ideas relating to increasing the housing supply in Lower Hutt**

Please keep greedy developers out of Wainui. they are crowding in neighbours and people are upset and angry. We have already had a public meeting plan better!

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Q25. Which option do you support? not answered

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Q26. Which option do you support? not answered

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Q27. Which option do you support? not answered

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**Q28. Add here any thoughts or comments about the proposed changes and/or financial sustainability in general**

Steop increasing the rates. People in older age brackets struggle to pay anyways. Give something back to ratepayers and stop making money out of them. You are supposed to be helping them, not stressing them out.

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Q29. Which option do you support? not answered

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**Q30. Add here any other feedback on the development contributions policy**

Don't increase rates. That's all I know should happen. Don't develop if u can't afford. HCC should budget we do.

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**Q31. The overall rates revenue rise needed to cover Council's preferred options is proposed to be 5.9% in 2021/22. What are your thoughts on this increase?**

I don't approve of any increase. What happened to if u can't afford it, don't do it. This is ratepayers money, not HCCs

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**Q32. Do you have any ideas about what you would like to see in/for the City going forward**

Stop developers wrecking the city and suburbs for those already there. They were here first.

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Q33. Would you like to present your feedback to council in person? Yes

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Q34. Your name Louise Black

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Q35. Contact phone number

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Q36. Email or street address i

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Q37. Organisation name - only fill this out if you are giving feedback on behalf of an organisation not answered

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