



**Te Kaunihera
o Te Hiku o te Ika**
Far North District Council

**LTP 2024-27
SUBMISSIONS**

Receipt Number	Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	First name	Last name	Organisation (if applicable)	Position in organisation (if applicable)	Which ward do you live in?
11	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate	4. Change to targeted scheme-based operational rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to wastewater services	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku	Anonymous				
12	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services	3. Status quo	karee	owen			Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
14	1. Status quo	1. Status quo	2. Provide a multi-purpose centre for each ward	Philip	Livingstone			Outside Far North
17	1. Status quo	1. Status quo	2. Provide a multi-purpose centre for each ward	Anonymous				
18	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate	4. Change to targeted scheme-based operational rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to wastewater services	2. Provide a multi-purpose centre for each ward	Anonymous				Te Hiku (North)
20	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku	Anonymous				Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
21	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate	4. Change to targeted scheme-based operational rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to wastewater services	2. Provide a multi-purpose centre for each ward	Anonymous				Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
22	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku	Anonymous				
23	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services	3. Status quo	Anonymous				Te Hiku (North)
30	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services	2. Provide a multi-purpose centre for each ward	Anonymous				Te Hiku (North)
36		2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services	3. Status quo	Derek	Nicholls			Te Hiku (North)

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38	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku	Mark	Smith			
40	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku	Anonymous				
50	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate	3. Change to targeted ward rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku	TOM	LONDON			Kaikohe-Hokianga (West)
53	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services	3. Status quo	Anonymous				Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
60	1. Status quo	1. Status quo	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku	Anonymous				Te Hiku (North)
65	1. Status quo	1. Status quo	3. Status quo	Anonymous				
75	1. Status quo	1. Status quo	2. Provide a multi-purpose centre for each ward	Anonymous				Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
76	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku	Alistair	KAY	Whangaroa Community Trust	Trustee, Secretary	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
80	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services	3. Status quo	Anonymous				Te Hiku (North)
81	1. Status quo	1. Status quo	3. Status quo	Anonymous				Te Hiku (North)
95	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku	Anonymous				Te Hiku (North)
96	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate	3. Change to targeted ward rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-	Anonymous				Kaikohe-Hokianga (West)

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		supply and / or wastewater services	Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku					
112	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate	3. Change to targeted ward rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services	3. Status quo	Anonymous				Kaikohe-Hokianga (West)
115	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate	4. Change to targeted scheme-based operational rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to wastewater services	3. Status quo	Anonymous				Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
117		2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku	Anonymous				Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
127	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate	4. Change to targeted scheme-based operational rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to wastewater services	2. Provide a multi-purpose centre for each ward	Anonymous				Kaikohe-Hokianga (West)
137	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate	3. Change to targeted ward rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku	Anonymous				Te Hiku (North)
145	1. Status quo	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services	2. Provide a multi-purpose centre for each ward	Anonymous				Kaikohe-Hokianga (West)
149	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate	3. Change to targeted ward rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku	Anonymous				Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
153	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate	4. Change to targeted scheme-based operational rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to wastewater services	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku	Peter	Hanley			Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
173	1. Status quo	1. Status quo	3. Status quo	Anonymous				Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)

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174	1. Status quo	1. Status quo	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku	Juliet	Golightly			Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
176	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate	3. Change to targeted ward rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services	3. Status quo	Anonymous				Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Hard copy	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate	4. Change to targeted scheme-based operational rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to wastewater services	3. Status quo	Anonymous				Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
186	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate	3. Change to targeted ward rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services	3. Status quo	Viki	Heta			Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
187	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate	3. Change to targeted ward rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku	Rana	Rewha			
189	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services	2. Provide a multi-purpose centre for each ward	Anonymous				Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
194	1. Status quo	4. Change to targeted scheme-based operational rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to wastewater services	3. Status quo	Anonymous				Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
201	1. Status quo	3. Change to targeted ward rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services	3. Status quo	Anonymous				Kaikohe-Hokianga (West)
202	1. Status quo	1. Status quo	3. Status quo	Anonymous				Kaikohe-Hokianga (West)
203	1. Status quo	1. Status quo	3. Status quo	Anonymous				Kaikohe-Hokianga (West)

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210	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate	3. Change to targeted ward rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services	2. Provide a multi-purpose centre for each ward	Kaya	Tobin			Kaikohe-Hokianga (West)
213	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate	3. Change to targeted ward rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services	2. Provide a multi-purpose centre for each ward	Anonymous				Kaikohe-Hokianga (West)
214	1. Status quo		1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku	Anonymous				
228	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate	3. Change to targeted ward rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services	3. Status quo	Tash	Ward			
231	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate	3. Change to targeted ward rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services	2. Provide a multi-purpose centre for each ward	Anonymous				Kaikohe-Hokianga (West)
238	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate	1. Status quo	2. Provide a multi-purpose centre for each ward	Anonymous				
239		2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services		Derek	Nicholls			Te Hiku (North)
242	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate	3. Change to targeted ward rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku services	Anonymous				Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
243	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate	4. Change to targeted scheme-based operational rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to wastewater services	2. Provide a multi-purpose centre for each ward	Anonymous				Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)

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245	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate		3. Status quo	Anonymous				Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
252	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate	3. Change to targeted ward rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku	Heather	Tobin			Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
254	1. Status quo	1. Status quo	3. Status quo	Daniel	Flanagan			
259			3. Status quo	Anonymous				Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
261	1. Status quo	1. Status quo	3. Status quo	Anonymous				Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
271	1. Status quo	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku	Anonymous				Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
277	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku	Anne	Zieleman			Te Hiku (North)
284	1. Status quo	4. Change to targeted scheme-based operational rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to wastewater services	3. Status quo	Anonymous				Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
287	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate	4. Change to targeted scheme-based operational rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to wastewater services	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku	Anonymous				Outside Far North
290	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku	Anonymous		Milton Park	Owner	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
291	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku	Anonymous				Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
292		2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the		Hamish	Watson	Dargaville Fire Brigade	Dargaville Fire Brigade	Outside Far North

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		ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services						
297	1. Status quo	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services	3. Status quo	Warwick & Katie	Rhodes	Rhodes for roads	Rhodes for roads	Te Hiku (North)
Hard copy	1. Status quo	1. Status quo	1. Status quo	Anonymous				Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
300	1. Status quo	1. Status quo	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku	Ian	Jenkins			Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
306	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate	1. Status quo	3. Status quo	Anonymous				Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
307	1. Status quo	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services	3. Status quo	Anonymous				
309	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku	Matt	Tyler			Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
310	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services		Anonymous				
322	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate	1. Status quo	3. Status quo	Anonymous				Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
325	1. Status quo	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services	3. Status quo	Anonymous				Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
333	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate	4. Change to targeted scheme-based operational rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to wastewater services	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku	Anonymous				Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
338	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the	3. Status quo	Burkhart	Glaser			Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)

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		ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services						
343	1. Status quo	1. Status quo	3. Status quo	Anonymous				Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
351	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate	4. Change to targeted scheme-based operational rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to wastewater services	2. Provide a multi-purpose centre for each ward	Anonymous				Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
355	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services	2. Provide a multi-purpose centre for each ward	Anonymous				Kaikohe-Hokianga (West)
365	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku	Anonymous				Te Hiku (North)
377	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services	3. Status quo	Anonymous				Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
388	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate	3. Change to targeted ward rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services	2. Provide a multi-purpose centre for each ward	Anonymous				Kaikohe-Hokianga (West)
390	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku	Anonymous				Kaikohe-Hokianga (West)
400	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services	2. Provide a multi-purpose centre for each ward	Ryan	Lovett			
405	1. Status quo	1. Status quo	3. Status quo	Amy	Bentley			Te Hiku (North)
411	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate	3. Change to targeted ward rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services	2. Provide a multi-purpose centre for each ward	Gaynor	Fiske			Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)

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434	1. Status quo	1. Status quo	3. Status quo	Bernd	Miegel			Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Helen
Last name	Fugler
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	
Other feedback	Yes. We pay sewerage public good \$15 and water public good \$15. We actually have our own treatment plant (i.e. swerage schem and our own watertanks - rainwater off the roof. We should not have to pay the fee for water and sewage public good. This week we have paid \$1800.00 for watertank repairs. Last year \$1500. Sewage tan pump a year ago \$900.00
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	Hard copy01
Other attachments	

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First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	
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Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
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Comment	
Other feedback	Relating to Issue 2. I object to the charging of sewerage public good and water public good rates. There is no justification for this a) as we pay for our own treatment plant capital outlay and annual servicing. This related to our sewage treatment plant. b) We also pay for our own water catchment and storage construction and maintenance. In reality this takes away from the council the costs of supply for either of these services. This is just another tax when no service is supplied.
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	Hard copy02
Other attachments	

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Position in organisation	
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Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
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Comment	
Other feedback	I would like to express my shock in learning of a rates increase of 17% in the Hihi area. Considering a lot of people whom reside there are retired, this is a MASSIVE increase over our rates, now at approx \$4,000 per annum. I have no other income than a single persons superannuation and we are only supplied with a stormwater/sewerage system for this excessive projected rise, some people will be forced to leave!! Unrateable land in the area needs to be also addressed!

Ward	Te Hiku (North)
Receipt number	Hard copy03
Other attachments	

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Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	My submission is to keep community services as they are. I live in the Paihia Bay of Islands area and our local library is a special and precious community service where our community comes together. It is a hub and it is easily accessible. Many of can't afford the petrol or have easy access to a car to drive to Kawakawa or Kerikeri. Paihia Library isn't just a library, although we need it as a library, it is a place where we share knowledge and information. It is the corner stone of our community. Many of us don't like reading online digital books and prefer real books
Other feedback	
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Other attachments	

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Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	Mostly retired people often use libraries we don't have money to travel just to get a book. Towns, especially small, need their own library. Its often part of daily routine to walk to the library and read papers etc. Takes away an important centre in town.
Other feedback	
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	Hard copy05
Other attachments	

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Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	
Other feedback	Remove all the trip hazards from Pahia footpaths. Particulary in the CBD like rotten pieces of timber as spaces and paths difficult to negotiate for person with disability. i.e. Walker or wheelchair.
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
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Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Emma
Last name	Saville
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	It seems like an unnecessary cost / upheaval/ reduction of services.
Other feedback	
Ward	
	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
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Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Lorna
Last name	Mongell
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	I agree we need to increase drainage for future events. You mention 'urban'. We are in Kaeo (address omitted). Only once (approx 5-6 year ago) has our drainage been cleared. That was at my request.
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Comment	Does not apply to us. We use none of the above.
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku
Comment	Please keep Kaeo. Also mobile library.
Other feedback	Thank you for asking. I do not know if the mobile library has a computer linked to FNC. As so many actions are now enabled online maybe info/payments could be made this way.
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
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Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Elma
Last name	Reti
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	This would have a decrease on my rates.
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	Spread the cost for all connected.
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	Ask the young people.
Other feedback	At the moment my rates are \$2051.60 per year. Under the increase they will increase to \$2,303.14 and I am a pensioner, not connected to town water or sewerage. Appreciate work council does getting the rates rebate applied to my bill. You should ask the young people and the elderly about our libraries, ask them if they use them and what closing them when do you them. Kawakawa is quite a busy library. Its good you are doing the Russell cemetery extension, my Grandparents are buried there under the tree with a big double headstone. Good that council are finally starting stormwater works around Moerewa residential streets. I pay to keep my lawns to the road mowed. Feel like I do alot and don't get much for my rates.
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Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	Appropriate to introduce a targeted rate to fund stormwater improvements
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	4. Change to targeted scheme-based operational rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to wastewater services
Comment	It is not very clear from the consultation document what is being asked. I think that those who receive the benefit of water/wastewater services should pay for them whether that is through rates or some other funding mechanism. This includes any capital c
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	
Comment	I support the goals of cost savings, and resource optimisation but are there really only three options? I think you should be talking to the communities BEFORE consulting in the LTP. There may be other options to achieve a consolidated model that that the communities put forward.
Other feedback	
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Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Comment	Charge rate payers who are connect to a council water supply or wwtp service.
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	
Other feedback	<p>Tena koutou, Nga mihi mahana.</p> <p>I'm happy to see at long last the Kaikohe Waste Water Treatment Plant has funds set aside for an upgrade, this is long overdue. It doesn't help that waste water from Kerikeri and eastern regions are transported back to Kaikohe's WWTP system. If other regions are relying on Kaikohe then it should be funded across the district NOT targeted to Kaikohe and surrounding districts.</p> <p>Meanwhile our cuzzies in the Hokianga are still waiting for a solution to their WWTP issues. FNDC needs to address these concerns and allocate funds to support a solution for the Hokianga. I see there's funding for an expansion of the Kerikeri WWTP proposed in yr 4 & 5, however Council need to prioritise compliance and renewals of WWTPs rather than growth projects. Kerikeri's WWTP existing system is practically brand new there is no way Council should be considering further investment within the next 15 years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the cycle trail realignment between Taumarere and Opuia is important because this creates economic and tourism returns for Northland. It needs more funding allocated to ensure the asset is maintained to a Great Ride standard so cyclists provide an injection of funds into the local economy, supporting employment for locals and opportunities to develop complimentary tourism ventures - the Kaikohe library & civic centre need funding support to ensure there is a focal point for the Township which services Kaikohe and Districts. - sealing of unsealed roads - I support this because our roading network is already well under funded and the people of the mid north deserve better roads which are well maintained. - dust matrix used to prioritise the dust suppression and unsubsidised road sealing. I support this. - in the link to the survey you will be asked 3 questions: I may have them out of order! <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. stormwater rate for urban stormwater (this will put the rate up higher for ppl in urban town centres, but reduce for those in rural). I'm ok with that 2. District wide rating of wastewater and water across those connected. For those areas that utilise Kaikohe's WWTP, they should be sharing the cost to fund the upgrade along with those connected to the network. 3. One library/service centre in each ward? Leave as is.
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Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	Charge rater payers who are target rate payers charge rate payers who are connected to water supply and all specficialled attached.
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
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Comment	
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Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Comment	Charge ratepayers who are connected to a council water supply or WWTP services.
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	
Other feedback	<p>Tena koutou, Nga mihi mahana.</p> <p>I'm happy to see at long last the Kaikohe Waste Water Treatment Plant has funds set aside for an upgrade, this is long overdue. It doesn't help that waste water from Kerikeri and eastern regions are transported back to Kaikohe's WWT system. If other regions are relying on Kaikohe then it should be funded across the district NOT targeted to Kaikohe and surrounding districts.</p> <p>Meanwhile our cuzzies in the Hokianga are still waiting for a solution to their WWTP issues. FNDC needs to address these concerns and allocate funds to support a solution for the Hokianga. I see there's funding for an expansion of the Kerikeri WWTP proposed in yr 4 & 5, however Council need to prioritise compliance and renewals of WWTPs rather than growth projects. Kerikeri's WWTP existing system is practically brand new there is no way Council should be considering further investment within the next 15 years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the cycle trail realignment between Taumarere and Opua is important because this creates economic and tourism returns for Northland. It needs more funding allocated to ensure the asset is maintained to a Great Ride standard so cyclists provide an injection of funds into the local economy, supporting employment for locals and opportunities to develop complimentary tourism ventures - the Kaikohe library & civic centre need funding support to ensure there is a focal point for the Township which services Kaikohe and Districts. - sealing of unsealed roads - I support this because our roading network is already well under funded and the people of the mid north deserve better roads which are well maintained. - dust matrix used to prioritise the dust suppression and unsubsidised road sealing. I support this. - in the link to the survey you will be asked 3 questions: I may have them out of order! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. stormwater rate for urban stormwater (this will put the rate up higher for ppl in urban town centres, but reduce for those in rural). I'm ok with that 2. District wide rating of wastewater and water across those connected. For those areas that utilise Kaikohe's WWTP, they should be sharing the cost to fund the upgrade along with those connected to the network. 3. One library/service centre in each ward? Leave as is.
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Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Comment	Charge ratepayers who are connected to a council water supply or WWTP services.
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Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
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Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
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Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Comment	Charge ratepayers who are connected to a ratepayers water and/or waste waters services.
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	No to wasting money on multi-purpose centres
Other feedback	<p>Tena koutou, Nga mihi mahana.</p> <p>I'm happy to see at long last the Kaikohe Waste Water Treatment Plant has funds set aside for an upgrade, this is long overdue. It doesn't help that waste water from Kerikeri and eastern regions are transported back to Kaikohe's WWTP system. If other regions are relying on Kaikohe then it should be funded across the district NOT targeted to Kaikohe and surrounding districts.</p> <p>Meanwhile our cuzzies in the Hokianga are still waiting for a solution to their WWTP issues. FNDC needs to address these concerns and allocate funds to support a solution for the Hokianga. I see there's funding for an expansion of the Kerikeri WWTP proposed in yr 4 & 5, however Council need to prioritise compliance and renewals of WWTPs rather than growth projects. Kerikeri's WWTP existing system is practically brand new there is no way Council should be considering further investment within the next 15 years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the cycle trail realignment between Taumarere and Opuia is important because this creates economic and tourism returns for Northland. It needs more funding allocated to ensure the asset is maintained to a Great Ride standard so cyclists provide an injection of funds into the local economy, supporting employment for locals and opportunities to develop complimentary tourism ventures - the Kaikohe library & civic centre need funding support to ensure there is a focal point for the Township which services Kaikohe and Districts. - sealing of unsealed roads - I support this because our roading network is already well under funded and the people of the mid north deserve better roads which are well maintained. - dust matrix used to prioritise the dust suppression and unsubsidised road sealing. I support this. - in the link to the survey you will be asked 3 questions: I may have them out of order! <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. stormwater rate for urban stormwater (this will put the rate up higher for ppl in urban town centres, but reduce for those in rural). I'm ok with that 2. District wide rating of wastewater and water across those connected. For those areas that utilise Kaikohe's WWTP, they should be sharing the cost to fund the upgrade along with those connected to the network. 3. One library/service centre in each ward? Leave as is.
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Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	
Other feedback	<p>Tena koutou, Nga mihi mahana.</p> <p>I'm happy to see at long last the Kaikohe Waste Water Treatment Plant has funds set aside for an upgrade, this is long overdue. It doesn't help that waste water from Kerikeri and eastern regions are transported back to Kaikohe's WWT system. If other regions are relying on Kaikohe then it should be funded across the district NOT targeted to Kaikohe and surrounding districts.</p> <p>Meanwhile our cuzzies in the Hokianga are still waiting for a solution to their WWTP issues. FNDC needs to address these concerns and allocate funds to support a solution for the Hokianga. I see there's funding for an expansion of the Kerikeri WWTP proposed in yr 4 & 5, however Council need to prioritise compliance and renewals of WWTPs rather than growth projects. Kerikeri's WWTP existing system is practically brand new there is no way Council should be considering further investment within the next 15 years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the cycle trail realignment between Taumarere and Opua is important because this creates economic and tourism returns for Northland. It needs more funding allocated to ensure the asset is maintained to a Great Ride standard so cyclists provide an injection of funds into the local economy, supporting employment for locals and opportunities to develop complimentary tourism ventures - the Kaikohe library & civic centre need funding support to ensure there is a focal point for the Township which services Kaikohe and Districts. - sealing of unsealed roads - I support this because our roading network is already well under funded and the people of the mid north deserve better roads which are well maintained. - dust matrix used to prioritise the dust suppression and unsubsidised road sealing. I support this. - in the link to the survey you will be asked 3 questions: I may have them out of order! <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. stormwater rate for urban stormwater (this will put the rate up higher for ppl in urban town centres, but reduce for those in rural). I'm ok with that 2. District wide rating of wastewater and water across those connected. For those areas that utilise Kaikohe's WWTP, they should be sharing the cost to fund the upgrade along with those connected to the network. 3. One library/service centre in each ward? Leave as is.
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First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	
Comment	
Other feedback	<p>I currently work for the Electoral Commission only 11% of the voting population voted National The majority voted Maori Pati / Labour. Our constituents don't support the proposal. Because it's a Govt Mandate.</p> <p>Develop a longer term plan.</p> <p>Rates subsidy for pensioners. The increase in reates will impose extrem hardship on whanau.</p> <p>I'm happy to do a verbal submission</p>
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First Name	Bruce
Last name	Mills
Organisation (if applicable)	BOI-Whangaroa Community Board
Position in organisation	Board member
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	4. Change to targeted scheme-based operational rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to wastewater services
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	Kaeo S.C is vital to our community. As elected CB member with no keyboard skills I use Kaeo S.C. regularly to send council emails etc. There is really no one else in the library or seeking Anna's help. Don't know what we would without it and her. Would I need to travel to Kerikeri? Charge council mileage...
Other feedback	Whangaroa Community Swimming Pool: Council gives \$20,000 PA to the Whangaroa Recreational Trust for the running of this vital infrastructure for the community. The Trust runs the pool on a voluntary basis i.e. lifeguards etc. It is used by the collage and many other schools plus of course the general public. If this grant was to be withdrawn or reduced it would become a duck pond.
Ward	
	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
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First Name	Not supplied
Last name	Not supplied
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	How can you FNDC rate 'stormwater?' It's not yours to 'rate'. Stop trying to change everything so FNDC can make more \$. FNDC's money is everybody's money. Less polous some /all back into the community of ratepayers. There should be a continuing maintenance
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	3. Change to targeted ward rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	Supposing option 3 will deal fairly with everyone?? And protect the land where wastewater is processed. Separate issue - farmers must be forced to prioritise as per plant close to waterways to help keep run-off clean.
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	Already these local villages are quite a distance from others. Having Paihia as it is, e.g. village hall, library (central), doctors etc, enhances the 'village' feeling of Paihia - keeping services central here and therefore giving an increasingly friendly - village atmosphere which makes Paihia a delightful place to live in, or near. Already there are distances to be travelled from home to 'the village'. I would hate to have to travel an hour to visit my library
Other feedback	
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First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	The priority is roading . It took years of neglect and ad hock fixes for our roads to get into the sad state they're in we can't fix them in 3 years. Reduce the rates and extend the time to fix so you can ensure its done right first time every time.
Other feedback	Roading we were assured King Street would not be a through road. I see on the Bing application that it has been turned into a through road to the CBD bypass. This was not evident on the original bypass proposal. There is already a precedent where through road have been blocked off to prevent through traffic boy racers. Hawkings Cres and Hone Heke road were blocked off. The roundabout at Clarke allows ease of access to the new CBD bypass. Save some money by not making King Street a through road. Better still form the turn around area at the end of the street. We are constantly having vehicles use our driveway as a turn around often they stop in the driveway to use their phones or discuss directions or just to gawk. How about being a progressive council and providing turn around and Limited parking at the end of our many cul de sacs for drivers who need to answer cell phones. Rate inequity and affordability. Highest and best use has resulted in a 37% increase which is both unaffordable and inequitable. Add the next round of rate increase on the latest valuation and by 2027 our rates will have gone up by 75% over 5 years.
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Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	Why change for the benefit of a few
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	User pays is the way to go
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	To change we need to spend more money which the ratepayers cannot afford
Other feedback	If the priority is to be given to roading why are we spending more money on 3 waters. We need to seal the roads in the rural areas where ratepayers are paying rates but not receiving any benefits We need to consider very seriously the 16.5% rates increase by FNDC. Perhaps it time to look at staffing and reduce the size of the organisation. Also can we start monitoring our contractors performance and also those of our alliances

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Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	Why change when most of stormwater issueare so bad at the moment. Cannoyt do anything about it. Just let it happen
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3.Status quo
Comment	A multipurpose for each ward would increase costs as new facilities would need to be built
Other feedback	Want the Paihia library stay. Its too hard to get to Kerikeri for all council business. I use library all the time, as do a lot of retired resident of the town. Not alot the council can do about stalling damage in a severe weather event. Need to encourage urban residents to store (tank) rainwater for emergency supply or gardent in long periods of dry conditions. Its not councils responsibility to provide housing.
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Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	Please don't shut the Whangaroa multi-purrrpose centre. I will pay extra rates to keep it open. It is a vital centre for our ward.
Other feedback	Please send any correspond to his address (details omitted)
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First Name	Richard
Last name	Carter
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	I believe that the Paihia Library at Williams house should be retained as it is now and that the existing information centre adjacent to the wharfs not be relocated to Williams house.
Other feedback	
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Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	
Other feedback	Fix Wainui Road slips and Ota Point Road slip
Ward	
	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
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Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	Kaeo needs a library and service centre - a lot of us are elderly and don't drive to Keri - and do not have a computer or cell phone
Other feedback	
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	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
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Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	Need leave all FNDC open to service our community who prefer face contact with our public servants in FNDC like we do with W&I
Other feedback	The main road nort of Whangerae to Waitangi, Oahewai, Kerikeri needs upgrading road works to bring them all up to standard like the roads south of the Bombay. Crazy we pay same ego as Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch and our funding not coming North to FNDC area. Govt be far we aare the history landmark of Aotearoa. Waitangi, etc.

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First Name	Charles
Last name	Benning
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	Fix the drains first!
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	Please keep the Paihia Library. Many retired people use it and cannot drive to other places! Younger people also use it.
Other feedback	Small towns lose banks already. Do not add libraries to the list!
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First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	It would be very sad if smaller towns like Paihia lost our library. It is such an intergral part of the community right in the heart of town, with activities for adults and children. Our community is very proud of our unique library.
Other feedback	
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First Name	Janice
Last name	Baker
Organisation (if applicable)	Williams House/ Memorial Hall
Position in organisation	Committee Member
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	We in Paihia / Kerikeri have not been spending enough and future proofing a better result
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	Our water quality here in Paihia is pathetic - tastes like Mud.
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	You need to consider those that like to read a book and interact with those personal at libraries - a lot do not have access to computers so this is also an essential service a local libraries
Other feedback	We love our local library at Williams House. Which has an historic value as well as being essential for the Community and tourist alike in Paihia and surrounding areas.

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First Name	Margaret
Last name	Millin
Organisation (if applicable)	Williams House/ Totara Heights Body Corp
Position in organisation	Committee Member
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	I strongly oppose an increase in water rates given the third world standard of water we receive in Paihia. Dirt tasting, mud coloured water is not a good look with national and international visitors, who stay in Paihia. Paihia is the draw-card and brings
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	Given! 1) Info Centre is exactly where it needs to be given the high number of tourists (both national and international) who visit the area of the current site. 2) Williams House Library site is mainly maintained by funds by funds raised and work done by volunteers - There is inadequate space here for an information centre as the building already services the dual purpose of library and museum. The latter only opened last year. Williams House is a Heritage Building which needs to be maintained - There may well be restrictions to changes here Paihia is focal point of the Bay of Islands and as such needs both the infrastructure and facilities to meet this demand. Given the high rate of taxes in this area and the absence of any serious work done by FNDC here, to lose either the isite or Library would be a particularly unpopular move for Paihia residents, judging by those I have talked with.
Other feedback	I believe that expecting people to vote on serious issues without any indication of potential rates increases is irresponsible and unfair on your rate payers.
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First Name	Kathryn
Last name	Heath
Organisation (if applicable)	Whangaroa Friendship Club
Position in organisation	Member
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	Our Kaeo / Whangaroa community has many rate-payers who rely on the (accessible due local) library services. This is due to age; but not only this. Locals in middle age have mobility issues. And not just personal mobility. Lack of transport, plus the dollars for fuel is a major issue for many. Closing a local facility such as Kaeo will severely impact the disadvantaged, the elderly, the financially challenged and those who are intimidated by being told they have to do everything on line. Your push to change the status quo is causing ANXIETY.
Other feedback	
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Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	
Other feedback	Fix Ota Point Road and surrounding roads.
Ward	
	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
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First Name	Sandra
Last name	Hoinkamp
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	I do not consent to pre land use as this is not a fair approach to private users or beneficiaries to this service. Why not using the higher % rate for industrial/commerical usage? It does not need to be land usage, because industrial land is very compact
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Comment	Do not comply to the Govt. "Requirements". Listen to the people! Work with the people! We do not have water supply and have our own wastewater system so we should not pay for any of this. As to what would work for those connected I do not know. I will def
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	I prefer local community based centres and interact in person and not following trends to digital services. There is already too much of that around. People over computers or A!! The services are good and do not suffer when we continue this way. I actually dislike digitalisation and feel the lack of personal services and warmth when going to the bigger library. It feels distant and unfriendly. I do not like to go there.
Other feedback	Work with the people. I am happy to pay for what I use and benefit from. I do not consent to fluoridation in our waters. Please do not comply with these 'Requirements' or others that are not wanted by the majority of the community
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First Name	Christine
Last name	Goldsmith
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Status quo
Comment	I've chosen Status quo as FNDC need to wait for Government advice plus so staff aren't spending time on starting new projects. Just get on and do the job as a Council.
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	
Other feedback	<p>#1- DO NOT USE THE FLAWED DUST MATRIX AT ALL!!! I have so much proof of how the Dust Matrix is flawed and it should never be used. So stop using this now. Seal roads that are on the Hutchinson's Report. #1A- ROADING—Parapara Road. Put Parapara Hill on the LTP. We have asked for years for this road to be put on the LTP and the excuses are deplorable. SEAL PARAPARA HILL!! #2A-NTA..get rid of them. Too costly and the years of neglect on our roads shows their poor service. Have so many complaints about them you need to stop using them. Deal direct with the contractors. #2- TAIPA WASTE WATER.. GET onto this and stop wasting time. This would be a SHOWCASE to every other Council in New Zealand on how to treat waste water. #3- STORM WATER.. NO Storm water should be going into sewage systems at all. #4- DUSTY ROADS. All RFS need to be filed and reported on the number of complaints each month from a dusty road. Millions of dollars would have been saved if the Chairperson of Infrastructure last term saw that certain roads had complained for years that culverts were blocked and water tables blocked. Contractors weren't allowed to clear Duncan Road under instructions from NTA so in August 2022 major slips occurred. Totally preventable. Grade in Summer.. Have a liaison with local Marae. Corrugated roads cause so much damage to vehicles so sections of roads that are prone to this need priority care and maintenance. POTHLES! Yet again check the RFS for potholes and get some shingle in them if can't afford to fix them. DIVERSION ROADS..MAKE THEM A PRIORITY TO SEAL AND MAINTAIN. DUNCAN ROAD AND PARAPARA ROAD HAVE BEEN USED A LOT SO MAKE SURE THEY ARE ABLE TO WITHSTAND HEAVY VOLUMES OF TRAFFIC SAFELY ! (Church Road should have been sealed from Town end to Clough Road going by the RFS and number of houses and closer proximity to Kaitaia..Not the other end. It's all there in the Dust Mitigation report). Mill Bay boat ramp area..when will more parking be available?</p>

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	<p>Kaitaia Dog pound fence..why is that costing \$160,000? What is an "Unsealed Centre of Excellence" for Roading that is mentioned in this report? Best thing is for FNDC to HALT ALL PRETTY PROJECTS for a year to get yourselves better financially. Kaitaia Water..Sweetwaters!? Stop this nonsense now. We know how much money has been wasted on this and still no decent water for Kaitaia. You should buy the land up by the Fairburn Quarry and dam that land by the wetland. Clear out the reaver below it and then you will have beautiful clean flowing water. Potential is there ..for a lot less than \$20M plus that's been spent on Sweetwaters. TALK WITH LOCALS..THEY KNOW.</p>
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Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3.Status quo
Comment	Why do we need another office - each ward just needs one service centre more costs expenses overheads not necessary.
Other feedback	Would like to see secure and stable management of our local airport here in Kaitaia. It is the gateway for all kind of services to the nation region and our community. The runway was built with disasters In mind and is the only designated airport north of Whenuapai and Auckland that has the capabilities to cope and manage for the future security, safety for all of NZ. If roads to the orth are unstable or closed, this is our only way for primary produce, health, tourism, emergency serives due to be built at the height it is. Working with CAA to upgrade our runway will open doors for the area. Good to see target funds in plan already for this
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First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	Only one service centre for each ward must cost effective to run for wards
Other feedback	<p>On behalf of Kaitaia Airport Community Group</p> <p>We are concerned for stable airport management for the future</p> <p>Employment, operational management to be more structured for community</p> <p>Infracstructure management - buildings, fuel tanks, roading, sercurity of runway</p> <p>Service management, working with airlines, tourism growth, health services, Govt Depts - varied to keep investing in our airport. Neighbours re safety regulations.</p> <p>Build with Civil Defense Service a secure and stable Base</p> <p>Custom Services installed for Tourism Growth</p> <p>National Surveillance. future proofin for Nation.</p> <p>Miltiary Services - training base potential.</p> <p>Primary Produce movement when roads are out.</p> <p>as a group we offer skills in pilot, aviation management. Kiataia runway historian, cultural representation, community facilitation</p>
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First Name	Paumea
Last name	McKay
Organisation (if applicable)	Sovereign Council
Position in organisation	Member
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Comment	None of the above
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	
Comment	
Other feedback	<p>Council needs to take care of fundamentals such as repair all the leaking waters - drinking water - repair broken lines. Fix up necessities first. Create a natural reserve to catch stormwater and cleanse it.</p> <p>Tiger brandling worms as bottom feeders - will eat household rubbish and sewage - leave behind good soil. Compost toilet are good. Solids - worm cast soild. Homes should be given waste bins - use rubbish for power generation. Use rubbish - reusable. He uri o Te Hapuku me Potatau.</p> <p>Snafu - situation normal all fixed up.</p>
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First Name	Rupene
Last name	Karaka
Organisation (if applicable)	Te Paatu hapu
Position in organisation	Kaumātua He Whakeputanga
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	
Comment	
Other feedback	Kerokero Pā is sacred - was owned by Beu before it belongs to Te Patu - object to any bulldozing - they are eliminating the pā site. Pā site should be done up - restored. Should be no housing. All land titles in Far North of Mangamuka are null and void - Rupene pays his rates - to be eligible for a Kaumatua (Unable to decipher word) on his land - sponsored by Te Runanga o Ngāti Kahu.
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First Name	Kathleen
Last name	Pomare
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	
Comment	
Other feedback	Reduce the Rates. Roads in Panguru - nothing done WHY??? Maori land rates. Kowhitikaru Road - Waihou - Panguru Council going through creek onto our property and taking gravel for roading mahi - but not being done on our road. No tarseal - dirt road. Pot wholes.

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First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	
Comment	We would like to present our submission in the flesh at the hearings in Kaitaia verbally
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Comment	We would like to present our submission in the flesh at the hearings in Kaitaia verbally
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	
Comment	We would like to present our submission in the flesh at the hearings in Kaitaia verbally
Other feedback	We would like to present our submission in the flesh at the hearings in Kaitaia verbally
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First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	Digital usage is not fairly distributed in the community. Many do not have internet access. Our service centres and libraries assist with that inequity. The provided service and the libraries provide free internet. Leave the libraries as they are. They provide a place for children and the elder to go when there is nowhere else. Keep funding new books, e-books, cds, large print, and talking books as you have been. Please do not cut them. The service centres and the libraries stay the way they are.
Other feedback	
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First Name	Kell
Last name	Archer
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	4. Change to targeted scheme-based operational rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to wastewater services
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	
Other feedback	I am very concerned about the suggested rate increase (approximately 15%). There are many who will have great difficulty paying the increase. It should be the councils foremost responsibility to trim the Long Term Plan of any items possible. The proposed boat ramp parking at Rangitane at \$1,561,588 is such an item. The proposed \$4 million of taxpayers and ratepayers funds for a19 trailer and carparks is financially irresponsible and hugely extravagant at the current time. Especially as there will be futher costs to repair and upgrade Rangintane Road and Loop Road due to heavy trucks transporting fill to the reclamation (approximately 4,500 truck movements)
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First Name	
Last name	Riley
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	
Other feedback	<p>The Council has forgotten its responsibility to those who elected them. Ratepayer funds are not at the unlimited disposal of Council to divert to “Strategic Partnerships”. Rates increase with CPI (7%) automatically as a function of increased property values. Increasing them in addition to CPI yields an effective increase of 23.5% next year. With wage CPI at only 4.3% in 2023, the Council proposes to greatly increase the burden on residents of the Far North – many of whom are already struggling. Do you think it is boom time for our economy? Many people are suffering, we are on the brink of a recessions and you can’t wait to milk every last drop from those in your own communities. Ask people in Paihia how the tourism business is going. Rates need to reflect reality. Instead the Council appears to have a hallucination that these are the good times, money is abundant and rate increases should have an unlimited ceiling. How about you start a “strategic relationship” with your constituents for a change instead to squandering our hard earned money on frivolous projects and distributing it to your insiders?</p> <p>When is the last time we heard that the Council became more fiscally responsible and that rates will be reduced? This the kind of Council we all want, but somehow we’re cursed with you. If you lot were in the corporate world you would have already been sacked. Holding a government position does not vindicate incompetence.</p>
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First Name	Rachel
Last name	Smith
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	Based on the information presented, I am in support of option 2 - change to a targeted rate. This is based on the impact it will have on a more future focussed infrastructure system.
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	I strongly oppose option 4 - a targeted scheme based approach due to the astronomical impact it will have on Whangaroa households, This level of rating (\$20,367.79 per SUIP) is unjust, and will no doubt result in households unable to pay their rates, and
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	
Comment	I am in support of FNDC taking a more strategic and cohesive approach to the way they consider reduction in levels of service. Without understanding what the impact might be on myself, my children, and my community, I am unable to choose a favoured option of the 3 suggested, The note on page 29 indicates that Council is looking to review the way that these services are provided as a next step of this process, and I strongly encourage Council to not jump to a solution without fully understand a) the problem and b) the innovation opportunities. These would be further explored if a strategic review is undertaken.
Other feedback	<p>Other issues for consideration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Strongly support the inclusion of a planned capital investment line in the LTP for the next stage of Te Puawaitanga. Majority of external funding opportunities (including NRC sporting targeted rate) require a planned investment in Council's LTP to indicate a commitment to the project. Without this planning in place, FNDC will likely be challenged with attracting external investment. This project should also be re-instated as a community partnership project in order to attract efficiency and a sense of kaitiakitanga. ● Strongly support the adoption of the draft Far North Arts, Culture and Heritage Strategy, and the planning for collaborative implementation (establishment of working group at minimum). ● Strongly support the continuation of reinstatement of Development Contribution charges. At a minimum, for the District's three largest areas of growth. Not only will this ease the burden on future ratepayers, but will be a step change toward market confidence for private development at scale. More strategic levers need to be pulled to meaningfully address our housing crisis.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strongly support the continuation of funding at a Community Board level and encourage Council to be considering a devolution of decision making powers to a Community Board level. This includes those decision that currently sit operationally, such as the allocation of renewals spend, planning and improvements of open spaces, and decisions made between community committees and operational staff. • Strongly support the inclusion of capital line item for Kerikeri CBD roading bypass, and strongly encourage Council to include a fully local funded item for 2025/26 to undertake project planning and town centre urban design to ensure cohesion in the transport and urban network of the Kerikeri CBD. This will ensure that, should Waka Kotahi funding be attracted for the project, or other external funding opportunities be available, the project is “shovel ready”, Thank you for the opportunity to submit to the consultation process of your 2024-27 Long Term Plan development. As a submitter, I do not request to speak to my submission.
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First Name	Jane
Last name	Banfield
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	I prefer those that use services to pay more rates than those for / when a service is not available
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	3. Change to targeted ward rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	I would like the Council to redraft it's intent to 'provide spaces for face-to-face (kanohi ki te kanohi) connection. This is an important service and requires many localised spaces, noticesboards where people walk past. DO NOT CENTRALISE.
Other feedback	Consultation document Rangitane Boat ramp I request FNDC to remove the allocated \$1561558 allocation - it is after all only something that benefits an elite few and has social and environmental negatives. In its place, simply find an upgrade of the existing wharf. Cheaper - far less social and environmental impacts - i.e. in line with the LG Act.
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First Name	Rosemary
Last name	Archibald
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	10% increase max (word unreadable) etc postpone for 1 year
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	Nothing for Te Hiku? Doubtless Bay info - accessing in (words unreadable) area
Other feedback	
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First Name	Joe
Last name	King
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	The rate is for capital specific development - not a charge for an operational budget: Where is the operational budget figures for the district. Does FNDC have insurance to cover failure of their infrastructure in heavy rain events?
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku
Comment	Utilise the buildings actually owned or leased by FNDC i.e. Turner Centre for the Bay of Islands. Te Hiku for the Far North.
Other feedback	Rating - Review drainage differentials - A, B, C in the Far North and add a public good rate in drainage. Reduce the rates - unaffordable Huge increases in targeted rates ie: sewage \$404.00 per property. More monies on roading - not cycl tracks or road to zero
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First Name	Fiona
Last name	King
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	Operational budget is needed. The stormwater policy stats capital. Need to add a stormwater operational budget: same as sweage and wastewater
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku
Comment	
Other feedback	See attachment
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ME WHAKAWHITI KÖRERO WE NEED TO TALK

Te Pae Tawhiti Tuhinga Uiuinga
Long Term Plan Consultation Document
2024-27

Kaitiaki Service Centre

26 APR 2024



Te Kaunihera
o Te Hiku o te Ika
Far North District Council

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ISSUE 1

Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District *(Select 1 option)*

- 1. Status quo
- 2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate

Would you like to expand on your answer?

*Operational Budget is needed. The Stormwater Policy states
Capital,
Need to add a stormwater operational budget: same as sewage & water.*

ISSUE 2

Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services? *(Select 1 option)*

- 1. Status quo
- 2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
- 3. Change to targeted ward rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
- 4. Change to targeted scheme-based operational rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to wastewater services

Would you like to expand on your answer?

ISSUE 3

Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future? *(Select 1 option)*

- 1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku
- 2. Provide a multi-purpose centre for each ward
- 3. Status quo

Would you like to expand on your answer?

Is there anything else you want to provide feedback on?

See attached papers

About you

First name (required)

Flora King

Last name (required)

King

Organisation (if applicable)

Position in organisation (if applicable)

Your email (required)

Phone (if you wish to present your submission verbally, we will contact you by email or phone)

Would you like to present your submission verbally?

Yes No

Verbal submissions will be held in Council Chamber, Kaikohe - 30 April and 3 May and at Te Ahu, Kaitaia - 1 May. Those participating will be allowed 10 minutes to present their submission. We will contact you by email or phone about scheduling a time for your verbal submission.

Which ward do you live in? (Select 1 option)

Te Hiku (North)

Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)

Kaikohe-Hokianga (West)

Outside Far North

Would you like to be informed about future consultations? (required)

Yes

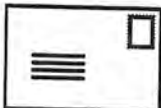
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Please keep my name confidential

SUBMISSIONS CLOSE ON SUNDAY 28 APRIL 2024



By post:
LTP submissions
Far North District Council
Private Bag 752
Kaikohe 0440



In person:
hand it in to any council service centre,
library or isite / information centre.

Rating 24/25 year.

We are tough times and should only be considering the essentials of life for the next few years. It should be a policy of essential needs/basics, not wants and wishes.

Roading

Roads are appalling. More monies needed here. Roadside drains lack maintenance and road side vegetation not being done leaving driving on rural roads dangerous.

The 20c for roading includes footpaths, cycle trail, walkways. Show the public what the true spend is on road maintenance.

FNDC gets a 72% subsidy But only if they put up a further 29% in works .

We don't need cycle tracks or road to zero. This can wait.

Put that monies into road maintenance- pavements , drain and culvert cleaning- all the subsidies works.

Cycle trail – m\$4 mill- remove from roading budget – Not subsidised. Do later . It is a want - not a need.

Road to zero – \$3 mill each year- reduce and Push out further , To much safety on roads that leads to more frustrated drivers and more accidents. Road surfaces are the issue – fix them - not keep adding speed reductions or signs that are too numerous on the road sides and are now distracting to drivers

Kerikeri by pass \$5 mil in year 3 . Does this have a Consent and is all the land necessary purchased so it can happen?

Water

Fluoridation.- \$3 mill for Kaitaia and Kerikeri – remove from this years budget

Sewage –

Land purchase or agreement needed in Kaitaia budgets- keeping the ponds in the Kaitaia Lake known as the flood storage area for the Awanui river Flood Protection scheme is high risk. Pumping to land discharge would lessen the risk of over topping.

Raising the banks only increases the flood heights in the lake and surrounding land and forcing the floodgates to open earlier thus flooding land and a town (Awanui) further down the catchment.

Stormwater

Yes to the change to a targeted rate based on land use – residential or commercial in urban areas plus a public good rate from urban centres.

The stormwater policy is to collect rates for capital development.

Good BUT where is the operational budget to repair existing assets in urban areas,

There are plenty of flood gates in need of repair within in the Kaitaia township that NRC (Awanui River scheme) has been telling FNDC about for quite a while.

Does FNDC have insurances if any of their assets fail?? It should do.

The Awanui River flood Protection scheme has their own insurance policy for their assets.

Land Drainage

The rating differentials categories seriously need a review as does the rating amounts for each category with all the development in the Far North. A lot of pressure is being placed on the schemes with the change of land use activity.

The Management Plans for the schemes need to be completed. We have a draft dated 2017.

We need to work with Kaipara and NRC to have a plan change making the schemes a permitted activity not a controlled activity so not to go through the Resource consent process which is very costly and unaffordable to the small schemes.

Land drainage should have a public good rate as stormwater the flows from the town ship of Kaitaia has to flow into land drainage drains and out to the river. I request that FNDC considers this as and option the same as the stormwater rate.

The Bylaws 2019 need to be implemented and a warranted officer able to enforce them. Who will do this ??

Community Services

Getting back to basics – Issue 3. Option1

With the move to online interaction Option1 is more than enough BUT utilise the existing buildings and sites that Council owns, ie. The Turner Centre. and the Proctor library.

Te Hiku ward as the Te Hiku centre and Kaikohe is already showing a big budget (\$13 mill) for Library new buildings.

Remove the Kaeo library/ service centre its only 20 mins from their main centre of Kerikeri. Mangonui has none and services an increasing population, they are expected to go to Kaitaia.

Use the mobile library bus in the smaller towns.

District Facilities

Housing for the elderly – I would call it more social housing 12.5 million in the three budget is questionable. I thought FNDC was divesting this role somewhere else. They do not have a good record of maintaining the existing properties. Just collecting the depreciation from them.

FNH activities shows the strategic focus of 50 housing units each year for the next three years in partnership with CHP

Why spend \$517 ,000 on the old Kaeo Post office building ? Put into the main multi-purpose centre plan.

Why spend monies on hall renewals – sell for a \$ back to the comminates that want them. Concentrate on the main multi purpose centre for each ward.

Rating

Rates increases to high especially some of the targeted rates for sewage . Need to reduce the general rate to 10% and/or the UAGC too

Rating of identified wetlands and SNA s need to be zero rated .

Capital rating needs to be looked into by FNDC again. Most Council in New Zealand are capital rated .

NRC uses figures for FNDC of total capital value \$32,748,686 mil and land value \$18,564,949 mil and rating units of 36,818 .

Land drainage rates needs to reviewed next year when actual figures for operational work are collected this year.

Kaitiaki Lake Storage
Pond with Sewage
Ponds
Subsided + little fee
band available.

11/07/2007

Wāhanga tuawhā Section four

Far North district rates examples

2024/25 Far North district rates examples	Residential/ commercial/other with land value of \$250,000	Farm property with land value of \$2,750,000	Farm on Awanui floodplain class A & B with land value of \$2,750,000	Residential/ commercial on Awanui floodplain (class B4) with land value of \$250,000
Targeted Council Services Rate	\$204.87	\$204.87	\$204.87	\$204.87
Targeted Land and Freshwater Management Rate	\$69.53	\$764.78	\$764.78	\$69.53
Targeted Pest Management Rate	\$92.64	\$92.64	\$92.64	\$92.64
Targeted Flood Infrastructure Rate	\$40.83	\$40.83	\$40.83	\$40.83
Targeted Emergency and Hazard Management Rate	\$56.14	\$56.14	\$56.14	\$56.14
Targeted Regional Economic Development Rate	\$5.98	\$65.73	\$65.73	\$5.98
Targeted Far North Transport Rate	\$8.65	\$8.65	\$8.65	\$8.65
Targeted Kāeo-Whangaroa Rivers Management Rate				
Targeted Taumarere Rivers Management Rate				
Awanui river management rates			\$2,278.16	\$298.24
TOTAL 2024/25	\$478.64	\$1,233.64	\$3,511.80	\$776.88
2023/24 (CURRENT)	\$416.12	\$1,098.89	\$3,293.55	\$704.45
Other Far North Rates:	<i>6252</i>	<i>134.95</i>		
Kāeo-Whangaroa rivers management rate \$48.34	<i>15%</i>	<i>12%</i>		
Taumāreere rivers management rate \$68.95				

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EXAMPLE RATES

Example of rates payable on different value properties - FNDC

Applies to all rateable properties

	Land Values	General Rates	UAGC	Road UAGC	Roading Rate	Ward Rate Average	Public Good Rate	Wastewater Average	Water Average (Excluding Usage)	Final Rates	AP
										2024/25	2023/24
Residential											
12.7%	100,000	\$349	\$450	\$100	\$8	\$478	\$30	\$1,468	\$369	\$3,253	\$2,658
21%	250,000	\$873	\$450	\$100	\$21	\$478	\$30	\$1,468	\$369	\$3,790	\$3,123
20%	500,000	\$1,746	\$450	\$100	\$42	\$478	\$30	\$1,468	\$369	\$4,684	\$3,898
18.8%	750,000	\$2,619	\$450	\$100	\$64	\$478	\$30	\$1,468	\$369	\$5,578	\$4,674
18.8%	1,000,000	\$3,492	\$450	\$100	\$85	\$478	\$30	\$1,468	\$369	\$6,473	\$5,449
Rural and Lifestyle											
10.5%	100,000	\$349	\$450	\$100	\$9	\$478	\$30	-	-	\$1,417	\$1,282
11.8%	250,000	\$873	\$450	\$100	\$23	\$478	\$30	-	-	\$1,955	\$1,748
12.9%	500,000	\$1,746	\$450	\$100	\$46	\$478	\$30	-	-	\$2,851	\$2,525
13.4%	750,000	\$2,619	\$450	\$100	\$70	\$478	\$30	-	-	\$3,747	\$3,302
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Commercial											
21.0%	100,000	\$960	\$450	\$100	\$23	\$478	\$30	\$1,468	\$369	\$3,879	\$3,201
19.5%	250,000	\$2,401	\$450	\$100	\$57	\$478	\$30	\$1,468	\$369	\$5,354	\$4,479
18%	500,000	\$4,801	\$450	\$100	\$114	\$478	\$30	\$1,468	\$369	\$7,811	\$6,610
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Wāhanga tuawhā Section four

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Submissions with comments

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Last name	King
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
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Comment	Ward based is dependent on how many schemes are in each ward.
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku
Comment	Divest small community halls to the community themselves if they want or sell buildings
Other feedback	<p>I own a dairy farm milking 700 cows on a metal road 3km from Kaitiāia. Rates to to expensive. Reduce rates increase from 16% to 10% see attaching rating from FNDC rating calculator \$5432.35 increase in one year. Mostly increase in general rate or \$4097.56.</p> <p>Roads are 3 world condition. See attached and milk tanker use this daily. Note the roadside vegetation not be done for months/a year. Roadside drains not be cleaned for years. Block culverts = water flowing into my paddocks Numerous RFS - still no results. Put more monies into core activities and less into: recreation facilities 07 04 Sustainable environment 04 01 Future planning 07 02 Community services 09 05 Add roading 20 + 12c = 32 c Remove new cycle trail from budget - put into roading \$ million. Road to zero reduce to 0 means another 3 mill to roading Roads means actual work on road surfaces, roadside drains and vegetation clearing</p>
Ward	Te Hiku (North)
Receipt number	Hard copy52
Other attachments	

ME WHAKAWHITI KÖRERO WE NEED TO TALK

Te Pae Tawhiti Tuhinga Uiuinga
Long Term Plan Consultation Document
2024-27

Kaitiāia Service Centre

26 APR 2024



Te Kaunihera
o Te Hiku o te Ika
Far North District Council

Submission form

Māmā noa iho te whakapā mai!
Making a submission is easy!

You can also submit online at www.fndc.govt.nz/ltp2024-27. Submitting online saves cost and time. If you need more space than is provided on this form, please feel free to write on extra pages. If you have extra information you would like council to consider, please attach it to your submission.

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ISSUE 1

Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District (Select 1 option)

- 1. Status quo
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Would you like to expand on your answer?

Public good for stormwater should only be rated in urban areas not R

ISSUE 2

Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services? (Select 1 option)

- 1. Status quo
- 2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
- 3. Change to targeted ward rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
- 4. Change to targeted scheme-based operational rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to wastewater services

Would you like to expand on your answer?

Ward Based is dependent on how many schemes are in each ward.
Information.

ISSUE 3

Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future? (Select 1 option)

- 1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku
- 2. Provide a multi-purpose centre for each ward
- 3. Status quo

Would you like to expand on your answer?

Divest small Community Halls, to the community themselves
if they want or sell Buildings.

I own a dairy farm. milking 700 cows on a metal road - 3 km from Kaitiaki.

Rates too expensive

Reduce rate increase from 16% to 10%

See attached rating from FNDC using Calculator

\$5432.35 increase in one year. Mostly increase in general rate or \$4097.56

Road care - 3 world conditions - see attached and milk tanker uses this daily.

Note: the roadside vegetation not be done for months/a year.

Roadside drains not be cleared for years:

Block culverts = water flowing into my paddocks

Numerous RFS = still no results:

Put more money into core activities -

and less into recreation facilities 07 04

Sustainable Environment 04 01

Future Planning 07 02

Community Services 09 05

add Roadwork 20+12

= 32

Remove new cycle trails from Budget - put into roadwork.
4 million.

Road to zero ~~to~~ reduce to 0 means rather 3 mill to road

Roads means actual work on road surface, roadside drain and vegetation clearance

Is there anything else you want to provide feedback on?

See attached.

About you

First name (required)

Logan

Last name (required)

King

Organisation (if applicable)

Position in organisation (if applicable)

Your email (required)

Phone (if you wish to present your submission verbally, we will contact you by email or phone)

Would you like to present your submission verbally?

Yes No

Verbal submissions will be held in Council Chamber, Kaikohe - 30 April and 3 May and at Te Ahu, Kaitaia - 1 May. Those participating will be allowed 10 minutes to present their submission. We will contact you by email or phone about scheduling a time for your verbal submission.

Which ward do you live in? (Select 1 option)

Te Hiku (North)

Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)

Kaikohe-Hokianga (West)

Outside Far North

Would you like to be informed about future consultations? (required)

Yes

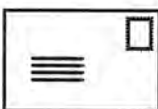
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Anyone is invited to give feedback using this form. Feedback can be from an individual or on behalf of an organisation. Your personal information will not be used for any purpose other than updating you on the outcome of this consultation, unless you have indicated you wish to be informed about future consultations. Your personal information is handled according to the principles of the Privacy Act 2020. This submission is part of the public consultation process for the Long Term Plan 2024-27. As such, all submissions, any summaries of submissions, and attached documents are copied and made available to Elected Members and the public. If you wish for your submission and name to be treated as confidential, please request this by checking the box below (note: verbal submissions are unable to be treated as confidential).

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SUBMISSIONS CLOSE ON SUNDAY 28 APRIL 2024



By post:

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Far North District Council
Private Bag 752
Kaikohe 0440



In person:

hand it in to any council service centre, library or isite / information centre.

Values for Property ID : 3354188

Code	Type	Value
V	Capital Value (\$)	11230000
AA	Kailiia Drainage	3829021
	Improvement Value (\$)	2330000
A	Land Area (sq metres)	3829021
/	Land Value (\$)	8900000
RC-DR-A1	NRC Drainage Area A1 (sq metres)	3235151
RC-DR-F	NRC Drainage Area F (sq metres)	593870

25/26 year.

Rateability : Rateable

Land Use : 11 - Primary Industry-Dairying

Section 20-20A Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 – Rating units in common ownership

Rating assessment : None

Marked assessment(s) : None

Nature of Improvements: 4 Dwelling Fencing Other Buildings Other Improvement

Rates for 2025 for rate assessment : 5011037

Rate Type	Type	Value	Rate or Charge	Amount
Average Public Good	Rating Unit	1		15.00
Water Public Good	Rating Unit	1		15.00
Loading Rate Uniform Rate	Separate Part	4	100.00	400.00
Loading Rate Dairy Differential	Land Value	8900000	0.00019340	1,721.26
General Rate Uniform Annual General Charge	Separate Part	4	450.00	1,800.00
Garden Services Rate Te Hiku Differential	Separate Part	4	439.90	1,759.60
General Rate General Differential	Land Value	8900000	0.00349190	31,077.91
Kailiia Drainage Area Rate	DAA	3829021	0.00124695	4,774.60
RC Council Services Rate	Separate Part	4	204.87	819.48
RC Pest Management Rate	Separate Part	4	92.64	370.56
RC Flood Infrastructure Rate	Separate Part	4	40.83	163.32
RC Emergency and Hazard Management Rate	Separate Part	4	56.14	224.56
RC Far North Transport Rate	Separate Part	4	8.65	34.60
RC Economic Development Rate - Far North District	Land Value	8900000	0.00002390	212.71
RC Awanui River Management Rate A General	NRC-DR-A1	3235151	0.00226700	7,334.09
RC Awanui River Management Rate F General	NRC-DR-F	593870	0.00007300	43.35
RC Awanui River Management Rate Rural Indirect	Separate Part	4	11.16	44.64
RC Land and Freshwater Management Rate	Land Value	8900000	0.00027810	2,475.09
Total Years Rates				53,285.77

53,285.77
 147,853.52

 \$ 9,432.35 increase

24/25 year

How to use the database

Search for rating information by entering a valuation number or a street address in the corresponding boxes below, check that you are not a robot and click submit. Please take note of the year you are searching.

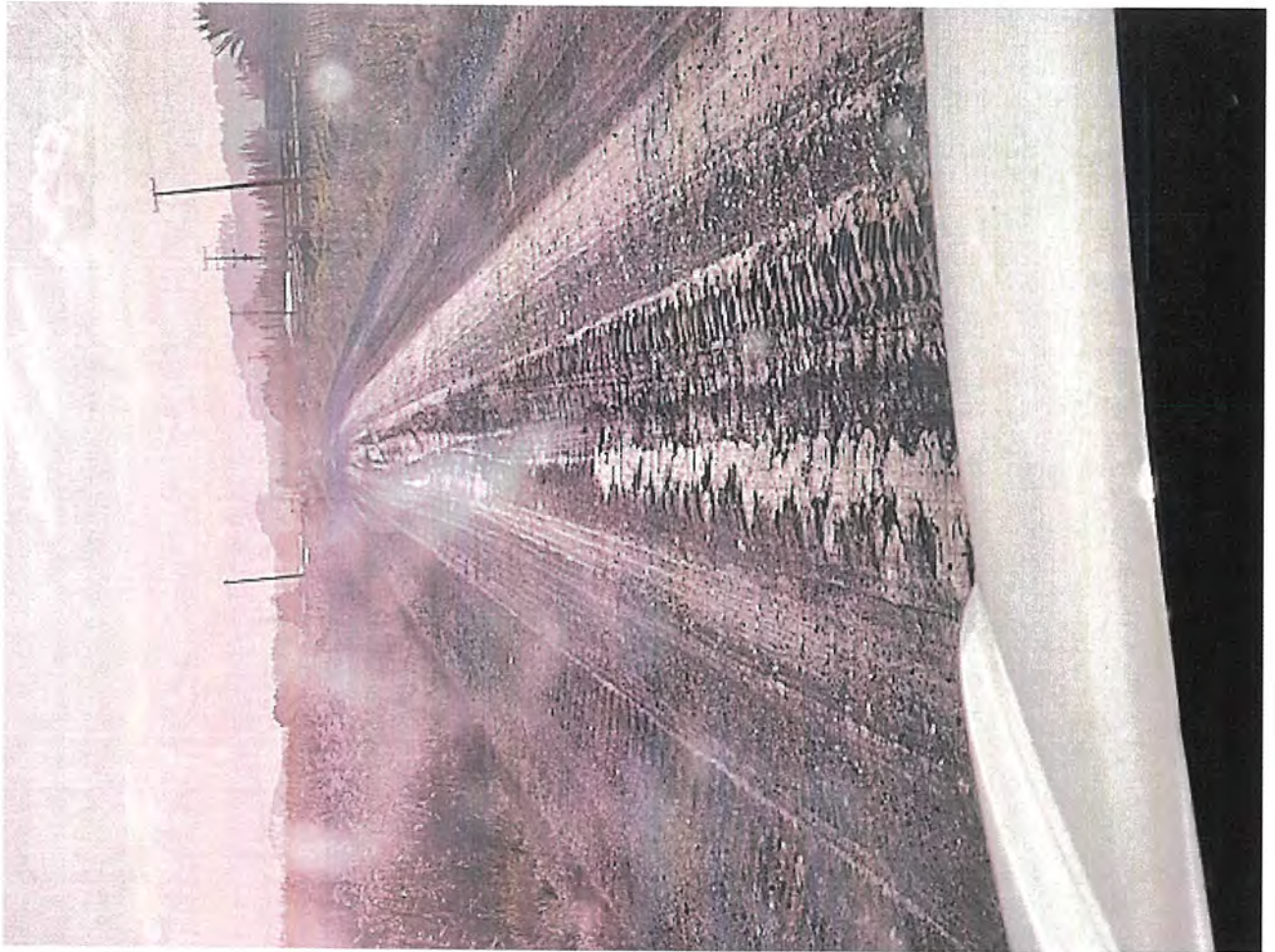
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Ward Services Rate Te Hiku Differential	Separate Part	4	384.50	1,538.00
General Rate General Differential	Land Value	8900000	0.00303150	26,980.35
Kaitaia Drainage Area Rate	DAA	3829021	0.00125500	4,805.42
NRC Council Services Rate	Separate Part	4	159.04	636.16
NRC Pest Management Rate	Separate Part	4	78.29	313.16
NRC Flood Infrastructure Rate	Separate Part	4	36.56	146.24
NRC Emergency and Hazard Management Rate	Separate Part	4	44.90	179.60
NRC Emergency Services Rate	Separate Part	4	11.44	45.76
NRC Sporting Facilities Rate	Separate Part	4	16.37	65.48
NRC Far North Transport Rate	Separate Part	4	8.68	34.72
NRC Economic Development Rate - Far North District	Land Value	8900000	0.00001940	172.66
NRC Awanui River Management Rate A General	NRC-DR-A1	3235151	0.00218400	7,065.57
NRC Awanui River Management Rate F General	NRC-DR-F	593870	0.00007100	42.16
NRC Awanui River Management Rate Rural Indirect	Separate Part	4	10.67	42.68
NRC Land and Freshwater Management Rate	Land Value	8900000	0.00025100	2,233.90
Total Years Rates				47,853.52







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Submissions with comments

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Last name	Frieling
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Position in organisation	
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Comment	
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Comment	Buildings should include all services - library, service centre, i-sites and information centres, etc
Other feedback	Rating Reduce rates - unaffordable Stick to basics - its tough out here in the financial work to make an income
Ward	Te Hiku (North)
Receipt number	Hard copy53
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Lamorna
Last name	Ahitapu-Rogers
Organisation (if applicable)	Patukeha hapū
Position in organisation	Hapū member
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Comment	
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Comment	
Other feedback	<p>I do not agree with the proposal to remove funding for sealing unsealed roads. We have 2.1 kilometres of unsealed road to Rāwhiti that we were told years ago would be done, and every funding round it is a different excuse. Our hapū in Rāwhiti mounted a petition, went to FNDC to present it and explained our issues. We talked about the social, economic, environmental and health impacts (straight out of the FNDC wellbeing framework though we didn't know it). None of that is considered in the unsealed roads section, nothing but dust.</p> <p>The entry for unsealed roads in Table 22 says "Whaingā (Goal) 3 - Kōkiri Tahī – Empowered communities, working collaboratively – engagement" under alignment with Te Pae o Uta. It is really hard to see how the unsealed road process delivered on Whaingā 3 - despite our proactive engagement with council, we were not consulted at all when the unsealed roads strategy was being considered. How can the Unsealed Centre of Excellence understand the impact of their decisions of communities like ours if they don't talk to us? And shouldn't the LTP have been transparent about funding for unsealed roads being removed rather than having to read it between the lines?</p>
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
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Last name	Benett
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Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	Williams House is perfect for the Paihia Library an important part of our community. The Library is the seat and lifeblood of a community and books can do other than mere escapist entertainment. Many of us elderly do not have computers, smart phones or transport and having a library close by is a necessity. Also for the infirm. We have been deprived in our area of a lot including banks, it seems we do not matter in the scheme of things. Add the isite to our Williams House
Other feedback	Roading - our main road in and out of Paihia is dreadful. Okiaiy it has been sealed from the cemetery to the beach, but was not reapiired first. Just tar poured over and large chips added. Now after four weeks it is showing the fault over again, and yet Kerikeri has had a resealing in Cobham Road of hot seal to the (word unreaable) place. If ours was done properly with qualified road buildres and no hangers on - in the first place, we wouldn't have a problem. The side roads were done to use money by end of March as usual. Our waterfront is in dire need as is all the main road Opua to Haruru.
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Receipt number	Hard copy55
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Stu
Last name	Bryers
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	
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Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	
Comment	
Other feedback	<p>Im not intetested in your 3 new proposals to try to justify the rates increase. That is simply not just. The fndc recieves more money than it needs to get through the work it should be doing, a lot of which doesnt get done, because all of our ratepayers money is spent on wages and salaries to the heavily overweight organisation the council has grown itself into. 10 people to make a decision that 1 or 2 people could make for example. I have done work inside your council offices in both Kaikohe and Kerikeri, and I know from my own eyes how you have bucket loads od unnecessary people working in the fndc. I dont want to see people out of work either, so encourage them to become contractors to actually undertake the work you have continuously failed to deliver. Your "empire" needs ro be scaled back..severely. i will be writing to the MPs about this huge rates increase, and asking them to question this increase, and your staff levels. This is more important to me and other already struggling rates and taxpayers than your 3 new sugar coated proposals. Angry resident Stu Bryers Kaikohe.</p> <p>I recommend that the current fndc empire dissolve itself so we can start paying people who actually want to help Northland build. Im tired of paying rates, and having rates increases that dont benefit me. The services you say you provide are not noticable in my eyes, and i live in a Northland town on a tourist route. Pack of thieves. Stu B</p>
Ward	Kaikohe-Hokianga (West)
Receipt number	Inbox01
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Paul
Last name	Carr-Smith
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	
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Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	
Comment	
Other feedback	<p>As an orchardist in kerikeri for 35 years I have seen the town take more and more of our stored water , which is meant for farm and orchard supply . To grow food not houses . So what is the council doing about there own supply . It seems that council is intent on taking more of kerikeri irrigation company's (kkIC) stored water. Which will affect growers and farmers of the future to grow sustainable crops and stock . Especially in drought conditions which I have seen many of now ,and are expecting to see more of in the future. As I see it the council has no choice but to plan for there own supply and fast . There is miss management of rate payer funds, are being noticed in all areas of northland . The water supply to the householder is the councils obligation not the share holders of the kerikeri irriagation company's . (the growers and Farmers on the KKIC) . I would like to see the council stop wasting time and money and get it done . Not talk an plan for no result. Very Concerned orhardist of kerikeri thinking of the jobs that are at steak and the ability to grow food . Paul Carr-smith Rate payer .</p>
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	Inbox02
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Not supplied
Last name	Not supplied
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	
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Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	
Comment	
Other feedback	<p>Have you thought through the fixed income of pensioners.</p> <p>The rates increase is giving us so much worry about can we afford to live and where.</p> <p>Was directing a concern about the rate increases for older people on pensions. It really is becoming a struggle for some.</p> <p>The rebate helps but you also have the rise with the general cost of living .</p> <p>Hopefully consideration is given.</p>

Ward	Not supplied
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Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Lynda
Last name	Dods
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	
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Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	
Comment	
Other feedback	<p>Increasing the rates by another 16% is outrageous! My rates have increased by \$1000 over the last year! ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS. I am a single woman on less than minimum wage due to health issues. HOW DO YOU EXPECT PEOPLE TO KEEP PAYING OUT FOR YOUR GROSS MISMANAGEMENT OF ESSENTIAL SERVICES. Over the last couple of years I have watched while you spent our money on a "Democracy committee" and Iwi representative committee " putting up expensive "Totem Poles" all over the damn place, and other such (word redacted). Meanwhile, the roads have had no maintenance, there is no maintenance of burms, we don't even get Xmas decorations in town. I get no rubbish collection, no footpaths, no local parks. How do you expect the general public to keep supporting this crap on their meagre incomes???? If you want to save some money then start thinning out the top-heavy Management structure, where all your damn friends and family have been given top jobs for Top dollar, to sit on their bums all day shuffling paper. What's the damn CEO earning??? Why have we even got a CEO?? It's a public service, not a damn private corporation. What the hell do you people even do???</p> <p>The only reason you are raising rates again is because YOU CAN. ITS A GROSS ABUSE OF POWER. It's YOU who haven't kept up with essential services, it's YOU who have been grossly mismanaging the money we have entrusted to you, it's YOU Making decisions for the entire region with no consultation. It's YOU who ensured QV valued everyone's properties at sky high prices that were far and above what they are worth so you could sneak in with a whole new extra income courtesy of the ratepayers. YOU ARE INCOMPETENT. TOTALLY INCOMPETENT. You're all sitting on your bums collecting sky high incomes while the rest of us STARVE. SHAME ON YOU. SHAME!!!!</p> <p>(Additional information received on hardcopy form 10042024) Really unhappy about the rates rise of 30%. This will put so many people out of their homes, It will raise rents in the middle of a housing crisis. My rates have doubled this year. 30% on top of that is unmanageable.</p>
Ward	Not supplied
Receipt number	Inbox04
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Calum
Last name	McNeill
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	
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Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	
Comment	
Other feedback	<p>Please do Not close any of the local libraries which are an essential facilities for their respective communities. Especially the Paihia library housed in the historic Williams building visited by locals and tourists daily throughout the year. Very busy in cruise season. Paihia has already lost all of its banks and the town is showing signs of stress after the Covid lockdown, Brynderwyn closures and the slow resumption's of international tourism. Paihia won't long be a council cash cow on current trends.</p>
Ward	Not supplied
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Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Heather
Last name	McNeill
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	
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Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	
Comment	
Other feedback	<p>I strongly object to the closure of libraries in the Far North.</p> <p>Having access to Paihia Library for around 18 years, I have never be conscious of being the only one present in the building. It is well used and enjoyed by locals. The librarian is a source of knowledge for all, including the many visitors to Paihia. Paihia has suffered the closure of all banks and a local grocery store. The library closing would be the nail in the coffin for the village.</p> <p>The fact that is is a historic building with various exhibitions, accessed by all, should lend weight to keep it open and thriving.</p> <p>If another alternative is essential, reduce the opening hours.</p> <p>Sincerely Heather McNeill</p>
Ward	Not supplied
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Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Mark
Last name	Wagstaff
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	
Comment	
Other feedback	I would like to add my say to the possible closure of the Library. The place is important for all of us and a place as a community Hub. Note not all people have computer access or can afford plus prefer to read books... every time I have visited its busy place with a good sense of well being this is another reason
Ward	Not supplied
Receipt number	Inbox07
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Tony
Last name	Smith
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	
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Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	
Comment	
Other feedback	<p>I would like to see the following considered in the LTP and projects:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Development contributions re-introduced for all classes of subdivisions and asset types 2. Whole of life cost, not lowest construction cost 3. Tenders considered on Price – Quality method, not lowest price conforming 4. Retirement living developments required to contribute to building new/expanded medical facilities including dementia capacity 5. A list of funds raised by Council for projects, which have not been spent 6. Aggregate quarries reflected in separate planning zone to minerals (China clay, precious metals etc)
Ward	Not supplied
Receipt number	Inbox08
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Donald
Last name	Chandler
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	
Comment	
Other feedback	<p>I see various capital expenditures are proposed for the BOI-Whangaroa ward.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I oppose the \$5.2 million for Kerikeri CBD Roading Bypass. It's well known that building new lanes only induces more traffic demand. We would be much better off spending that money on true traffic reduction measures, like improved delivery infrastructure, public transport and alternative mobility, mainly walking and biking. 2. I oppose the \$1.6 million for boat ramp parking at Rangitane. When there are so many other priorities in the district, this seems like a luxury we can do without. If there's demand from a fraction of our population for boat ramp parking, let the private sector work it out. Boaters who can afford boats and the fossil fuel to run them can pay for their own parking. Why am I being rated to provide it?
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Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Wendy
Last name	Hitesman
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	
Comment	
Other feedback	If the library in Paihia in Williams House is closed it will be a tragic loss as it is the heart of the town. Many old people walk to the library and would find it hard to go to a nearby town to other libraries in Bay Of Islands.
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	Inbox10
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Angela
Last name	Ussher
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	The Williams House library is very much a part of village life in Paihia. It is frequently used on a weekly basis by the many retired people in the community, including myself. I am also a member of the monthly library Book Club. Driving regularly to Kerikeri half an hour each way, or over windy terrain to Kawakawa is not an option.
Other feedback	
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Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	Rangaunu Sports Club
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	
Comment	
Other feedback	<p>Kia ora</p> <p>We a small group of Rangaunu Sports members and Awanui ratepayers encourage Mayor Moko to stand up for the people of the Far North and not to accept the huge rise in rates.</p> <p>1) We oppose the rates increase of 16.5% and urge FNDC elected members to reduce the rate increase to 2% or less.</p> <p>Whānau, our elderly, our young parents are struggling with rent, power & food costs. Council will make its citizens homeless.</p> <p>Councillors need to reset the budget and cut expenditure. Your legacy will be terrible.</p> <p>2) Prioritise crucial vs nice to have projects</p> <p>a) Put superfluous projects on hold.</p> <p>3) Roading repairs are needed throughout the west of Kaitaia- Motuti, Panguru, Pawarenga, Whangape. These areas were hit by Cyclone Gabrielle.</p> <p>Road funding seems to only be going to Whangarei, Kerikeri, tourist & business development areas. The world doesn't stop in Brenderwyn</p> <p>The Kaikohe main road needs roundabouts as a major throughfare highway.</p> <p>We recommend:</p> <p>a) Council fix these roads before the rains come.</p> <p>b) Employ local contractors in the Far North who will give more value for their money.</p> <p>c) Enable Māori & local contractors to engage in the procurement process.</p> <p>d) Beat down the big companies pricing- ie give contractors to the locals.</p> <p>e) Clean the culverts, drains regularly & save money. Get the drainage committees working in the Far North areas.</p> <p>f) Include Kohanga Reo and Marae for tarsealling or concreting 500m either side of their entrance as highly used community facilities.</p> <p>4) Cut down on FNDC staffing by 25%</p> <p>a) dump excessive charging consultants who deliberately slow down processes in order to collect high fees.</p> <p>b) cut down on staff recruitment; do not fill vacancies that produce few gains.</p> <p>5) Subsidise water tanks & hook ups for drought prone areas.</p> <p>The tanks will be more effective than the Sweetwater personnel.</p> <p>6) Include Lake Ngātu in the alcohol ban bylaw.</p> <p>7) Support Kaitaia Hospital, Kaitaia Airport and the emergency services in the area.</p> <p>8) Reduce resource consent delays to enable housing builds. Remove zone designations that prevent housing.</p> <p>He taunga waka, he herenga tangata</p> <p>Rangaunu Sports Club</p>

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Roddy
Last name	Pihema
Organisation (if applicable)	BOI-Whangaroa Community Board
Position in organisation	Board member
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	
Comment	
Other feedback	<p>LTP My concern is in Relation to the unsubsidized Sealing it is vital to many of our rural communities that we keep this funding the Dependency communities have on this is huge areas like Rawhiti Waikare whangaroa Matawaia opahi Motatau and other communities need this funding to continue I'm against its removal and hope you might reconsider</p> <p>The Dust matrix is a grate idea but it needs some changes as many of the rural areas in our subdivision and our ward are disqualified from this resource as they do not meet the criteria I have seen families that live right next to the road on Kaka road matawaia road opahi Road motatau kaikau whose roads do not meet the criteria of the dust matrix even with babies that are not even a year old they simply do not meet the criteria.</p> <p>As there's no schools not enough trucks not enough children walking on the roads particulate matter is a huge issue on metal roads I've done alot of research on particulate matter PM 10 pm 2.5 pm 0.1 the effects on health can be huge if you have other health issues relating to lung issues and even heart issues I understand it's expensive bit how do we say that some people's lives are protected while others aren't based on traffic and weather it's a high use road or not all life must be protected .</p> <p>I understand that the task before you is a hard one i understand that you can only do what you can do but these are our young our elderly that will feel the effects they are our most vulnerable</p>
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Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Adrienne
Last name	Tari
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	
Other feedback	<p>Tena koutou, Nga mihi mahana.</p> <p>I'm happy to see at long last the Kaikohe Waste Water Treatment Plant has funds set aside for an upgrade, this is long overdue. It doesn't help that waste water from Kerikeri and eastern regions are transported back to Kaikohe's WWTP system. If other regions are relying on Kaikohe then it should be funded across the district NOT targetted to Kaikohe and surrounding districts.</p> <p>Meanwhile our cuzzies in the Hokianga are still waiting for a solution to their WWTP issues. FNDC needs to address these concerns and allocate funds to support a solution for the Hokianga. I see there's funding for an expansion of the Kerikeri WWTP proposed in yr 4 & 5, however Council need to prioritise compliance and renewals of WWTPs rather than growth projects. Kerikeri's WWTP existing system is practically brand new there is no way Council should be considering further investment within the next 15 years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the cycle trail realignment between Taumarere and Opuia is important because this creates economic and tourism returns for Northland. It needs more funding allocated to ensure the asset is maintained to a Great Ride standard so cyclists provide an injection of funds into the local economy, supporting employment for locals and opportunities to develop complimentary tourism ventures - the Kaikohe library & civic centre need funding support to ensure there is a focal point for the Township which services Kaikohe and Districts. - sealing of unsealed roads - I support this because our roading network is already well under funded and the people of the mid north deserve better roads which are well maintained. - dust matrix used to prioritise the dust suppression and unsubsidised road sealing. I support this. - in the link to the survey you will be asked 3 questions: I may have them out of order! <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. stormwater rate for urban stormwater (this will put the rate up higher for ppl in urban town centres, but reduce for those in rural). I'm ok with that 2. District wide rating of wastewater and water across those connected. For those areas that utilise Kaikohe's WWTP, they should be sharing the cost to fund the upgrade along with those connected to the network. 3. One library/service centre in each ward? Leave as is.
Ward	-
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Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Roberta
Last name	Grbich
Organisation (if applicable)	-
Position in organisation	-
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	
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Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	
Comment	
Other feedback	Kia ora, As a ratepayer in the FNDC I oppose any increase in rates. Whanau are already struggling and this would put increased pressure on whanau. Don't increase rates.
Ward	-
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Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Joy
Last name	Lamb
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	
Comment	
Other feedback	<p>In fairness:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *East coast residents should not be paying for West Coast slips that residents, trucks, vans etc use. *In Doubtless bay there was never Government access to drinking water. We in the east have water tanks and run a pump. We should not have to pay towards water else where. We take our own water bottle wherever we go. We wait until we get home for the toilet which covers water and ridding of waste. *Because our run off water is safely in our tanks some damage caused through flooding should be avoided. *A reduction of \$87,000 off my land should reduce my rates more than \$87! Robbery! *Proposement of rates should go through as either reduction of the year's now rates OR IF ELECTED TO REDUCE POSTPONEMENT of the rate total immediately. So this means immediate reduction of total amount to attract INTEREST. *PARADISE RD walk through to across the bridge to sea should have 2 dog fenced areas with amenities to play. For big dogs 1 and for small dogs under 10kg 2. This area is not used to its usefulness. I have seen motorbikes do wheelies on it! Roughing up the nice grass. *Time that collectively IWIs should pay rates on their land. They use the facilities. *Overnight parking for Blue SC Vans, Motorhomes and caravans. Put 4pm - 9am on the notice and all have to move on. Mangonui toilets at the water work well. But those sleeping in cars should go into motor camps. Cars are not designed for sleeping rough. *I strongly disagree to the Mahia Peninsular's ratbag now dismissed Parliamentarian to fixed toilet. The SC has shown that the toilet is accessible. I had to do an upgrade from a sturdy bucket "Thunder down Under" with fixed seat and lock down lid as Toilet to a cassette flush at my cost. I always use the dump station as we should and being a member of NZMCA who police members 24/7 I have been a member for 20 years! We want to explore, shop, safe stay overnight till 9am and move on. *Quoteable NZ were over greedy on this last and late printouts of our homes and land. They ought to be ashamed. I guess you want submissions this way this year. Land 506sq metres only including driveway shared 2 Titles on 1.4 acre only. He did not gain my permission to build his boat building. ***Still got a road without tar to gutter so a small garden of weeds persist from top to bottom 13 - bottom of (Details omitted) Rd. No action over 5 years! 2 elections ago. ***Your officer came to look at a falling useless retaining wall between (Details omitted) Road. I have at (Details omitted) for 34 years in September. Without

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	<p>permission 1m of soil was brought in (I was away o/s working). Now is the time to put it right with 1/2m gap and piped irrigation out to gutter and road. But what the officer said was unbelievable. It's been there the unstable soil for a long time. The line should be re surveyed between and yet there's their fence further up. Not my soil! The top of fence is mine and warratahs holding the pressure of up and down 1/2 rounds up. I have lots of discussions over the years and years. The officer is wrong and it needs to be right especially when his retaining wall is coming down on my place. I will not have access out of my property. It is my front entrance and the locked garage is the back.</p>
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Ward	Te Hiku (North)
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Submissions with comments

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Position in organisation	Senior Sales Consultant
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Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	
Comment	
Other feedback	See attachment
Ward	
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Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission.

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Stopping investing in such public spaces is a false economy. The investment has a long-term life over several generations so should be paid for by intergenerational loan which reduces the short-term effect on rates increases. The effect on rates is very modest, particularly when compared with the benefits to the community and local economy.

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Timaru District Council – Caroline Bay Playground – 2nd Parklet



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Selwyn District Council – Rolleston Town Library – Kai Table



Kaikohe Memorial Park – standard equipment

KAIKOHE MEMORIAL PARK 

Location: Kaikohe, New Zealand
 Council: Far North District Council
 Products: Urban Contour Single BBQ with Stainless Steel Wing, Hydrate Accessible Drinking Fountain, Metro Enclosure Bin- Double, Parkvale Pedestal Table Setting, and Liffiton Seat with arm rest.



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Invercargill City Council – City Streets Upgrades Stage I – Bespoke Benches

enhancing the urban landscape



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Christchurch City Council – High Street Upgrade – Custom platform benches



Hamilton Airport – customised benches and litter bins

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HAMILTON KIRIKIROA AIRPORT

Location: Hamilton, New Zealand
 Contractor: Livingstone Building
 Architect: Adrian Morton Landscape Architects Ltd
 Products: Legend Bins Triple - TimberImage™ and Legend Steel & Hardwood Benches with logo cut-outs



Lorenzdale Park – standard equipment



LORENZDALE PARK

Location: Whanganui, New Zealand
Council: Whanganui City Council
Partner: Stone Soup Community Group, IAD
Products: Skiffon Shelter, Urban Double Gas BBQ, Woodlands Deluxe Pedestal Table Setting, Woodlands Deluxe Benches, and MCD0100 Steel Tilt Rubbish Bin

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A snapshot of the range of products we manufacture are –

- Park Benches and Seats
- Outdoor Picnic Tables
- Public Litter Bins
- Bollards
- Bike & Scooter Racks
- Bus Shelters
- Tree Protectors
- Planters
- Drinking Fountains
- Portable Grandstands
- Commercial BBQ's
- Commercial Table Tennis Tables
- Outdoor Shelters

In the first instance contact –

Gayle Smith – Senior Sales Consultant – Auckland & Northland
Team Leader NZ

(Contact details omitted)

I recommend our Look Book to you – view by clicking on the link: [LOOK BOOK](#).

or by going to one of our websites -

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<https://logicstreetscene.co.nz/>

Thank you for your time in reading our submission, we look forward to being of service to you in the future.

Kind regards

The Team at Urban Effects

Long Term Plan 2024-27

Submissions with comments

First Name	Shaughan
Last name	Anderson
Organisation (if applicable)	Herenga a Nuku Aotearoa
Position in organisation	Kaitohutohu ā Rohe / Regional Field Advisor
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
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Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	
Comment	
Other feedback	<p>Support of the Northland Regional Trails Project and the development of Walking and Cycling Trails/Shared Paths in Northland Taitokerau</p> <p>In 2018 the Northland Walking & Cycling Strategy was created. Due to staffing and lack of funding this strategy has not achieved the outcomes and very little collaboration has occurred across the region. The 2024 Northland Regional Trails Project has been initiated by 5 Community People with the desire to see the outcomes agreed in the 2018 Strategy becoming a reality. This group of people approached prospective funders and were successful in appointing a Project Lead - however to continue the Project needs Council support.</p> <p>This submission is asking you as our District/Regional Council to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-fund the role of Regional Project Lead so the Project can continue. • Support the development of trails in the Northland Region including Paper Roads, Forestry Blocks and Road Reserves • Provide funding in this LTP to support council led and community led projects. • Support funding applications to the Central Government to assist in construction of trails. <p>The Northland Regional Trails Project has 3 priority outcomes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Enhance and extend Northland's only Great Ride - Twin Coast Cycle/Pou Herenga Tai to both East and West Coasts Northland 2. Link Bream Bay to Mangawhai, The East Coast Trail and Shared Paths 3. Complete Kaihu Valley Trail Stage 2 and connect with The Northland Great Ride (1) <p>This submission is asking you as our District or Regional Council to support these priorities.</p> <p>Based on the experience of other regions, walking and cycling should be seen as a product in Northland Taitokerau that can deliver tremendous regional opportunities including community well-being improvements and significant economic benefits.</p> <p>The Northland Taitokerau community needs support from our Councils and Central Govt to help make this happen.</p>
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Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

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Last name	Evans
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
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Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku
Comment	
Other feedback	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>Firstly, whilst an explanation has been provided for a three year plan, it is certainly no longer a long term plan. Why would the impacts of last year suddenly make us think that a short term plan is going to help, one road bump and we become short sighted! Under the circumstances, surely we need to see a robust, genuine long term plan for the district now more than ever and housed within that plan specific plans dealing with the immediate actions required to respond to the impact of recent events.</p> <p>I have chosen not to use your online response as it does not provide me with an option to say 'not applicable' with the first two questions. I live in Pukenui and have no access to FNDC influenced stormwater or water supply so essentially I do not want to experience any increases related to these two significant areas of concern. In relation to this, post the storms of last year we experienced significant damage to the FNDC owned land in front of our property on the Houhora harbour. We contacted the council on numerous occasions to try to get the area cordoned off as the area posed significant safety risks. It took 10 months for the council to inspect the site and then this was only actioned because people complained that we had restricted access. The councils response in this clearly dangerous situation has been inexcusable, more recently we contacted the council again as kids as young as six or seven years old were once again playing in an area that is clearly hazardous, to date no response from the council. Please excuse me if I have little faith in this councils ability to provide the right response when required.</p> <p>On the third question, I support the FNDC's preferred option in relation to 'community services'.</p> <p>Finally, I am struggling to understand how, as a resident of Pukenui I benefit from the significant rates increases being proposed. I do not support the 'general' increase as it provides no benefit to Pukenui whatsoever.</p>
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Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Andrea
Last name	Chase
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
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Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
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Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	
Comment	
Other feedback	I think that people who are on town supply and live in town areas should be levied for the storm water and water issues.
Ward	
	Kaikohe-Hokianga (West)
Receipt number	Inbox20
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Matthew & Raima
Last name	Redden
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	
Other feedback	<p>Tena koutou</p> <p>I am a ratepayer and have a property at (contact details omitted), Ngawha. Here is my feedback to the LTP for the FNDC.</p> <p>I'm happy to see at long last the Kaikohe Waste Water Treatment Plant has funds set aside for an upgrade, this is long overdue. It doesn't help that waste water from Kerikeri and eastern regions are transported back to Kaikohe's WWT system. If other regions are relying on Kaikohe then it should be funded across the district NOT targetted to Kaikohe and surrounding districts.</p> <p>Meanwhile our cuzzies in the Hokianga are still waiting for a solution to their WWTP issues. FNDC needs to address these concerns and allocate funds to support a solution for the Hokianga. I see there's funding for an expansion of the Kerikeri WWTP proposed in yr 4 & 5, however Council need to prioritise compliance and renewals of WWTPs rather than growth projects. Kerikeri's WWTP existing system is practically brand new there is no way Council should be considering further investment within the next 15 years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the cycle trail realignment between Taumarere and Opuia is important because this creates economic and tourism returns for Northland. It needs more funding allocated to ensure the asset is maintained to a Great Ride standard so cyclists provide an injection of funds into the local economy, supporting employment for locals and opportunities to develop complimentary tourism ventures - the Kaikohe library & civic centre need funding support to ensure there is a focal point for the Township which services Kaikohe and Districts. - sealing of unsealed roads - I support this because our roading network is already well under funded and the people of the mid north deserve better roads which are well maintained. - dust matrix used to prioritise the dust suppression and unsubsidised road sealing. I support this. - in the link to the survey you will be asked 3 questions: I may have them out of order! <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. stormwater rate for urban stormwater (this will put the rate up higher for ppl in urban town centres, but reduce for those in rural). I'm ok with that 2. District wide rating of wastewater and water across those connected. For those areas that utilise Kaikohe's WWTP, they should be sharing the cost to fund the upgrade along with those connected to the network. 3. One library/service centre in each ward? Leave as is.
Ward	
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Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Jean
Last name	Johnston
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
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Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	We need district rating for water to share the load.
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku
Comment	Agree with hub type entities,suggestion Number 1
Other feedback	
Ward	
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Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Jeff
Last name	Christensen
Organisation (if applicable)	Rangitane Resident Association
Position in organisation	Treasurer
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Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	
Comment	
Other feedback	<p>See attachment</p> <p>Further submission received 28/4/2024</p> <p>I am strongly opposed to the proposed maritime development at Rangitane labelled as "Boat Ramp Parking ". It is in fact significantly more than "Boat Ramp Parking" as it involves a significant reclamation into the Kerikeri estuary. As such not just \$1.56m of rate payers money is planned to be spent, but an additional \$2.45m of Tax Payers funds as well, obtained from the PGF funding.</p> <p>There is already a working ramp for launching boats at Rangitane. While not modern, it certainly is functional for those that use it, especially those with smaller boats. There is a reasonable amount of room for roadside parking for their trailers and cars with perhaps 8-10 roadside parks. It is likely that most of these will be lost with the planned reclamation. Today there were people harvesting oysters from the seabed which will be covered.</p> <p>The proposal provides just 19 car / trailer boat parks and its deeper water ramp will enable larger trailer boats to launch there. So what will happen is that a facility which is currently widely used by " the bottom end of town" will be replaced with boaties from the "top end of town". Bigger boats, trailers and vehicles, without in fact increasing capacity significantly....lets say there will be 19 - 6 = 13 extra parks created, perhaps less</p> <p>This does not seem to be a good use of rate and taxpayer funds.</p> <p>If the reclamation is built, then it seems inevitable that more parking will be needed to support it. We have already seen that Far North is considering the reserve not far away for parking. The reserve is one of the few flat green areas for recreation in the area.</p> <p>How any of the planned reclamation and erosion of green spaces (reserve) at Rangitane fits with Councils Community Development ideas is quite frankly bewildering.</p> <p>Community Development Far North District Council (fndc.govt.nz)</p> <p>I do agree that more trailerboat launching is needed, however Far North Inc needs to find a much better site that will enable more capacity and room for expansion.</p> <p>There are many other issues opposing the development that I know have been discussed by others and I support. I do urge anyone seriously considering this to review the excellent submission to the Expert Consenting Panel by the Rangitane Residents Association. Link follows.</p> <p>09Nov21_Rangitane_Residents_Association_Incorporated_FTC42_Comments_Received_Redacted-v2.pdf (epa.govt.nz)</p>
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
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23rd April 24

From: Rangitane Residents Associa on

Author: Jeff Christensen (Treasurer)

Approved: John Neison (Chair)

(Contact details omitted)

BAY OF ISLANDS - WHANGAROA			
Location	Project	Year	Total (\$)
Kāeo	 Old Post Office - building renewals	2024/25	517,500
	 Public toilet	2024/25	20,000
Kawakawa	 Stormwater pipe renewal	2026/27	1,308,125
	 Water network planned renewals	2026/27	4,186,000
Kerikeri	 CBD roading bypass	2026/27	5,232,500
	 Upgrade watermain to Heritage Bypass	2025-27	12,138,154
	 Water treatment plant upgrade	2024-27	7,716,773
Moerewa	 Stormwater improvements	2024/25	3,388,000
Paihia	 Water treatment plant relocation	2024-27	11,838,048
Rangitāne	 Boat ramp parking	2024/25	1,561,558
Russell	 Cemetery development	2024/25	150,000
	 Wastewater renewals	2024-27	1,860,508

We strongly suggest that the funding of \$1,561,558 for the Boat Ramp Parking proposed at Rangitane be withdrawn.

As the Long Term Plan is about finances for the most part, we will focus our comments there; however this is not to say that the environmental and social implications are not significant concerns as well. Indeed it is somewhat difficult to identify what is actually the most egregious/contentious matter with the reclamation proposal.

What can be noted, however, is the fact that all other projects listed are basically for essential services of benefit to all in the community, only the boat ramp parking project at Rangitane (\$1,561, 558) is a “nice to have”, of purely recreational benefit to only a section of the community.

Is this a good use of Tax / Rate-Payer money ?

The Annual Plan identifies \$1,561,558 of ratepayers' money for Boat Ramp Parking at Rangitane. This is on top of the \$2,450,000 from the Provincial Growth Fund. For this expenditure just 19 Vehicle / Trailer combinations are created, along with a launching ramp. It is likely that the actual gain in car / trailer boat parks is less, 2-3 ? perhaps more, as some of the roadside parking currently used will be lost with the access area to the reclamation.

The \$2.45M PGF funding was budgeted early-mid 2020. It is fanciful to believe that the costs have not escalated since. Any extra expenditure required will need to come from Council funds – rates.

Additionally “*upwards of 4,465 one-way truck trips to the site*” of heavy fill are required to create the large reclamation. Damage to the roading network will be significant. The existing roading in the Rangitane area is also not designed to facilitate the volume of traffic that will be encouraged by the proposed development. As far as we are aware there is no additional budget for repairing roading, which will again fall to Council rates. In addition, the reclamation, wharf and boat-launching ramps will require ongoing maintenance. Again, costs for repairs and maintenance will fall to Council.

There is little doubt that extra trailer boat launching capacity is required in the Bay of Islands, however this level of expenditure to establish just 19, (probably less in total, by 2-3?) trailer parks seems to provide a very poor return on the dollars to be spent. Far North needs to search for a more suitable location which has a larger capacity and allows for expansion as demand grows.

Additionally, briefly:

The project is strongly opposed by the residents at Rangitane. For those interested the objections can be found here.

[09Nov21_Rangitane_Residents_Association_Incorporated_FTC42_Comments_Received_Redacted-v2.pdf \(epa.govt.nz\)](https://www.epa.govt.nz/09Nov21_Rangitane_Residents_Association_Incorporated_FTC42_Comments_Received_Redacted-v2.pdf)

Given the competition for funds in the Far North, the well publicized shortage of money for roading, housing, infrastructure such as water and sewerage, it just does not sit comfortably that funding should be provided for a community and environment destroying car and trailer boat park, especially as the trailer boat launching capacity is increased by such a small number.

The Alternative

Reinstatement of the existing Rangitane wharf enabling again a facility that is of an appropriate scale for the communities it serves. This can be done for a fraction of the cost of the reclamation planned.

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Amanda
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Position in organisation	
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Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
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Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	
Comment	
Other feedback	Funding for Northland Regional Trails Project - see attachment
Ward	
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Other attachments	

SUBMISSION TO FAR NORTH DISTRICT COUNCIL LTP 2024 – 2027 NORTHLAND REGIONAL TRAILS PROJECT

Request to Far North District Council

The Northland Regional Trails (NRT) Project is seeking dispensation to submit a late submission to the 2024-2027 LTP process. This is due to the Project only starting in late Feb 2024. The Project is the implementation of the 2018 Northland Walking & Cycling Strategy agreed by Far North District Council. NRT has also submitted this request to Northland Regional Council, Whangarei District Council and Kaipara District Council all who agreed to the 2018 Strategy.

We would like to present this feedback in person please.

This submission has 2 key outcomes:

1. Co- fund the Project Lead role for the next 3 years alongside other Councils supporting the regional strategy/2024 Project.

2. Support the implementation of walking & cycling trails in the Far North District and across the Northland Taitokerau Region

Location/Description of Trail	Northland Taitokerau Region
Community Group or Trust	Northland Regional Trails Project
Contact Person	Amanda Bennett – Project Lead
Contact Details	<i>(Contact details omitted)</i>

Summary

As a region we have an incredible opportunity to focus on collectively delivering on the 2018 Strategy which is why the 2024 Project has been created.

This opportunity and the economic benefit this Project will provide, will in time counteract the current fiscal situation councils are facing and the increase in rates that residents are facing.

The Implementation of this walking and cycling strategy will result in more people coming to Whangarei and Northland Taitokerau – more people moving to our district/region and therefore more residents and rate payers to disburse costs.

The 2024 Leadership Group have agreed that the focus area this Project needs to deliver on is supporting the development of appealing and cohesive walking and cycling networks that connect Northland – Taitokerau.

The next 3 years is all about collaboration and planning and NRT needs your support as a Council.

SUBMISSION TO FAR NORTH DISTRICT COUNCIL LTP 2024 – 2027 NORTHLAND REGIONAL TRAILS PROJECT

Cost of Investment 2024-2027

Description	One off 23/24	Year One 24/25	Year Two 25/26	Year Three 26/27	Total in 3 years
Outcome 1: Co fund Project Lead contract over 3 years	Nil	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$90K
Outcome 2: Support Community Led Projects. Contestable.	Unknown	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$1.2M
Outcome 2: One off estimated cost of co funding the Business Case KVT link to PHT	\$35,000	Nil	Nil	Nil	\$35K
TOTAL ESTIMATED COST TO FNDC	\$35,000	\$430,000	\$430,000	\$430,000	\$1.325M

Note: We appreciate that this is substantially more than allocated in the draft LTP. If this is more than FNDC can budget on, the community led trail development portion could be spread over two LTPs, and we would always encourage the Community Trusts/Groups to also seek external grants to supplement the Council and community investment.

Project Overview

Problem/Opportunity

In 2018, following the creation of the 2018 Northland Walking & Cycling Strategy the Councils and Regional Organisations realised there was no staffing capacity nor funding to achieve the outcomes of the Strategy. Furthermore, there was no collaborative focus on achieving the outcomes of the Strategy.

We are 6 years behind now and thousands of \$\$ and time has been spent on the creation of the Strategy, further Business Cases, and various township improvement plans (completed by NZTA). Very little action has happened regarding the outcomes of the Strategy.

Based on other regions experience, walking and cycling should be seen as a product in Northland that can deliver tremendous economic opportunities, incredible health and mental health benefits and a “vehicle” that will create community and iwi collaboration across Northland Taitokerau.

Strategy Purpose confirmed in 2018.

The purpose of the Northland Walking and Cycling Strategy created in 2018 was to provide a strong tactical framework to support the development and implementation of district council walking and cycling strategies and to place these within a regional context by identifying actions that can be taken at a regional level.

The overarching vision for the 2018 Strategy was:

“For Northland Taitokerau to be one of the world’s best coastal walking and cycling destinations where the journeys and stories are as impressive and memorable as the scenery.”

The 2018 Strategy recognised several prominent opportunities relating to walking and cycling in the region with the need to unlock the economic impact that walking and cycling creates in districts and townships and the opportunity to disburse Tourism across Northland.

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Strategy Purpose confirmed in 2024.

This Project in 2024 has been initiated by 5 Community People with the desire to see the outcomes agreed in the 2018 Strategy becoming a reality. This group of people approached prospective funders and were successful. A Project Lead was advertised, and a successful candidate was appointed.

Northland Taitokerau and NRT needs to be ready with planning, business cases and commitment for when funding becomes available through sources like MBIE, Waka Kotahi, TIF Funding, Council and Private sponsorship etc.

Benefits

Financially for District, Region, and Country:

Based on the New Zealand Cycle Trust statistics for every \$ spent on trails the annual community benefit for a region like Northland Taitokerau is \$4 in return. Therefore, based on just the investment of \$1.325M spent in the next 3 years a return in **annual community benefit to Far North /Northland Taitokerau = \$5.3M**

Other Benefits for Community, Councils and Central Government:

- **Health benefits and mental health benefits** linked to walking and cycling – for every \$1 invested in recreational physical activity, \$2.12 worth of social impacts are generated. These impacts include better quality of life and increased life expectancy, prevention of diseases attributable to physical inactivity and higher output from reduced absenteeism.
- Creation of jobs and therefore more housing requirements – **economic growth and development** for Community, District and Country
- Creating a demand for **new accommodation and new business opportunities** across the region
- Spreading the tourism visitation to both sides of Northland Taitokerau – **sustainability of hero destinations**
- Disbursing the visitation to all year round - not just over Summer. This provides continuous employment opportunities, not just seasonal jobs.
- A regional **opportunity to collaborate with Iwi and Hapu** across Northland Taitokerau. If Iwi choose to participate there are clear benefits. Whanau may be able to come back home with Papakainga housing options, build Kura on marae and through sharing te ao Maori have an opportunity to be able to cover operational costs of Marae. Business opportunities could be taken up by Iwi in regard to trail construction, maintenance or planting of trees etc.
- **Free recreational activities for locals and visitors** throughout Northland Taitokerau – critical in this economic crisis
- **Community engagement and enhanced social capital** created by participation and replacement value of volunteering.
- **Community Led Projects taking responsibility for creating and maintaining trails** with contracts signed for maintenance and H&S saving council costs.
- Community Led Projects have a **support system with NRT**
- **NRT will support Councils to interact with Community Led Groups**
- Council will have a clear understanding of what Council Led Projects and Community Led Projects are in the pipeline. **This will be more effective budgeting for Councils.**
- Council will be able to work with Northland Regional Trails **to plan strategically** – better use of funding opportunities and Council participation in the creating of Trails
- **Safer routes for users** with Northland Taitokerau having one of the highest death rate toll and road accidents in Aotearoa.

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- Central Government will know that through NRT the investment in walking and cycling and shared paths is good use of money and will be spent wisely.

Alignment

The NRT Project aligns with these vital strategic objectives:

- The Draft Government Policy Statement Land Transport 2024 -2034, Investment in Walking and Cycling where there is either a clear benefit for increasing economic growth or clear benefit to improving safety and demonstrated volumes of pedestrians and cyclists already exist. Submission response completed by NRT.
- The NZ Tourism 2050 A Blueprint for Impact November 2023
- The Taitokerau Northland Destination Management Plan 2021
- The Te Tai Tokerau Economic Action Plan
- NRC Regional Transport Plan 2021 – 2031 Walking and Cycling Infrastructure
- Northland Regional Trails Project implementing the 2018 Northland Walking and Cycling Strategy agreed by all 4 Councils and Northland Regional Organisations
- 2018 Whangarei Walking and Cycling Strategy
- Twin Coast Discovery Route and Northland Journeys WSP Report 2019
- All 4 Councils recreational and community health goals in LTP 2024-2027 and the 10 year plan.
- LTP Submissions on the Northland W&C Strategy to NRC, WDC, KDC and FNDC.
- The Community Led Project - Eastern Route from Marsden Cove to Waipu Township to Waipu Cove, then onto Langs Beach to Mangawhai and Mangawhai to Dargaville (Heartland Ride) as part of the 2024 Northland Regional Trails Project.

Engagement so far

- Community Hui completed in Whangarei (WDC) 11 April 2024, Matakoho (KDC) 18 April 2024, Kaikohe (FNDC) 4 April 2024. Numbers attending 45 over 3 Hui.
- NRT now facilitating the NRC Northland Walking and Cycling Forum April 29 2024 and ongoing, Forum mandate is collaboration between Councils and Stakeholders in Northland Taitokerau. 4 meetings a year.
- Presented at Whangarei Walking and Cycling Advocacy Meeting – now part of this group.
- Supporting Community Led Projects/Community Groups along Eastern routes, Mangawhai Trackies Trust, Waikira Trust, Waipu Cove Trust, Bream Bay Shared Path
- Re- engaging with regional groups, Northland Regional Council, Northland Inc, Sport Northland, Bike Northland, Herenga a Nuku (Outdoor Access Commission) DOC Northland to discuss the 2018 Strategy and confirm their commitment.
- Met with Grant McCallum MP for Northland 18 April 2024. Requesting MP becomes a champion for the prospects of Walking and Cycling in Northland Taitokerau.
- Korero with Iwi – plan Hui. This mahi to start in May 2024.

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Constraints and Assumptions

Reconfirming with all Councils that they are still committed to the 2018 Walking and Cycling Strategy and if so and they want to see this work completed, then co funding the Project Lead role and investing in the Northland Regional Trails goals applicable to their District.

The community groups identified in Priority One trails are passionate and experienced in Project Management - we can assume they are committed to the success of the trails in their areas.

We need Central Govt and Local Govt to invest in Northland Taitokerau to be able to produce outcomes from this 2018 Strategy and 2024 Project. Without central government and local government investment, realisation of the trails and strategy will take years, even decades.

Risk Analysis

Risk Description	Impact	Mitigating Actions	Risk Level (high, medium, low)
Council co funding	High	NRT is looking to becoming a Trust and will have the ability to apply for additional funding from other sources	High
Council investment in their districts	High	The success of the NRT Project will benefit the Districts of Northland Taitokerau significantly. Return on investment is high.	High
Community capacity	Medium	Communities involved in the Community Led Projects are all very motivated and have funding opportunities along with strong project management experience.	Medium
Land Tenure	High	Engagement with landowners is imperative to the success of the 2024 Project and 2018 Strategy. Respectful engagement is needed and time to work through options is critical. Project Lead is an Engagement Specialist.	High
Iwi participation	High	Cultural sensitivity and respect will be critical to Iwi having a sense of belonging to this Project. This important mahi will start in May 2024. Project	High

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		Lead has some networks and will work on this as a priority.
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NRT Project Deliverables 2024-2027

Focus Area: supporting the development of appealing and cohesive walking and cycling networks.	Comments and Requests
<p>Goal/Outcome One:</p> <p>West /North Connection Northland Taitokerau</p> <p>Priority 1</p> <p>Council Led Project</p> <p>Link KVT to Twin Coast Cycle PHT Great Ride KDC- Kaihu Valley Trail Stage 2 to be completed from Kaihu to Donnellys Crossing to FNDC boundary using Waoku Old Coach Road.</p> <p>FNDC- connection from Horeke to Donnellys Crossing using Waoku Old Coach Road.</p> <p>Note: KDC – possible Community Led Project to complete the middle section of KVT in Taita-Mamaranui.</p>	<p>Request to FNDC: Business Case estimated Cost \$100k to be co funded by Councils and Northland Inc. KDC estimated co fund cost of \$35K FNDC estimated co fund cost of \$35K Note: Northland Inc have provided \$25K Cost included in Investment Cost Table page 2.</p> <p>Note: Cost of Construction funding to be requested from Central Govt either through MBIE, NZCT, WK or Tourism Infrastructure or Innovation Funding.</p>
<p>Goal/Outcome Two: Connect Northland to Auckland</p> <p>Priority 1 /2</p>	<p>Proposal to connect the developing Rodney section of the Auckland (Matakana) to Whangārei Heartland Ride with the Northland section at Mangawhai utilising off-road and lightly trafficked routes.</p> <p>Request to FNDC: NTA (FNDC, WDC, KDC) Auckland Transport and NZTA and NRC work together to ensure that walking and cycling considerations are incorporated into planned roading improvements between Auckland and Whangārei.</p>
<p>Goal/Outcome Three: Mid Kaipara Connection.</p> <p>Priority 1</p> <p>Council Led Project – NRT support Supported by Northland Regional Trails (NRT) KDC/NRT Project Team (NRT) to investigate the feasibility of a Heartland Ride between</p>	<p>No request to FNDC for this Outcome.</p>

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<p>Dargaville and Mangawhai utilising off-road and lightly trafficked routes.</p>	
<p>Goal/Outcome Four: East/South Connection</p> <p>Priority 1</p> <p>Community Led Projects connecting Marsden Cove to Mangawhai</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One Tree Point (Marsden Cove) to Ruakaka including Bream Bay Shared Path • Ruakaka to Waipu Township • Waipu Township to Waipu Cove • Waipu Cove to Langs Beach • Langs Beach to Mangawhai 	<p>No request to FNDC in this Outcome</p>
<p>Supporting Community Led Projects across the Region</p> <p>Priority 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whangarei to Tutukaka Coast • Tutukaka Coast to Kawakawa • Opuā to Paihia walking track • Pouā to Paihia via Aucks Road • Waitangi to Kerikeri 	<p>If FNDC/NRC were able to support the implementation of walking and cycling trails by way of legitimising Paper Roads and approving the use of Road Reserves enabling Community Groups to establish iconic walking and cycling trails and mountain bike parks for our communities to enjoy.</p> <p>Note: NRT intends to support these community led/council supported projects which were identified in the 2018 Northland Walking and Cycling Strategy.</p>

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Submissions with comments

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Last name	Howse
Organisation (if applicable)	Northland Regional Council
Position in organisation	Pou Taumatua - Group Manager Corporate Services
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Other feedback	See attachment
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	Outside Far North
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Other attachments	

24 April 2024

LTP 2024 – 2027 Submissions
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LONG TERM PLAN 2024-2027 SUBMISSION

We enclose the Northland Regional Council's submission on your Long Term Plan 2024-2027 proposals.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback. Officers would be happy to clarify any matter, or provide any other assistance that would be helpful.

Ngā mihi



Bruce Howse

Pou Taumatua - Group Manager Corporate Services

Submission

To: LTP 2024-27 Submissions
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By: Northland Regional Council

1. The Northland Regional Council (NRC) wishes to thank Far North District Council (FNDC) for the opportunity to make this submission on the proposals comprising their three-year, unaudited draft Long Term Plan 2024-27 (LTP).
2. NRC acknowledges the challenges of the past year, and recognises the plans focus on recovery.
3. The Consultation Document: *Me whakawhiti kōrero / We need to talk* does a good job of presenting the key decisions facing Council, including issues and options, to Far North communities.
4. NRC has taken this opportunity to highlight several matters for consideration by FNDC, which are in both the Consultation Document and supporting information.

Matters raised in consultation document and supporting documents

Water

Water Supply and Wastewater Services Rate

NRC supports the proposal's Option 2 - to change to a district-wide rate for those connected to, or have the ability to connect to, water supply and or wastewater services.

NRC notes the benefit a communal wastewater scheme could provide to Far North communities, despite their geographical spread and financial limitations.

NRC notes that it introduced a similar region-wide rating scheme as a part of a proposed flood risk reduction strategy in the 2018 LTP, which enabled much needed infrastructure to be built through the effective distribution of cost across the region.

Wastewater Environmental Compliance

NRC opposes the proposal's Option 1- *Continue with operating existing plants and be at risk of receiving more abatement and infringement notices.*

NRC notes the proposal's Option 2 is a step in the right direction. *Option 2 - Develop and Implement a Long Term Investment Plan to guide decisions on addressing the longstanding wastewater issues.* Option 2 does not however address the immediate need for greater investment in FNDC's wastewater treatment plants (WWTPs) to improve discharge consent compliance, albeit, that capital investment is proposed for some of those WWTPs.

NRC notes in the 12-month period ending 31 March 2024, none of the FNDC's WWTPs were fully compliant throughout the period, while 11 of the WWTPs were non-compliant on greater than 50% of monitoring events. Further consent non-compliance will expose the FNDC to further enforcement action from the NRC.

Integrated Stormwater Planning

NRC oppose the proposal's Option 1 - *Status quo – Continue with utilising current planning approach for stormwater provision.*

NRC notes the proposal's Option 2 as a step in the right direction. Option 2 - *Develop and implement formal strategic documents to guide long term planning and the capital works programme to address current and future demand for enabling sustainable development, and to allow for climate change adaptation.*

NRC notes however that Option 2 does not address the immediate need for greater investment in FNDC's stormwater infrastructure to reduce flooding and improve water quality, particularly in rapidly growing urban areas such as Kerikeri and Waipapa.

Land Drainage Districts

NRC note that there is little mention of FNDC's services regarding the land drainage districts it administers in the consultation document and supporting information for the LTP.

NRC reminds FNDC that it has yet to apply for the resource consents required for the four drainage district schemes it administers.

NRC has previously advised FNDC that obtaining resource consents for the drainage districts is a "must do". It is unclear from the LTP if there is sufficient funding in the LTP to achieve this. Further delay in obtaining the required consents exposes FNDC to enforcement action from NRC to ensure that the activities occurring within the drainage district are fully legalised.

Aging Wastewater Assets

NRC oppose the proposals option 1- Continue with managing the wastewater assets reactively with minor renewals.

NRC notes Option 2 is a step in the right direction. Option 2- *Develop and implement operational programme to proactively manage the wastewater networks.*

NRC notes however that Option 2 does not address the immediate need for greater investment in FNDC's aging wastewater infrastructure to prevent wastewater overflows and leaks/unauthorised discharges and further enforcement action from the NRC.

Major Water Treatment Plant Upgrades

NRC notes that the FNDC's LTP 2024-27 does not provide for the cost of purchasing 200 shares in the Mid-North Water Scheme, as set out in FNDC Council Resolution 2023/62 of 1 June 2023.

NRC understands that Department of Internal Affairs approval to make this purchase has been given.

NRC supports FNDC making this purchase, to realise benefits in the provision of water for east coast townships of Kerikeri and Paihia, and in increasing the viability of the Mid North Water Scheme, which will likely encourage landowners to sign up. NRC requests that FNDC reflect this purchase in their Long Term Plan.

Three Waters Resource Consents

NRC notes it is stated that there are 31 resource consents in total for FNDC's Three Waters services and that all are current. NRC notes that this should read that there are 31 current/existing resource consents that will expire in the next 30 years.

Infrastructure

Network Resilience

NRC supports the proposal's Option 3 - *To provide improved route resilience and enable improved access for emergency response to more remote communities when impacted by severe weather events.*

NRC requests FNDC to work collaboratively to enable a strategic road network focussing on climate adaptation and increased route resilience to mitigate flood vulnerability.

NRC stresses the poor culvert drainage and surface failure of the unsealed road network, which leads significant need of sediment reduction. Furthermore, NRC encourages FNDC to invest time and effort in fully understanding the extent of this problem so that there can be a focus on the remedy.

Transport

NRC supports FNDC's intention to focus on a return to basic road maintenance with a priority on drainage and water tabling. FNDC is encouraged to ensure that sufficient funds are set aside to carry out this work to ensure route resilience across the local network.

Natural Hazards

NRC encourages FNDC to look for opportunities to collaborate with NRC regarding provisions for natural hazards information and modelling.

Climate and Resilience

NRC strongly encourages FNDC to continue to leverage off the benefits of a collaborative approach to climate action, which will benefit their district and the region as a whole.

Other Matters for Consideration

Pest Management

NRC very strongly recommends that FNDC rectify the growing weed issues evident in the road corridor. NRC requests that FNDC ensure the development of weed management plans as a priority and ensure that appropriate budget is allocated, specifically for the implementation of these plans to control weeds across the road corridor.

These unmanaged weeds in the road corridor are a major vector for the spread of weeds into neighbouring land and represent a real risk to Northland's natural environment.

The Northland Regional Pest and Marine Pathways Management Plan 2017-2027 requires roading authorities to prepare and implement a five-year Weed Management Plan, negotiated with and agreed to by Northland Regional Council. NRC notes that this requirement has not been addressed over the last five years.

NRC raises concern about the spread of concerning weed species, and the potential future impact of this if not addressed, and raises the expansion of Moth Plant infestation in the road corridor over the last few years as an example of this.

NRC notes that the community cannot easily volunteer in the road reserve space due to safety concerns, and so the solutions need to be Council led.

Dated: 24 April 2024

On behalf of Northland Regional Council
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Just following up regarding the question at this morning's deliberations meeting for FNDC LTP on the Mid North Water Scheme, NRC confirms that it is Otawere reservoir we are referring to

Ngā mihi

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Corporate Policy Analyst

Northland Regional Council » Te Kaunihera ā rohe o Te Taitokerau



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Other feedback	<p>I wish to make a submission in support of the development of the Rangitane Maritime facility and the rebuild of the Rangitane jetty</p> <p>These facilities are required urgently if we are to have safe access to the sea from the Kerikeri inlet. They are no longer a 'nice to have' facility but rather something that the area must have in place if we are to continue servicing the expanding boating community in the region.</p> <p>I believe that the pressure on the existing facilities has become a safety hazard in many respects and should be addressed. This proposed development will help address the situation and should be viewed also in light of the growth of the boating industry in our region.</p>
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Other attachments	

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Last name	Stopforth BEng, PMP
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Other feedback	We know that unless central government step up we will need continued rate increases (I can tell you that the drop down over years 2&3 is optimistic). I strongly suggest that rather than steep increases, that, considering the sócio economics of Northland c.f. NZ as a whole, pressure is put on central government to come to the party. Band together with other councils and put the pressure back up not down. I'll be watching on closely as council does the right thing for the less well off. Kia ora
Ward	
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First Name	Rob
Last name	Wadmore
Organisation (if applicable)	Anyone Can Pedal
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Other feedback	<p>Hello, I am a senior citizen and recently residing in fndc and want to have my say about the 3 options proposed. I am working throughout the region in community and whanau services. I observe the use of community centres / libraries in particular by the whanau I see. These places serve a crucial function in connecting people who don't have resources for information and education in their own home. They are a common place community meet. They provide vital services for young people to experience a service they can't access via home. To limit these places is limiting access for education and information, a human right, to vulnerable communities. Centralisation never works for the vulnerable. This is about creating healthy communities, providing spaces for community to hold together. Please keep the status quote and seek ways to maintain this. Thanks. Nga mihi</p>
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Receipt number	Inbox31
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Ray
Last name	Hatch
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
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Other feedback	See attachment
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Other attachments	

25 April 2024

To Mayor Moko Tepania, FNDC CEO Guy Holroyd, Dep. Mayor Kelly Stratford, Councillors – Babe Kapa, Felicity Foy, Ann Court, Hilda Halkyard-Harawira, John Vujcich, Mate Radich, Penetaui Kleskovic, Steve McNally, Tamati Rakena.

RE: FNDC LTP LONG TERM PLAN SUBMISSIONS

I write as a Ratepayer and resident of Rangitane, Kerikeri, who supports community projects. I believe the FNDC needs to continue supporting Infrastructure not only within the Kerikeri area but in the whole of Northland. One such project is the proposed Rangitane Maritime Facility which is one of the many Northland projects awarded funding through the PGF that has not yet been completed.

Rangitane has broken and dangerous infrastructure that continues to deteriorate with each passing weather event. I speak here of the Rangitane Jetty and Boat Ramp which have been identified as being a danger to the public. A number of recorded, documented and reported accidents & incidents have happened in this area over recent years.

The Boat Ramp and Jetty should have been maintained, repaired or replaced by the Consent holders as part of their obligations of holding a Resource Consent. In today's world where Health and Safety are paramount the FNDC and NRC are gambling with fate as it will only take 1 serious injury for the 'blame' to start rolling down hill.

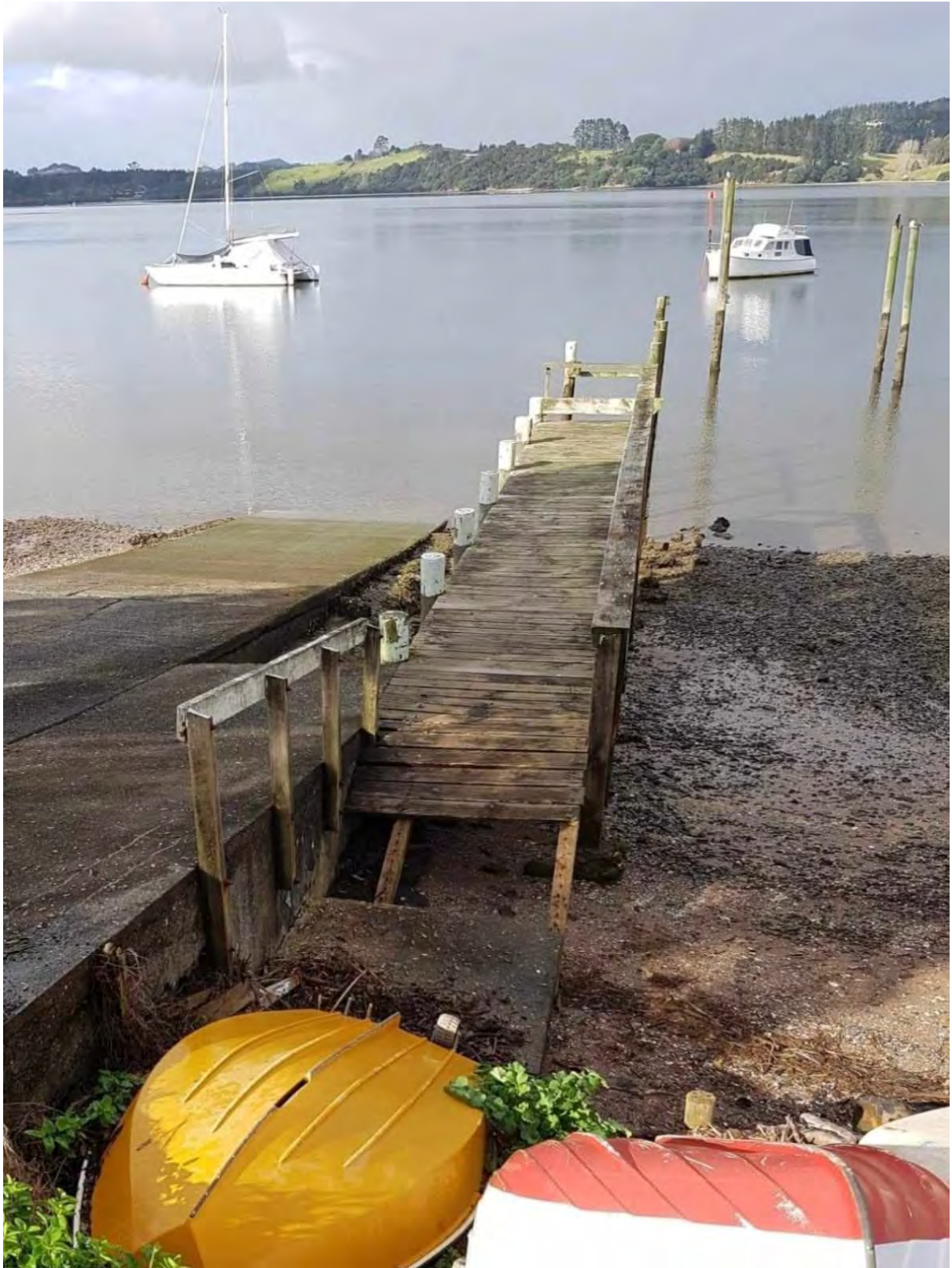
The Rangitane Jetty has been in a very poor condition for the last Decade with pieces falling off in storms and floating away to cause boating hazards within the Kerikeri Inlet.

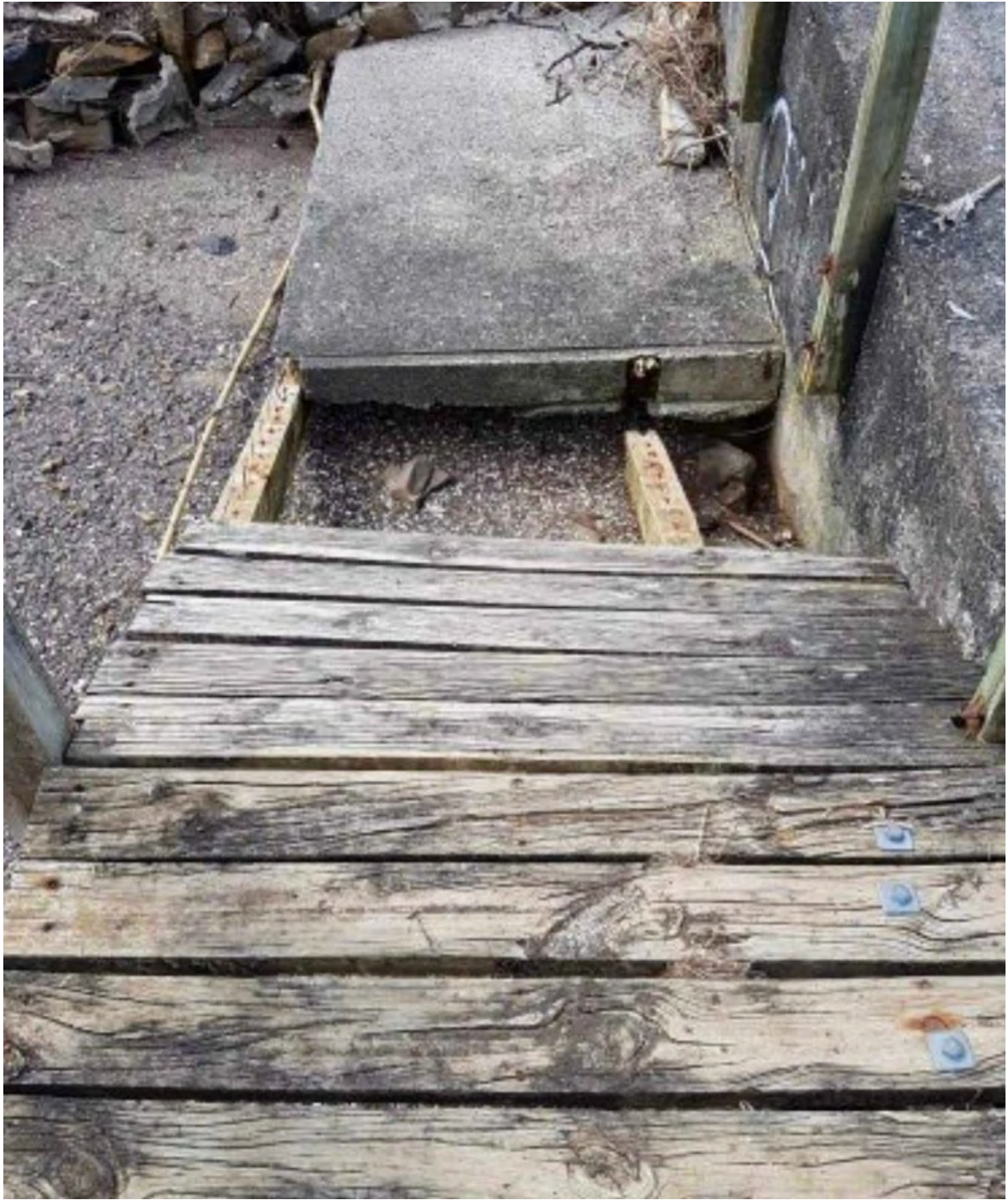
In July 2020 \$2.4 million was awarded from the Provincial Growth Fund to provide Kerikeri with much needed community access to the sea for watercraft and will also solve the issue of the derelict Rangitane Jetty the project will not only provide access to the sea but offer dinghy racks, provide parking, seating, greenspace, and a boardwalk to the Rangitane Reserve where there is a small beach, children's playground, tennis court and public toilets (pending).

Kerikeri is promoted as a tourist destination both within New Zealand and overseas the proposed Rangitane Maritime Development is a much needed upgrade to the infrastructure at Rangitane and would be a valuable asset to both the Council and the wider community by providing safe water access to the Kerikeri Inlet.

I support the Rangitane Maritime Facility project and Rangitane Jetty Rebuild. In my opinion it needs to be as soon as possible.

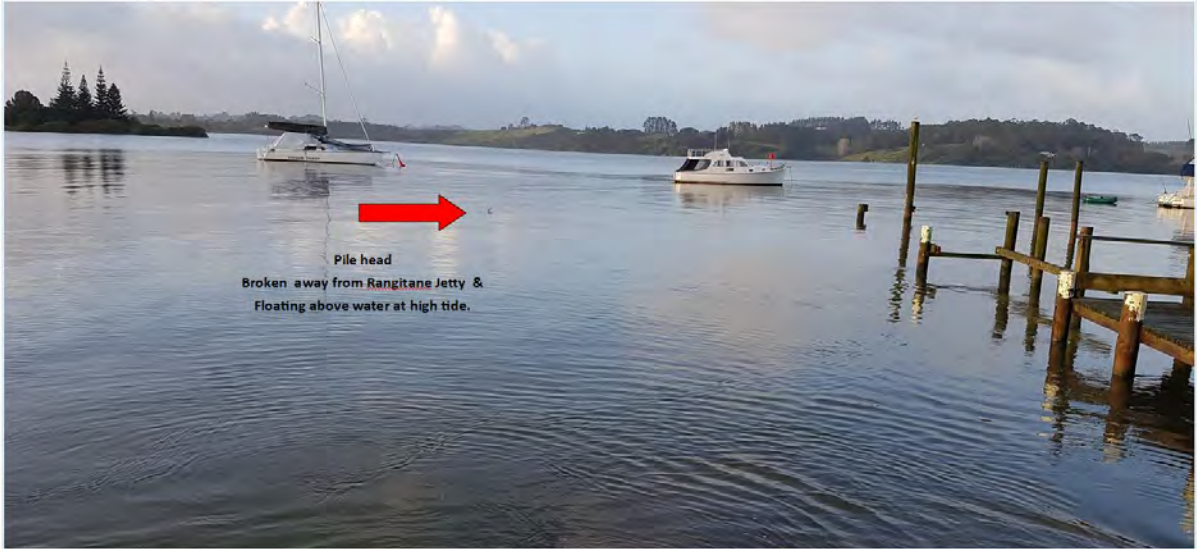
Yours sincerely
Ray Hatch
(contact details omitted)







Rangitane Jetty 19 May 2023 @ 7.30am



Rangitane Jetty on opening day 21 June 1992...



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Submissions with comments

First Name	Jackie
Last name	Hatch
Organisation (if applicable)	
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Comment	
Other feedback	See attachment
Ward	
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Other attachments	

Jackie Hatch
(Contact details omitted)

26 April 2024

Far North District Council
Private Bag 752
Kaikohe 0440

Attention: Mayor Moko Tepania,
FNDC CEO Guy Holroyd,
Dep. Mayor Kelly Stratford,
Councillors – Babe Kapa, Felicity Foy, Ann Court, Hilda Halkyard-Harawira, John Vujcich,
Mate Radich, Penetaui Kleskovic, Steve McNally, Tamati Rakena.

RE: 2024 – 2027 Long Term Plan Submission

Kia ora Mayor Moko and Councillors,

In 2019 a Rangitane resident gathered in excess of 2,000+ signatures in support of the proposed Rangitane Maritime Facility of these 410+ were residents within the Rangitane Post Code of 0294.

I understand considerable work has been carried out on this project by way of Design, Ecological and Geo studies and reports. I believe this project will provide upgrades to the local paths, drainage and roadway making it safer for pedestrians. The project itself will provide a much needed upgrade to the existing boat ramp and jetty area bringing safer trailer boat and watercraft launching and replace the now dangerous and derelict jetty. The project is offering dinghy racks, a boardwalk to the adjacent Rangitane Reserve where a new toilet block is earmarked to be built, seating, parking and greenspace. I understand that the rocks that are to encompass the reclamation are to be those that promote oyster fixation thus providing boat-less access to the oysters which is no longer available from Aroha Island as it is now closed to the public for oyster gathering. The rebuilt jetty will provide fishing and swimming opportunities for all and allow safe access to boats by those alighting to and from vessels and provide tie up for boats while trailers are backed onto the boat ramp.

The Rangitane Maritime Development would...

- Replace and upgrade unsafe FNDC infrastructure.
- Provide much needed SAFE access to the Kerikeri Inlet for all.
- The reclamation area will provide safe off street manoeuvring for trailer boats & parking.
- Rangitane is seen as an ideal site for this upgrade as the facility will lie very close to the end of the 5 knot speed restricted waterway.
- Public access to the nearby oyster and pipi beds which are essential for cultural practices.
- Provide fun fishing opportunities for children from the Reclamation.
- Off street footpath/boardwalk from each end of the reclamation to the Rangitane Reserve on a dangerous section of road.
- Provide an all-round cultural learning opportunity in conjunction with the Rangitane Reserve and Aroha Island close by.
- Enjoyment for the community and visitors by providing picnic tables, seating and green space.

Jackie Hatch
(Contact details omitted)

- Creating a place of socio-cultural wellbeing for the community to relax and enjoy the surroundings, birds, boats, fishing or walking.
- As an excursion destination for enjoyment by local Retirement village residents.
- Will alleviate summer parking woes when gatherings are held on Wainiu Island.
- Will complement the recently completed 'Rangitoto – Windsor Landing' project.
- Increased Tourism for the whole Kerikeri area bringing benefits to shops, accommodation providers and Tourist attractions like Rewa Villiage & Stone Store to name a few.

Residents of Kerikeri and visitors to the region are united in their love of the maritime treasure that is the Bay, her islands and its maritime resources. However, as population has increased there has not been the corresponding investment in infrastructure necessary to give improved access to the Bay, to residents and visitors. The pressure on boat ramps and the lack of parking has become acute.

The Rangitane Maritime Development will go some way to addressing the maritime infrastructure deficit. I also believe there is an obligation to our wider BOI community to provide safe and practical access to the coastal marine area.

I enthusiastically support the Maritime Facility proposed for Rangitane and encourage our community representatives to do the same and by including the project in the 2024 – 2027 Long Term Plan.

Nga mihi
Jackie Hatch

#ATTACHMENT - Post Code Analysis of Signatures in BOI-Whangaroa Community Ward

Jackie Hatch
(Contact details omitted)

Post Code Analysis of Signatures in
BOI - Whangaroa Community Board Ward

31 July 2020

Code	Qty	Region	Code	Qty	Region	Code	Qty	Region
BOI - Whangaroa CB Ward			Whangarei to Auckland			South of Auckland		
		KERIKERI	0114	4	Hikurangi	3200	1	Hamilton
0230	469	Kerikeri Central	0112	36	Kamo	3210	1	Hamilton
0239	1	Kerikeri West	0118	10	One Tree Point	3434	2	Cambridge
0295	377	Kerikeri North	0170	2	Whangarei	3720	1	Cambridge
0245	3	Kerikeri Waipapa	0110	24	Whangarei	3015	7	Rotorua
0246	1	Kerikeri Waipapa	0172	1	Whangarei	3031	1	Rotorua
0293	116	Kerikeri South	0173	4	Whangarei	3110	2	Tauranga
0294	409	Kerikeri RANGITANE	0174	6	Whangarei	3112	2	Tauranga
	1376	KERIKERI	0175	2	Whangarei	3173	2	Tauranga
			0176	2	Whangarei	3176	2	Tauranga
			0179	7	Whangarei	4019	1	Gisbourne
0282	1	Kawakawa	0116	3	Ruakaka	4112	1	Napier
0283	2	Kawakawa	0178	3	Waipu	4218	3	Waipawa
0210	16	Kawakawa	0171	1	Ruakaka	4314	1	Oakura
0472	62	Kawakawa Moerewa	0310	3	Dargaville	4320	1	Waitara
0281	1	Kawakawa Moerewa	0374	1	Dargaville	4330	2	Inglewood
0211	8	Moerewa	0520	1	Maungaturoto	4375	2	Urenui
0272	3	Kawakawa Opuia Russell	0573	1	Kaiwaka	4476	2	Palmerston Nth
0184	1	Russell	0875	1	Helensville	4501	1	Whanganui
0202	1	Russell	0981	2	Warkworth	4772	2	Whanganui
0202	7	Russell	0985	3	Warkworth	5019	1	Lower Hutt
0200	52	Paihia Opuia	0600	1	Auckland	5024	2	Porirua
0204	16	Haruru Paihia	0606	1	Auckland	5054	1	Lower Hutt
0475	69	Okaihau	0610	2	Auckland	6011	1	Wellington
0476	15	Okaihau	0612	2	Auckland	7608	2	Lincoln University
0448	1	Kaero	0618	2	Auckland	8014	1	Christchurch
0478	47	Kaero	0620	1	Auckland	9012	2	Dunedin
0479	19	Kaero	0626	1	Auckland			
0494	11	Mangonui	0627	2	Auckland			
			0630	2	Auckland			
			0632	6	Auckland			
			1010	1	Auckland			
			1023	2	Auckland			
			1024	1	Auckland	BB4 8N	1	Overseas
1376		Kerikeri	1042	1	Auckland	LE8 6JL	1	Overseas
332		Other within Ward	1051	1	Auckland	TN34 2	1	Overseas
			1052	1	Auckland			
1708		BOI-Whangaroa CB Ward	1071	5	Auckland			
			2010	5	Auckland			
			2012	1	Auckland			
		Far North - Other	2016	2	Auckland			
0181	1	Hikurangi	2077	1	Auckland			
0182	7	Moerewa Hikurangi	2113	1	Auckland			
0185	8	Hikurangi	2585	1	Auckland			
0405	46	Kaikohe	2679	2	Auckland			
0473	16	Kaikohe						
0474	11	Kaikohe						
0420	13	Cable Bay Mangonui	162		Whangarei to Auckland			
0491	5	Kohkohu						
0492	2	Kohkohu						
0482	6	Awanui Kaitaia						
0410	9	Kaitaia						
0481	8	Kaitaia						
0483	19	Kaitaia						
0484	1	Kaitaia						
0486	8	Awanui						
160		Far North Other						

SUMMARY		
1708	BOI-Whangaroa CB Ward	
160	Far North Other	
162	Whangarei to Auckland	
47	South of Auckland	
3	Overseas	
100	no Post code identifiable	
2180	TOTAL	

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Last name	Jane
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Comment	
Other feedback	To be quite frank, I have found council utterly impossible to deal with.
Ward	
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Submissions with comments

First Name	Laila
Last name	Qureshi
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
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Comment	
Other feedback	Morning to continue to provide for community service,s in the future,I would like everyone to know about Safe Swim website.This site will help you when walking the dog on the beach, fishing off the beach every time you drive by the beach.Just type the beach & then you learn wind,tide, weather every 2 hours very good if you need to check a delivery being late, delivering a parcel your self or just going to work, the website gives you so much information & is good for our community future.

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Submissions with comments

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Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	Rangitane Recreation Association Inc
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Rangitane Recreation Association Inc.
C/- PO Box 806
Kerikeri, 0245

25 April 2024

To Recipients:

Mayor Moko Tepania,

FNDC CEO Guy Holroyd,

Dep. Mayor Kelly Stratford,

Councillors – Babe Kapa, Felicity Foy, Ann Court, Hilda Halkyard-Harawira, John Vujcich, Mate Radich, Penetaui Kleskovic, Steve McNally, Tamati Rakena.

Kerikeri Service Centre

26 APR 2024

RE: Submission for FNDC Long Term Plan 2024 – 2027

Kia Ora Mayor Moko and Ladies and Gentlemen of Council

The purpose of this submission is simply to reinforce and remind Councillors of our support of the Rangitane and wider community. The attached document was initiated by the Residents of Rangitane and was completed in January 2021 with input from the local community then submitted on behalf of the Rangitane community to the BOI /Whangaroa Community Board in Jan 2021 and again to then Mayor John Carter & CEO Blair King in Aug 2022. It was also sent individually to each sitting council member at the time. The document itself is designed to assist the FNDC with Long Term Planning for the Kerikeri Peninsular and should be used in any Long Term Planning.

In early 2020 the Rangitane Recreation Association Inc applied for funding through Minister Shane Jones for Provincial Growth Funding to replace the dilapidated Rangitane Jetty, upgrade the Boat Ramp and revamp the Rangitane waterfront area. We were delighted to be successful in our endeavours and at the public announcement held at the Turner Centre our application was awarded \$2.45million a huge achievement for our community group and a fantastic injection of funds for FNDC infrastructure.

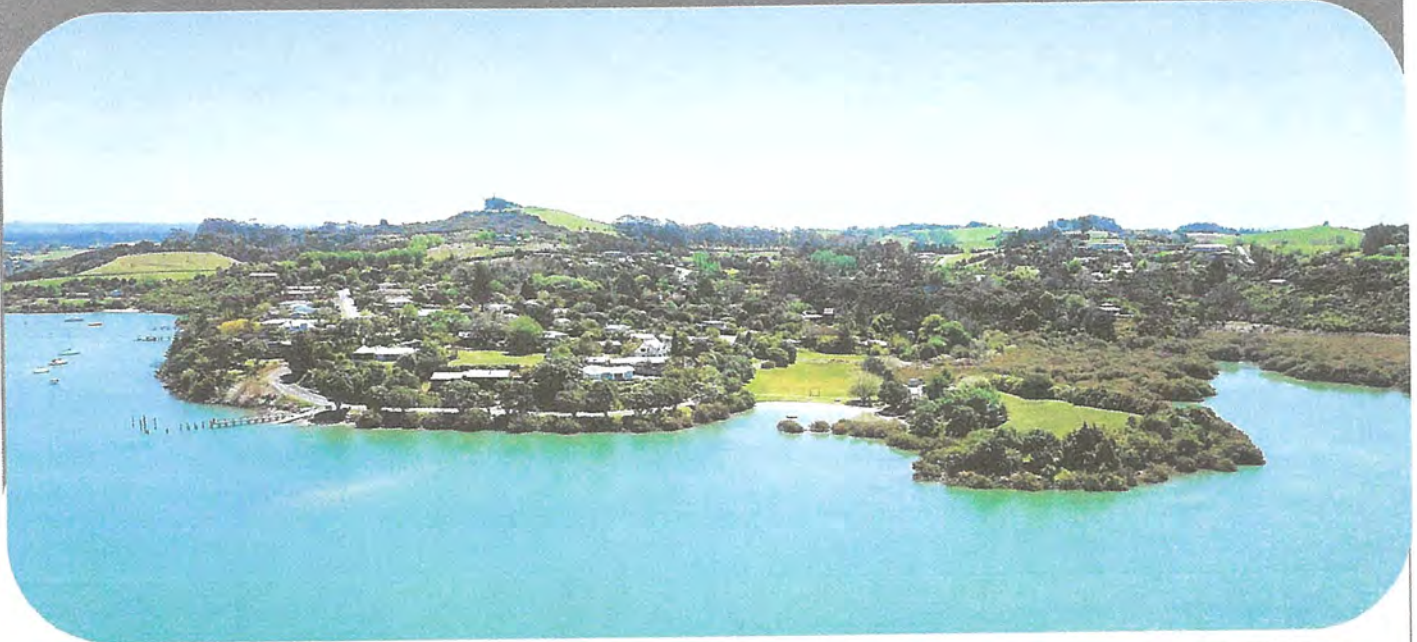
Needless to say this submission fully supports the proposed Rangitane Maritime Facility, rebuild of the Jetty and upgrade to the local paths, road, drainage, boardwalk, new toilet block, dinghy rack, seating, parking and greenspace. A place for all to relax, swim from a new jetty, enjoy fishing, gather seafood and a safe place to launch and retrieve watercraft.

Nga mihi

Rangitane Recreation Association Inc.

#attached – Draft Kerikeri Peninsular Community Development Plan -Rangitane

*Draft Kerikeri Peninsular
Community Development Plan
- Rangitane*



“Our vision is to provide a sustainable, cohesive, coastal environment heavy with Native species, flora and fauna and clean waterways while coexisting with the growing development of the environs.

To maintain a safe and healthy environment for people especially the young and the old.

Respect Iwi and their cultural heritage.”

***Thanks to FNDC and Cr’s Rachel Smith, David Clendon & Kelly Stratford
for inviting us to submit this CDP.***

This document is designed to assist the FNDC with Long Term Planning for the Kerikeri Peninsular and should be used in conjunction with other submitted CDP’s.

We acknowledge and thank those in the community, members and supporters for the photo’s, information and suggestions within these pages.

Being a ‘DRAFT’ document there will need to be further discussion and input is welcome.

PREPARED BY...
RANGITANE RECREATION
ASSOCIATION INC.

WE ARE A VOLUNTARY
COMMUNITY GROUP

Foreword

Members and supporters of the Rangitane Recreation Association support, value and respect the Natural beauty of the Rangitane district, water front location, ecology and the health and well-being of its people and those of the wider community.

The Rangitane subdivision was formed in the mid 1960's and nestles against the Kerikeri Inlet. We understand Rangitane was slow to develop and there was little interest due to the gravel road which was sealed in the early 1990's. Over the last 30 years Rangitane has more than doubled and is growing at an unbelievable rate.

It is a fact that Kerikeri is the fastest growing town in Northland. FNDC 2018 figures show Kerikeri has 42% of the total growth in the Far North.

Features of the Rangitane waterfront are a single boat ramp, derelict jetty, recreational reserve with tennis court, children's play area and shallow swimming for the toddler's on the high tide at the small sand rimmed tidal beach. A couple of barbecue tables overlook the children's swimming area.

The reserve and above mentioned facilities were fundraised & built with the hard work of a previous generation of community spirited Rangitane residents who also formed the large flat area of the reserve which was low and swampy. These facilities are now administered and maintained by the FNDC and includes mowing the Rangitane Recreation Reserve. The exception is the derelict Jetty which was built and is owned by Rangitane Residents. The Rangitane Jetty was opened on 21 June 1992.

The Rangitane community have over the past 30 years been known for hosting events such as the mid winter swim, kids fishing competitions, fun runs, Guy Fawkes and other community events. Prizes being generously donated by many Kerikeri and Waipapa businesses.

Community groups plant trees on the Reserve and actively participate with pest control trapping rats, mice, stoats, weasels, possums and more details of which can be viewed on the Kerikeri Pest Control website. (kppc.kiwi)

Through the Provincial Growth Fund, and the proposed development by FNDC, Rangitane and the wider community have been presented with a wonderful opportunity to revitalize the Rangitane area by way of upgrading the derelict Jetty & boat ramp, provide car parking and safe access to the Kerikeri Inlet including the Blacksmiths Bay and Aroha Island oyster beds. It is expected that any planning will make the roads safer for all with the addition of foot paths, reduction in speed limits and cleaner by providing a composting toilet on the Reserve.

Wainui Island residents, who regularly use the Rangitane boat ramp and jetty as their access point from shore, need to be considered in any planning as they require car parking for not only themselves but for their whanau gatherings.

The CDP could include Aroha Island - cottages, camping, canoeing, bush walks and day visits.

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This document could work in with plans from Our Kerikeri, Vision Kerikeri the Operative District Plan & Regional Plan and assist the FNDC with planning future developments and upgrades to the Rangitane area while considering the wishes and aspirations of the residents, Iwi and community and should be used in conjunction with Hapu development plan (if any) and other submitted CDP's.

Rangitane

Pic dated early 1980's



Rangitane has a waterfront position and sits on the Northern edge of the Kerikeri Inlet half way along the Kerikeri Peninsular and provides access to the Kerikeri Inlet.

Map Coordinates 35° 12' Latitude, 174° 00' Longitude.

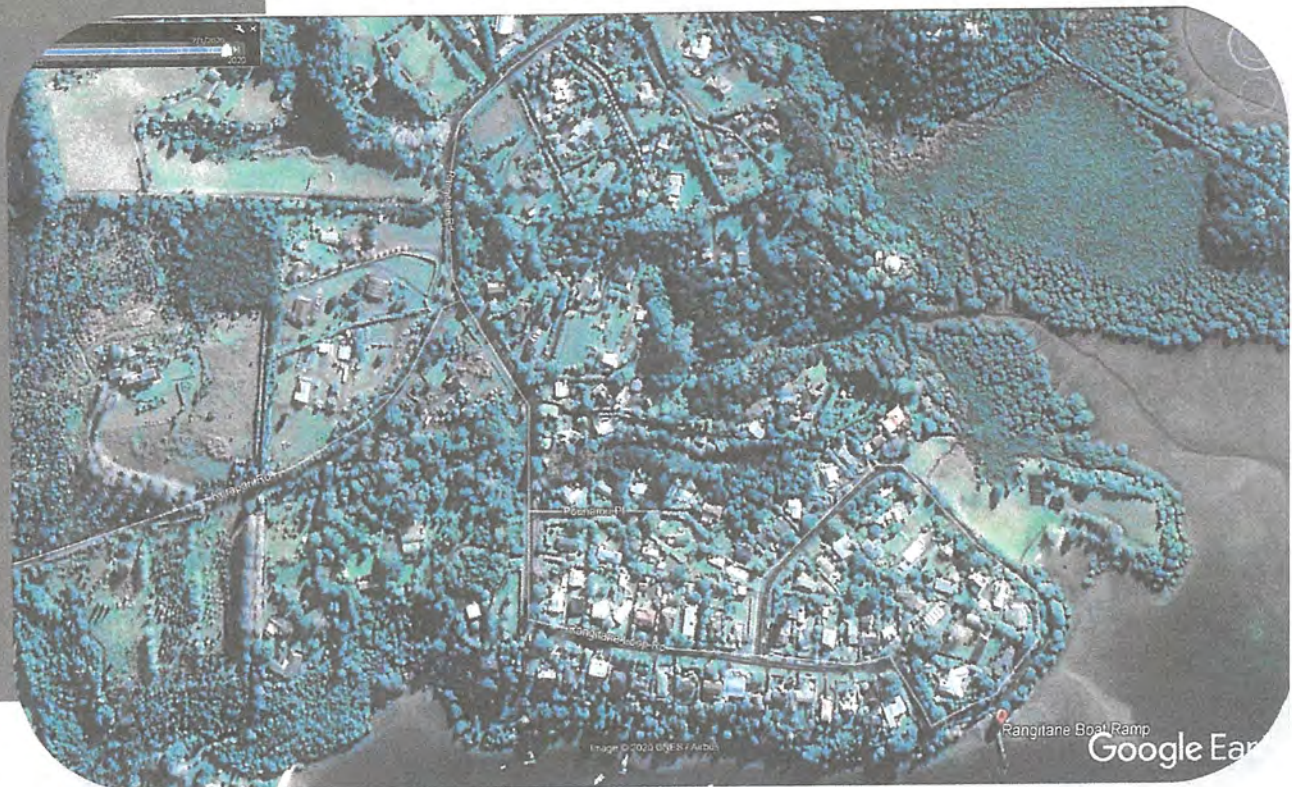
The Post code for Rangitane is 0294.

There are over 300 houses in the catchment and growing.

“ Kerikeri has 42%
of total growth in
the Far North”
FNDC Figures
2018



Pic off Google Earth dated 23 May 2003



Pic off Google Earth dated 1 July 2020

Rangitane Recreation Reserve



Rangitane Recreation Reserve sits against the Northern shore of the Kerikeri Inlet and is skirted on one edge by a small shallow sandy beach suitable for small children and toddlers on the high tide. There is Barbeque seating and generous room for picnics.

Large shadey trees enhance the Reserve and provide shelter from sun and wind. We believe the Flame Tree was planted by Vera Rae. The Elm by Barbara Gibson and the Apple tree is estimated at 50 years old. The Pohutukawa and flax bordering the road edge were planted by residents Bob Stowell, Ray Hatch and others over 30 years ago.



“The Rangitane Recreation Reserve is a FNDC Asset. It is mowed and maintained by FNDC contractors”



On the north eastern side of the Reserve a children’s playground and Tennis court provide recreational opportunities for all ages.

The grass covered hill has pathways down to the water at various points and opportunities for rock fishing.

The central Flat area of the Reserve was first formed and grassed by the hard work and fundraising of a previous generation

“The Northern most edge of the Reserve provides grassed overflow parking for trailer boats”

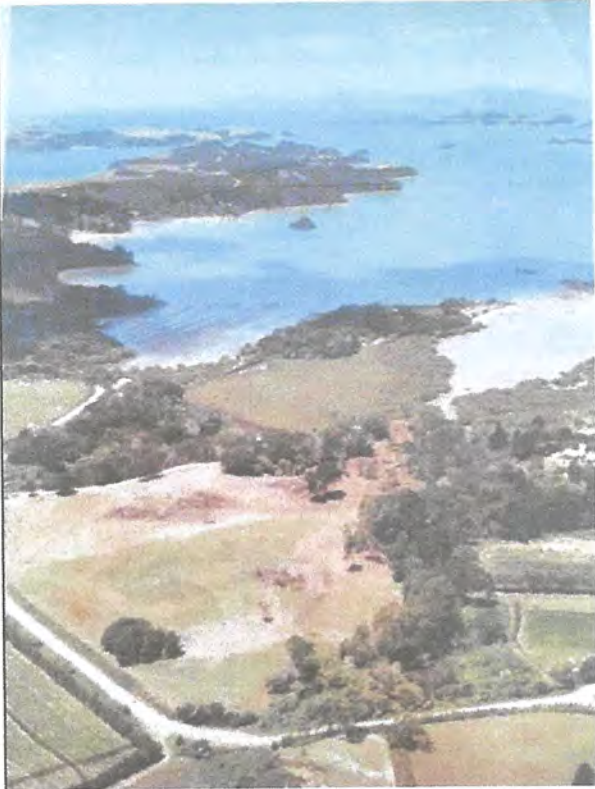


Vision for Rangitane Community Plan - DRAFT

Rangitane is an exciting, proactive, sustainable and caring community with great recreation opportunities.



Natural Environment	Built Environment, Infrastructure & Services	People & Community	Economy	Culture and Heritage	Recreation
<p>As a community we value, respect, protect and enhance our biodiversity, freshwater systems, landforms, coastal and marine environments.</p>	<p>The community of Rangitane works constructively and closely with all providers to obtain cost effective and efficient infrastructure and services.</p>	<p>Our caring and closely connected community is well informed and is an all-inclusive network of diverse and interesting people.</p>	<p>Our focus is to promote sustainable economical growth in the area through promoting tourism and home business. To support existing residents & business owners by providing facilities and infrastructure to attract visitors and tourism.</p>	<p>We acknowledge the indigenous people's integrity, and respect and celebrate the diverse cultures and heritage of Rangitane and the Kerikeri Peninsula.</p>	<p>Rangitane has access to great recreational opportunities for all age groups, especially in the coastal and marine environments</p>



1990 Derek Gibson's property (view looking over number 219 Rangitane Rd, Aroha Is, Blacksmiths Bay to end of peninsular)

Our goal is to provide a sustainable, cohesive, coastal environment heavy with Native species, flora and fauna and clean waterways while coexisting with the growing development of the environs.

This photo of Derek & Barbara Gibson's property is before they built the Octagonal house on the point and subdivided the land close to the road. This bare land is now full of housing.

Aroha Island can be seen through the mangroves bordering Blacksmiths Bay along with the dirt track and causeway to the Island.

To the left of Aroha Island oyster lease (No 139) formerly owned by Ray Hatch. Access to the lease is through the Rangitane Scenic Reserve. This is a nice walk with native trees and bird life.

Blacksmiths Bay has a white sandy beach and native pohutukawa trees down to the waters edge and is accessible by water craft. Its sheltered location makes it a great canoeing area on the high tide. The beach is part of the Rangitane Scenic Reserve.



Track through Rangitane Scenic Reserve



Aroha Is. - Camping

Aroha Island

Aroha Is.- Beach



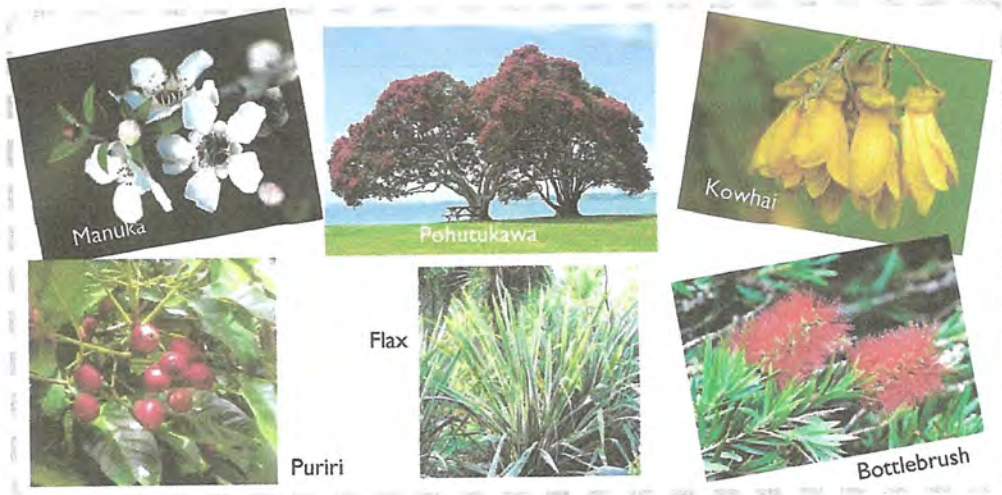
Aroha Is. - Boat Ramp



Blacksmiths Bay Beach

Natural Environment continued...

"Our goal is to provide a sustainable, cohesive, coastal environment heavy with Native species, flora and fauna and clean waterways while coexisting with the growing development of the environs"



Protect

Encourage, Value and Protect native wildlife. Encourage our community to plant trees suitable for Native species ie Kowhai, Pohutukawa, Flax, Manuka, Puriri, Bottlebrush, among others.



Kereru



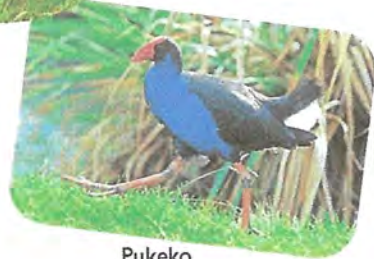
Fantail



Tui



Kiwi



Pukeko



Morepork



Kotare

Eradicate & Control - Most Wanted List

Provide resources and training in the eradication and control of pests to ensure survival of native species.



Possums



Feral Rabbits



Weasels & Stoats



Wasps



Rats & Mice

Focus area: Natural Environment

As a community we value, respect, protect and enhance our biodiversity, freshwater systems, landforms and coastal and marine environments.

What are some possible goals?	What would need to be done to achieve this goal?	How might it be done?	Who will be involved?
Protect the natural beauty of the area including the coastal environment.	Educate locals and visitors	Monitoring by a community ambassador. Take numberplates & photo's.	FNDC, DOC, community
Protection of Kiwi and other bird life	Education	Visitor days	DOC, community
Reduce & eradicate weeds.	Take action against weeds.	Form a community pest control group	NRC, DOC, FNDC, community
Reduce & eradicate pest animals & insects.	Take action against animals & insects.	Form a community pest control group	NRC, DOC, FNDC, community
Reduce speed limit on roads	Education, approach appropriate road safety personnel within council	Signage, education,	FNDC, community
Protect and restore health to waterways and marine environment	Education, Community group clean up days	Work with Iwi and Hapu, align actions with Ministry for the Environment guidelines.	DOC, MFE, MPI, community, Iwi, Hapu
Identify & Cut back trees overhanging roadway	For safe & clear visibility. Take action, take pics & notify appropriate body	Complete details on RFS on FNDC website.	FNDC, community

Built Environment, Infrastructure & Services



The Jetty - Our goal is to rebuild the Rangitane Jetty and transfer the ownership.

The Rangitane Jetty is the largest asset owned by the Residents of the Rangitane. Designed and built by residents of Rangitane with fund-raising that began in the late 1980's the jetty was opened on 21 June 1992 by the Hon. Dover Samuels.

The funds are available to rebuild the jetty now through the Provincial Growth Fund and held by the FNDC. This has been put on hold due to controversy over ownership of the Resource consent.

Our community is committed to provide safe access to the Kerikeri Inlet for all by revamping the waterfront boat ramp area providing off street manoeuvring for trailer boats, parking, footpaths, seating and rebuilding the jetty.

“Our aim is to provide safe access to the Kerikeri Inlet for all by supporting the FNDC proposed Marine Development at Rangitane”



DRAFT BOAT RAMP CONCEPT
RANGITANE LOOP ROAD KERIKERI

Other community owned assets include Storage shed on the reserve, Marquee plus Fire box & water pump (adjacent to 26 Loop Rd).

The Tennis court and children's playground, although originally built by the community, are FNDC assets and are maintained by them.

The CCTV camera situated adjacent to 251 Redcliffs Rd is owned by the Peninsula community. Funds for the maintenance of this camera are held by the Residents Association.

Built Environment, Infrastructure & Services continued...

Toilets

Provide innovative solutions for bio-sanitation needs by providing composting toilets on the Rangitane Recreation Reserve and other places identified as necessary.

Ensure suitable waste water solutions in public places in compliance with government regulations.

It is noted that the Rangitane Recreation Reserve has been promised a composting toilet in the LTP for over 5 years.



Pic is from Clivus Multrum brochure



Dreamstime.co - Composting toilet



Examples of composting toilets.



Footpaths & Boardwalks



Provide suitable sustainable footpaths and boardwalks, also providing safety rails where needed, from the Rangitane Recreation Reserve, past the boat ramp & jetty, along the Rangitane Loop Rd to the Aroha Island entrance. Providing safe navigation, particularly for the elderly, young children on bicycles and physically challenged members of our community.

These paths should take into consideration modern methods of manoeuvrability. For instance mobility scooters & prams.



Built Environment, Infrastructure & Services continued...



Provide...

- Sustainable roads and keep in good repair
- Street lighting suitable for each individual area
- Bus stops
- Signage both road and information
- Reliable power and phone services
- Maintain the tennis court
- Maintain the children's playground
- Maintain the barbeque tables
- Rubbish & Recycling bins
- A gas barbeque on the reserve to reduce the risk of fire. Work out a gas bottle exchange plan
- Repair and replacing the above infrastructure when necessary.
- Maintain walking tracks keeping clear of weeds
- Remove derelict Jetty & Replace

Urban Single Gas BBQ



Urban Double Gas BBQ



Artist impression of Proposed replacement Jetty, boat ramp and carpark courtesy of Far North Holdings Ltd.



Focus area: Built Environment, Infrastructure and Services

The community of Rangitane works constructively and closely with all providers to obtain cost effective & efficient infrastructure and services.

What are some possible goals?	What would need to be done to achieve this goal?	How might it be done?	Who will be involved?
Identify & Support new infrastructure	Identify what is needed, discuss with community, Iwi, Hapu.	Community to make submissions for the best outcome for all the community	FNDC, NRC, Hapu, Iwi, community
Install FIXED gas Barbeque on Reserve	Discussion with stakeholders on Barbeque type & plan for service	Community to make submissions for the best outcome for all the community	FNDC, Hapu, Iwi, community
Upgrade boat ramp	Accept proposed Concept Plan 'B' currently on offer by FNH	Agreement of stakeholders	FNDC, appropriate Kaitiaki & Iwi, community
Rebuild or maintain the jetty to 'Optimum Safety Level' in compliance with existing Resource Consent & RMA 1991	Agreement by Residents Association to relinquish Resource Consent	Agreement of stakeholders	FNDC, appropriate Kaitiaki & Iwi, community
Address congestion and parking issues at boat ramp/jetty	Accept proposed Concept Plan 'B' currently on offer by FNH	Agreement of stakeholders	FNDC, appropriate Kaitiaki & Iwi, community
Provide suitable sustainable footpaths, safety rails, kerb & channel, pipe open drains	For safe and clear passage around the community particularly by the physically challenged.	Community to make submissions for the best outcome for all the community	FNDC, Hapu, Iwi, community
Construct composting toilet on Reserve	Engage with FNDC waste management team & planning. This has been on the LTP for more than 5 years.		FNDC, Hapu, Iwi, community
Maintain roads in optimum safety level.	Establish an agreed level of what is the 'optimum safety level'.	Create a priority list from identification of roads in need of improvement.	FNDC, Hapu, Iwi, community
Lower speed limit to 50km/h	Identify areas of concern,	Speed zone signage at strategic points along roadway, appoint a community ambassador	FNDC, Hapu, Iwi, community

The People



“There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about”
 Credit: Margaret J. Wheatley

The peoples of Rangitane are a culturally diverse community who are respectful, tolerant, supportive and caring.

They value their family, friends and neighbours.

They have a shared pride in their environment and provide initiatives which create a cohesive community through inclusive activity.

Youth are encouraged to partake in environmental activities and take pride in their surroundings.

Our aim is to maintain a co-operative populace with good community spirit for the health and well being of all.



“Your positive action combined with positive thinking results in success.”

Credit: Shiv Khera

Rangitane Community



Jetty opening day & mid winter Dip
21 June 1992

Our focus has been to have a safe and friendly community that cares for the wellbeing of it's people in particular the young and elderly. We aim to provide a welcoming environment to share with all.

For over 30 years the Rangitane community have hosted events such as the mid winter swim, kids fishing competitions, fun runs, Easter egg hunt, Triathlon, Halloween and Guy Fawkes to name a few. Including fundraisers with prizes donated by many Kerikeri and Wai-papa businesses.

Newsletters physically distributed throughout the catchment by community groups and a network of local Social Media pages keep the Community informed.

Neighbourhood watch is active within the area but not officially monitored.

Community Events

"The Rangitane Waterfront and Recreation Reserve are the HUB and gathering place for the wider community"



Community Events on the Rangitane Reserve



Focus area: People and Community

Our people are diverse, inovative and caring. A community with spirit brought together by geographic boundaries.

What are some possible goals?	What would need to be done to achieve this goal?	How might it be done?	Who will be involved?
A community that is caring, respectful and supportive, connected and well informed.	Acknowledge & celebrate the actions of people who contribute to the community's wellbeing.	Through community delivered newsletter, local social media FB pages & publicity	FNDC, FB, Websites & local media.
	Community connection is supported through communications initiatives such as Newsletters in hard copy and email form, FB and community meetings & events.	Encourage all of the community to submit articles for Newsletters, post on Social Media and attend meetings & events.	All Residents, Hapu and community, home based businesses & community groups
The community is safe, healthy and inclusive	Community volunteers are valued	Encourage community participation in groups, events and initiatives.	Community, NRC, FNDC, Hapu, Iwi
	Identify members of the community that require assistance in key areas such as - A) health B) security C) mobility	Compile a register of those who require assistance A) health - collect medication or shopping B) security - those living alone C) offering a ride	Community, NRC, FNDC, Hapu, Iwi
Community van / bus	Community involvement and discussion on all aspects of owning and maintaining this asset.	Fundraise for a Community owned van / bus allowing regular travel from and too Kerikeri for shops, medical, group outings	Community, NRC, FNDC, Hapu, Iwi, Lottery, Rotary, bus providers
Health and community beautification	Address rubbish dumping issues in public places	Encourage rubbish bags & bins to be placed at collection points on collection day not before. Notify change of collection days on local Social Media.	FNDC, NRC community, Hapu, Iwi
	Address Human waste in public places	Construct composting toilet on Reserve & other identified public places	FNDC, NRC community, Hapu, Iwi

Economy

“ Numerous Holiday destinations are available in the area including Camping, Cabins, Guest houses or Rentals “

Our focus is to promote sustainable economical growth in the area through promoting tourism and home business. To support existing residents & business owners by providing facilities and infrastructure to attract visitors and tourism.

Small business are the backbone of our economy and employ approximately 29% of the workforce and contribute over a quarter of GDP. (stats credit to 'Business.govt.nz')

Small business within our region consist of an assortment of Trades, Boat Building & Design, Fishing, Personal care, House cleaning, Tourism operators, Farmers, Guest houses, Landlords and B&B operators.

With the recent impact from Covid-19 there is also an increased number of people working from home. These too need to be considered in the big picture.

Continued growth in the area is a certainty as statistics show. It is not unreasonable to suggest that in the long term provision for light commercial zoning could be considered along the Rangitane Road.

Suggested business for this zoning include...

- Dairy
- Café
- Takeaway food
- Eco charging facilities



Focus area: Economy

There are numerous owner - operated business' in the Rangitane Area Involving Service Trades & Tourism.

What are some possible goals?	What would need to be done to achieve this goal?	How might it be done?	Who will be involved?
Create, Develop, support & Promote tourism to provide sustainable economical growth	Compile a register of B & B's, Holiday rentals, Tourism operators and amenities.	Post on social media, Travel Websites, Travel agents, Word of mouth, advertising, Tourist information brochure.	Community, Small business owners, Tourism
Promote Aroha Island Echo centre, Cottages, camping, bushwalks & day visits	Has their own website. Encourage local volunteers to help on the Island	Post on social media in local newsletters & information brochure.	Community, Aroha Island
Promote Kates Riding School, Equestrian centre & Pony camps	Has their own website	Post on social media in local newsletters & information brochure.	Community, Kates Riding school.
Encourage community support of local Trades, Services & Home businesses.	Compile a register	Post on social media in local newsletters & information brochure.	Community, Small business owners
Identify land for light commercial operations such as... Dairy, café, takeaways, Eco charging facility. Effectively reducing the amount of carbon required for travel to Waipapa or Kerikeri.	Identify suitable site, seek community approval, Re Zone to light commercial	Advocate to NRC & FNDC for the provision of light commercial zone.	Community, NRC, FNDC, Appropriate Hapu, Iwi, Developers

Culture and Heritage



Rangitane (Te Hikuwai)

There are significant Hapu (clans) who identify with or live within the Rangitane catchment these Hapu should be engaged and encouraged to tell their stories.

One such story involves Aroha Island. In 2005 the Island had a waahi tapu placed on it and registered on the title. Then in the 1960's Tango and Repia from Ngawha gave all shares of Aroha Island to William Otere Cook. Dr. Colin Little purchased the Island in 1971 and when he died gifted Aroha Is to the QEII National Trust who owns it to this day.

It is vital that nga waahi tapu (sacred places) be identified, recorded and respected by all. An example of this are the Maori graves on Aroha Island one of which is the grave of Matira Erimana the great, great, grandmother of local resident Richard Civil who is Kaumatua and Kaitiake of the Kerikeri River and also Kaitiake of the Te Puna Mataitai.

The Kerikeri river which flows against the shores of Rangitane has been the food basket for Taiamai Ki Te Marangai for centuries. Hapu came down to gather kaimoana, dry them and take home.

There are vast middens which were dug out and burned for lime on the farmlands on the south side of the Kerikeri Inlet opposite Rangitane. This was done by Allen Mills in the 1950's.

Hapu have identified the Rangitane waterfront and Aroha Island as the only places left with easy access to the pipi beds and Tio (oysters) for whanau.

It is important that it is understood the differing jurisdictions of land and sea.

- The land comes under the individual Tribal Kaumatua and their individual Iwi leadership.
- The sea is under the guardianship and protection of the Kaitiaki. This is an elected position and involves all Hapu in the area and is a trusted position to care for the sea, the creatures and it's environs.

Pre-European tribal placement



This map shows approximately where a few of the pre-European tribal boundaries were along the Kerikeri Inlet.

- Ngati Rehia, Kiripaka occupied the north side of Redcliffs Road
- Ngati Rangī / Ngati Mau, occupied the south side of Redcliffs Road and included the Pa at Rangitane. From the upper half of the Rangitane river to Te Kiripaka and includes Aroha Island.
- Te Whiu tribe occupied the lower side of Te Hikuwai to the shores of the Kerikeri Inlet (including loop road / Rangitane) and lower part of the Rangitane River.

Focus area: Culture and Heritage

We acknowledge the indigenous people's integrity, and respect and celebrate the diverse cultures and heritage of the area.

What are some possible goals?	What would need to be done to achieve this goal?	How might it be done?	Who will be involved?
Locate sites of significant cultural and heritage value. Erect Pou, plaques or public art, celebrate Hapu heritage, align with local hapu plan.	Use hapu development plan (if any) and Develop cultural areas on the Rangitane Recreation Reserve and at the boat ramp to celebrate the significance of these areas.	By promoting these facilities. Apply for funding for any project costs.	Iwi, Hapu, Local historians, Community, Foundation North, Lotteries & other.
	Create walking tracks through the Rangitane Scenic Reserve leading to site of significance.	By promoting these facilities. Apply for funding for any project costs.	Iwi, Hapu, Local historians, Community, Foundation North, Lotteries & other.
Involve Aroha Island Trust as a place to display information of cultural & historical value.	Hapu development plan (if any) to be used to promote relationships between Hapu and other parties. Engage with local Hapu and Kaumatua.	Apply for funds to progress this projects.	Aroha Island Trust, Iwi, Hapu
Identify Nga Waahi Tapu (sacred places) and mark to enable locals and visitors to treat with respect.	Hapu development plan (if any) to be used to promote relationships between Hapu and other parties. Engage with local Hapu and Kaumatua.	Erect markers, Signage and maps to raise awareness of the areas to be respected.	Iwi, Hapu, Local historians, Community, Far North Regional Museum Trust.
Seek stories of cultural & heritage value.	Engage with local Kaumatua, Kaitiaki, Iwi and Pakeha elders and Record the stories of the area to preserve for posterity.	Invite local Hapu & elders and interview / record their stories of old.	Iwi, Hapu, Local historians, Community, Far North Regional Museum Trust.
Seek the return of Cultural Artifacts excavated & removed from Aroha Island to be returned.	Identify what was excavated & removed and by who.	Meet with stakeholders, identify where artefacts were sent, explore process of return. Request the return.	Aroha Island Trust, Iwi, Hapu, FNDC, DOC, QEII

Recreational Activities at Rangitane

Rangitane Recreation Reserve

- > Childrens playground
- > Toddlers & small childrens swimming
- > Tennis
- > Ball games
- > Fishing
- > Bush walking
- > Exercise
- > Golf practice
- > High tide canoe & paddleboarding
- > Kite flying



Rangitane Boat Ramp

- > Boat launching and retrieval
- > Paddleboarding
- > Canoeing
- > Sailing Dinghies



Rangitane Jetty

- > Swimming
- > Fishing
- > Walking
- > Watching water activities



Rangitane Scenic Reserve

- > Bushwalking
- > Bird watching



Redcliffs Equestrian (aka Kates Riding Centre)

- > Horse riding & Trekking
- > Pony Camps
- > Riding Lessons

Focus area: Recreation

The Rangitane area has access to great recreational opportunities for all age groups, especially in the coastal and marine environments.

What are some possible goals?	What would need to be done to achieve this goal?	How might it be done?	Who will be involved?
Promote community friendly activities & fundraisers involving the Rangitane Recreation Reserve, Jetty & boat ramp. Such as Triathlon, Mid winter dip, Food festival, Halloween, Paddleboard & canoe races, Bike ride treasure hunts, community barbeques etc.	Seek input from the Community, Hapu and Iwi to develop an 'Annual Calendar of events' include Cultural displays. Set up a working group to vet suggestions and compile in an appropriate list and sequence.	Community meetings or requests for ideas via local social media and newsletters and word of mouth.	Community, Hapu, Iwi & other interested parties
Provide composting toilets on the Rangitane Reserve & Boat Ramp as a matter of Health, Wellbeing and Hygiene.	Engage with FNDC waste management team & planning. This has been on the LTP for more than 5 years.		FNDC, Hapu, Iwi, community
Establish community gardens - enabling community connectivity through shared interest & activity.	Seek a venue - possibly FNDC pockets of land scattered throughout the area	Seek funds for equipment through fundraising	Local community groups working together.
Establish community nursery growing Native species to re plant within the community improving the aesthetics of the area and home gardens.			
Walking Tracks throughout the Rangitane area. Use Nature ID signs for education.	Identify suitable track areas, some already exist but are overgrown, form working groups to clear growth and plant natives	Use of council owned land network between and around sections to form a new public asset - walking tracks - native ID areas etc	FNDC, DOC, community
Boardwalk to Aroha Island from Rangitane Reserve enabling safe quick access to both areas	Engage with Aroha Island Trust & Rangitane Community Groups, Kaitiake of the river, FNDC, DOC	Apply for DOC funding or other	Aroha Island Trust, QEII, Community groups, Kaitiake, Hapu, IWI
Provide dingy sailing access & setup area near boat ramp	Designate a specific area for the purpose of setting up sailing dingy	Discuss with FNH asking to have this included on the proposed plan	FNH, community
Install a sundial /direction compass & 'Story Boards' like at Marsden Cross & Roberton Island. Add Native ID signs for educational purposes. Include Indigenous culture & heritage on these.	Identify suitable area's for placement on the Reserve and throughout the area. Seek suggestions for Story boards & signs from Hapu and community.	Approach council & DOC for funding.	Community, Hapu, Iwi, FNDC, DOC

Acknowledgements & Important Information

KEY -

DOC - Department of Conservation

FB - Facebook

FNDC - Far North District Council

FNH - Far North Holdings

Hapu - Tribe / Clan

Iwi - People

Kaitiaki - Guardian / Protector

MFE - Ministry for the Environment

MPE - Ministry for Primary Industry

NRC - Northland Regional Council

RC - Resource Consent

RFS - Request for Service

RMA - Resource Management Act



Understanding Hapu Leadership

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"There are numerous reasons why people affiliate or have a connection with a place. One does not have to live there to have the connection as it may be an emotional one. It could be because it is their place of birth, they have whanau there or it is the land of their ancestors. We are but caretakers of the land, enriching it if we can and leaving a legacy for future generations to enjoy."

*Affiliation
Connection*

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RANGITANE RECREATION ASSOCIATION INC.

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Sam
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Organisation (if applicable)	Te Rūnanga-Ā-Iwi-Ō-Ngāpuhi
Position in organisation	Chief Executive
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
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Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	
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Other feedback	See attachment
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TE RŪNANGA-Ā-IWI O NGĀPUHI

Submission on

**The Long-Term Plan
Consultation Document
2024-27**

TE KAUNIHERA O TE HIKU O TE IKA

26 APRIL 2024

INTRODUCTION

1. This submission is made by Te Rūnanga-Ā-Iwi O Ngāpuhi. We thank the Council for the opportunity to submit on their Long Term Plan 2024-27
2. Te Rūnanga-Ā-Iwi O Ngāpuhi is the mandated organisation representing some 160,000 people who identify as Ngāpuhi. Ngāpuhi is the largest Iwi in New Zealand. The tribal estate of Ngāpuhi, known as *Te Whare o Puhī, mai i Tāmaki ki Te Rerenga Wairua*.
3. As affirmed in He Whakaputanga o te Rangatiratanga o Nu Tireni and Te Tiriti O Waitangi, Ngāpuhi is the guardian of the natural resources that include land, coastal areas, sea, waterways, and other resources within our tribal estate. This includes the foreshores and sea beds extending out from the coast and harbours of Te Whare Tapu O Ngāpuhi and the subject of the current debate over ownership and management of such.
4. Ngā Hapū O Ngāpuhi actively exercise their customary rights and responsibilities of Kaitiakitanga throughout our district. Traditional cultural practices closely tie Ngāpuhi to our forests, coastal shores, waters, and whenua.

KO NGA HUA E TAUTOKO ANA

5. Te Rūnanga-Ā-Iwi O Ngāpuhi would like to thank the Council for supporting many initiatives and projects that have been achieved together including those that continue to progress. We continue to support ngā hapū o Ngāpuhi to be actively involved at the forefront of all significant development proposals within the tribal districts of Ngāpuhi.
6. **Response and Recovery.** Cyclone Gabrielle's response and recovery was the exemplar for Te Tai Tokerau. Civil Defence, communications, and logistics proved Te Rūnanga-Ā-Iwi O Ngāpuhi Group's response and recovery delivered and complimented Councils' efforts through a crisis that impacted the entire region. The reach, networks, and inter-related connections of Ngāpuhi had no boundaries. We take seriously the effectiveness of our roles for a healthy, progressive, and enduring future together. But more so the mutual recognition and respect towards the responsibility of Kaunihera and Tino Rangatiratanga relationships.
7. **Wastewater.** Te Rūnanga-Ā-Iwi O Ngāpuhi supports resourcing for upgrades of wastewater plants and the continued engagement of ngā hapū o Ngāpuhi throughout such processes. Upgrades for compliance measures to be a priority and the paradigm shift to dispose of wastewater to land is long overdue. Wastewater from wider districts being disposed of at Kaikohe is a major concern. The continuation of this practice should be reflected through rating distributions and allocations.
8. **Kaikohe Civic Hub and Library,** although the engagement some years ago with the Council regarding a collaborative development project for the 'old hotel' site eventually did not receive Council support. We remain optimistic and will continue to support development opportunities targeted within our tribal districts that hold Ngāpuhi aspirations and outcomes to the fore.

9. **Pou Herenga Tai** has a positive impact on local economic values. This has enabled whanau and hapu within their respective takiwā districts to participate in and lead complementary initiatives. Future funding allocated is needed to ensure assets are maintained and future complementary opportunities can develop to sustain Ngāpuhi hapū communities.
10. **Kaikohe Multi-Sport Complex** Lindvart Park is the local outdoor active space for sports and recreation. It is a significantly important facility that serves whanau, schools, and sporting communities across Te Tai Tokerau. We look forward to the opening of the new complex and Council's ongoing support.
11. **Infrastructure Upgrade.** Te Rūnanga-Ā-Iwi O Ngāpuhi supports the Council in providing and upgrading infrastructure through the Infrastructure Acceleration Fund. The demand for housing, and population growth pressures on infrastructure, need to be addressed.

LONG TERM PLAN

Issue 1: Stormwater Rating Across the District

12. Te Rūnanga-Ā-Iwi O Ngāpuhi supports changing the way current rating is implemented across the district. We support targeted residential, industrial, and commercial ratings. Stormwater is a major concern due to the impacts it has on our rural and coastal environments and communities. A paradigm shift is needed on how we manage water overall.

Issue 2: Rating Water Supply and Wastewater Services

13. Te Rūnanga-Ā-Iwi O Ngāpuhi supports the change to the district-wide rating for those connected. Everyone should be sharing the cost across other towns to spread the cost across those connected to the water and wastewater network. Targeting those who benefit from using these services is most fair and equitable.

Issue 3: Community Service Centres

14. Te Rūnanga-Ā-Iwi O Ngāpuhi supports the status quo. Keeping and maintaining local services provides access to our smaller rural Ngāpuhi communities who may already struggle to stay connected. Keeping our smaller communities connected through face-to-face services adds value to community morale, connectedness, and access to information..

VERBAL SUBMISSION

15. Te Rūnanga-Ā-Iwi O Ngāpuhi would like to thank the Council for the opportunity to submit on the Long-Term Plan and will be available Tuesday 30 April to be heard to support this submission.



Date: 26 April 2024

Sam Napia
Chief Executive
Te Rūnanga-Ā-Iwi O Ngāpuhi

Long Term Plan 2024-27

Submissions with comments

First Name	Jock
Last name	O'Connor
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	Council's stormwater projections seem based on more, and perhaps more severe, weather events as a result of climate change, yet there seems to be no provision for high quality meteorological advice that might help target at risk areas and mitigate impacts
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	The notion that remote communities are disadvantaged by the status quo is surely offset by the privileges they enjoy. Commonly, in my observation, such communities (e.g. Te Hapua, Pawarenga) are at the end of, or along, country roads which serve little pu
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	The status quo should obtain awaiting better evidence. Any consolidation of community services should be based on usage. For example, the council's computerised library system should be able to show patterns of patronage, i.e. borrowing per head of popula
Other feedback	Apart from the P3 general message in your LTP booklet, Maori language translation extends only to headings and introductions . This suggests alternatively, a) council considers detail is wasted on te reo speakers/readers, or b) English is sufficiently understood by most residents and ratepayers obviating the need of bilingual translation of the 'nuts and bolts', or c) that the Maori language doesn't provide sufficient depth or clarity in communicating some concepts, making it not fit for purpose in important documents. Either way, it seems to me that more efficient targeting and comprehension would be achieved by a dual language document aimed at residents of your Maori Ward only; English being perfectly acceptable for the rest. There are in fact three languages in the LTP, the third being symbology (30+ examples). The use of all three together makes for a fairly lumpy presentation. Top marks, however, for other visual devices, including graphs and tables.
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Submissions with comments

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26 April 2024

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Submission on Far North District Council Long-Term Plan 2024–2027

Thank you for the opportunity for the National Public Health Service – Northern Region, Health New Zealand –Te Whatu Ora to provide a submission on Far North District Council’s Long-Term Plan 2024–2027.

The National Public Health Service – Northern Region welcomes an opportunity to meet with you to discuss our submission.

The primary contact point for this submission is:

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Ngā mihi,



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Executive Summary

The National Public Health Service (NPHS) is a directorate within Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora (Health NZ), responsible for protecting and promoting the health and wellbeing of populations in Aotearoa/New Zealand. NPHS and Far North District Council (FNDC) have common goals in the Far North District to protect and improve community wellbeing and health, and reduce inequities within the population. NPHS acknowledges the complexities faced by FNDC in addressing major financial challenges in a District facing significant social, economic, and environmental pressures.

This submission does not provide detailed feedback on all the proposals and activities outlined within FNDC's Long-Term Plan 2024-2027 (LTP) consultation document. Rather, NPHS has reflected its expertise, where combined with that of the council and its other partners, indicate collaboration and synergy opportunities for maximum population health benefit in Te Tai Tokerau. NPHS has aligned its response with the FNDC's Community Outcomes to population health in the Far North District, to highlight the ownership of population health throughout society and encourage prioritisation of these areas in FNDC's planning.

Communities that are healthy, safe, connected and sustainable

- (1) *Equity-centred planning*: NPHS recommends an equity-focused accountability framework be adopted to monitor and measure progress. This framework should include best-practice use of data. NPHS also recommends that FNDC develops and invests in their internal systems for managing and promoting good quality engagement with diverse communities.
- (2) *Access to healthy housing*: NPHS recognises that equitable access to healthy housing is influenced by systemic sociopolitical and economic drivers that extend beyond the exclusive control of local government and notes that designing and implementing solutions requires collaboration across all sectors. NPHS encourages FNDC to work closely with local as well as government organisations, and iwi and hapū, to create sustainable housing solutions, especially for Māori. To support climate change objectives, NPHS also recommends that FNDC prioritises reducing emissions from existing and new houses while maximising health and equity co-benefits.
- (3) *Access to fluoridated water*: NPHS supports the directive by the Director General for the installation of the fluoride dosing equipment and subsequent fluoridation of the two water supplies (Kaitaia and Kerikeri).

Resilient communities that are prepared for the unexpected

- (4) *Climate change*: NPHS supports collaborative whole-of-government approaches to climate change, such as Te Tai Tokerau Climate Action program across local authorities and other agencies and programs such as MPI projects and mental wellbeing fund.
- (5) *Water resilience*: NPHS recommends investment in climate resilience activities with a heavy emphasis on water supply resilience

We celebrate our unique culture and history

- (6) *FNDC's role as a Te Tiriti o Waitangi partner*: NPHS recommends that the FNDC carries out its roles and functions in a way that recognises He Whakaputanga and actively adheres to and implements Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

Prosperous communities supported by a sustainable economy

- (7) *Equitable investment*: NPHS acknowledges the complex decisions before FNDC regarding investment in several areas that are core to upholding public health. These include infrastructure in the areas of stormwater, drinking water supply, and wastewater; as well as community service provision. NPHS recommends that the decided mix of investments be distributed with equity as the leading priority, such as by focusing investment in areas experiencing higher socioeconomic disadvantage.

1. Overview

To prosper, the people of Te Tai Tokerau/Northland require a safe and healthy environment, good health, productive lives and the feeling of inclusion and contribution to society. Good health is contingent upon various societal factors, including cohesive communities, access to socioeconomic resources, quality education, and a health-promoting physical environment. The enjoyment of the highest attainable standard of health is a fundamental human right.¹ Both the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) and the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) affirm the right to equitable access to the determinants of health and wellbeing, acknowledging the needs and perspectives of those more likely to experience barriers to access, including indigenous peoples and children.^{2,3} Providing the social, economic, cultural, and environmental conditions that promote wellbeing within present and future communities is one of the main purposes of local government.⁴ The adoption of broader, more integrated and sustainable approaches to improve quality of life for communities into the future is reflected within local and central government; and at an international level through Aotearoa/New Zealand's commitment to the Sustainable Development Goals.⁵

The World Health Organization defines public health as “the art and science of preventing disease, prolonging life and promoting health through the organized efforts of society”. National Public Health Service (NPHS) is tasked with pursuing this objective within Aotearoa/New Zealand, with a particular emphasis on reducing inequities, influencing social determinants and supporting people to be healthy where they live, learn, work and play. This submission is from the Northern Region of the NPHS, which has core objectives for protecting and promoting population health within Te Tai Tokerau/Northland and Tāmaki Makaurau/Auckland.

The Far North District faces several health challenges such as: climate change; avoidable hospitalisations for issues such as oral health and respiratory infections; high rates of people living in substandard housing and experiencing homelessness; and a rising prevalence of long-term health conditions. The Long-Term Plan 2024 – 2027 (LTP) needs to incorporate the reality of growing demand for quality infrastructure and services because of these challenges, prioritising actions that

¹ World Health Organisation (WHO). (2024). WHO remains firmly committed to the principles set out in the preamble to the Constitution. Geneva: WHO. Retrieved from <https://www.who.int/about/governance/constitution>

² United Nations General Assembly. (2007). United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (Resolution A/RES/61/295). Retrieved from: https://www.un.org/development/desa/indigenouspeoples/wp-content/uploads/sites/19/2018/11/UNDRIP_E_web.pdf

³ United Nations General Assembly. (1989). Convention on the Rights of the Child (Resolution A/RES/44/25). Retrieved from: <https://www.unicef.org/child-rights-convention/convention-text>

⁴ NZ Government. (2002). *Local Government Act 2002, section 10 (1)*. Wellington: NZ Govt. Retrieved from <https://www.legislation.govt.nz/act/public/2002/0084/latest/DLM170873.html>

⁵ United Nations. (2024). What are the Sustainable Development Goals? New York: UN. See https://www.undp.org/sustainable-development-goals?qad_source=1&gclid=CjwKCAjww_iwBhApEiwAuG6ccF-y3RX3c5FvnVR9t73fEjnzQ55QIlwmCCcdVR1LUbu03B9GLfLsZBoCDsoQAvD_BwE

advance equity and safeguard the needs of future generations. Addressing these issues is essential to improving community health and wellbeing and the prosperity of the Far North District. NPHS acknowledges the complexities confronted by Far North District Council (FNDC) in addressing major financial challenges in a district facing significant social, economic, and environmental pressures.

Councils have responsibilities under Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the Local Government Act 2002 that overlap with the objectives of NPHS. To embrace these responsibilities, NPHS recommends FNDC's prioritisation, planning and activities include a focus on community health, wellbeing, and equity. NPHS supports opportunities to collaborate with council and its other partners to deliver maximum population health benefit in Te Tai Tokerau, facilitated through intersectoral action and the strengthening of networks. The enclosed response details some key areas through which FNDC can take meaningful steps towards reaching these objectives, in relation to identified Community Outcomes. These include;

- **Communities that are healthy, safe, connected and sustainable: Equity-centred planning; access to healthy housing; and access to fluoridated water**
- **Resilient communities that are prepared for the unexpected: Climate change; and water resilience**
- **We celebrate our unique culture and history: Council's role as a Te Tiriti o Waitangi partner**
- **Prosperous communities supported by a sustainable economy: Equitable investment**

With overlapping roles and common goals, there are opportunities to work together to address the challenges in a way that optimises benefits for human health and wellbeing, as well as that of the ecosystem, from which it is inseparable. Drawing on this context, NPHS offers feedback on the draft LTP in the following section aligned with Far North District Councils' Community Outcomes.

1. Key priorities

2.1 Communities that are healthy, safe, connected and sustainable

Equity-centred planning

Promoting equity is an important aspect of achieving the key purpose of local government to promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of communities. Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora⁶ has a similar objective, and defines health equity as:

“In Aotearoa New Zealand people have differences in health that are not only avoidable, but unfair and unjust. Equity recognises different people with different levels of advantage require different approaches and resources to get equitable health outcomes.”

NPBS also applies an equity lens to planning, prioritising, funding and implementation frameworks, recognising “that different people with different levels of advantage require different approaches and resources to get equitable health outcomes”. This helps NPBS meet community needs, informed by circumstances and led through the perspectives and experiences of communities themselves.

The causes of inequity can be complex, including:

- the impact of the wider determinants of health (including socioeconomic deprivation, housing and the physical environment and exposure to harmful commodities including alcohol, tobacco and ultra-processed foods)
- racism and discrimination in how services are designed, commissioned and delivered, including inaccessibility of services; and
- how funding has been historically allocated.”⁷

The factors affecting community wellbeing are broadly similar to those affecting health equity, so should be of joint interest to local government and NPBS. FNDC’s vision of “He whenua rangatira – a district of sustainable prosperity & wellbeing”, outlines the FNDC’s goals of supporting the health of people and the environment. NPBS supports that health equity issues must be a key consideration in achieving these goals through the LTP.

Key health equity issues in Te Tai Tokerau/Northland include:

- Māori health inequity, including an 8-year gap in life expectancy when compared to non-Māori.⁸
- High levels of socioeconomic deprivation, including for children.

⁶ Health NZ. (2024). *Achieving equity*. Wellington: Health NZ. Retrieved from <https://www.tewhatauora.govt.nz/whats-happening/about-us/who-we-are/achieving-equity/>

⁷ Ministry of Health. (2022). *Interim Government Policy Statement on Health 2022-2024*. Wellington: Ministry of Health. Retrieved from <https://www.health.govt.nz/system/files/documents/publications/hp8132-igps-v28.pdf>

⁸ Health NZ (Te Tai Tokerau). (2024). *Our health profile*. Wellington: HNZ. Retrieved from <https://www.northlanddnhb.org.nz/about-us/about-us/our-health-profile/>

- Inequity for rural people, including longer wait times to access primary care⁹ and being less likely to have timely access to emergency medical services, which increases mortality and disability.¹⁰ Access barriers, such as limited transport, also decrease the uptake of preventative and public health initiatives. Rates of children fully immunised by the age of 2-years, for example, are 5% lower for rural children.¹¹
- Poor oral health outcomes for children, such as decayed, missing and filled teeth (DMFT), in part related to drinking water supply fluoridation.¹²

Accountability

Working towards and achieving health equity requires ways of monitoring and measuring progress. The collection, analysis and reporting of data disaggregated by ethnicity, age, gender, education, income, disability, and other factors is a crucial foundation for this.¹³ Special consideration must be given to ethnicity data collection and quality, especially for Māori data.¹⁴

Qualitative data including community and whānau perspectives are also essential to understand the how and why of inequities. Data must also be linked with information on other determinants such as education to better understand cause-and-effect relationships, i.e., how these other determinants contribute to health inequities. Part of inequity monitoring includes addressing gaps created by gender and other biases in how data has been previously collected, analysed and reported. Data collected for this purpose must be handled in concordance with data sovereignty and Māori Data Sovereignty principles.¹⁵

Engagement and consultation

NPBS believes collectively local, regional and national government and health services could work more collaboratively to support the health and wellbeing of Far North communities. In addition to local government's responsibility to work in partnership with mana whenua, there is also a duty to ensure that the diverse voices of the community—including Māori, Pacific peoples, disabled people,

⁹ Minister of Health. (2023). Rural Health Strategy. Wellington: Ministry of Health. Retrieved from <https://www.health.govt.nz/system/files/documents/publications/rural-health-strategy-oct23-v2.pdf>

¹⁰ Lilley, R., De Graaf, B., Kool, B., Davie, G., Reid, P., Dicker, B., et al. (2019). Geographical and population disparities in timely access to prehospital and advanced level emergency care in New Zealand: A cross-sectional study. *BMJ*, 9(7): e026026. Retrieved from <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/31350239/>

¹¹ The Minister of Health. (2023). *Rural Health Strategy*.

¹² Ministry of Health. (2023). *Oral health data and stats*. Retrieved from <https://www.health.govt.nz/nz-health-statistics/health-statistics-and-data-sets/oral-health-data-and-stats>

¹³ WHO. (2024). Health equity. Geneva: WHO. Retrieved from https://www.who.int/health-topics/health-equity#tab=tab_2

¹⁴ McLeod, M., & Harris, R. (2023). Action plan for achieving high quality ethnicity data in the health and disability sector. Wellington: Te Aka Whai Ora. Retrieved from <https://www.teakawhaiora.nz/assets/Uploads/Ethnicity-Data-Action-Plan.pdf>

¹⁵ Te Mana Raraunga/Māori Data Sovereignty Network. (2023). *Our Māori data sovereignty principles*. Retrieved from <https://www.temanararaunga.maori.nz/nga-rauemi#OurM%C4%81oriDataSovereigntyPrinciples>

rangatahi/youth, refugees, new migrants, and the LGBTQIA+ community—are heard and reflected in decision-making and the shaping of the legacy future generations inherit.

Recommendations

NPHS recommends that FNDC:

- adopt an equity-focused accountability framework to monitor and measure progress.
- develops and invests in their internal systems for managing and promoting good quality engagement with diverse communities to ensure that the voices of Māori, Pacific peoples, disabled people, rangatahi/youth, refugees, new migrants, the LGBTQIA+ community, and other diverse communities are heard and reflected in its decision-making.

Access to fluoridated drinking water

Oral health is an important part of general health and wellbeing. Oral health status impacts on a person's ability to eat, be social and be employed¹⁶, while poor oral health is also associated with avoidable hospitalisations and lower measures of overall health.¹⁷

Community water fluoridation is advocated by Manatū Hauora as a safe, effective, and affordable measure to combat tooth decay, particularly benefiting underserved groups like tamariki Māori and Pacific children. Studies over the past six decades, including those conducted in Aotearoa/New Zealand, consistently demonstrate its efficacy in reducing tooth decay rates. Adjusting fluoride levels in drinking water within the range recommended by the World Health Organization and Manatū Hauora, between 0.7 and 1.0 mg/L, is highlighted as the most efficient strategy for preventing dental decay.

The oral health status of the population of Te Tai Tokerau/Northland is marked by significant challenges, with high rates of preventable tooth decay¹⁸. Notably, Te Tai Tokerau/Northland lacks community water fluoridation, exacerbating the issue and leaving residents without a proven public health preventive measure. Tamariki Māori, Pacific children, and those in underserved communities face particular barriers to accessing adequate dental care. Introducing community water fluoridation would benefit those most in need and thus reduce ethnic oral health inequities across Te Tai Tokerau.

¹⁶ Tiwari T, Jamieson L, Broughton J, Lawrence HP, Batliner TS, Arantes R, et al. Reducing Indigenous Oral Health Inequalities: A Review from 5 Nations. *Journal of dental research*. 2018 Jul;97(8):869-77. PubMed PMID: 29554440. Epub 2018/03/20. eng.

¹⁷ Jatrana S, Crompton P, Filoche S. The case for integrating oral health into primary health care. *N Z Med J*. 2009 Aug 21;122(1301):43-52. PMID: 19829391.

¹⁸ [Annual Update of Key Results 2022/23: New Zealand Health Survey | Ministry of Health NZ](#)

Recommendations

- NPHS supports the 2022 directive by the former Director General of Health for the installation of the fluoride dosing equipment and subsequent fluoridation of the two water supplies (Kaitaia and Kerikeri).
- NPHS notes the key issue of ‘costs’ being raised by the Councillors at the recent Council meeting. NPHS recommends that this issue is raised with Manatu Hauora and Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora for further discussion and consideration. This could be facilitated by NPHS.
- NPHS notes that FNDC is embarking on a community consultation, and would like to highlight the “Health (Fluoridation of Drinking Water) Amendment Act 2021 (2021 No 44). 116H Local authority not required to consult”.

Access to healthy housing

NPHS appreciates the considerable challenge of prioritising a limited range of fiscal and human resources on broad issues which affect the prosperity and wellbeing of the local community, as well as identifying revenue streams to do so sustainably.

In that context, NPHS advocates for a core LTP focus to be on activities that will contribute to increasing the proportion of the community living with access to safe and affordable housing. NPHS considers this a prerequisite for all other areas of public policy to build on, such as healthcare, education, community safety and an inclusive economy.

Without an equitable change, there remains a risk that a large group in Te Tai Tokerau/ Northland will remain out of reach of more downstream opportunities that other policy development areas may provide, potentially widening the social and health inequities observed and limiting the overall progress of other policy interventions.

Substandard housing

A 2021 analysis of households in Te Tai Tokerau/Northland highlighted a high proportion of people living in substandard housing, particularly in relation to damp and mould, and many households lacking access to basic amenities.¹⁹ It was reported in 2020 that one in three Māori live in cold, damp and/or mouldy homes, in comparison with one in five Pākehā. In Te Tai Tokerau/Northland,

¹⁹ George, L., Gowda, S., & Buchwald, K. (2021, March). *Kāinga Kore - Homelessness in Te Tai Tokerau: An overview* (p. 35-36). Whangārei, NZ: Ngā Tai Ora, Public Health Northland, NDHB

42.9% of Māori live in damp housing.²⁰ Such conditions, along with overcrowding and other factors of substandard housing, can have significant impacts on health, especially in relation to respiratory infections, chronic lung diseases, rheumatic fever and skin infections.²¹ There is strong evidence, nationally and internationally, of improved health outcomes resulting from warmer and drier homes.²² Improving housing is also an equity issue, with Māori and Pacific families being over-represented in low-income households and in areas of poorer quality and crowded housing. Energy use in housing (building and heating) also impacts carbon emissions.

Homelessness

It is understood that “A home is essential to wellbeing.... [as] a crucial platform for recovery, employment, education and wider community engagement and participation”.²³ In 2019, more than 41,000 people were estimated to be homeless in Aotearoa NZ.²⁴ Furthermore:

- “Homelessness is no longer dominated by the stereotypical rough sleeper with mental health issues and is now more often a working family with young children”²⁵;
- Māori and Pacific people groups, along with new migrants and those with disabilities, have disproportionate rates of homelessness;²⁶
- Many have experienced a multitude of disadvantages, including poverty, poor physical and/or mental health, unemployment or low-income rates, and disconnection from cultural institutions²⁷;

²⁰ McLachlan, L-M. (2020, 2 July). Māori children will end up in hospital due to cold, mouldy homes, say advocates. NZ Herald. Retrieved from <https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/maori-children-will-end-up-in-hospital-due-to-cold-mouldy-homes-say-advocates/M3V7R6HNHN6UO4DMFQ2MHGXWLU/>

²¹ George, et.al., 2021, p. 35.

²² Ministry of Health/Manatū Hauora. (2021). Healthy Homes Initiative. Wellington, NZ: MOH. Retrieved from <https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/preventative-health-wellness/healthy-homesinitiative>

²³ Office of the Minister of Housing; Office of the Minister for Social Development; Office of the Associate Minister of Housing; & Chair, Cabinet Social Wellbeing Committee. (2019, 14 August). *Preventing and reducing homelessness in New Zealand* (p. 1). Wellington, NZ: NZ Government. Retrieved from <https://www.hud.govt.nz/assets/News-and-Resources/ProactiveReleases/f41acf93b7/Cabinet-Paper-Preventing-and-Reducing-Homelessness-in-New-Zealand.pdf>

²⁴ Labour Party, Green Party & Māori Party. (2016, 10 October). *Final Report of the Cross-Party Inquiry on Homelessness*. Wellington, NZ: Authors. Retrieved from

<https://www.communityhousing.org.nz/resources/article/cross-party-inquiry-into-homelessness-releases-report>

²⁵ Labour Party, et.al., 2016. Amore, K. (2016). *Severe housing deprivation in Aotearoa/New Zealand: 2001-2013*.

Wellington, NZ: He Kainga Oranga/Housing & Health Research Programme, Department of Public Health, University of Otago.

²⁶ Labour Party, et.al., 2016

²⁷ Richards, S. (2008). *Homelessness in Aotearoa: Issues and recommendations*. Wellington, NZ: New Zealand Coalition to End Homelessness.

- The concept of the 'hidden homeless' defines homelessness as beyond just those who are sleeping rough, to include those who are 'couch surfing', living in overcrowded homes and so on.²⁸

It has been recognised that Te Tai Tokerau/Northland has one of the most severe experiences of homelessness, with a disproportionate impact on Māori.²⁹ In Te Tai Tokerau/Northland, across all age groups, Māori make up a significantly higher proportion of those receiving Emergency Housing Grants:

- in the 15-29-year age group, identified as Māori;
- amongst 30-44 year olds, 83.3% identified as Māori;
- of the 45-59 age group, 79% identified as Māori;
- 52.5% amongst the 60+ age group identified as Māori; this is more than half the recipients in that age range.³⁰

Diversifying housing options

The Te Pouahi o Te Tai Tokerau Māori Housing Trust was established in 2023 to deliver 80 new homes and provide improvement infrastructure for 110 houses across Te Tai Tokerau/Northland³¹. The \$55m package released by then Associate Minister of Housing (Māori Housing) Peeni Henare will contribute significantly to the situation regarding sub-standard housing and homelessness for Māori in Te Tai Tokerau/Northland.³² However, significant issues still persist, particularly for areas of high Māori population and within isolated, rural areas. Alternative solutions to housing are now prevalent, with 'tiny homes' and container homes a viable option for low income families who cannot afford standard housing, or to provide extra housing for currently overcrowded homes. These options could be made more accessible with appropriate local government regulations and support regarding alternative housing options. This would also increase employment opportunities for Māori, including building apprenticeships, with positions specifically for Māori apprentices.

²⁸ Rigby, B. (2017). Responding to homelessness in New Zealand: Homelessness and Housing First for Māori: Meaning and optimisation. *Parity*, 30(8), 41-43. Retrieved from <https://www.housingfirst.co.nz/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/Parity-Vol30-08.pdf>

²⁹ NZ Government. (2018, 11 May). Programme to fight homelessness to be expanded to Whangārei and Northland. Wellington, NZ: NZ Government. Retrieved from <https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/programme-fight-homelessness-be-expanded-Whangārei-and-northland>

³⁰ George, et.al., 2021.

³¹ Te Hiku Media. (2023, 30 August). *Te Pouahi O Te Taitokerau: Māori Housing in Northland*. Northland: Te Hiku Media. Retrieved from <https://tehiku.nz/te-hiku-tv/haukainga/39449/te-pouahi-o-te-taitokerau-maori-housing-in-northland>

³² NZ Government. (2022, 31 October). *Support Package to build new homes in Te Taitokerau*. Press Release. Wellington, NZ Govt. Retrieved from <https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/support-package-build-new-homes-te-taitokerau>

Recommendations

NPHS recognises that equitable access to healthy housing is influenced by systemic sociopolitical and economic drivers that extend beyond the exclusive control of local government. As such, NPHS notes that designing and implementing solutions requires collaboration between central and local government agencies (including the health sector), iwi and hapū, and non-governmental organisations. To support the achievement of this shared vision, NPHS encourages FNDC to:

- work closely with local as well as government organisations, and iwi and hapū, to create sustainable housing solutions for Māori, that enable home ownership in ways that are meaningful for Māori, for example, use of multi-owned land.
- prioritise reducing emissions from existing and new houses while maximising health and equity co-benefits. This would support emissions goals, reduce household bills for whānau, and improve health outcomes through making it easier for whānau to keep their homes dry and warm. Pathways to this include:
 - the installation of clean heating and insulation to existing homes
 - supporting and investing in new, zero carbon, healthy, accessible social housing enabling high efficiency, low emissions home heating³³
 - working with Māori and iwi with regard to collaborative housing initiatives that are meaningful for Māori.

Resilient communities that are prepared for the unexpected

Climate change

All aspects of the environment affect public health. The impacts of extreme weather events and other more gradual climate-related changes on human health are increasingly recognised. These impacts in Aotearoa/New Zealand were stated in a recent scientific review:

“Climate change mitigation is an urgent global priority. The health damaging effects in Aotearoa New Zealand were demonstrated by floods and storms that affected northern parts of the country in early 2023. Climate change affects human health directly, via extreme meteorological events; (deaths and injuries from storms, floods, heatwaves and fires);

³³ Ora Taiao, NZ Climate & Health Council. (2020). See <https://www.orataiao.org.nz/>

indirectly, due to changes to the environment and ecosystems; (increases in temperature and/or changes in rainfall patterns affecting food production, food availability, diets and nutrition; altered transmission of communicable diseases) and due to social and economic changes. All of the above impacts will have important effects on livelihoods, household costs and the distribution of income. In turn, these changes have important health impacts.”³⁴

Climate change is a risk multiplier that will exacerbate existing health inequities. Whether looking at direct impacts following extreme events, or indirect impacts from changes to systems, these structural inequities weaken the ability of individuals, families and communities to cope and recover. Rural communities are recognised in Aotearoa as a particularly vulnerable population.³⁵ Rural communities in Te Tai Tokerau/Northland have already experienced disruption to infrastructure, food and water security; compromised access to healthcare, housing, and income; and impacts on psychosocial wellbeing and community cohesion from weather events. In recent years this has included the Auckland Anniversary weather event (2022), Cyclone Gabrielle, and droughts in 2020 and 2024. NPHS recognise the work by FNDC in the Far North 2100³⁶ plan and commends this future-focus work to ensure equity for future generations.

Māori comprise around 32% of the Te Tai Tokerau/Northland population³⁷, with a significant proportion living in their turangawaewae who have a generational investment and responsibility to the whenua (land). Principles such as Mauri Ora (healthy individuals), Whānau Ora (healthy families) and Wai Ora (healthy environments)³⁸ are interwoven threads of how Māori interact with each other, the wider communities and fundamentally how they coexist with the environment.³⁹ NPHS recognises and supports the Te Hono Iwi/Hapū Environmental Management funding initiative.

Recommendations

³⁴ Pourzand, F., Bolton, A., Salter, C., et.al. (2023). Health and climate change: adaptation policy in Aotearoa New Zealand. *The Lancet: Regional Health Western Pacific*, 40(100954). Retrieved from <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.lanwpc.2023.100954>

³⁵ Nixon, G., Davie, G., Whitehead, J., et.al. (2023). Comparison of urban and rural mortality rates across the lifespan in Aotearoa/New Zealand: A population-level study. *J Epidemiol Community Health*, 77(9):571-577. DOI: 10.1136/jech-2023-220337.

³⁶ FNDC, 2020, https://www.fndc.govt.nz/__data/assets/pdf_file/0020/19244/far-north-2100.pdf

³⁷ Health NZ: Te Tai Tokerau. (2023). *People and population*. Retrieved from <https://www.northlanddhdhb.org.nz/working-with-us/benefits-of-working-at-northland-district-health-board/living-in-northland/people-and-population/>

³⁸ The Minister of Health. (2023). *Rural Health Strategy*.

³⁹ Jones, R., Bennett, H., Keating, G., & Blaiklock, A. (2014). Climate change and the right to health for Maori in Aotearoa/New Zealand. *Health & Hum. Rts. J.*, 16, 54.

- NPHS supports collaborative whole-of-government approaches to climate change, such as Te Tai Tokerau Climate Action program across local authorities and other agencies and programs such as MPI projects and the mental wellbeing fund.^{40,41}
- NPHS recommends ongoing investment in the climate resilience programme with a heavy emphasis on water supply resilience as articulated previously.
- NPHS recommends ongoing investment in the Te Hono Iwi/Hapū Environmental Management funding initiative.

Water resilience

The management of water, be it flood protection, quality or adequacy of supply (particularly drinking water), is critical in all aspects of population health in the Far North District. The effects of the 2020 drought transcended individual district council limits, requiring water to be transported from outside of district council and regional boundaries. Future preparedness should include responding to drought in the Far North District, but also recognising that other districts and regions may require water support, should the geographic focus of a drought differ. The same interdependence may occur if critical infrastructure is damaged during a flooding event as was demonstrated by Cyclone Gabrielle. NPHS notes that for FNDC, the water systems in Pahia and Moerewa are particularly vulnerable to flooding and drought.

Section 127 of the Local Government Act 2002, states that “councils have a duty to ensure that the community have access to drinking water if existing suppliers are facing significant issues that pose a serious risk to public health.”

Inadequate supply or compromised water quality poses a serious public health risk, and should be taken into account in the assessments undertaken under Section 125 of the same Act.

Recommendations

NPHS recommends:

- ongoing investment in the climate resilience programme with a heavy emphasis on water supply resilience; and

⁴⁰ Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI). (2023). *Projects being funded to help the recovery of rural communities affected by severe weather in 2023*. Wellington: MPI. Retrieved from <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/funding-rural-support/adverse-events/cyclone-gabrielle-recovery-advice-support-and-funding-available/projects-being-funded-to-help-the-recovery-of-rural-communities-affected-by-severe-weather-in-2023/>

⁴¹ Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI). (2023). *Mental wellbeing fund for rural communities*. Wellington: MPI. Retrieved from <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/funding-rural-support/mental-wellbeing-fund-for-rural-communities/>

- that FNDC works in collaboration with Northland Regional Council with regards to Section 125, given the impact of catchments on source water adequacy and quality.
- that FNDC consider the replacement or relocation of Pahia water supply given the disruption flooding has caused to potable water supply.
- Improvements to the management of stormwater in Moerewa to reduce the risk of population exposure to contamination from septic tanks being compromised during floods.

We celebrate our unique culture and history

FNDC's role as a Te Tiriti o Waitangi partner

NPBS have particular responsibilities and accountabilities to Māori through Te Tiriti o Waitangi, expressed through the Pae Ora (Healthy Futures) Act 2022. NPBS work to Te Tiriti principles, as articulated by the courts and the Waitangi Tribunal. These include:

- **Tino rangatiratanga:** Providing for Māori self-determination and mana motuhake.
- **Equity:** Being committed to achieving equitable health outcomes for Māori
- **Active protection:** Acting to the fullest extent practicable to achieve equitable health outcomes for Māori. This includes ensuring that the Crown, its agents and its Treaty partner under Te Tiriti are well informed on the extent, and nature, of both Māori health outcomes and efforts to achieve Māori health equity.
- **Options:** Providing for and properly resourcing kaupapa Māori health and disability services.
- **Partnership:** Working in partnership with Māori in governance, design, delivery and monitoring of health and disability services – Māori must be co-designers, with the Crown, of the primary health system for Māori.

In recognition of He Whakaputanga, NPBS strives to engage with iwi in a genuine and authentic manner. This requires careful consideration of its role as a Crown agency, so that iwi can exercise their tino rangatiratanga (their self-determination, independence and autonomy) in relation to the health and wellbeing aspirations of their people.

Recommendations

NPBS recommends that the FNDC carry out its role and function in a way that recognises He Whakaputanga and actively adheres to and implements Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

He piki tūranga, he piki kōtuku Future of Local Government Review⁴² (2023) provided a deep look into a Tiriti-based partnership between Māori and Local Government. NPHS supports the direction of this document and encourages FNDC to implement the suggested actions:

- shared decision-making between hapū/iwi and councils in relation to areas of shared priority that relate to Māori rights and interests
- growing hapū/iwi capacity and opportunity to identify areas of greatest interest and aspiration and enact the change
- creating the right conditions and spaces for councils and iwi and hapū to collaborate, tell stories of the places they are connected to and passionate about, and build a shared understanding of local whakapapa
- Māori citizens expressing their culturally specific preferences for services, representation, and participation; and
- creating a greater level of transparency and accountability for both partners.

Upholding rights of Māori under Te Tiriti o Waitangi in local governance creates conditions for shared prosperity and wellbeing. Centering a Te Tiriti o Waitangi partnership and working together with Māori enables Councils to better respond to the growing range of challenges faced by the whole community, improve community cohesion and achieve equitable access to healthy local environments. NPHS encourages FNDC to ensure that the LTP and the development of future plans and policies are aligned to the plans, aspirations, feedback, and advice of tāngata whenua partners.

Prosperous communities supported by a sustainable economy

Equitable investment

Efforts to reduce inequities in health and wellbeing through action on the wider determinants of health will benefit society in many ways. It will have a profound effect on the quality and longevity of life for everyone, and not just those at the bottom of the socio-economic gradient, those who suffer the most from material deprivation, or those who are exposed to negative life course events. It could also benefit the wider economy too – productivity losses through illness, societal costs associated with effects of mental illness, violence (including the costs of law enforcement and incarceration),

⁴² Future for Local Government Review Panel. (2023). *Review into the Future for Local Government: He piki tūranga, he piki kōtuku*, Wellington: New Zealand. Retrieved from [https://www.dia.govt.nz/diawebsite.nsf/Files/Future-for-Local-Government/\\$file/Te-Arotake_Final-report.pdf](https://www.dia.govt.nz/diawebsite.nsf/Files/Future-for-Local-Government/$file/Te-Arotake_Final-report.pdf)

numbers of people receiving benefits would all decrease through more equitable delivery of government services including health services.⁴³

Acting on health equity requires us to prioritise the needs of those experiencing the greatest socioeconomic disadvantage, and shape approaches that are effective in achieving equity. Where universal actions are required, the intensity of these actions must be proportionate to the level of disadvantage, so that those most in need receive the most benefit.⁴⁴

Recommendations:

NPHS notes the complex decisions before FNDC regarding investment in several areas that are core to upholding public health. These include infrastructure in the areas of stormwater, drinking water supply, and wastewater; as well as community service provision.

NPHS recommends:

- that the decided mix of investments be distributed with equity as the leading priority.
- further collaboration with key partners, including NPHS, and the community in these areas, to find solutions that meet aspirational levels of provision for healthy environments.
- NPHS supports bringing services together in multi-purpose facilities provided this does not have a detrimental impact on access for communities who already face significant barriers to access.

Conclusion

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on FNDC's LTP 2024–2027. NPHS and FNDC share a commitment to achieve wellbeing for all who live in the Far North under Te Tiriti o Waitangi. This submission highlights opportunities for FNDC to meet this commitment through their planning activities, namely through:

1. Working in partnership with Māori to design and deliver solutions that respond to the aspirations of tāngata whenua.
2. Delivering a strong equity approach to ensure all communities have access to activities, discussions and resources that affect their ability to achieve better outcomes for their families

⁴³ NZ College of Public Health Medicine (NZCPHM). (2023). *Position Statement: Health as an investment, 2017*. Retrieved from <https://nzcphm.org.nz/Policy-Statements/10944/>

⁴⁴ NZCPHM. (2023). *Position Statement: Choosing Wisely – Recommendations & explanatory statements, 2019*. Retrieved from <https://nzcphm.org.nz/Policy-Statements/10944/>

and communities within the Far North. This involves embedding equity as a central framework in all planning, monitoring and decision-making.

3. Ongoing investment in activities and programmes that will enhance climate resilience in the Far North, with a particular focus on water resilience.
4. Prioritising activities that will contribute to increasing the proportion of the community living with access to safe and affordable housing, and healthy drinking water.

Perhaps the strongest recommendation NPHS can make is that FNDC applies a public health and equity lens over all their activities. NPHS—Northern Region is committed to working alongside FNDC to achieve common objectives, including promoting the wellbeing of the population of the Far North and steering the district through the challenges it faces into a healthy, sustainable future.

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Submissions with comments

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Last name	Mahoney
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Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	
Comment	
Other feedback	<p>The sealing of Redcliffs Road and Te Kowhai Point Road.</p> <p>As residents for the past two years on Te Kowhai Point Road we have noticed a significant increase in traffic along both roads.</p> <p>This has led to a significant degradation of the condition of both road surfaces.</p> <p>There are currently at least 40 properties serviced by these two roads. Most properties have more than one vehicle.</p> <p>The school bus and local courier delivery services are regular users of these roads also.</p> <p>We are aware that Rogue Vines on Te Kowhai Point Road are planning to open a Cellar Door business at their vineyard which will be a boost to their business but also to the tourism industry of the Far North as a whole - this is a good thing. The downside of this is there'll be another significant increase in traffic along these roads.</p> <p>We are constantly road maintenance for both corrugations and potholes and the dust nuisance.</p> <p>We are more than happy to discuss further.</p>
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Submissions with comments

First Name	Diane
Last name	Christenen
Organisation (if applicable)	
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Other feedback	<p>Submission opposing the funding of a reclamation at Rangitane.</p> <p>On a daily basis we hear of the cost-of-living crisis in our country. I find it very difficult to understand how the FNDC can be considering spending more than \$1.5m on a reclamation project in Rangitane. To do this would be totally irresponsible when basic infrastructure needs replacing and improving and many people in our district struggle with such basic issues of affording basic housing, food for their family, medical needs.</p> <p>In addition there appears to be no recognition of the ongoing costs of such a development- the replacement/refurbishment of roads after being ripped apart by thousands of heavy vehicle loads, the yearly costs of maintaining a reclamation with also the impact of climate change on such a structure to be considered. To think that this project will not require more funding than planned for in 2020 is naive. And yet there's more.....the government, by way of the Provincial Growth Fund would also allocate \$2.45m. That sizeable sum is taxpayer dollars, it is not "free". Endlessly we hear that the total tax take is down and yet there are so many basic needs requiring funding. Again, irresponsible.</p> <p>Of course there are many other important reasons why this project should never go ahead: environmental and the impact of sedimentation, the community impact when the community has said endlessly that they do not want it, safety on roads, kiwi, bird life, marine life, the covering of a beautiful basalt boulder formation to name but a few.</p> <p>Please, decline the funding for this project, for the sake of both the local and wider communities and not proceed with this choice to do some small thing to appease the fishing fraternity- a project with no capacity for expansion for growth in the future.</p>
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Please find below Healthy Families Far North's submission to the proposed Far North District Council Long Term Plan for 2024 to 2027.

Healthy Families is a social innovation unit, nested inside Te Runanga o Whaingaroa, dedicated to the long-term prevention of chronic illness across the Far North. Our work supports the council's role in enabling wellbeing and health outcomes through the Local Government Community Wellbeing Amendment Act (2019). Our submission therefore, supports addressing inequities and enabling spaces and places that keep people well.

We appreciate the synergy between our vision, and the strategic intent of your Long Term Plan; supporting the social, economical, environmental and cultural wellbeing of our communities.

Our main focus of this submission is in regards to **Issue #3 - How do we continue to provide community services in the future?**

- Healthy Families Far North acknowledges that the Far North District Council is facing significant financial pressure, and commends the direction of focussing on recovery and resilience. Whānau across the Far North continue to be challenged geographically with access to critical services, which we know places huge strain on people's wellbeing. We support transport networks that are resilient and support our people to access the things they need.
- Healthy Families Far North strongly opposes the Far North District Council's proposal to centralise services in "main centres", specifically libraries.
 - **Healthy Families Far North supports a hybrid of options 2 and 3. Development of centralised multipurpose community hubs in urban areas, and retention of libraries in rural communities as well as mobile solutions.** **This option is in line with the Far North Future Libraries Strategy 2018.*
 - LGNZ quotes "Community wellbeing and placemaking are at the heart of local government's purpose, and public libraries are well placed to enhance both. They foster networks, provide spaces for people to gather and share their cultural knowledge, and are adapting their services to respond to the needs of their community and place." This quote highlights the significant opportunities that could be unlocked by leveraging off the existing infrastructure of the Far North Libraries network.

- 60% of the Far North District population lives in a rural environment. Centralisation of libraries will disproportionately impact whanau who live outside of the urban catchments, which may further disconnect them from their communities.
- The 2018 Far North Future Libraries Strategy recognised the challenges that are faced by the many rural communities of the Far North, and intended on increasing access in recognition of this, utilising digital and mobile technologies and solutions. To further remove this access could increase long term costs to provide mobile outreach services. *We recommend that FNDC consider the review of this strategy as a part of their decision making relating to community services for the future.*
- In a recent study undertaken by Healthy Families Far North across the Mid North demonstrated the significant health prevention opportunities that could be unlocked in our open and public spaces. We encourage FNDC to retain current library levels of service, and consider more “outside the box” collaborative funding opportunities, supporting the long term hauora of whanau to thrive.
- Libraries are a place for people to connect. They are a safe haven for tamariki and mokopuna to learn. They are a place for Mum’s and babies to spend time in, connect with others, and participate in community functions without the many strains of being outside of their home. They are a place for our elderly to be supported with mobility and technology needs. A place for manuhiri to learn about the communities they are visiting and investing in.
- They are an opportunity for a future, localised form of public service that truly exists at the heart of the communities they are serving. Our libraries are so very much more than a room of books. We believe that the opportunity for libraries enabling wellbeing outcomes are absolutely worth investing in.

Submission in support of Simson Park Reserve Management Plan

Healthy Families Far North supports the realisation of opportunities learned by Te ropu rangatahi o Simson Park, as part of the development of a Reserve Management Plan. These opportunities include (but are not limited to)

- installation and servicing of rubbish bins at strategic points in the space
- installation of drinking fountains at strategic points in the space
- revitalisation of hall facilities, including kitchen and bathrooms
- marking and fencing of the basketball court space
- expansion of parking facilities
- planting of trees as shade provision
- development of a multi-use path
- development of papa takaro (play space)

These improvements (and others) are subject to the Reserve Management Plan process, however we feel it is critical the Council consider how the implementation of this plan might be delivered, as part of the three year budgeting and planning cycle.

Further comments relating to the Long Term Plan consultation

- Healthy Families Far North **strongly oppose the adoption of option 4 (issue #2)** for the following reasons;
 - the unrealisable financial burden that this will place on whanau living in Whangaroa
 - Risk of eliminating any further residential development in Whangaroa
 - Risk to economic development in business districts of Whangaroa

- Healthy Families supports the retention of Community Grants and Placemaking Funds, recognising the significant role that Community Boards and grant funding plays in the health and wellbeing prosperity of our communities.
- Healthy Families supports renewals investment in Parks and Reserves, with a particular focus on the consideration of;
 - Play, sport and recreation initiatives
 - Increasing access to healthy kai
 - Increasing access to clean drinking water
 - Connection to te taiao
 - Elevation of matauranga maori, pūrakau, story of place
- Healthy Families supports the removal of waste from our natural bodies of water, recognising the significant health role they hold for people.
- Healthy Families implores Far North District Council to consider how they might enable whānau in Kāeo to have clean, healthy drinking water.

Healthy Families Far North thanks the Far North District Council for the opportunity to submit to the consultation process of your 2024-27 Long Term Plan development. As submitters, **we would like to speak to our submission.**

Nga mihi nui,

Healthy Families Far North

Kath Keremete

Manager

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Submissions with comments

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Organisation (if applicable)	Te Hiku Community Board
Position in organisation	
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**TE HIKU COMMUNITY BOARD SUBMISSION TO THE FAR NORTH DISTRICT COUNCIL LONG TERM
PLAN 2024/2027**

IN GENERAL:

Te Hiku Community Board is concerned that the Long Term Plan may not align with the government's direction. In view of changes in policies that the government is planning and implementing the Board suggests that the LTP for 2024/2025 is adopted but that projects and proposals for the following two years are reviewed after a year once there is more certainty that we are moving forward together.

Our communities have never been more concerned at the lack of general maintenance: undriveable roads, blocked drains and culverts, overhanging vegetation and damaged footpaths. They have less concern about climate change, emission control, cultural enhancement and excessive future planning (all the future planning in the world did not predict the impact of the pandemic for example). The Board requests that efficiencies are made in the latter areas to fund council's core services which include roading, water, drainage, regulatory services and public facilities. In other words, the council should get back to basics. The rate increase including targeted rates should not exceed 10%.

The Board does not support the increase in governance costs to 6c and suggests that the council explain why these costs have burgeoned out to where they are and looks for efficiencies in this area. Minimise climate change costs. It is not core business and not a district council requirement. Future planning to be kept to a minimum. For example, the planning document to 2100 was an expensive waste of staff time and money. Concentrate on core business that ratepayers are paying for now. Request CEO to report on operational costs - vehicle use, travel, efficient use of office space etc. and common-sense approach to staff from a specific area e.g. Kaitaia, working in that area.

The RFS system needs an overhaul so that responses are more timely and meaningful.

RESPONSES TO 'KEY' PROPOSALS IN THE LTP

Should we change the way we rate for stormwater?

In the event of flooding in Kaitaia, water needs to get to the Awanui River. Flooding is the major risk to Kaitaia. A budget is required for regular maintenance of channels, culverts and floodgates, and regular monitoring. Every township is rated for urban stormwater. What operational budget has been allocated to Kaitaia (confirm that there is one and how much it is)? The Board requests confirmation that not only are the council's assets insured but that if they fail there is a public liability insurance to cover any potential damage to private property as was experienced in other parts of the country during cyclones in 2023.

Wastewater resource consents need to look at discharge to land. There is nothing in the LTP for Kaitaia

Should we change the way we rate those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?

Note that Doubtless Bay has an independent water provider.

How do we continue to provide community services in the future?

The Board supports option 1 but as Te Hiku will have no additional operational costs or capital investments we do not want to pay for anyone else's costs, which should be through a ward rate.

The Board supports localism as promoted by Cr Vujcich, so comments as follows: Doubtless Bay Information Centre complements the services that the council provides at Te Ahu. Doubtless Bay is a

destination and has the greatest growth in the district apart from Kerikeri. The information centre refers many visitors to attractions further north. Although the Mangonui Information Centre prefers to retain its voluntary status, it requests that its contribution to the economy of the district is acknowledged by way of an annual grant.

Awanui – tourists often turn north at Awanui. Some information services at that point would lead visitors towards Kaitaia and Ahipara. Look at the budgets to determine where reductions can be made while considering a small grant to support future information services at Awanui. These proposals would provide equity to Te Hiku which is the second largest area and one of the fastest areas of development (Houhora and Doubtless Bay)

If the council decides on two multi-purpose centres in the Bay of Islands, they should not be located in Kerikeri which is far from a tourist destination. The \$12 million allocation for Kaikohe multi-hub is noted and the council should provide for extra services in Doubtless Bay for the future.

FEEDBACK ON SUPPORTING INFORMATION:

Land Drainage: Drainage rates for 2024/25 to remain as they are in the LTP but review future years' rates in 12 months' time. The public good component of Kaitaia drainage should be 30% to provide equity in the cost of removing urban stormwater. If drains aren't maintained the water doesn't get out of town. Drainage differentials in the Waiharara/Kaikino and Motutangi schemes should be reviewed.

The **UAGC** should be reviewed as it places an unfair burden on farmers. Changes in land use have not been considered, and council should be looking at capital rating. Unusable land such as wetlands should not be rated as they are unusable.

Roading: The Board requests that the council look at whether roading should come back in-house with local staff and practitioners, and a good monitoring regime. Remove 3 years funding of \$3 million the Road to Zero which is no longer a government priority. Remove \$4 million for cycleway and fund resource consent costs only at this stage. Include roadside drainage in all roading contracts.

Collecting NRC rates: The Board supports not collecting these.

Sewerage: Explain why the Hihi sewerage rate is to increase by - capex \$440k, opex by \$400k - \$880k+ in total when there is no programme for capital expenditure. Kaikohe's costs are \$1.2 million, 5.1 million and 15million and their rate has only increased by \$41.

Paihia waterfront should be funded from the ward rate or a targeted rate.

Te Hiku Sports Hub when will this be rated from, and will it be from the ward rate or the general rate? The Board prefers the ward rate option.

Proposed Funding Impact Statement – it is time to review the differential rates due to significant changes in land use.

Proposed forecast reserve fund needs further explanation.

Community Board grants Please retain the community grants fund and the placemaking fund so that communities can make small improvements in their areas.

Taipa drainage, stormwater and placemaking: Council staff and elected members have met with the community on several occasions and made a commitment to a schedule of works, so

need to honour that commitment. However, the Board does not support further placemaking ventures at this point.

Housing for the Elderly: The Board supports a partnership or preferably divesting to an external provider. It suggests that Far North Holdings Ltd would be an appropriate provider, as other providers may not provide adequate security for the elderly in the long term. Far North Holdings Ltd also have experience in development. The Board is concerned at statements about some units being not fit for purpose and asks how this situation has occurred. It does not agree with housing for the vulnerable elderly being made available for social housing as this is not always a good mix and there are other social housing providers. Capital works figure of \$3 million funds to be removed until some consensus is reached regarding the future of housing for the elderly.

Flouridation: not core business – delete the funding allocation of \$3 million.

Halls: consider divesting halls and land to the community and creating a contestable fund for repairs and maintenance. Look at the depreciation funds for halls and pensioner housing.

The Board wishes to be heard in support of its submission in Kaitaia. Members Bill Subritzky and John Stewart will speak on behalf of the Board.

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Submissions with comments

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Last name	Northcoat
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Other feedback	<p>I am fortunate to live in the Kawakawa Taumarere area and access the Cycle Trail frequently.</p> <p>I would like to commend the council and the cycle trail for the work they do in this area.</p> <p>Having access to open spaces where I can exercise myself and my dog (always on a lead) is an important reason why I love living in this area.</p> <p>As a walker, I miss the opportunity to walk beyond Taumarere now that section is closed due to the rail reinstatement program; I am aware cyclists use this link hugely also. I submit that the train only is not a permanent solution and that the rebuilding of the cycle/walking trail is desired by myself and many others.</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to support</p>
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Position in organisation	SENIOR RESOURCE MANAGEMENT SOLICITOR
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1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Northland Federated Farmers (**Federated Farmers**) appreciates this opportunity to submit on Far North District Council's (**Council**) Long Term Plan Consultation document (**LTP**) for 2024-2027. Federated Farmers has approximately 509 active members located in the Northland region with 147 being located in the Far North district, all of whom are also rural ratepayers.
- 1.2 Federated Farmers is a not-for-profit primary sector policy and advocacy organisation that represents the majority of farming businesses in New Zealand. Federated Farmers has a long and proud history of representing the interests of New Zealand's farmers.
- 1.3 Federated Farmers aims to add value to its members' farming businesses. Our key strategic outcomes include the need for New Zealand to provide an economic and social environment within which:
 - (a) our members may operate their business in a fair and flexible commercial environment;
 - (b) our members' families and their staff have access to services essential to the needs of the rural community; and
 - (c) our members adopt responsible management and environmental practices.
- 1.4 This submission is representative of member views and reflect the fact that local government rating and spending policies impact on our member's daily lives as farmers and members of local communities. Federated Farmers acknowledge any submissions made from individual members of our organisation.
- 1.5 Federated Farmers would like the opportunity to speak to Council about this submission.
- 1.6 As an organisation, Federated Farmers is focused on the transparency of rate setting, rates equity and both the overall and relative cost of local government on rural ratepayers. We submit on LTPs

and Annual Plans (**APs**) throughout New Zealand and make constructive proposals whenever the opportunity is provided.

- 1.7 Federated Farmers also submit on central government policies that affect local government revenue and spending, with the aim of ensuring that local government have the appropriate tools to carry out their functions.
- 1.8 Our positions on the considerable cost of rates to farm businesses, in terms of the value and relative accessibility of farmers to ratepayer funded services, and the rates levels on farms compared to other residents and businesses.
- 1.9 Federated Farmers is conscious that there may be significant 'consultation fatigue' out in the community, following the annual plan consultation process last year and 18 months' worth of significant central government proposals. The busy silence from our members should not be misconstrued as disinterest in the proposed changes. Given the current regulatory and economic environments we are in, Federated Farmers acknowledge this may result in a low response rate from the farming community to the consultation process.

2. GENERAL COMMENTS

- 2.1 Federated Farmers is unable to support the Council's proposed rates increase of 16.5 percent for as outlined in its LTP consultation document.¹ The proposed increase is excessive and may be unsustainable for our members.
- 2.2 It is important for the Council to acknowledge that inflation and rising fuel and food prices are putting families under significant pressure. Many families and businesses (including farmers and growers) are struggling to pay their bills and survive. It is time for the Council to tighten its belt and focus on the essentials.
- 2.3 Federated Farmers is critical of the fact that the Council has included some 'nice to haves' in its LTP for 2024-25. Federated Farmers are of the opinion that lower costs, fit-for-purpose infrastructure, and calculated spending is the best way that Council can assist ratepayers right now. The Council needs to reconsider what its essential services are and look to fund those while putting the 'nice to haves' on hold for the next three years.
- 2.4 As well, Federated Farmers questions the wisdom of the Council proposing a significant rates increase for year 1 of the LTP and then dropping back to low rates increases for the remaining LTP years. We question the wisdom of this and seek that the Council relook at how it distributes the total increase proposed of 20 percent over the next three years.
- 2.5 Council must also be aware that their ratepayers are not only having to deal with their proposed rates increase; their ratepayers are also facing a significant rates increase from the Regional Council of around 11 percent.

¹ Long-term plan consultation document, p20.

- 2.6 Finally, in respect of the Uniform Annual General Charge, the Council needs to seriously look at how it is using this rating tool. Given that this charge can be applied to a maximum of 30 percent, Council is not making the best use of this tool by keeping it at the proposed 13.8 percent outlined in the Financial Information that accompanies the LTP.

KEY POINTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Federated Farmers does not support the proposed rates increase.

The apportionment of the rates increases over the next three financial years is not supported. Federated Farmers seeks that the Council looks at evening out the proposed rates increases over the next three years.

Council must relook at its proposed budget and work out the essential infrastructure and services it provides and focus on providing these. Federated Farmers does not support a LTP budget that contains non-essential 'nice-to-have' work programmes.

Council should utilise the Uniform Annual Charge to a higher percentage being 30 percent or close to this percentage.

3. TE RAUTAKI AHUMONI | OUR FINANCIAL STRATEGY SUMMARY

- 3.1 Federated Farmers has concerns about how the Council is proposing to divide its proposed rates increases over the next three years – 16.5 percent in 2024-25, 7.9 percent in 2025-26 and 4.6 percent in 2026-27.
- 3.2 A 16.5 increase in rates for 2024-25 is a significant amount for ratepayers to have to deal with. If the Council decided to even out the total increase proposed of 29 percent over the three years, this would work out at around 9.67 percent per year. While acknowledging that this would still be higher than a 'usual' rates increase, the lower figure would make it more manageable for ratepayers.
- 3.3 Federated Farmers strongly recommends that the Council goes back to the beginning and start again. The proposed rates increase are unmanageable in a tough economic climate which shows no sign of improvement in the near future.
- 3.4 For Council to believe that ratepayers will just be able to pay such a major increase in their rates over the next three years shows a lack of awareness about the tough economic times people are experiencing. Federated Farmers members are having to go through their budgets on a constant basis to ensure that they are able to meet the costs and expenses they have in running a farm and providing for their families. If the Council's ratepayers are having to account for every cent of expenditure, there is a strong expectation that the Council is doing the same.

Action points: Federated Farmers does not support the Council's proposed options for rate increases over the next three years as set out on page 12 of the LTP consultation document. It is recommended that:

- (a) the Council relooks at how it could proportion the rates increases across the next three years; and
- (b) the Council relooks at its proposed budget to determine what non-essential projects can be pushed out into the later years of the LTP or taken out of the LTP completely.

4. OUR FOCUS: REPAIRING OUR TRANSPORT NETWORK

- 4.1 Federated Farmers supports the focus of the Council on repairing the district's roading network particularly in light of the severe weather events the district has had over the last few years. The district's transport network is the lifeline of the district in that it allows people and goods and services to move from place to place. It also allows for emergency services to get to where they are needed; the better the roading network, the quicker and easier emergency services can operate.
- 4.2 It is important that the Council provides for both urban and rural roading in the district. For farmers, the roading network is often the only means of contact in remote rural areas. The roading network is also one of the main ways our members operate their farms. It is important that the network is fit for purpose for rural areas, not just urban areas.

Action Point: Federated Farmers supports the focus on the fixing and maintenance of transport networks outlined by the Council in its LTP.²

5. ISSUE 1: SHOULD WE CHANGE THE WAY WE RATE STORMWATER ACROSS THE DISTRICT?

- 5.1 Federated Farmers would like to bring to the Council's attention that any change in how it deals with stormwater across the Far North district needs to account for the fact that the majority of the district's rural areas do not benefit from the stormwater system.
- 5.2 The Council's preferred option is to change to a targeted rated based on land use and introduce a public good rate. It is not clear if the proposed public good rate is to apply across all rating units in the district which would capture rural properties.
- 5.3 Any change in the stormwater rating system must be equitable and fair. People who do not gain a benefit from the Council's stormwater system should not be rated for the provision of this service.

Action Point: Federated Farmers supports option 2 for the rating of stormwater services as long as the rate is not applied to land in rural areas.

² LTP, p19.

6. ISSUE 2: SHOULD WE CHANGE THE WAY WE RATE FOR THOSE WHO ACCESS OR COULD ACCESS WATER SUPPLY AND WASTEWATER SERVICES?

- 6.1 Federated Farmers has concerns over option 2 which seeks to apply a district-wide rate to those who have the ability to connect to the Council's water supply and / or wastewater services. It is unequitable of the Council to expect people who do not use these services to pay for them on the premise that they could connect to the services if needed.
- 6.2 Council also needs to acknowledge that some of its smaller communities will be significantly impacted by option 2. Given the current economic climate and the significant rates increases being proposed by local authorities across the country, the Council should go back to its budgets and ensure that it is only focusing on the delivery of essential services in a way that is affordable to its ratepayers in reality.
- 6.3 It is of no use to the Council or ratepayers of imposing significant rates increases if ratepayers cannot afford to pay them. It is also impracticable to impose an additional rate on a ratepayer simply because they have the potential to use the water supply and / or wastewater services.
- 6.4 Many of Federated Farmers' members provide their own water supply and deal with their own wastewater. These services have been provided at their own cost and they should not be subject to additional charges simply because they may be able to connect to the Council's services.
- 6.5 The Council should be looking at user pay systems where payment is required based on a household's actual or estimated usage of Council provided water supply and / or wastewater. A practical approach would be to require payment of additional charges to be made when a property is physically connected to the Council's three water services – this would reflect the concept of user pays better than imposing a district wide charge.

Action Points: Federated Farmers recommends that a user pay system is used for water supply and wastewater costs. It is also recommended that:

- (a) meters are used to determine the volume of water used by each property so that they can be charged for the water used;
- (b) the Council minimises the costs associated with joining onto its wastewater system to encourage households to join;
- (c) implement a payment system for wastewater where households pay for the proportional used of the Council wastewater system based on estimated usage or metered uses.

7. ISSUE 3: HOW DO WE CONTINUE TO PROVIDE COMMUNITY SERVICES IN THE FUTURE?

- 7.1 Federated Farmers supports the Council's proposal to move towards multi-purpose centres. It is no longer practicable or financially viable to have Council services housed in separate buildings if there is an option that those services can be brought together in one place and accessed on-line.
- 7.2 However, it is of concern that the Council has not provided any costs or figures for undertaking this option. Given that the Council is proposing a 29 percent increase in rates over the next three years,

it was important that readers of and submitters to the LTP had access to all of the relevant information required for informed decisions to be made.

Action Point: Federated Farmers recommends that the Council provide the costs associated with its preferred option 1. If this cannot be done, Federated Farmers supports option 3 which is the status quo.

8. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Uniformed Annual General Charge

- 8.1 Federated Farmers notes that the Council is only proposed to use a uniformed annual general charge (UAGC) of around 13 percent over the next three financial years.³
- 8.2 Under s21 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002, the UAGC can be used to collect up to 30 percent of total rate revenue. This charge excludes charges for water and wastewater. The use of the UAGC strongly influences the distribution of rates across properties in a district or region. Its effect will assist in rectifying the impact of property value rates on higher value properties, while ensuring lower value properties pay a little more. Owning a farm is not a good reason to pay hundreds of dollars towards (for example) the local library, when urban residents nearby are paying in the tens of dollars.
- 8.3 A significant trend in rating policy at many councils in recent years is a reduction in the level of the UAGC. This is usually dressed up as an “affordability” or “ability to pay” issue for urban ratepayers. However, even a small UAGC reduction shifts more rates burden onto higher value properties such as farms. It is also true that low-income families have a higher tendency to rent their homes, so any cut in the UAGC on their behalf directly benefits their landlord.
- 8.4 Where a Council is aware that they have not reached their maximum 30 percent UAGC allowance and choose not to rectify the situation then they are actively choosing to disadvantage groups such as the farming community.
- 8.5 Federated Farmers strongly supports use of the full 30 percent provided for the UAGC under s21 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002. It is seen to be a fairer and more equitable way of addressing rates rather than the use of general rates.

Roading Rate

- 8.6 It is unclear as to why the Council is proposing to impose a higher roading rate on farming and dairying over other activities such as forestry, mining and quarrying. Surely the purpose of a roading rate is to ensure that the roading network can be maintained and upgraded where necessary.
- 8.7 Part of ensuring that the roading network is fit for purpose, must be to look at what activities are causing the most impact on the roads requiring maintenance to occur.

³ A UAGC of 13.8 percent is proposed for 2024/25; 13 percent for 2025/26 and 12.6 percent for 2026/27 (Financial Information document, Proposed Funding Impact Statement Rates, p3.

Action Points: Federated Farmers seeks that the proposed UAGC is increased to 30 percent across the next three financial years.

It is recommended that the Council relook at its roading rates to ensure that the activities having the most impact on the roading network pay the higher percentage of road rates.

Speaking Points for Northland Province Federated Farmers

Prepared by Colin Hannah, Northland Provincial President and Jo-Anne Cook-Munro, Senior Solicitor for Federated Farmers

Thank you for the opportunity to speak further to our submission on the Far North District Long-Term Plan. We are sorry that we cannot be with you today due to scheduling conflicts.

From our submission to the Long-Term Plan we would like to make the following points:

- Federated Farmers cannot support a proposed rates increase of 16.5 percent for rural properties in the district.
- Farmers have and will continue to, experience severe hardship due to the recession, the uncertainty in the economy, fall in pay-outs and meat prices and high inflation. Farmers are also having to comply with new regulations introduced by the last government which legally have to be complied with until they are repealed.
- Farmers are struggling to pay expenses such as provisional taxes and mortgages. The Reserve Bank in a statement on Wednesday, 1 May 2024 noted that most homeowners are falling behind on mortgage payments as the cost of living pressures and higher interest rates take a toll.¹
- The Reserve Bank has also stated that the situation is likely to get worse due to a predicted increase in unemployment.
- Farmers are facing increased mental health issues based on constant stress and worry about how they can continue to operate and care for their families. The Council must have an awareness of where its communities are at and look at not adding to the existing burdens each holds.
- The Council should not be looking at scaling up any of its work programmes or expanding its work force. While the reality is that the Council can (and probably will) impose a larger rates burden on its ratepayers, this does not mean that there is the ability for the ratepayer to be able to pay the rates demanded.

Thank you for time in considering these points.

¹ <https://www.stuff.co.nz/money/350262956/more-kiwis-falling-behind-mortgage-payments-reserve-bank-says> accessed on 2 May 2024.

Long Term Plan 2024-27

Submissions with comments

First Name	Angela
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Organisation (if applicable)	Keteriki Ltd
Position in organisation	Office Manager
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	
Comment	
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Comment	
Other feedback	See attachment
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26th April 2024

Far North District Council
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LTP (Long Term Plan) - \$4M allocation to the permanent route for the trail between Taumarere and Opuia on the Pou Herenga Tai Twin Coast Cycle Trail.

Keteriki Limited maintains full and committed support for the Pou Herenga Tai Twin Coast Cycle Trail (coast to coast), Opuia to Horeke.

Official information requests confirm a total of \$12 million invested to date in the Pou Herenga Tai Twin Coast Cycle Trail by the Far North District Council. Keteriki appreciates and understands the vital social, cultural and economic link of the connection, particularly to the West Coast and acknowledges that this is a significant asset to Council and our community.

Despite the previous Council's decision to withdraw from the former partnership, Northern Adventure Experience Ltd, the operating company Keteriki Ltd has encouraged and supported the cycle connection and the Pou Herenga Tai Twin Coast Cycle Trail (coast to coast) by providing a cycle train connection for the last two Summers. As presented in October 2023, Keteriki's funding is linked to co-funding committed by the Far North District Council.

Further, Keteriki has demonstrated full support through the Kanoa (formerly Provincial Growth Fund) project by delaying rail restoration works for one year and facilitating land, lease, engineering and design with KiwiRail and the Bay of Islands Vintage Railway Trust. We believe a safe, world-class cycle experience can be capably achieved within the Rail Corridor.

The proposed funding in the LTP of \$4 million is significantly less than what is required to complete the project. However, managed appropriately, commencement of the cycle trail reinstatement is possible this year starting at Opuia and working back towards the Whangae Tunnel. This has been identified as an initial and critical stage as once through the tunnel, planned for early 2025, there will be no cycle connection to the corridor or train. The result of this is arguably irreversible damage to the cycle trail brand and further devastating consequences to the West Coast economy, not to mention cycle trail operators who have an expectation of the Council's commitment.

keteriki ltd

Keteriki strongly suggests the proposed funding be increased to \$5.6m to complete that stage. Additionally, we propose Keteriki Ltd is engaged to manage the cycle trail budget and project to ensure economies of scale are realised and project milestones achieved. Considering the last 36 months and \$2.4 million spent of rate payer funding (O.I.R) with no outcomes achieved through the current project, we believe a change in approach is both prudent and mandatory.

We also request that the balance of funding and the significance of the regional asset be acknowledged in the remaining LTP with budget included 2027-33.

We look forward to a favourable response to support this essential community link between Opuia and Horeke and to preserve the trail as a tourism asset for the district communities.



Lau'rell Douglas
General Manager

Long Term Plan 2024-27

Submissions with comments

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Last name	McReavy
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Position in organisation	
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Comment	
Other feedback	<p>Submission opposing the funding of a reclamation at Rangitane.</p> <p>Given the current budget situation of the country and the Far North District Council itself needing to raise rates by 16% to meet existing funding commitments, I find it incomprehensible that the FNDC would even consider spending more than \$1.5m on a reclamation project in Rangitane to allow the parking of 20 boat trailers. To spend this amount, in addition to the \$2.45 million already allocated by the regional growth fund would amount to an average of \$200,000 per parking spot -- assuming 20 spots are in fact built. In addition to spending so much up front to build these parking spaces, there would be ongoing maintenance costs for the facility and the surrounding roads which will impact future budgets for years to come.</p> <p>While some have said the \$2.45 million from the national government is "free" money, there is no such thing. The National Government is currently spending at a deficit level and has to cut spending in other areas. They will have to borrow this money. Even if it were "free," having to put up an additional \$1.5 million of FNDC funds makes no sense. There are so many areas of roading in the Far North that need improvement, fixing potholes, one lane bridges, etc. Until those issues are addressed, this should be the lowest priority for government spending.</p> <p>I admit that at peak holiday times there is a shortage of boat launching spaces in the Bay of Islands. Some of this could be addressed by better marking/signage of spaces at the Optio Bay boat launch area where cars routinely park in spaces that could be used for boat trailers. You could also improve the boat ramp at Rangitane without creating a parking lot on reclaimed land by allowing cars and trailers to park in the empty area (Rangitane reserve) near the boat ramp. Of course boaties would have to walk back to their boats. You must also recognize that 10 months out of the year, there is no shortage of spaces to launch boats and these additional spaces would largely sit empty as people would rather launch from the Marina or Opito Bay.</p> <p>This boat ramp has been opposed by a number of different groups including neighbors who would be impacted by the increased traffic levels on roads not built for such activities and environmental groups opposed to filling in the bay for 20 parking spaces. These are valid concerns that should be respected.</p> <p>In a time of fiscal austerity, when the government needs to borrow money to meet its existing commitments, cut funding for resources like public libraries in the Far North, and raise rates on homeowners by 16% this is not a good use of taxpayer funds. Please, decline the funding for this project..</p>
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Submissions with comments

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Other feedback	<p>I own a property located on the Cycle Trail at (Details omitted) in Opuā. It has always been my intention to establish a cabin retreat business on this land as it is ideally located towards the Opuā end of the cycleway.</p> <p>Due to the closure of the section between Opuā and Taumarere, I have not started this business as I have seen the numbers of cyclists that pass my front gate drop significantly. Without certainty that this section will reopen permanently, I will not establish the cabin retreats.</p> <p>The cooperation with the Railway Trust, having bikes allowed on the trains to get them to Kawakawa, has done little to increase my confidence for a business, as the numbers of cyclists is still well below the previous open track levels. In my discussions with cycleway users, very few of them see the train as a viable option due to the restrictions it brings with having to meet the train at the stations. This does not allow them flexibility to ride the cycleway within their timeframes. The alternate path is seen as vastly inferior to the old route along the beautiful Kawakawa River.</p> <p>I ask the council to confirm the reopening of the cycleway from Opuā to Taumere and to be able to give accurate opening dates for this to happen.</p> <p>I look forward to seeing progress outside my front gate soon.</p>
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Disabled Persons Assembly NZ

April 2024

Ki Te Kaunihera o Te Hiku o te Ika Far North District Council

Please find attached DPA's submission on the Te Kaunihera o Te Hiku o te Ika Far North District Council Long Term Plan 2024–2037.

Noho ora mai,

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Disabled Persons Assembly Aotearoa New Zealand

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Introducing Disabled Persons Assembly

We work on systemic change for the equity of disabled people

Disabled Persons Assembly NZ (DPA) is a not-for-profit pan-impairment Disabled People's Organisation run by and for disabled people.

We recognise:

- Māori as Tangata Whenua and [Te Tiriti o Waitangi](#) as the founding document of Aotearoa New Zealand;
- disabled people as experts on their own lives;
- the [Social Model of Disability](#) as the guiding principle for interpreting disability and impairment;
- the [United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities](#) as the basis for disabled people's relationship with the State;
- the [Aotearoa New Zealand Disability Strategy](#) as Government agencies' guide on disability issues; and
- the [Enabling Good Lives Principles](#), [Whāia Te Ao Mārama: Māori Disability Action Plan](#), and [Faiva Ora: National Pasifika Disability Disability Plan](#) as avenues to disabled people gaining greater choice and control over their lives and supports.

We drive systemic change through:

Rangatiratanga | Leadership: reflecting the collective voice of disabled people, locally, nationally and internationally.

Pārongo me te tohutohu | Information and advice: informing and advising on policies impacting on the lives of disabled people.

Kōkiri | Advocacy: supporting disabled people to have a voice, including a collective voice, in society.

Aroturuki | Monitoring: monitoring and giving feedback on existing laws, policies and practices about and relevant to disabled people.

United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities

DPA was influential in creating the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD),¹ a foundational document for disabled people which Aotearoa New Zealand has signed and ratified, confirming that disabled people must have the same human rights as everyone else.

All state bodies in Aotearoa New Zealand, including local and regional government, have a responsibility to uphold the principles and articles of this convention. There are a number of UNCRPD articles particularly relevant to this submission, including:

- Article 5: Non-discrimination
- Article 9: Accessibility
- Article 13: Access to justice
- Article 19: Living independently and being included in the community
- Article 20: Personal mobility
- Article 29: Participation in political and public life.

Aotearoa New Zealand Disability Strategy 2016–2026

Since ratifying the UNCRPD, the Aotearoa New Zealand Government has established a Disability Strategy² to guide the work of government agencies on disability issues.

The vision is that Aotearoa New Zealand be a non-disabling society, where disabled people have equal opportunity to achieve their goals and aspirations, and that all of Aotearoa New Zealand works together to make this happen.

The Strategy identifies eight outcome areas contributing to achieving this vision. There are a number of Strategy outcomes particularly relevant to this submission, including:

- Outcome 5 – Accessibility

¹ United Nations. (2006). *United Nations Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities*. Retrieved from: <https://www.un.org/disabilities/documents/convention/convoptprot-e.pdf>

² Office for Disability Issues. (2016). *Aotearoa New Zealand Disability Strategy*. Retrieved from: <https://www.odi.govt.nz/nz-disability-strategy/>

- Outcome 6 – Attitudes
- Outcome 7 – Choice and Control
- Outcome 8 – Leadership

The submission

He Moana Pukepuke e ekengia e te Waka

A choppy sea can be navigated.

DPA would firstly like to acknowledge the community and its recovery efforts after Cyclone Gabriel and other severe weather events. DPA recognises that Council's main focus is on recovery and rebuilding after these weather events and the extra work they created.

DPA's goals are disabled communities that are proud, vibrant, healthy, safe, connected, sustainable, resilient and prosperous, living in an environment that recognises tangata whenua as kaitiaki and celebrates our unique culture and history.

DPA supports Kaunihera o Te Hiku o te Ika Far North District Council promoting economic, social, cultural, and environmental wellbeing for current and future generations.

System Outcomes: Accessibility

Accessibility is a core principle of the UNCRPD, and a key outcome of the Aotearoa New Zealand Disability Strategy. It affects every area of disabled people's lives, from the homes we live in, the places we work and the extent to which we can move around our communities. It also has a major impact on disabled people's level of risk and ability to recover following severe weather events.

DPA supports appropriate development within sustainable environmental limits to protect the health, wellbeing, and economic opportunities of the disabled community in Aotearoa New Zealand.

It is essential that disabled people have input into the decision-making processes on the rating system becoming a district-wide rating for water supply and wastewater once the coalition government outlines how infrastructure will be funded.

Recommendation 1: that disabled people have input into the decision-making processes on the rating system becoming a district-wide rating for water supply and wastewater.

Te Hiku o te Ika

Te Tai Tokerau Northland is unique and often reminds the rest of North Island that it is the tail of the fish that gives direction as the head of the fish, Te Upoko o te Ika, often forget in their dealings whether it be in relation to funding, policy, infrastructure requirements or advocating for the communities we live in.

DPA's role is to remind people and organisations of the importance of accessibility for our disability communities. Even when we have a seat at the table, our voices often go unheard or are not listened to. This is an opportunity with new builds to ensure that they are accessible for all with an ageing population in Northland.

Climate resilience

Disabled people are one of the groups most at risk from climate change³. Many examples exist of disabled people being highly impacted by urban planning failing to provide for the impact of climate change occurring across low-lying communities in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Our infrastructure is already degraded from severe weather events and a shortage of central government funding for infrastructure investment. Far North is facing major risks from climate change.

DPA supports FNDC's approach to developing climate resilience through focussing on infrastructure.

³ Schulte, C. (2020, March 28). People With Disabilities Needed in Fight Against Climate Change. Retrieved from <https://www.hrw.org/news/2020/05/28/people-disabilities-needed-fight-against-climate-change#:~:text=People%20with%20disabilities%20are%20at,said%20in%20a%20recent%20report.>

Recommendation 2: that the impact of climate change on disabled people is considered when focussing on infrastructure.

Flood Protection

Low-lying areas are often at greater risk from flooding, sea level rise and/or liquefaction in an earthquake but because they are often more accessible and affordable, a higher proportion of disabled people live in these areas.

Given that 40% of Kainga Ora clients are disabled in some way, this means that in many places social housing, and disabled people, are being effectively placed in harm's way. So those least able to avoid or recover from a natural disaster are most at risk of losing everything.

Preventing this situation re-occurring in the future will require planning for climate resilient communities and places that are also accessible for disabled people. As a recent news article states "Floods are inevitable. Flood disasters are not".⁴

Recommendation 3: that the FNDC include in their planning the feedback from the FNDC Disability Advisory Group and the disability community after the severe weather events.

Housing

DPA is very concerned by proposals to divest housing for elderly as often many older people are impaired or have a form of disability with the added issues of increased homelessness and the cost of housing.

Recommendation 4: that FNDC consult with both disability organisations and age care organisations before making any decisions around divestment of the stock of housing for elderly.

⁴ Smith, R. (February 2023, 3). *Floods are inevitable, flood disasters are not*. Stuff website. <https://www.stuff.co.nz/opinion/131138570/floods-are-inevitable-flood-disasters-are-not>

Water Health

DPA supports Council confirmed a partnership with Te Tai Tokerau Water Trust which is building a mid-North water storage reservoir and delivery system as it develops water security. It also supports Taumata Arowai standards of keeping drinking water safe for the health and wellbeing of disabled residents within Te Tai Tokerau.

With the FNDC concerns with water quality in Northland especially during storm events and central government plans to fast track approvals, water security is an important factor for the health and wellbeing of the disabled community.

Recommendation 5: that FNDC discuss water health with the disability advisory group as it impacts on the health and wellbeing of the disabled community.

Emergency Preparedness and Natural Hazards

There is a need for all decision makers to take steps to uphold the wellbeing of our disabled community who are affected by natural disasters. Severe weather events also cause substantial infrastructure damage. The impact that weather-enforced homelessness has had on disabled people is further exacerbated by the dire shortage of accessible housing.

DPA requests that FNDC establish a voluntary register for people with disabilities to identify special requirements in case of emergency or evacuation (e.g. medical, pets, equipment, mobility or sensory) with support from WDC, NRC and CDEM. People also need to know where their nearest or most appropriate accessible evacuation centre is, who to contact, and how to contact or mobilise themselves and others if access is blocked and/or phones are down with this information being publicised through WDC, disabled persons organisations, Tai Tokerau disability providers and personal networks.

Recommendation 6: that the FNDC factor into their emergency preparedness and planning for natural disasters the current shortage of accessible emergency housing for disabled people.

Recommendation 7: that FNDC establish a voluntary register for disabled people to identify special requirements in case of emergency or evacuation and publicise information about emergency preparedness for disabled people through NRC, disabled persons organisations, Tai Tokerau disability providers and personal networks.

Open Spaces

DPA highlights the importance of sporting facilities and keeping them open as several Northland disability sports groups, organisations and community groups use these facilities.

FNDC has a diverse range of facilities including pump tracks, playgrounds, parks and reserves (including sports fields), cemeteries, playgrounds, motor camps, benches, bollards, signs, tables and playground shade sails.

DPA requests that with the rebuild of new spaces that accessibility be at the forefront of the conversation for environmental planners and landscape architects. Many disabled parent/s with non-disabled children, disabled children with non-disabled parents or disabled parents and disabled children find the community spaces to be inaccessible for them.

Recommendation 8: that FNDC ensure that all their facilities are accessible and built on universal design principles.

Recommendation 9: that the concept of universal design is regularly discussed when FNDC work with their environmental planners and landscape architects.

Built Spaces

DPA supports improvement of safety and inclusiveness for community buildings, community halls, Council offices, iSites, hubs, satellite offices, libraries, mobile library, museums, and public toilets.

We would support a multi-purpose centre for each ward while also ensuring that the physical centres are accessible. It is also important to consider that some online services are not accessible for Northlanders as they have intermittent or non-existent internet connectivity.

We also highlight the importance of having an accessibility lens for any development of newly built spaces.

Recommendation 10: that FNDC improve the safety and inclusiveness for its built spaces and ensure an accessibility lens is used for any future builds.

Transport

The provision of accessible public transport services is important for disabled people in terms of the ability to undertake social connection, inclusion and participation in their communities.

Northland has major transport network repairs ahead and its repair is a number one priority to ensure disabled people are not isolated in rural areas far from many necessary services.

DPA supports resilient roads and addressing the causes of damage, such as drainage issues. It is also important to remember that the structures on these roads such as seawalls, bridges, cycleways, and other infrastructure are accessible and developed based on the concept of universal design.

We support the Hokianga Ferry Replacement in 3 years with the reminder that accessibility to this service needs to be a part of the discussion.

We know the importance of Kaitia Airport remaining as it is a key transport connection for people in rural areas, an example is that doctors from other hospitals

are flown for Kaitaia Hospital and other Northland Hospitals. For the disability community, this is a more accessible easier to use service then driving up to 2 or more hours to get to Whangarei Hospital. Far North Passenger Transport Services also needs to be more accessible for disabled people travelling from rural areas.

Recommendation 11: that the development of any new transport infrastructure be designed based on universal design principles.

Recommendation 12: that the Hokianga Ferry Replacement, Kaitaia Airport and Far North Passenger Transport Services be more accessible.

Rates

Disabled people in Northland face an increased risk of living in poverty largely due to lower incomes and extra resource requirements compared to non-disabled people⁵. Statistics also show that disabled New Zealanders are grossly overrepresented in unemployment rates; two-thirds of disabled people earn less than \$30,000 per annum, increasing the likelihood of poor socio-economic outcomes⁶.

DPA supports Option 2 for Issue 1 for Stormwater and Drainage change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate, with the stipulation that disabled people on low incomes will not be impacted by high rating systems.

DPA supports Option 2 for Issue 2 for Wastewater change to district-wide rates for those connected to / could connect to water supply and / or wastewater services. Again, with the same stipulation that disabled people on low income be considered in this selection.

⁵ Wilkinson-Meyers et al. (2015). To live an ordinary life: resource needs and additional costs for people with a physical impairment. *Disability & Society*, 30(7), 976-990.

⁶ King, P. T. (2019). Māori with Lived Experience of Disability Part II. Commissioned by the Waitangi Tribunal. Retrieved from

https://forms.justice.govt.nz/search/Documents/WT/wt_DOC_150473583/Wai%202575%2C%20B023.pdf

Recommendation 13: that FNDC make their rates rebates process more accessible for disabled people to apply.

Recommendation 14: that FNDC consider that disabled people tend to be low income so ensuring the rating system and rates are equitable and fair.

Leadership

DPA asks that all council decision-making bodies consider the needs of disabled people and that engagement processes consult with disabled people and their representative organisations.

Partnership of Māori disabled in the space of mana whenua and kaitiakitanga is key as Northland is the birthplace of our nation where Te Tiriti o Waitangi was first signed.

Recommendation 15: all council decision-making bodies be required to consider the needs of disabled and Māori disabled people and that engagement processes consult with disabled people and their representative organisations.

Long Term Plan 2024-27

Submissions with comments

First Name	Peter
Last name	Maddren
Organisation (if applicable)	Horeke Boutique Hotel
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	
Comment	
Other feedback	<p>I support the funding, from any source, of the 4 million dollars for the Taumarere station to Opuia rebuild of the cycle trail and wonder why this section has been lost to the cycle trail in the first place when substantial funding was allocated from the initial cycle trail build fund to construct this section. To have lost this section of the cycle trail in just a few years, after spending such a large sum for its construction defies belief and I would support a full enquiry into how this has been allowed to happen and who benefited from this expenditure of cycle trail funding.</p> <p>The effect that this part of the cycle trail's closure has had on rider numbers is obvious and no train trip will fix this problem. Do not believe the hype that the train will fix the problem.</p> <p>One afternoon train trip a day and heaven forbid you get a puncture or experience any form of delay whatsoever and miss the departure time, or the train or track has "technical issues" and the train trip is cancelled. (this happened 3 weeks ago) What do cyclists do then?</p> <p>Then there are the days that the train is not scheduled to run. What do cyclists do then?</p> <p>There are cyclists keen to ride but opt for another trail further South when they hear that part of our cycle trail has access issues.</p> <p>The effect on my business has been catastrophic to where it's impossible to continue to operate and we are closing for the winter just like so many other unfortunate businesses who have cut back on services or closed their doors for good, due in large part to the closure of this section of the trail.</p> <p>We employed 6 people full or part time prior to the Taumarere to Opuia cycle trail closure, we now have one part time staff member and there will shortly be no staff at all.</p>
Ward	
Receipt number	Inbox50
Other attachments	

Long Term Plan 2024-27

Submissions with comments

First Name	Tanya
Last name	Filia
Organisation (if applicable)	Kaikohe-Hokianga Community Board
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	KHCB recognise that stormwater needs to be a key focus in this LTP, as flooding incidents have increased and more severe weather events are becoming more frequent. Option 2 is our preference. We would like to see an assessment of priority sites and a prog
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	KHCB choose Option Two, as District-Wide rating for Wastewater and Drinking Water supply costs would be shared across more ratepayers, making it more affordable for smaller townships. This is more likely to provide improved infrastructure and maintenance
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	If having a single Hub in Kaikohe means removing the service centres from Opononi and Rawene, we choose Option 3; the Status Quo. For our people who live in the further reaches of Kaikohe Hokianga, only having face to face contact with FNDC in Kaikohe wil
Other feedback	See attachments.
Ward	
Receipt number	Inbox51
Other attachments	

ISSUE 1

Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District (Select 1 option)

1. Status quo
2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate.

Would you like to expand on your answer?

KHCB recognise that stormwater needs to be a key focus in this LTP, as flooding incidents have increased and more severe weather events are becoming more frequent. **Option 2** is our preference. We would like to see an assessment of priority sites and a programme of works to address the areas of highest concern, particularly with regard to protecting existing infrastructure, and a plan that incorporates regular service and maintenance. Future-proofing our stormwater infrastructure is key, with the likelihood of increased weather events, and is integral to restoring and protecting our roading network. Flooding related to the stormwater infrastructure is a health and safety issue with regard to access for emergency services, and the impact on our wastewater systems. A \$10 Public Good rate, plus a targeted rate based on commercial/ other looks like the more fair way to ensure that there are enough funds to improve the much needed stormwater infrastructure.

ISSUE 2

Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services? (Select 1 option)

1. Status quo
2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
3. Change to targeted ward rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
4. Change to targeted scheme-based operational rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to wastewater services

Would you like to expand on your answer?

KHCB choose Option Two, as District-Wide rating for Wastewater and Drinking Water supply costs would be shared across more ratepayers, making it more affordable for smaller townships. This is more likely to provide improved infrastructure and maintenance to these services in our Ward. "Zero human waste to water" is stated in our KHCB Strategic Plan. Currently many of the wastewater treatment systems in our Ward are often noncompliant whereas our constituents see improved wastewater treatment as a high priority. Removing human waste into the Hokianga Harbour from the 4 wastewater treatment plants in our Ward is vital to the health, safety, and wellbeing of our people and of the Harbour itself. Our people want land based wastewater discharge.

ISSUE 3

Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future? (Select 1 option)

- 1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku**
- 2. Provide a multi-purpose centre for each ward**
- 3. Status quo**

Would you like to expand on your answer?

If having a single Hub in Kaikohe means removing the service centres from Opononi and Rawene, we choose Option 3; the Status Quo. For our people who live in the further reaches of Kaikohe Hokianga, only having face to face contact with FNDC in Kaikohe will make it more difficult for those who are already at a disadvantage due to isolation. Many people in our Ward do not have access to the internet, and/or prefer to deal with people face to face. Some people use the rural Service Centres to access the internet, and travelling to Kaikohe to do so is becoming more unaffordable. Equity is a strong theme in our KHCB Strategic Plan, and the loss of services in our area is a further disadvantage to our people. We support an improved multi-purpose centre in Kaikohe, with satellite hubs in Opononi and Rawene. These satellites could offset some costs by having multiple uses for community services such as pop-up Council services, workshops etc... and potentially could be used by other organisations in Council downtime, for a moderate fee.

Is there anything else you want to provide feedback on?

KHCB support the key focus of the LTP being Wastewater Treatment Systems, drinking water, stormwater, roading/ drainage and issues concerning health and safety. We are pleased to see funding put aside for our WWTP and fire hydrant system in Omapere- Opononi.

“Safe, well maintained, future-proofed roads, and public access to the roading and footpath matrix” is stated in our KHCB Strategic Plan (attached). We wish to ensure that the safety and accessibility for our communities in the outer edges of our Ward are prioritised. Access, including emergency services access to our whanau across the Ward is a health and safety issue that needs to be considered in the roading matrix. We would like to be able to easily access a database that shows when roads are expected to be upgraded or repaired.

We would like to see depreciation for each WWT system itemised in the funding for Wastewater Treatment to ensure that the full amount is shown to be included.

Housing, in particular for our elderly, is a key focus in the KHCB Strategic Plan, we would like this to see this strengthened in the LTP. This is a health and safety issue for our Kaumatua Kuia, as more find themselves in substandard homes, or without anywhere to live.

The RFS system:

KHCB would like to see an improved, more responsive and efficient RFS system. Community members have asked for a system that makes it easy to track their RFS, timeframes, and work that is carried out. We have asked for a geographical RFS system that shows where RFS's are located, when work is being carried out, and when that work is completed.

Levels of Service:

Our constituents have asked for improvements regarding basic maintenance such as mowing of road verges, footpaths, parks, reserves and public areas, clearing of blocked drains and culverts, regular tree maintenance, safe, clean footpaths, clean rubbish bins, and well maintained buildings and infrastructure. These are health and safety concerns, as accidents have been recorded on unsafe footpaths, visibility is reduced due to overgrown vegetation, which also become a fire hazard, and blocked drains are unsafe.

Building Consents:

A streamlined, efficient and responsive service is a high priority for people in our Ward.

Climate Change

The KHCB Strategic Plan supports improved public engagement to input into climate change planning towards building community resilience.

Public Engagement:

Our people have asked for more transparency and for information to be made available when they contact the Council with their concerns.

KHCB would also like to see FNDC documents be made with our constituents in mind, remembering that many people would like to be more engaged in Council processes, but are not familiar with these processes, systems and the language commonly used by FNDC. The LTP Consultation Document is an example of a this: acronyms such as SUIP and subjects such as 'Capital Works Programme', what the 'Public Good' rate goes toward and why everyone

should pay this, are not explained. In many instances the language confuses and disengages people. We would like to see the information presented in ways that the 'every day' person can understand.

Signed:

Chairperson, Member Rudkin

Deputy Chair Member Filia

Member McVeagh

Member Everitt Gundry

Member Edwards

2023 - 2025

KAIKOHE-HOKIANGA COMMUNITY BOARD STRATEGIC PLAN



EMPOWERED, EQUITABLE AND THRIVING FUTURES FOR ALL COMMUNITIES

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INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this document is to present the aspirations of our communities in the Kaikohe-Hokianga ward. These have been drawn from previous and current board and staff prioritisations and knowledge. It also informs how we wish to fulfil our obligations to, and how we will work with, the communities we represent.

This document enables us to participate in the process that ensures community aspirations are considered in the process by which projects are committed to the Long-Term Plan. It will also help communities to find ways of addressing aspirations council cannot fulfil.

We acknowledge that these are not necessarily representational of all community aspirations nor do they anticipate all future needs that may arise. Therefore, we see this document as a living one to ensure it can be responsive to community needs as they arise.

Ngā mihi nui

Kaikohe- Hokianga Community



Chicky Rudkin



Tanya Folia



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Harmonie Gundry



Mike Edmonds



Trinity Edwards



John Vujcich

“TAKE CARE OF OUR CHILDREN. TAKE CARE OF WHAT THEY HEAR, TAKE CARE OF WHAT THEY SEE, TAKE CARE OF WHAT THEY FEEL. FOR HOW THE CHILDREN GROW, SO WILL THE SHAPE OF AOTEAROA”

DAME WHINIA COOPER

ROLE OF COMMUNITY BOARDS

Under Section 52 The Local Government Act 2002 defines the role of a community board as being to:

- a) Represent, and act as an advocate for, the interests of its community; and
- b) Consider and report on all matters referred to it by the territorial authority, or any matter of interest or concern to the community board; and
- c) Maintain an overview of services provided by the territorial authority within the community; and
- d) Prepare an annual submission to the territorial authority for expenditure within the community; and
- e) Communicate with community organisations and special interest groups within the community; and
- f) Undertake any other responsibilities that are delegated to it by the territorial authority.

“TIAKINA TE TAIAO, TIAKINA TANGATA”

OUR COMMUNITY OUTCOMES – KHCB

Empowered, equitable and thriving futures for all communities.

OUR MISSION

To engage with our communities with commitment and courage, supporting realisation of their aspirations to equitably uplift our Kaikohe-Hokianga area.

OUR VALUES | NGĀ UARA

Our Board is **Committed** to putting in the work to achieve equitable opportunity in our communities.

Our Board is committed to **Understanding** our communities needs and aspirations by actively engage with and listening to them.

Our Board is committed to **Empowerment**, making informed decisions that empower and resource our communities through a local lens and accessible policies and processes.

Our Board **Takes Responsibility** in our Public Service roles and aspires to create an active citizenship partnership with our communities.

Our Board works to build **Trust** with our communities by being effective communication conduits to council and achieving tangible outcomes.

Tika, Pono and Manaakitanga are values that guide the way we aspire to relate to our people, staff, and each other.

OUR COMMUNITY OUTCOMES – KHCB

- ④ Improved outcomes for our communities now and into the future by addressing past and closing future equity gaps.
- ④ Empowered Community Boards with increased delegations that enable better local decision making for improved local impact.
- ④ Empowered communities supported and resourced to take the lead in equitable local decision making.
- ④ Council processes that are easily understood for our communities to access equitable support.

OUR COMMUNITY OUTCOMES – FNDC

- ④ Proud, vibrant communities
- ④ Prosperous communities supported by a sustainable economy
- ④ Communities that are healthy, safe, connected and sustainable
- ④ Connected communities that are prepared for the unexpected
- ④ A wisely managed and treasured environment that recognises the role of tangata whenua as kaitiaki
- ④ We embrace and celebrate our unique culture and heritage and value it as a source of enduring pride.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLANS (CDP)

According to the FNDC website.

‘A Community Development Plan is developed by an agreed process between a community and the Far North District Council. The plan helps the Council and the community to discuss ways to manage change while protecting what is valued most. The Community Development Planning process enables a community to explore more about whom and what their community is, what its strengths and challenges are, and how community members can make a difference in their community. Community development planning is about providing opportunities to learn more about local issues, weigh up options to address them, and voice an opinion.

The Community Development Plan is not the Council’s plan – it is a living document and it belongs to the community. However, the Community Development Plan may be used by communities to make submissions to inform the Council’s strategic planning and allocation of resources, as well as those of other agencies. Ultimately, not all issues raised by the community can be resolved or owned by Council or other agencies, but they may remain as important issues for the community to continue to try to resolve with their own resources’

CURRENT STATE AND DESIRED OUTCOME

There are currently 7 CDPs listed on the FNDC website. Some communities have developed Master Plans with external organisations without council input, others are refreshing CDPs with support from FNDC teams. Given the historical significance of CDP’s as a tool for community empowerment, the Board seeks to utilise the information in them, and support communities to refresh them aligning to our values of **understanding, empowerment and taking responsibility**.

There are 3 key relationships crucial to the success of CDPs:

1. People within communities and what they do for themselves
2. Relationship with local authority (FNDC)
3. Community relationships with other entities, agencies, and groups, e.g. schools, police, etc.

We acknowledge not all communities have a CDP, however we value their voices and seek to capture them through engagement with our communities.

We acknowledge the Future for Local Government recommendation that: *“local government adopts greater use of deliberative and participatory democracy in local decision- making”* <https://www.futureforlocalgovernment.govt.nz/assets/Reports/Draft-report-final.pdf> pg 11 point 1 and commit to supporting and resourcing our communities towards deliberative and participatory democracy in local decision-making a vital element in achieving our vision of **Empowered, equitable and thriving futures for all communities**.

ASPIRATIONAL PROJECTS AND PRIORITIES FOR KAIKOHE- HOKIANGA WARD



“HEARE WHAKAMUA
MOVING TOWARDS A BETTER FUTURE’

Roading & Footpaths

CB Delegations

footpaths - cycleways - walkways

Desired outcome	Current Status	Actions	Priorities Issue - Needs - Concerns
<p>Safe, well maintained, future proofed roads</p> <p>Public access to roading and footpath matrix.</p>	<p>Potholes, unsafe roads, limited traffic calming, speed</p> <p>Rawene Ferry parking unsafe</p> <p>Taheke Flood zone currently cuts access for emergency services in high rain fall</p>	<p>Prioritise and resolve safety concerns first</p>	<p>Roading:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roadside vegetation kept short in fire season • Road signage – upgraded, cleaned, replaced across all district <p>Kaikohe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kaikohe Improved street lighting (Kaikohe Safer Together) • Okaihau traffic calming • Ohaeawai traffic calming <p>South Hokianga</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pakanae - Cemetery Rd damaged road onto bridge • Taheke One-way bridge: visibility • Support lower speed limit in Waima • Town Signs in Waima • Waimamaku - Taita one-way bridge: approach not suitable for trucks • Upgrade 'Hot mix bitumen' Clendon Espl Rawene • Hokianga Harbour Dr traffic calming • Rawene traffic calming • Rawene Ferry entry and exit – better traffic system • Rawene Ferry parking: improve safety • Rawene - Clendon Esplanade fix under road erosion • Flooding – Taheke, Omanaia

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bus stop near Koutu Loop rd, Whirinaki end <p>North Hokianga</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kohukohu traffic calming – before school and town • Panguru – Improved roadside maintenance (Prince Charles tree growth) Long Bridge to Church • Motuti bus turn around • Motuti road graded to marae • Kohukohu – street lighting aligns with community plan – dark sky / heritage • Improved LOS Grading North Hokianga back roads • Flooding - West Coast Road Kohukohu; Pawarenga; Waihou opposite Waimirirangi marae; Mangamuka
<p>Footpaths are safe, accessible, and maintained</p> <p>Extended footpaths for safer walking</p>	<p>Footpaths are not cleared, limited access for people with mobility issues (steep, narrow), unsafe areas</p>	<p>Share maintenance plans and footpath matrix to community</p>	<p>Footpaths:</p> <p>South Hokianga</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opononi - footpath opposite Baker Rd: ensure safety • Rawene - footpath from ferry to hospital: new/renew • Opononi - Fairlie Cr link with Hokianga Harbour Drive • Omapere - Pioneer walk - Pakia Hill footpath: safe accessible • Koutu footpath to Kura: new • Horeke - township to school and Mangungu • Rawene - Manning St - Marmon St W to Marriner St • Pakanae to Opononi <p>North Hokianga</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kohukohu - township to sports field and ferry • Panguru - clinic to shop
<p>Reduced DUST, dust control near Kohanga Reo</p>	<p>Dust impacting on health and safety</p>	<p>Seek policy change of Dust Matrix</p>	<p>Dust:</p> <p>South Hokianga</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Otua Te Kohanga Reo, village • Opononi - Kohohuia Road

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Waima Valley Road <p>North Hokianga</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> West Coast Road (from long bridge to past Catholic Church Waiho) Motukaraka Point Road to marae Kohukohu - Smiths Deviation Road to Pikiparia marae Pawarenga Road around the clinic
	Blocked drains, drainage insufficient, roads flooding		<p>Road Drainage:</p> <p>South Hokianga</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Omanaia Road - prevent flooding at both ends Pakanae - Cemetery Rd fix inadequate drainage Taheke - Ramsey Road (off Taheke Bridge) <p>North Hokianga</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pawarenga Road past the clinic area Kohukohu - vegetation in drains (flood risk)
Safe Cycling	Few places safe for cyclists		<p>Cycling:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SHW12 cycle safety signs Rawene to junction SH12: safe cycling lane, signage
Rawene roads and footpath vegetation maintained without toxic chemicals	Toxic spray use and/or high vegetation	Review Spray/ manual control options, report to KHCB, Hokianga Spray-Free	<p>Vegetation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rawene roads and footpath vegetation maintained without toxic chemicals

Water Supply

Desired outcome	Current status	Actions	Priorities Issue - Needs - Concerns
<p>Access to clean water for all Sustainable use of water</p> <p>Fire Hydrants fit for purpose</p>	<p>Some Households are without running water, as tanks, pumps, fittings are expensive to install</p> <p>Lack of drinking water in Emergencies</p> <p>Overuse of water in times of near drought</p> <p>Fire hydrants hidden, unusable - hard to find and use</p>	<p>Water tank subsidies</p> <p>Data on Smoothy Bore capacity made available</p> <p>Plan for emergency drinking water</p> <p>Education on water conservation</p> <p>Maintenance programme for hydrants</p>	<div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop district wide water tank subsidy scheme </div> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigate drinking water supports to repair and maintain lines in places such as Waima • Education and planning for drinking water supply in emergencies. • Fire Hydrants: locate, repair, keep well maintained

Wastewater

Desired outcome	Current status	Actions	Priorities Issue - Needs - Concerns
Zero human waste to water.	Four WWTP discharge to Hokianga Harbour Causes WWTP to malfunction. Pollutants contaminate harbour, kaimoana, takes litter and microplastics to sea.	Prioritise land-based systems Treat Hokianga Harbour as a whole catchment	Prioritise working with hapū-led working groups to find land-based solutions on culturally and environmentally appropriate whenua

Stormwater

Desired outcome	Current status	Actions	Priorities Issue - Needs - Concerns
Does not compromise wastewater systems or Harbour health.		Find solutions to prevent infiltration of sewage lines and harbour pollution Educate public around gutter traps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Find solutions to infiltration of sewage lines and harbour pollution. • Education for public around private gutter traps infiltrating wastewater systems. • ‘Drain bags’ to prevent litter from entering waterways

Solid Waste Management

Desired outcome	Current status	Actions	Priorities Issue - Needs - Concerns
<p>Para kore/ Zero waste. Excellent recycling accessible to all</p> <p>Non-essential plastics phased out.</p> <p>Local Social Enterprise for recycling</p> <p>Accessible E-waste return/ reuse</p>	<p>Many people burn toxic waste, litter, illegal dumping</p> <p>There is limited access to recycling facilities in Wekaweka/ Waimamaku area</p>	<p>Education programmes</p> <p>Establish easy access to recycling in all areas</p> <p>Support Social Enterprise for reuse of plastics</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Para Kore role based in Kaikohe-Hokianga. • Access to recycling in Waimamaku • Free accessible e-waste collection • Support for transport of non-recyclable waste to Refuse Ctrs. • 'Drain bags' on town stormwater drains

District Facilities

Civic & community buildings
Housing for the elderly
Recreation
Carparks

CB Delegations

Cemeteries – halls – public toilets – reserves – town beautification and maintenance (incl. town litter)

Desired outcome	Current status	Actions	Priorities Issue - Needs - Concerns
<p>Future-proof, safe, well cared for and maintained district facilities</p> <p>Accessible recreational activities for all ages, abilities</p> <p>Enough warm accessible housing for kaumatua and kuia, well maintained</p> <p>Natural Burial option available</p> <p>Spray-free public areas (Rawene)</p> <p>Civil Defence Welfare Hubs are well supported and</p>	<p>Lack of maintenance of district facilities</p> <p>Climate change not considered in planning.</p> <p>Run down pensioner flats</p> <p>No public toilet access in Waimamaku</p> <p>No natural burial area</p> <p>No playspace in Opononi, Waimamaku, Rawene</p> <p>Lack of recreational opportunities for Rangatahi</p>	<p>Increase Level of Service for mowing, maintenance of reserves and community buildings</p> <p>Make maintenance plans public</p> <p>Prioritise housing for the elderly and vulnerable</p> <p>Support natural burial grounds</p> <p>Support Community groups to establish recreational opportunities and safer towns</p>	<div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Install solar panels on all Council owned buildings with battery storage for emergencies at buildings used for welfare hubs </div> <div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invest more \$\$ money in town-scaping, beautification, and levels of Service: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kaikohe, Ohaeawai, Okaihau (kitchen/toilet upgrade) • Opononi, Rawene • Employ local contractors • More Elderly Housing available, well maintained. • Support for Social Housing and housing repair projects • Support natural burial ground development • Develop a set of priorities for KHCBC fund allocation • Promote Placemaking Fund, Community Grant fund and how to apply for it • Civil Defence Welfare hubs equipped with generators </div>

<p>included in FNDC emergency planning</p> <p>No litter</p>	<p>Unsafe towns due to crime & aggression</p> <p>Toxic spray use despite Town Plans</p>	<p>Use alternatives to toxic sprays (Rawene)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean signage for all signs in Far North • Motor Homes – facilities that ensure no environmental damage by users • Motor Homes – provision of safe stops to encourage tourism in our communities <p>Kaikohe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kaikohe – next to Cycleway entrance Taheke Road: Public toilet and landscaping / beautification Address flooding • Kaikohe pump track Lindvart Park (Ride for Life) • Upgrade Memorial Hall & outdoor stage • Support development of youth centre in Kaikohe • Support Ride for Life Kaikohe • Kaikohe – main street upgrade plant trees • Kaikohe Reid Park bollards – safe whanau space • Support Kaikohe CCTV • Support development of youth centre in Kaikohe • Support development of Kaikohe indoor pool facility • Support university education facility for Kaikohe • Walking tracks / dog park Kaikohe rugby area/old field • Kaikohe skate park ramp – tagging / solution / artwork <p>South Hokianga</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public toilet at Waimamaku
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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support Rawene Domain development: Including (but not limited to) Sailing Club, Mens Shed, bike pump track, Hokianga Community Gym, Horses for Kids <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rawene Domain pump track <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Install CCTV cameras for safety: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rawene, Opononi, Omapere town centres/shop area • Arai te Uru (Omapere) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve Level of Service for mowing, gutters, Freese Park, Lucy Baxter Reserve, Waiotemarama Cemetery, Waimamaku Reserve, Rawene Hall + Library • Spray free reserves and facilities in Rawene • Rawene playground • Support Otaua Sports Club development • Support Opononi Youth Hub Development. • Support Playspaces at Waimamaku, Opononi, Horeke • Support for development of Waima Community Hall • Support Taheke Community Centre improvements • FNDC managed rubbish bin at Whirinaki Junction • Another rubbish bin at Freese Park • Maintain and upgrade Freese Park playground • Address coastal erosion Pakanae Cemetery. • Alternative to toxic sprays in public spaces in Rawene
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			<p>North Hokianga</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kohukohu Hall refurbishment • Kohukohu – safe skate park • Broadwood swing bridge • Mangamuka – new toilets • Support Mangamuka Community Plan
<p>Customer Services</p>			
<p>Service centres / iSITES Libraries & Museums</p>			
Desired outcome	Current status	Actions	Priorities Issue - Needs - Concerns
			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All service centres and iSITES: - recycling as BAU, install solar panels • Kaikohe Library / hub project – kept local; completed. • Funding for sustainable Pioneer Village

Environmental Management

Animal control
 Environmental health
 Monitoring & Enforcement
 District Licensing Committee
 Resource consents, Building consents

Desired outcome	Current status	Actions	Priorities Issue - Needs - Concerns
<p>Strong public engagement means that Climate Change, social/cultural and environmental impacts are included prominently in planning, resource and building consents</p> <p>Education and enforcement keep dogs under control</p> <p>There are a range of housing projects that provide for the needs of Hokianga</p> <p>There is no drinking, smoking or vaping in public spaces</p> <p>Lake Omapere is clean</p>	<p>Climate Change, social, cultural, and environmental concerns are not sufficiently addressed in consents</p> <p>Boat trailers take up parking in Opononi</p> <p>Dogs roaming uncontrolled</p> <p>Hokianga housing crisis</p> <p>Alcohol and vapes are easily available and used in public spaces</p> <p>Building consents are expensive, lengthy and difficult to navigate</p>	<p>Engagement with the public to ensure climate change, social/cultural and environmental considerations are 'baked in' to planning and consents</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve public engagement to take into account climate change, social/cultural and environmental impacts re planning, resource and building consents. • Dog control; increased LOS in Rawene, Whirinaki, Opononi, Omapere and Kaikohe • Boat trailers required to park outside of area between 4-square and Big Basket, Opononi. • Ban vaping in public spaces. • Support/ implement pest control on Council land. • Reduce Council fees for small eco-home builds to incentivise low impact housing. • Create "pre-approved" plans to streamline processing of building consents. • Support all efforts to clean Lake Omapere to restore to the kai basket that it was.

Strategic Planning and Policy

Strategic planning
 Community development
 Māori engagement, relationships, and development
 Environmental policy

Desired outcome	Current status	Actions	Priorities Issue - Needs - Concerns
<p>FNDC has a high level of appropriate engagement and strong positive relationships with hapū, Iwi and community</p> <p>Strategic Planning, Community Development and Environmental policies are developed from local aspirations as well as relevant legislation and consider the best outcomes for future generations</p> <p>South Hokianga has a 'Leadership group' that advocates effectively with Council for community aspirations</p>	<p>Māori viewpoints, Climate Change, social, cultural and environmental concerns and aspirations are not sufficiently considered in Council planning and policy</p>	<p>Improve two-way engagement with Hapū, Iwi and community</p> <p>Make 'Mokopuna Decisions'</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fund facilitation of climate change resilience planning with marae, hapū, communities – workshops, planning, engagement. Starting with coastal areas which are already suffering effects: Pakanae, Koutu, Opononi, Omapere • Funding to support development plans / feasibility studies / business plans for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Opononi Youth Hub ○ Otaua Sports Club ○ Waimamaku Plan / playspace ○ Horeke plan / playspace ○ Taheke Community Centre upgrade ○ Waima Plan / hall • Resource and support conversations and decisions around hapū, marae and community resilience to impacts of Climate Change • FNDC Climate Change map actioned to support climate resilience and community initiatives • Act on Council transition to carbon neutrality by 2030. • Support marae, hapū and communities transition to carbon neutrality by 2050.

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transition Council fleet to a low emissions fleet • Provides sufficient funding to local and regional initiatives. • Correct Māori spelling for all signs in Far North • Support 'Be Kaitiaki: Buy Local' Campaign. • Council to meet with the community at their place, whether marae, school or hall and listen to what is said. • Public transport for shopping and hospital • Implement or support Town Plans / Community Development Plans where possible. • Funding for 'Community Connectors' role as one point of contact to assist community groups specific projects navigate Council processes from start to end • Support resourcing 'Welfare Hubs' for emergency response <p>Kaikohe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support Kaikohe Safer Together • Support building brand of Kaikohe <p>South Hokianga</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support development of a South Hokianga 'Leadership Group' from various marae, trusts, community groups. • Support Hokianga Community Campus management to enable education for all Hokianga • Install Electric car charger in Rawene
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Governance & Strategic Administration

Desired outcome	Current status	Actions	Priorities Issue - Needs - Concerns
Clear instructions for public on FNDC processes and how to engage	Council responsibilities and processes are unclear to the public		Develop clear guidelines for public around resolving issues and Council processes for LTP, District Plan.

***Key stakeholders for consideration across all or specific activities:**

FNDC, NTA, FNW, Entity A, FNDC contractors, Waka Kotahi, NRC, Residents and Ratepayers Associations, Localised specific interest groups and Business Associations, Marae, Takiwa, schools, Hapu, Iwi, Te Kahu o Taonui, Te Mauri o Te Wai Communities, CBEC, MfE, MBIE.

Kaikohe-Hokianga Community Board – key priorities

Develop a district wide water tank subsidy scheme

Install solar panels on all Council owned buildings with battery storage for emergencies at buildings used for welfare hubs

Invest more \$ money in town-scaping, beautification, and levels of Service in Kaikohe, Ohaeawai, Okaihau (kitchen/toilet upgrade) Opononi, Rawene

Public toilet and landscaping / beautification next to Cycleway entrance Taheke Road Kaikohe and address flooding.

Kaikohe pump track Lindvart Park (Ride for Life)

Public toilet at Waimamaku

Support Rawene Domain development: Including (but not limited to) Sailing Club, Mens Shed, bike pump track, Hokianga Community Gym, Horses for Kids

Rawene Domain pump track

Install CCTV cameras for safety at Rawene, Opononi, Omapere town centres/shop area and Arai te Uru (Omapere)

Fund facilitation of climate change resilience planning with marae, hapū, communities – workshops, planning, engagement. Starting with coastal areas which are already suffering effects: Pakanae, Koutu, Opononi, Omapere

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Terry
Last name	Goodall
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
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Comment	
Other feedback	<p>Thank you for this opportunity to comment specifically on the proposed projects for Bay of Islands - Whangaroa Ward.</p> <p>In general, I support MOST of the items listed on the agenda. MOST of them seem to be clearly necessary for infrastructure upgrading, and this has social, environmental, cultural, and long term economic implications for Far North ratepayers and FNDC.</p> <p>But I strongly object to the proposed Boat Ramp Parking reclamation development in the heart of Rangitane - a quiet residential community which for years has welcomed all comers who respect the peace & quiet, the environmental treasures and the diverse cultural and socio-economic variation found here. To be blunt, this proposed Boat Ramp Parking DOES NOT RESPECT ANY OF THOSE THINGS!</p> <p>The many attempts to counter the push by Far North Holdings, citing dis-information, bullying, environmental, social and cultural reasons - have in every case been ignored. Eg the RED MAP (put forward by Rangitane Recreation Association) lists my address (and others) as in support of the project when we were either not approached, or rejected the proposal. Repeated requests to correct these lies have likewise been ignored.</p> <p>Two independent surveys of the entire community have each shown approx 72% against the proposal.</p> <p>But let's look at the figures! \$1,561,558 - to serve a small number of mainly out-of-towners over a few key holiday periods. Even at FULL capacity, each of the proposed parking spaces would cost over \$82,000.</p> <p>(NB Over Easter, there were only 2 or 3 boats and trailers parked there on each of 4 beautiful sunny days).</p> <p>To the immense (and no doubt increasing) costs of building this proposal, there will be added roading issues caused by trucking in large volumes of fill for reclamation (definitely not environmentally friendly). As well, ongoing road maintenance will be necessary to accommodate large double axle trailers and their towing vehicles. The state of our quiet country cul-de-sac and looped road is already causing concern, with slumping and potential for slips. Do our Councillors honestly think FNDC can afford to take on the extra costs associated with this upkeep, when they have so many other FAR MORE PRESSING issues to fund?</p> <p>The Local Government Act states that Local Body Councils must consider Social, Cultural, Environmental and Economic costs. This proposal does not adequately consider ANY of these.</p>

Social: Our community has been repeatedly ignored, and at times ridiculed for opposing this ill-conceived plan.

Cultural: Local Iwi, especially those most likely to have their whenua affected, do not support the plan.

Environmental: We are in a kiwi zone, with ongoing active pest control, nature protection and regeneration. What we DON'T need is more large towing vehicles pulling leisure fishing boats, travelling at dawn and dusk just when kiwi are most active. There are many more environmental factors, already submitted by specialist scientists. Their expert opinions have also been over-ridden.

Economic: The ONLY potential fiscal advantage of this parking reclamation is likely to benefit a very few Real Estate companies and holiday bach owners who can trumpet the 'desirability' of living close to a launching site. For the rest of us residents in Rangitane, and throughout the Far North, there will be further rates rises to cope with the upkeep of what is in effect just a vanity project that is neither needed nor wanted.

This inappropriate project should be cancelled, with the funding re-allocated to more needy and cost effective ventures.

Although I have already sent in my submission for the FNDC's LTP by using the online format provided, I do appreciate the opportunity to make a further contribution on one specific area of local detail.

As a resident of Rangitane, I am astounded to note that the "Marine Development" described as "boat ramp parking" for Bay of Islands - Whangaroa projects is still being listed. My continued objection to this inclusion has two main points.

First, the original proposition for this inappropriate proposal was based on proven false information, eg the inclusion and acceptance of the very misleading and inaccurate "red map" compiled by one of the main proponents. This had reinforced the mistaken notion that there was some widespread support by the local residential community for this scheme. This is not so, proven by the last objective, independent survey of local opinion which recorded over three quarters in opposition, together with objections of around 68% at an early public meeting.

In considering appropriate allocation of precious ratepayer and taxpayer funding, FNDC should note the continuing high level of concern and opposition by local residents, as well as the official rejection of the original proposal on environmental grounds.

[NB Those exact details are contained in the original 2022 submission from the long established Rangitane Residents Association. The recently formed single purpose entity calling themselves the Rangitane Recreation Association should NOT be confused with the Residents group, despite confusingly copying the exact constitution - as well as the initials.]

My second motive for objection is based on consideration of whether the amount of \$1,561,558 is an appropriate use of scarce ratepayer funds, or not. As this allocation was made over two years ago, it is now certain that the actual costs to FNDC would already be substantially exceeded, noting recent inflation and cost escalations, for which our council would be solely liable.

The same factor - FNDC liability, would also apply to all cost over-runs inevitably set to exceed the original Provincial Development Fund allocation of approx \$2.5 million. There will also be significant additional costs of roading repairs and restoration after inevitable damage during the construction phase. Then the further costs of ongoing road maintenance over an indefinite period would also fall on our ratepayers.

All for what purpose? The creation of an estimated 16-19 parking spaces for boat trailers and their towing vehicles seems a frivolous ambition, which compares poorly with the rest of the Bay of Islands-Whangaroa listing of essential remedial

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	<p>and development projects, which will support vital elements of our strained and crumbling infrastructure.</p> <p>Though the improvement of facilities for boating activities in the Bay may be seen as important, there are already better options to achieve this in a much more cost effective manner, such as merely reinstating the existing Rangitane jetty. Better still, any project to extend launching opportunities should be based on a more suitable location, with safer placement regarding access and shelter from wind and currents.</p> <p>The continued inclusion of this ill-considered “Marine Development” project would result in an inappropriate, unpopular and wasteful allocation of FNDC funds, which could be far more effectively (and gratefully) used elsewhere in our financially strained district.</p> <p>Please withdraw this funding, and reallocate it to a more cost effective and appropriate purpose.</p>
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Submissions with comments

First Name	Alison Simon
Last name	Burnett Hayward
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
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Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	
Comment	
Other feedback	<p>We are in the Bay of Islands - Whangaroa (East) Ward.</p> <p>I do not wish to present my submission verbally.</p> <p>Having read the terms of this public submission I very strongly oppose the funding of a reclamation at Rangitane.</p> <p>Given the current budget situation of the country and the Far North District Council itself needing to raise rates by 16% to meet existing funding commitments, I find it incomprehensible that the FNDC would even consider spending more than \$1.5m on a reclamation project in Rangitane to allow the parking of 20 boat trailers. To spend this amount, in addition to the \$2.45 million already allocated by the regional growth fund would amount to an average of \$200,000 per parking spot -- assuming 20 spots are in fact built. In addition to spending so much up front to build these parking spaces, there would be ongoing maintenance costs for the facility and the surrounding roads which will impact future budgets for years to come, these ongoing costs are not mentioned in the proposal.</p> <p>Some people say the \$2.45 million from the national government is "free" money, obviously there is no such thing. The National Government is currently spending at a deficit level and has to cut spending in other areas. They will have to borrow this money. On top of the "free" \$2.45 million an additional \$1.5 million of FNDC funds needs to be found. This makes no sense, there are so many areas of roading in the Far North that need improvement, such as fixing potholes, increasing the capacity of one lane bridges, etc, and these measures will benefit the whole community, not just a select few for a very short period of time each year. Until these more pressing issues are addressed, the proposed reclamation at Rangitane should be the lowest priority for government spending.</p> <p>Admittedly at peak holiday times there is a shortage of boat launching spaces in the Bay of Islands, but so far we do all manage. Some of this lack of parking could be addressed by improving the car park markings and signage for the spaces at the Optio Bay boat launch area where cars are always parked in spaces that should be used for boat trailers. The boat ramp at Rangitane could also be improved without reclaiming land to creating a car park by allowing cars and trailers to park in the Rangitane reserve area near the boat ramp. Peak holiday season is generally a drought time, so the ground and grass would be minimally impacted. It must also be recognised that for 10 months of the year, there is no shortage of spaces for trailer boats to launch and park, so for that period these additional spaces would basically sit empty as most people would rather launch from the Kerikeri Marina or Opito Bay area as it is closer to the rest of the bay.</p> <p>This boat ramp has been opposed by a number of different groups including neighbours who would be impacted by the increased traffic levels on roads not built for such activities and environmental groups opposed to filling in the bay for 20 parking spaces. These are valid concerns that should be respected.</p>

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	<p>In a time of fiscal austerity, when the government needs to borrow money to meet its existing commitments, cut funding for resources like public libraries in the Far North, and raise rates on homeowners by 16% this is not a good use of taxpayer funds. Please, decline the funding for this project.</p>
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Submissions with comments

First Name	Leigh
Last name	Hatch
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Other feedback	I am writing this email in support of the much needed jetty and boat ramp that is sorely needed at Rangitane. Places for recreation and to launch boats is sorely needed. Thank you for your support!
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Other feedback	See attachment This submission is related to 'Rangitane – Boat ramp parking – 1,561,558' in the schedule on page 18 of the Long Term Plan 2024-27 consultation document. It is inextricably linked to the agreed Provincial Growth Fund grant for the project of \$2.5million
Ward	
Receipt number	Inbox55
Other attachments	



(Contact details omitted)

Submission to the Far North District Council Long Term Plan 2024-27

This submission is related to ‘Rangitane – Boat ramp parking – 1,561,558’ in the schedule on page 18 of the *Long Term Plan 2024-27* consultation document.

It is inextricably linked to the agreed Provincial Growth Fund grant for the project of \$2.5million

Submission

- 1 That the item ‘Rangitane – Boat ramp parking – 1,561,558’ be deleted from the Long Term Plan 2024-27.
- 2 That budget exposure from elements relating to cost overruns, ongoing maintenance and depreciation over time for the Rangitane maritime development be fully assessed by the elected members of Council.
- 3 That elected members of Council demand fully documented evidence of such estimated cost overruns, ongoing maintenance and depreciation over time related to the Rangitane maritime development even if that information must be considered in public exclusion.
- 4 That as Council will be responsible for granting consent if fast tracking of the Rangitane maritime development is approved, an independently managed social impact assessment is commissioned.

Preamble

The purpose of this lengthy submission is not only to recommend that the \$1.56 million for Rangitane boat ramp parking be deleted from the *Long Term Plan 2024-27* but to put into perspective, and on record, a wide number of issues that have either been ignored or distorted in the development of the Rangitane maritime proposal.

Copies of the submission will be sent directly to elected members of Council who need to be aware of this full submission and not a summary of it.

Project scope

A brief description of the project in the final application for fast tracking states:

“The project is to construct a new public boat ramp facility via the reclamation of approximately 7,400 square metres of land within the CMA. The new facility will upgrade existing access and capacity at the site for (primarily) recreational users and will comprise a double width boat ramp, central floating pontoon, sealed parking area, dinghy storage area, public walkway, picnic facilities and landscaping. The Project site is located adjacent to the Rangitane Loop Road, Kerikeri, and within the Rangitane Loop Road legal road reserve. The Project involves

activities such as vegetation clearance, including the removal of mangroves in the CMA, earthworks on land, drainage and reclamation of parts of the foreshore seabed, excavation/dredging of the foreshore and seabed, deposition of fill on the foreshore and seabed, construction of structures in the CMA, discharge of stormwater to the CMA, construction of parking, walkway and picnic facilities, and landscaping, and associated works.”

The September 2021 GETS tender document (RFx ID_24876987) for the Rangitane Maritime Development-Carpark & Boat Ramp invited registration of interest to submit a proposal to be considered as a supplier to Far North Holdings Limited for construction of the Rangitane maritime development which involved parking reclamation and boat ramp.

The carpark and boat ramp had been designed to be constructed using land-based equipment i.e. works could be carried out without use of a barge. Construction was anticipated to take 9-12 months to complete.

Resource consent for the works had been applied for under the *Covid 19 Recovery (Fast Track Consenting) Act 2020* and was initially declined but is in current stages of re-application.

The scope of works related to this project includes:

- Construction of a 7,400m² sealed parking area, formed through reclamation of seabed in the coastal marine area.
- Excavation of a shear key under the edge of reclamation batters.
- Stabilisation of suitable dredged material for use in the reclamation.
- Disposal of unsuitable dredging spoil to contractor’s approved land-based disposal site.
- Import and compact approximately 21,000m³ of clean fill to form the reclamation base.
- Supply and place 2,250m³ of rock armouring around the reclamation.
- Construction of a new 40m long x 10m wide boat ramp with a cast in situ pour above MHWS and precast panels below MHWS.
- Installation of launching pontoons along the centre of the boat ramp including PE sleeved steel piles.
- Construction of a pedestrian footpath around the seaward edge of the carpark.
- Stormwater drainage works.

It can be seen that this infrastructure project is not small. It is the size greater than seven contiguous quarter-acre sections and is immediately adjacent to the tightly-knit residential community of Rangitane.

Infrastructure cost escalation

Infrastructure costs have risen significantly since September 2021.

Findings from a very recent Local Government New Zealand commissioned report by Brad Olsen of Infometrics record that over the past three years bridges are 38% more expensive to build, sewage systems are 30% more expensive and roads and water supply systems are 27% more expensive. All future Far North projects will be caught into this inflationary trend including the Rangitane maritime development.

It can be assumed then that expenditure for the Rangitane maritime development will be significantly more expensive than originally budgeted for and that the extra cost will fall to FNDC ratepayers.

The Provincial Growth Fund (PGF) infrastructure reference group funding agreement for Far North wharves, which includes the Rangitane proposal, states quite emphatically that the parties involved must acknowledge that the nominated funding is the maximum amount payable for the project. and that the recipient will be liable for all cost overruns related to project delivery.

The agreement emphasises that the PGF will not be liable for any cost overruns and warns that there is a likelihood that project costs will exceed the agreement maximum.

With high inflationary pressures since the Rangitane funding agreement was concluded, hundreds of thousands of ratepayer dollars could be required for cost overruns for infrastructure alone if the project proceeds.

No account is given for ongoing management, maintenance or depreciation over a lengthy post-construction time-frame all of which will be a cost to ratepayers.

Responses to an LGOIMA request for information on project costs

On March 21, 2024, the following information was requested via the *Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act*. A response was received dated April 26, 2024.

Responses are interpolated in brackets followed by my additional comment.

A - With initial costings as a starting reference please supply detailed totals that estimate the increased costs to date of:

- 1. The 6,000 square metre reclamation for trailer and car parking;**
- 2. Modifications and extension of the boat launching ramp**

[Council - 'Council has decided, that currently, we are unable to disclose the detailed financial information sought given its commercial sensitivity. Council relies on the following withholding protections of the LGOIMA.

The decision to withhold information under section 7 of the LGOIMA is subject to a 'public interest test'. In addressing this point, Council believes that in the circumstances, there is no public interest in releasing this information that would outweigh the need to withhold it.

'However, we can advise that in assessing the project in light of the reapplication projected costs have been reviewed with suppliers and these are in line with the original costings with some minor adjustments for CPI, and are within the funding parameters. This relates to all the works that are proposed in the applications']

RF Comment – It was not commercially sensitive information being sought and surely disclosure is in the public interest when cost overruns and ongoing costs on infrastructure projects are an exposure to ratepayers. Minor adjustments on original costings for CPI are ludicrously low given the Infometrics report to Local Government NZ.

Since Q4 2021 when tenders closed and Q4 2023 when the claim was relodged with EPA general CPI rose by 12%.

Elected members should urgently demand to see FNHL's adjusted figures in comparison with Infometrics projections for infrastructure.

3. Replacement of the derelict jetty and pontoon

[Council - 'The funding agreement with the Government includes a sum intended to replace the jetty but only if the consents are transferred to public ownership. The Rangitane Residents Association has, to date, refused this offer.']

RF Comment – This is true but given the fraught development of the proposal over time the Residents Association's reluctance to transfer consent to public ownership is undoubtedly precautionary.

4. Peripheral landscaping, road modifications and facilities in the vicinity of the project site including the Rangitane Reserve

[Council - With respect to landscaping, we advise that planting, surface features, lighting, interpretation and any cultural features are funded and will be subject to detailed design discussions with local hapū who express an interest. In relation to road modifications and footpaths, we note that these are detailed in the application to the EPA. You may wish to refer to the proposed draft conditions in the current applications. These conditions are, in part, based on feedback received from the community during the course of developing the proposals.]

RF Comment – Most of this is also true but design discussions with local hapu on cultural features should not stop there. The conditions, in part, based on feedback from the community have often been distorted by the FNHL agent who was tasked with community consultation.

5. Lighting installation to cater for dawn and dusk launching and retrieval of boats

RF Comment – Council has stated that lighting is funded but like all elements of the development will be affected by inflationary pressures.

6. Ongoing site management, maintenance and depreciation over an extended time frame (say 15 years)

[Council - The ongoing site management is covered in operational funding through Council's agreements with its maritime contractors, and depreciation is funded following valuations on completion.]

RF Comment – This bland statement does not give ratepayers any monetary information on the long-term costs of servicing the proposed development. If those projections have not been undertaken that is pure negligence by FNHL and FNDC management.

B - Estimations of additional costs for:

1. Provision of 1.2km of off-road footpaths to assure the safety, particularly of children and the elderly, who frequently walk the loop road

[The provision of a 1.2km footpath around the Loop is not part of the proposed application]

RF Comment – The only inference from this omission is that the FNDC/FNHL proposal is solely focussed on the provision of facilities for an elite cohort of large boat owners at the expense of serious safety consequences that will undoubtedly result if the proposal proceeds to completion as currently detailed.

It is notable that neither the previous nor current applications for fast-tracking include an independent assessment of the social impacts the proposed Rangitane development might have on the wider Rangitane community.

This is highly significant, particularly with the advent of higher traffic densities and the absence of universally navigable footpaths over the 1.2km distance around the Rangitane Loop Road from the inside end of the existing footpath opposite the junction with Kurapari Road.

2. Commissioning an independently researched social impact assessment to qualify the current application for fast tracking the proposed development

[Council - It is suggested that with respect to a social assessment of the project, you may wish to consider the application documents (where these issues are discussed in some detail) and the Government Coastal Policy Statements that specifically identify access to the coast and water as important measures of community wellbeing. As you will be aware, the Kerikeri community has limited access opportunities, and as this community is growing rapidly - this public investment in coastal access can be seen as an important addition to community wellbeing.]

RF Comment – Council’s legal services officer, Erica Cooney, fails to recognise that community wellbeing in the case of the proposed Rangitane maritime development has important subtractions to the community wellbeing of the compact and immediately adjacent Rangitane settlement.

Access to coast and water can be achieved in greenfield areas. Rangitane has been chosen as a least cost option.

The social impact of the development on the Rangitane community is not discussed in detail in the consultation summary prepared by FNHL’s agent Alastair wells and re-submitted with the re-application in November, 2023.

His report does identify issues that might impact the Rangitane community from the proposed development.

They include, road safety, footpaths, lighting (including street lights and light pollution), use of the adjacent reserve for overflow parking, construction traffic, traffic volumes and parking, noise, threat to kiwi, speed limits, a public toilet facility and additional rubbish collection. They are, however, not analysed in detail.

The report is more a diary of events and not a serious social impact assessment.

Including the Recreation Association’s infamous red map is simply misinformed advocacy.

A social impact assessment reviews the social effects of infrastructure projects and other development interventions and its main goal is to deliver positive social outcomes and eliminate any possible negative or long-term effects and as much weight should be given to social impacts as to that for environmental and cultural impacts.

There is no apparent dedicated, deeply and independently researched social assessment accompanying the current application for fast tracking the Rangitane maritime development.

As the proposed Rangitane maritime development is immediately adjacent to an established mixed-age residential community with narrow carriage ways and absence of footpaths around the loop road there is an urgency for FNDC governance and management to firmly take control of the consent process on behalf of ratepayers.

Far North Holdings Limited's initial document prepared for fast tracking deeply flawed

The initial draft application by FNHL's general manager was deeply flawed in many respects and those flaws were made known to internal Government processes several times but ignored.

The following is the text of an email letter of March 23, 2021, to The Manager, Provincial Development Unit, Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment, 15 Stout Street, Wellington 6011.

PGF doc. references are to FNHL's original draft.

"Dear Manager,

Rangitane residents' personal objections to the flawed application for a Provincial Growth Fund grant by Far North Holdings Limited.

1.0 Declaration of Interest

1.1 The signatories to this email are long-term residents in Rangitane with one of us having settled here in 1976. We are critical of the application for a Provincial Growth Fund (PGF) grant by Far North Holdings Limited (FNHL), about the development of what we regard as out-of-scale marine facilities in our close neighbourhood. We wish to add to any commentary you might have received from others either supporting or concerned about the Rangitane proposal. We are subscribing members of the Rangitane Residents Association but are not currently officers of the association's governing body.

1.2 A Rangitane residents association has been operating in the local community for nearly forty years and in 2005 residents at that time resolved to formally register the society as the Rangitane Residents Association Incorporated.

1.3 The main object of the society is to facilitate a friendly and co-operative community spirit among residents of the Rangitane community, to ensure, among other things, that facilities such the Rangitane reserve, tennis court, marquee and storage shed, fire pump, boat ramp, jetty, associated facilities, walkways and other open spaces are recognised as making a significant contribution to the community's quality of life and allowing recreation for residents and visitors.

1.4 The association also arranges social events to match anniversaries such as Guy Fawkes night, Halloween and New Year.

1.5 Rangitane facilities have been developed and maintained over many years with a huge input of residents' time and money including the boat ramp which was built over 40 years ago and widened and extended many years later.

1.6 In 1990 the association, with the help of the Northland Harbour Board, built a jetty and pontoon at Rangitane. The association owns the jetty which now needs replacing

2.0 Introduction

2.1 We support the Rangitane Residents Association Incorporated in asking that this application be subjected to an urgent reassessment based on the factors listed and described below.

2.2 At a Rangitane community meeting in March, 2020, last year, attended by the general manager of Far North Holdings Limited (FNHL), 72 percent of the 108 residents polled rejected a proposal by the Far North District Council (FNDC) and its council-controlled organisation, FNHL, to develop a large marine facility closely adjacent to the Rangitane residential community.

2.3 The proposal is to construct an extensive reclamation into the Kerikeri Inlet, with space for up to 20 trailer and 12 car parks, a double-width boat ramp, with a new jetty and pontoon to replace the existing community owned jetty which is slowly deteriorating after 30 years use.

2.4 The proposal is subject to an application by FNHL to the Provincial Growth Fund (PGF) for financial assistance. It is our opinion that the proposed budget (approximately \$3.7 million) represents very poor value for taxpayers' money.

2.5 Although this proposed facility has been described as primarily for recreational maritime use, the application states that it will create potential benefits within the region through transport links and the potential for tourism. It is also stated in the application that the proposed facilities could increase small-scale commercial fishing activity in the area. (See PGF doc, Pg. 4, Pt. 17)

2.6 Prior to disclosure of the application document, subsequent to a request under *The Official Information Act 1982 (OIA)*, NO purpose for the proposal had ever been stated for anything other than recreation.

3.0 Purpose of the Provincial Growth Fund

3.1 The PGF aims to lift productivity potential in the provinces with priorities to enhance economic development opportunities, create sustainable jobs, enable Māori to reach their full potential, boost social inclusion and participation, build resilient communities and help meet New Zealand's climate change targets. (See PGF doc. Pg. 1)

3.2 From our perspective this maritime proposal clearly fails on most of these criteria. Any provincial-wide productivity lifting, economic development and climate change mitigation will be so minor that they can be assessed as negligible.

3.3 Although one local Iwi currently expresses support for the proposal, there are others which do not. This contradicts recent statements made on the weekly TV programme *Te Karere*.

3.4 As for boosting “social inclusion and participation” it can be strongly asserted that the proposal has only created division within Rangitane community. Moves by both FNDC and FNHL to include the wider residential community in meaningful consultation have been very limited.

4.0 Highly debateable issues

4.1 In the application there are a number of justification statements that are highly questionable. (See PGF doc, Pgs 3-5, Pts 16-18)

4.2 Firstly, the fact that nearby boat launching facilities at Opito Bay and Doves Bay are frequently over-capacity with boat launching and trailer parking problems making those

facilities difficult to use is not a reason to inflict the same problems on to another residential community. New "greenfield" options do not appear to have been adequately assessed.

4.3 In his November 2019, report, Proposed Rangitane Maritime Facilities Development Connecting communities with our coastal marine areas FNDC maritime facilities, the FNHL general manager revealed that it was "least cost" options that were being considered. NB - this report has never been shared with the local community.

4.4 He reported that the initial feedback was to focus on maritime facilities and at a later date bring in the wider relationships of roading, footpaths, overflow parking, toilets, landscaping and other related amenities. It seems the wider social consequences of a significant maritime development are secondary considerations only to the wishes (or demands) of owners of large trailered boats.

4.5 In terms of development, one of the advocated reasons to proceed is the reserve land area in close proximity which could be used for peak-use parking i.e. the Rangitane recreation reserve. This is used for a wide range of recreational activities that have largely been provided for and maintained by Rangitane residents over several decades and which they have willingly shared with the wider Bay of Islands community. Any suggestions of "NIMBY-ism" are denied!

4.6 In October 2020, at a meeting with both the FNDC mayor and FNHL general manager, file notes record that there is anticipation of significantly increased traffic expected to access the proposed marine facility and, as the general manager is recording as saying, extra parking "will be available on the Rangitane Reserve". He is reported as saying that over time there will be additional pressure on this area for more parking, with roped off areas being used as at Tutukaka.

4.7 There is evidence in a release, obtained only through the *Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA)*, that both the FNDC mayor and chief executive are closely monitoring this proposed development at Rangitane, and that FNDC in-house staff considerations of both the reclamation proposal and a draft Rangitane community development plan must be referred to them. It is clear that a gate-keeping exercise operates in both governance and management levels of council. There is also evidence of instructions to FNDC staff to refrain from responding to local requests and initiatives.

4.8 An FNDC internal email obtained under the *LGOIMA* states that the project is not shovel ready.

5.0 Consultation Problems

5.1 FNHL resolved to work almost exclusively with a special interest group on developing the proposal since early 2019 when an ad hoc "working group" was formed for the purpose of having concept drawings drafted.

5.2 Covert plans for the proposal were developed to an advanced stage without open consultation with local residents especially through the long-standing Rangitane Residents Association Incorporated. This has recorded several legitimate reasons why the development is out-of-scale relative to community size and inappropriate for several other reasons.

5.3 No well-researched feasibility study, or sound business case have ever been put forward for public consideration. There is also NO evidence of an environmental impact statement.

5.4 It has been reported that those in support of the proposal had provided a signed petition of support with over 800 signatures. However, petitioners did not reveal that many of those signatures had been solicited from well outside the Rangitane residential community including

at boat launching sites elsewhere in the Bay of Islands. This tally of signatures was compiled on false grounds and included the names of individuals from outside of New Zealand.

5.5 The composition of the former covert working group is not known but it is recorded that after developing the Rangitane proposal for the most part of 2019 it was then instrumental in establishing the Rangitane Recreation Association Incorporated.

5.6 Although, as the application claims, FNHL has been approached by local residents to improve the ramp and by extension the parking situation, in actual fact, this has not been a community wide approach but by a relatively small special interest group who have trolled far beyond the Rangitane residential community for support. (See PGF doc. Pg. 4, Pt. 18)

5.7 Consultation with the elected committee of the long-standing Rangitane Residents Association Incorporated has been extremely limited throughout.

5.8 In its application, for FNHL to declare that Iwi have been involved since the project's inception and are supportive of the project and that the working group and new association have undertaken consultation with local residents is blatantly untrue.

5.9 Only one Iwi, namely Ngati Rehia, has been directly involved in ongoing development of the proposal and has publicly supported it. However, there is no basis for the bold statement that local Iwi and Hapu are in support of the concept plan. Ngati Mau, Ngati Rangi, and the Tango Hapu (who own the adjacent Wainiu Motu) have not been consulted, and are known to be opposed.

5.10 Consultations with the most affected Rangitane residential community have virtually been non-existent. (See PGF doc. Pg. 4). For the FNHL applicant to claim that there has been ongoing public consultation with Rangitane residents (i.e. the wider residential community) is a completely false. (See PGF doc. Pg. 6, Pt. 20)

5.11 FNHL have stated meeting with some local residents at least once a month to discuss the project and update the council and community board. However, that has been with a small and selective cohort of residents who are strongly pushing for the project, with an agenda seemingly more focussed on commercial considerations than community wellbeing.

5.12 Stating that there is overwhelming support for the project is another blatant falsehood. The local group which has created a website and Facebook page to get the community involved and contributing ideas toward the project represents the narrow interests of the Recreation Association only. Their initiatives were the outcome of secretive development of the project over most of 2019, specifically focussed on getting approval for this grandiose proposal.

5.13 For the application to claim that there is some local opposition due to the increase in use and traffic associated with the proposed new facilities is grossly minimising both the widely recognised negative impacts on the residential community, and the objections of a very significant majority of residents.

6.0 Conflicts of interest

6.1 In the application, FNHL has answered "No" to the key question - "Are there any actual, potential or perceived conflicts of interest that the applicant or any of the key personnel have in relation to this project?" (See PGF doc. Pg. 12, Pt. 44). Yet from the very start there appears to be significant commercial involvement with local Real Property personnel in facilitating registration of the Rangitane Recreation Association as an incorporated society.

6.2 Several of the signatories to the application for registration as a society were Real related including a witness to a signatory who is not only the partner of the FNHL general manager but also an employee of Real Property.

6.3 The February 2020 issue of the Real advertising included one whole page of an invitation to join the newly created incorporated society. Letterbox distributed newsletters from the Recreation group are obviously printed by Real Property.

6.4 What is clearly obvious by reference to the register of incorporated societies is that the Recreation group, apart from few alterations to suit their objectives, replicated the rules of the Residents Association which indicates a deliberate move to split the Rangitane community in a way that has worked against the majority wishes of the local residential community.

7.0 Questionable justifications

7.1 The application (See PGF doc. Pg. 3, Pt. 16) states that the road to the nearby Opito Bay boat ramp is narrow, that kiwi are killed in traffic incidents on this section of road and that directing more traffic to Rangitane instead will reduce these impacts. This is an unfortunate and ridiculous claim.

7.2 For FNHL, the major purpose of the Rangitane proposal is to cater for district-wide increase in demand for launching facilities especially for larger boats and associated trailer parking. This will inevitably involve significantly increased traffic from Kapiro Road to Rangitane the whole distance of which includes areas where kiwi are vulnerable, especially in early morning and late evening when fishers often travel.

7.3 With development of the Rangitane proposal there is no one-to-one trade-off on risks to kiwi between Opito Bay and Rangitane especially with the FNHL general manager anticipating significantly increased traffic trying to access the proposed 'premium' marine facility.

7.4 The questions in the application asking how the project will lift productivity potential in the (Northland) region has a series of specious answers by FNHL simply for the purpose of enhancing a positive outcome. (See PGF doc. Pg. 5, Pt. 18)

7.5 There have never been commercial fishing fleets anywhere near the Rangitane area of the Kerikeri Inlet and neither have there been any tourism ventures using close-by marine facilities. The only use of the existing facilities has, in the past, been occasional unloading from a nearby oyster farm and that was regulated by time-of-day state of the tide. Some incidents of damage by the oyster barge have been witnessed and despite promises to "make good", no repairs were made!

7.6 Claiming potential for employment in fishing and tourism sectors is wishful thinking and if, by remote chance, those activities did eventuate the frequency of launch, bus and shuttle traffic in the small and well contained Rangitane residential area would be highly impactful.

7.7 Potential for increased employment and training during the construction phase will be minimal, if any, as the project would involve highly specialised skills provided by existing services.

7.8 Stating that the new structures will be built to take into account sea level rise as a result of climate change is pushing the outside limits of advocacy. On current projections over the expected life of any new structures at the Rangitane site any sea level rise would be measured in centimetres only. Note also that the proposed jetty siting has significant exposure to wind, waves and weather, as does the present failing structure. This project will not slow down

climate change but instead encourage fossil fuelled recreation and transport. The transport sector contributes 19% of NZ total greenhouse gas emissions.

7.9 The claim in this part of the FNHL application that a completed project will improved community wellbeing and that the new facilities would provide a community hub is the most outrageous statement in the application and ignores the many consequent negative effects. Our community hub has always been based on the facilities of the recreation reserve.

8.0 Delivery issues

8.1 In response to questions on risks associated with delivery of the project (See PGF doc, Pg. 11, Pt.34) FNHL has the following concerns. These are standard conditions:

- A resource consent not being granted;
- the development triggering requirement to upgrade local roading infrastructure requiring additional FNDC funding for safety improvements;
- unavailability of contractors to complete work within the prescribed time frame; and
- weather delays and other time delays requiring time and budget contingencies.

9.0 Estimates of cost

9.1 Currently budgeted cost estimates have been redacted from the copy application released under the OIA and a footnote to the detailed costings schedule states that cost estimates of traffic and landscape impact reports, planners reports, traffic control (if required), attending resource consent application meetings or hearings, building consent application and any council fees have been specifically excluded.

10.0 A major false declaration

10.1 With the application (See PGF doc, Pg. 13) FNHL is required to complete eight details about its application. FNHL has positively checked them all yet the second item in the sequence, "The statements in the application are true and the information provided is complete and correct, and there have been no misleading statements or omissions of any relevant facts nor any misrepresentations made", is clearly not true.

10.2 In the second-to-last item FNHL positively checked that it understood that the falsification of information, supplying misleading information, or the suppression of material information in the application, may result in the application being eliminated from the assessment process and may be grounds for termination of any contract awarded as a result of this application process.

11.0 Conclusion

11.1 It is our view of that in the light of the many misrepresentations described above, the application from Far North Holdings Limited for a PGF contribution to the Rangitane maritime project should be fully reassessed by the Provincial Growth Unit."

END OF LETTER TEXT

Summary

The Far North District Council's published vision, mission and values statement includes aspirations of creating district well-being, supporting people through unity of purpose, working together with respect and fairness, and connecting and sharing with community and that strategic priorities include affordable core infrastructure, addressing affordability and empowering communities.

These laudable objectives have not been taken seriously with respect to the Rangitane maritime development.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ross Forbes". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'R'.

Ross Forbes

(Contact details omitted)

Long Term Plan 2024-27

Submissions with comments

First Name	Bruce and Sherril
Last name	McNabb
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	
Comment	
Other feedback	See attachment Attached is our submission, as a Cycle Trail business operator, for the Council's LTP. Our operation is Mulga bill's Stopover located near Ngapuhi Road. We would like to make an oral submission when the submissions are considered by the Council.
Ward	
	Kaikohe-Hokianga (West)
Receipt number	Inbox56
Other attachments	

LTP submission for Cycle Trail business operators

Mulga Bill's Stopover

27 April 2024

The experiences related here are common to many other Cycle Trail providers

Reasons for this Submission to the FNDC:

- a. **To emphasise difficulties** with the Council in attempting a simple, but useful, local enterprise to provide accommodation for the cycle trail.
- b. **To emphasis the negative affect** the closure of the Kawakawa to Opuia section of the trail has made to accommodation providers, and others.
- c. **To suggest solutions and hope** for the operation of the trail for the future.

Main Points of Submission:

- **The role of Mulga Bill's Stopover**

[Ref: website - mulgabills.co.nz](http://mulgabills.co.nz)

Provider of accommodation on the trail for up to 5 persons.

Located half-way along the trail, 4km south of Kaikohe.

Provide prepared evening meals (Tucker Boxes)– cook your own.

Cooked breakfasts with hosts an option.

Local history emphasised – Māori, European; with a touch of Australia.

The guests are generally 'independent travellers'.

- **Our Experience with FNDC in Providing Accommodation for the Trail**

[Ref: Appendix 1](#)

Resource consent debacle (2017/2018).

A straight forward cost for a COP of \$350 (Change of Purpose for our sleepout) ballooned to a cost of \$2,500 for nonsensical resource consent requirements.

Our rates were doubled as we were deemed to have a second dwelling on our property.

Dealt with 12 different persons during the process.

Came to the realisation that it was a mistake to contact the FNDC in the first place.

- **Drop in Accommodation Patronage**

[Ref: Appendix 2](#)

Mulga Bill's operation went well, was buoyant for the remainder of 2018; and then for 2019 and for 2020.

Covid lockdowns in our area (26 March to 27 May 2020; and 1 Aug to 3 Dec 2021) caused about a 25% drop in visitors in 2020.

In 2021 and 2022 visitor numbers dropped to about 30% of those in 2019 – partly due to Covid; but also for the following reason:

June 2021: the Bay of Islands Vintage Railway Trust (the Rail Trust) closed the trail between Taumarere and Opuia.

2023 followed a similar pattern. This continues in 2024:

From Dec 2022 the Rail Trust opened the route between Opuia and te Ake Ake; and offered cycle trail users rides on their train between Taumarere and te Ake Ake for a gold coin donation (now \$10 per person).

Losing the romantic idea of a Coast-to-Coast cycle trail; and the fact that the trail was no longer straight forward, caused independent travellers to be discouraged by this. The number of visitors wanting to stay at Mulga Bill's and other similar accommodation providers along the trail subsequently dropped; and this remains so today.

- **Solution to the Patronage Problem**

The only solution is to construct a trail for cycles which link Opuā to Taumarere. This would be one-hundred percent independent of the Rail Trust operation.

Until that time our area will lose considerable revenue which otherwise would benefit the whole community.

Disgracefully, in the meantime, many providers have folded. Others have withdrawn and found alternative clients.

- **Council Role**

[Ref: Appendix 3](#)

Councillors to take the Cycle Trail seriously, and to grasp and understand its benefits. Trail customers can bring much needed income and employment to our communities.

Councillors to promote the cycle trail; and instil in the Council realisation of its value.

To provide an effective officer with authority to liaise effectively with the Cycle Trail Administration. An officer who provides transparency in Council dealings.

This includes helping current and potential providers of accommodation and other services to the trail.

To positively allocate funds which in turn can be utilised to prepare the way to attract funds to provide a bypass to the Rail Trust rail between Kakwāwa and Opuā.

To seriously pursue sources for funds to develop and complete the trail.

- **Costing**

According to the Northland Regional Economic Benefit 2023 data, the Rail Trail had 67,595 full trail users.

If half of these were cyclists using local services, \$27M was injected into our local economy.

Using 2019 and 2020 figures, \$54M would have been injected into our local economy.

With proper support (including the ways mentioned above) from the FNDC, this figure could easily reach \$108M per annum in the future.

An investment now in the trail viability will provide a tangible return to the Council and our area.

- **Far North GDP**

The GDP in Far North District measured \$3,121.2M in the year to March 2023

If the Cycle Trail generated \$108M, its contribution to the Far North's GDP would be:

3.5%

Not bad! - we can expect to exceed that figure significantly.

Councillors: Don't be Myopic - Think of the Community

Letter of the week

Barb Cuthbert, Bike Auckland, Devonport.

Towns failing to cash in on cycle trails

Last summer friends and I rode the Twin Coasts Cycle Trail linking Opua in the Bay of Islands with Horeke at the head of the Hokianga Harbour. The biggest issue we met was the lack of accommodation in Kaikohe, which is in the middle of the trail. Most people stay in Paihia and shuttle back and forth.

I'm taking family from Australia

to ride the trail on Boxing Day. Accommodation is again an issue in Kaikohe, but a local farmer has opened his farm cottage for visitors, so we're sorted. We won't be having breakfast or dinner in Kaikohe or use other shops as we did when we could stay in the town.

Cycle trails all over New Zealand are booming, transforming out of

the way, formerly run-down towns into places of new investment.

The Twin Coasts Cycle Trail seems unknown to Mayor John Carter, MP Matt King and Minister Shane Jones. I'd love to ride the trail with them. In exchange they could help initiate investment in more visitor beds and eating places so the town doesn't miss out.

Hurdles in granting of consent

NZ Herald, 28 Dec 2018

Regarding the Twin Coasts Cycle Trail letter from Barb Cuthbert (December 22), my wife and I are the "farmer" who have opened their cottage to cyclists. A number of enterprising people or groups are working to establish facilities along the trail; but there is a hurdle that many of us come across – the local council's procedures in granting consents for aspects of the enterprises.

We requested a Change of Purpose for a sleepout on our property which involved installing a cooktop in the kitchen. I visited the council and spoke to person A at the beginning of December 2017. Person B arranged an inspection just before Christmas (2017). Person C sent me an email before the inspection informing me that we would have to apply for a resource consent for "noise from Kaikohe airport" and "the provision of parking facilities" at the cottage. Subsequently I communicated with persons D through to person J when, at the end of March, we received approval for the cooking facilities. Person K sent us an invoice. Last month we received a bill for the COP approval. I know of three other enterprises that have had or are experiencing this type of impediment.

We paid \$2574.85 for an extremely simple request for a facility that benefits the cycle trail. If the COP and consent had been carried out by one knowledgeable and competent person at the council – who could make decisions – there may have been five hours' work at the most, costing \$500 at \$100 an hour; and would have been granted 10 weeks earlier. Part of the solution to this impediment to growth is to empower council leadership to be able to make interpretations and changes to RMA regulations at the micro level for certain projects – so that rules are not applied to non-applicable avenues. This will deflect the effect of the imposing RMA conditions that prevail.

Bruce McNabb, Kaikohe.

Passing the buck

NZ Herald, 29 Dec 2018

Bruce McNabb asks why just one knowledgeable and competent person within his council could not have handled his application for Change of Purpose instead of being bandied between persons A to K.

If just one person handles and approves his request and something goes wrong later, that person is liable to be held responsible. But when the application is handled by 11 people, any responsibility can always be shifted to someone else.

Peter Lewis, Forrest Hill.

Appendix 2: Letter – Drop in revenue. *The Northern Advocate* March 2022

Published letter in *The Northern Advocate*.

March 2022

Dear Editor,

Thank you for the article on the Twin Coast Cycle Trail last Monday.

This season we and other providers have experienced a 75% to 90% drop in numbers compared to the 2020/21 season. The closure of the cycle trail east of Kawakawa for the rail reinstatement is one factor for this.

The FNDC has abrogated its responsibility as they say the proposed trail beside the railway won't go ahead as factors make "... this option currently unviable."

If I were a cyclist from outside Northland, I wouldn't come here to use an incomplete trail.

The FNDC have suggested a difficult and lengthy bypass along Oromahoe Rd ending up North of Kawakawa. This is crazy.

The trail saw more than 31,000 cyclists for January to March 2021.

Half at least would be visitors. Using our own revenue figures, each one would spend more than \$500 each in the Far North. So, just for that period, spending would exceed \$7.5M. Over the whole year, this could translate to more than \$12M.

Why don't the Railway Trust give due consideration to the Cycle Trail providers allowing work in conjunction with the council, prioritising the Cycle Trail work (using the \$9.7M already budgeted) for continuity of access? I'm sure it can be done with competent persons involved!

Bruce McNabb

March 2022

Appendix 3: Letter – Best time for meetings. *The Northern Advocate* December 2022

Published letter: *The Northern Advocate*, Dec 2022

Dear Editor.

Thank goodness that the Far North DC is using the Māori lunar calendar for determining the best time for meetings and for performing certain tasks. ('First for Far North District Council', *The Northern Advocate* 1 December).

Will the Council please, with the calendar and Māori traditional belief knowledge, select the best day for discussing and resolving the embarrassing Pou Herenga Tai Twin Coast Cycle Trail closure between Kawakawa and Opuā.

If, with this new approach the issues regarding the trail are remedied quickly, I will begin to think: "Ha! My rate payments are being put to good use. The Councillors are spending their time wisely after all."

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bruce McNabb', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Bruce McNabb,

(Contact details omitted)

Mulga Bill's Stopover

Make us part of your riding experience



**Cycle Trail Submission:
Bruce and Sherril McNabb**

The role of Mulga Bill's Stopover- items include:

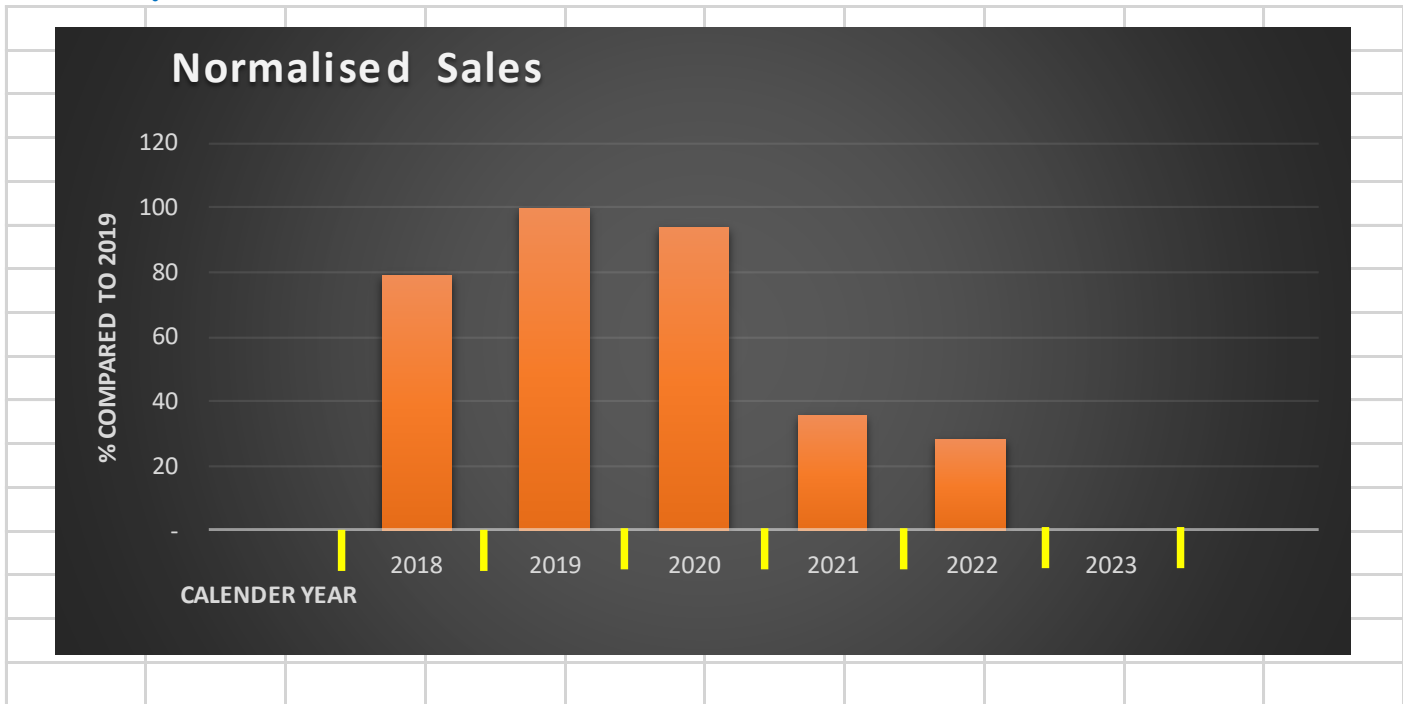
- *Provision of accommodation for up to 5 persons.*
- *Provision of prepared evening meals (Tucker Boxes)*
- *Cooked breakfasts with hosts an option.*
- *Local history emphasised - Māori, European; with a touch of Australia.*
- *The guests are generally 'independent travellers'.*



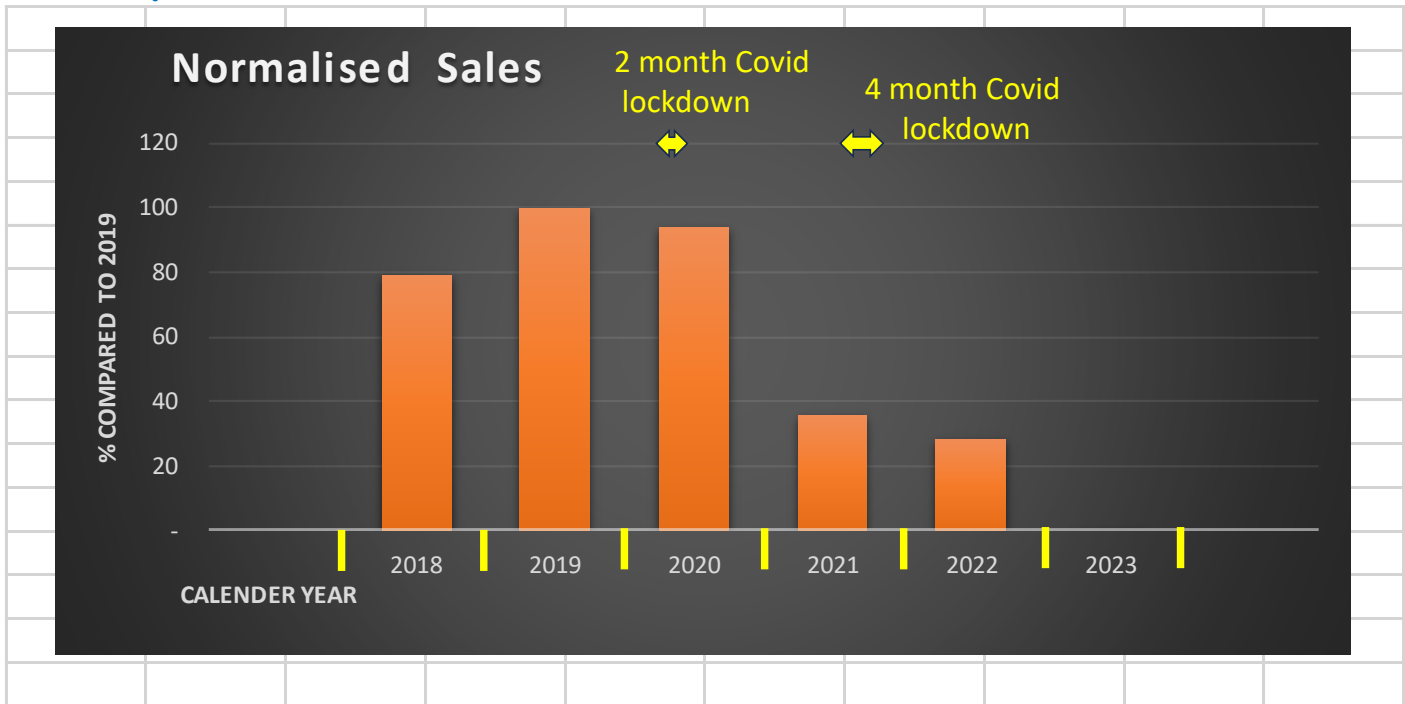
Providing Accommodation - setting up:

- *Resource consent debacle (2017/2018).*
- *A cost of \$2,500 for resource consent requirements.*
- *Rates were doubled.*
- *Took about 3 months.*
- *Came to the realisation that it was a mistake to contact the FNDC in the first place.*

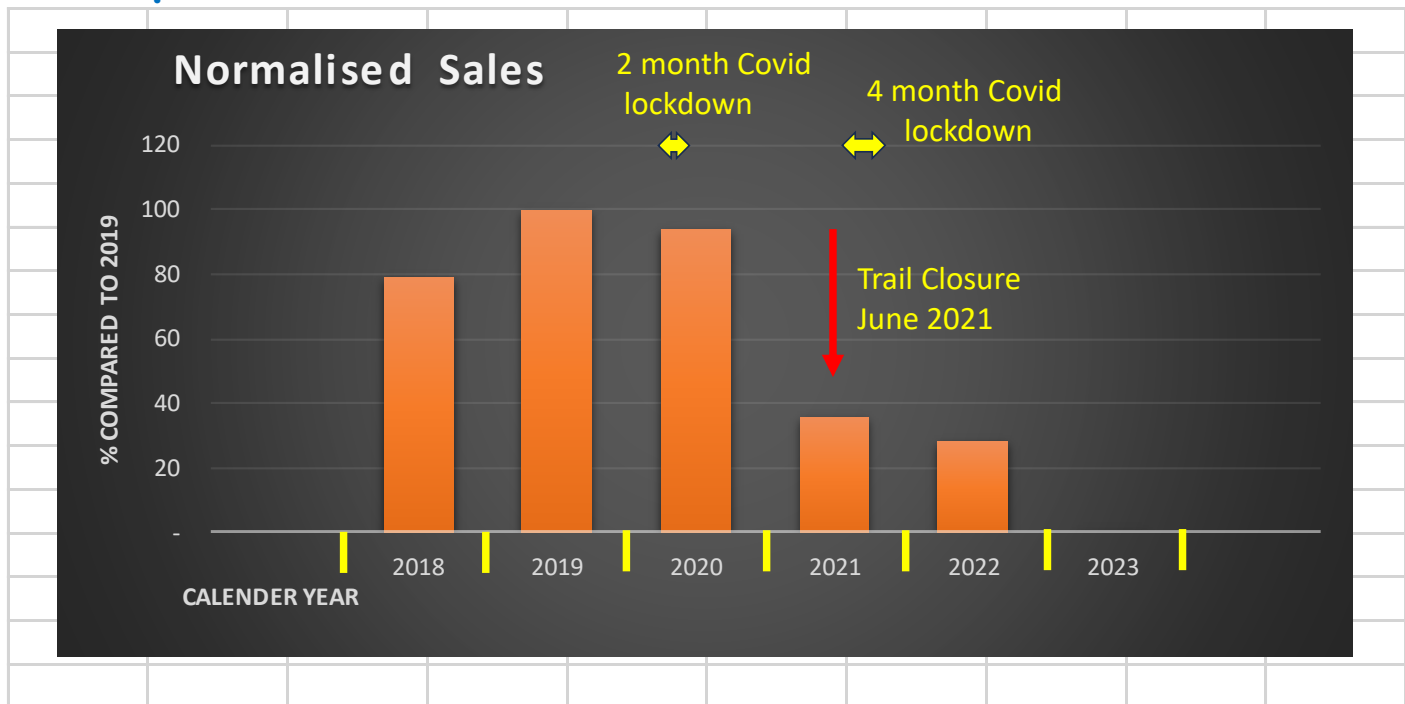
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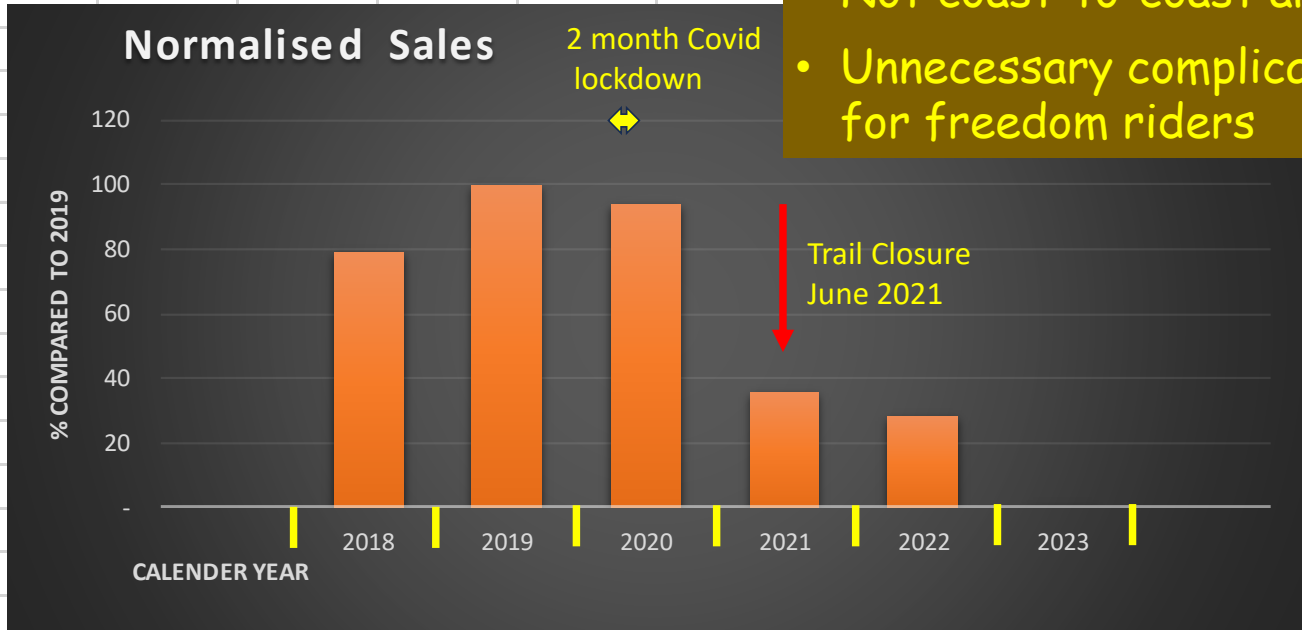
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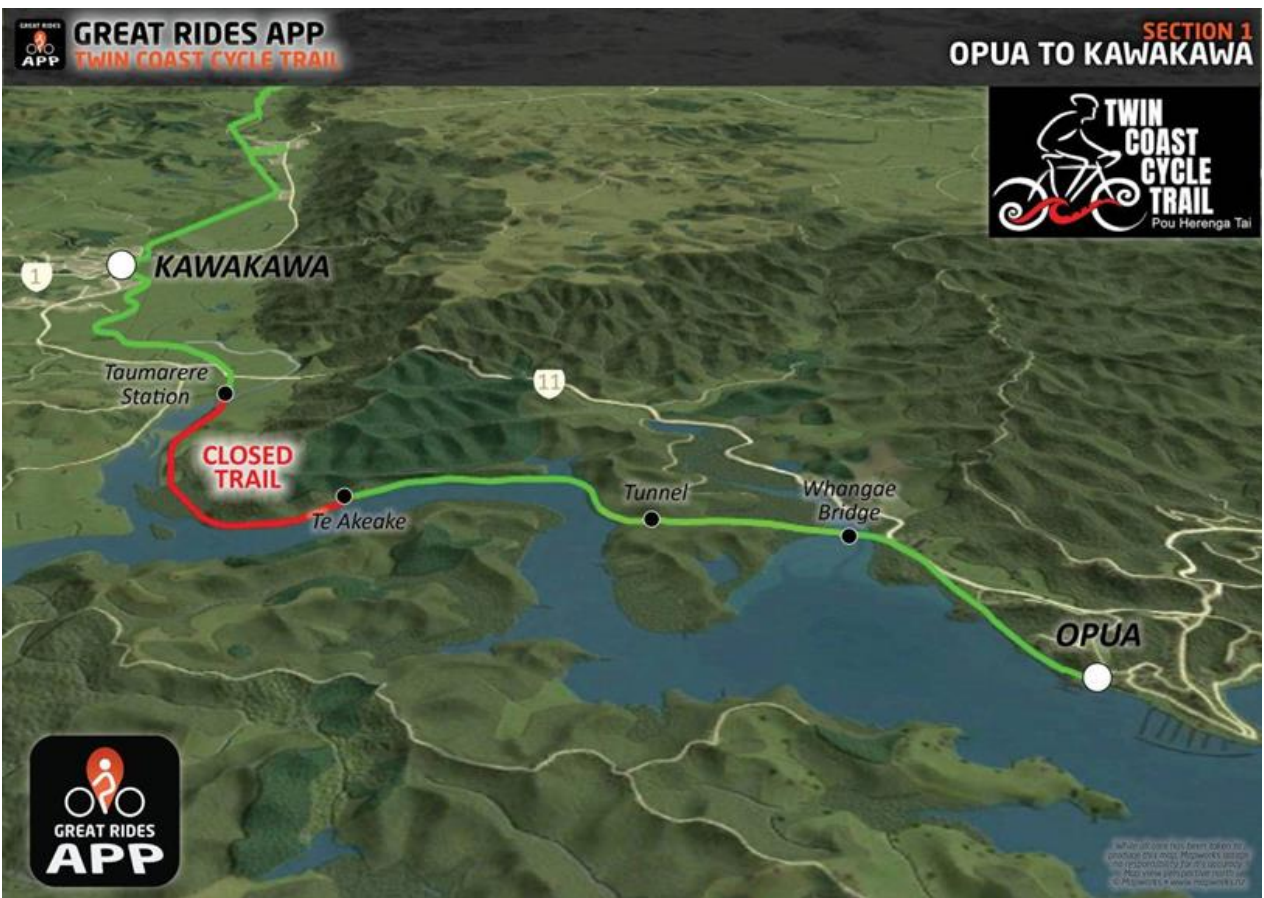


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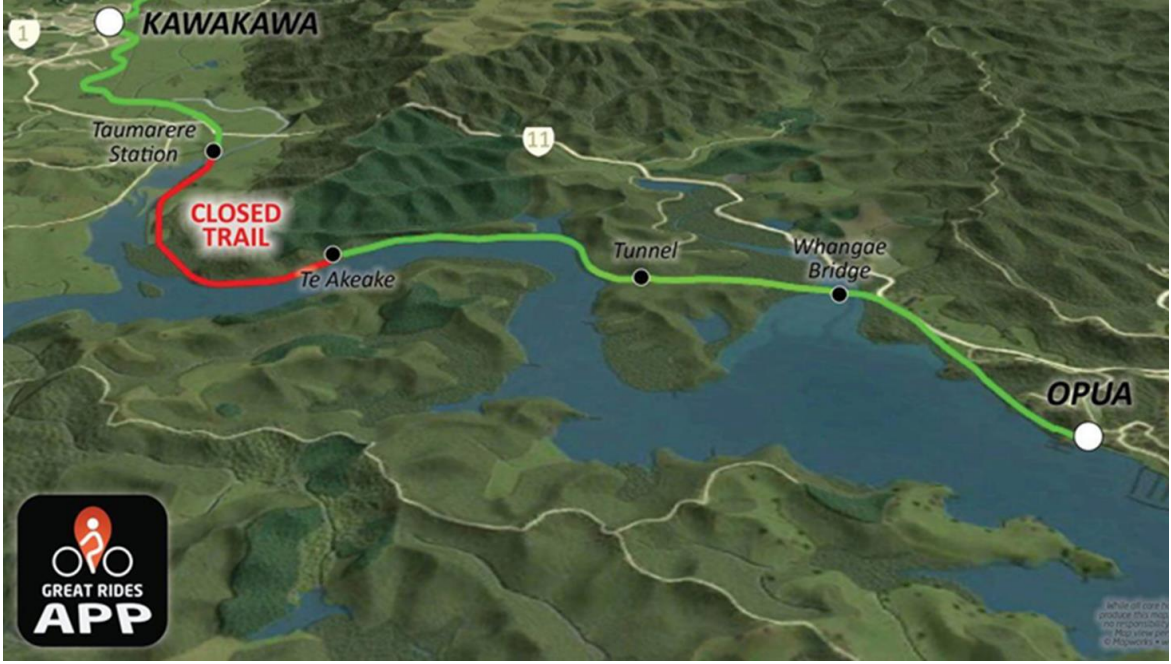
- Not coast-to-coast any more
- Unnecessary complications for freedom riders





Mulga Bill's Stopover
Make us part of your riding experience

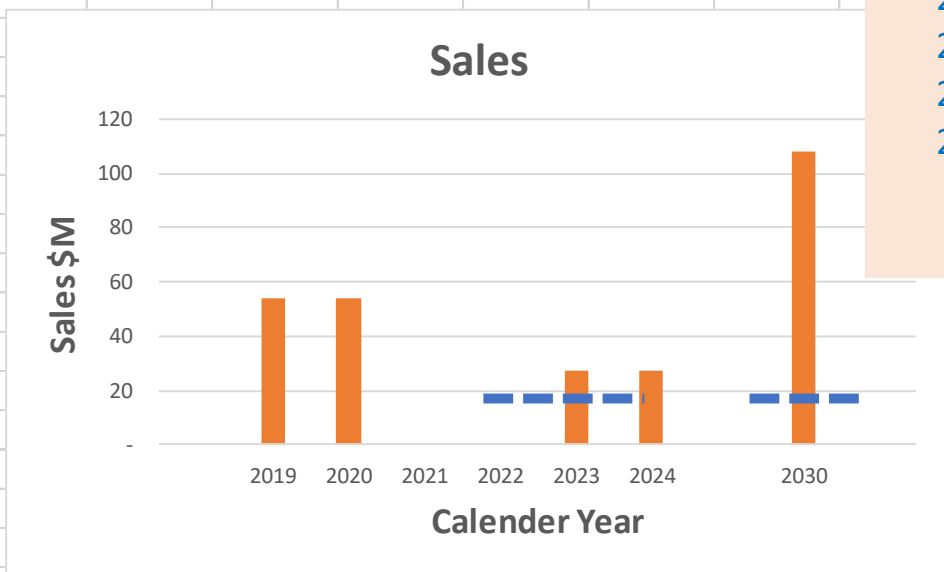
Solution to the Patronage Issue:



Council Role:

- *Take the Cycle Trail seriously [Why? - see later]*
- *Provide an officer with authority to liaise effectively with the Cycle Trail Administration.*
- *To seriously pursue sources for funds to develop and complete the trail.*
- *Determine a best/worst timeline for Trail completion.*
- *Determine and resolve possible future conflicts with the Rail Trust operation, and other players.*

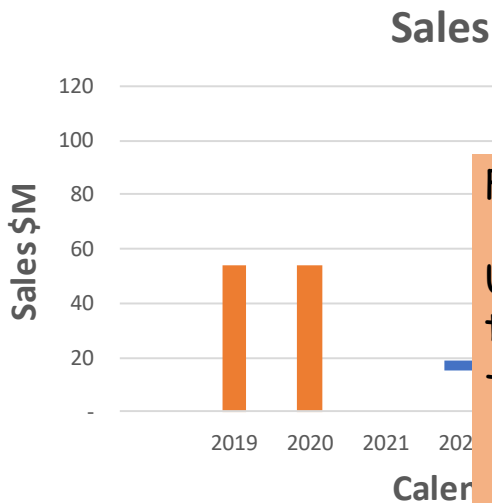
Income from the Trail:



Number of cyclists using the trail and total spend

2019	70,000	\$55.4M
2020	60,000	\$47.5
2021	-	
2022	-	
2023	34,000	\$26.9M
Spend per person \$792		
(Source: Cycle Trail Management)		

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Far North GDP Contribution:

Using an estimate [\$108M] for 2030, and the current Far North GDP [\$3,121M]

The Cycle Trail contribution would be

3.5%

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 (Trail Management)

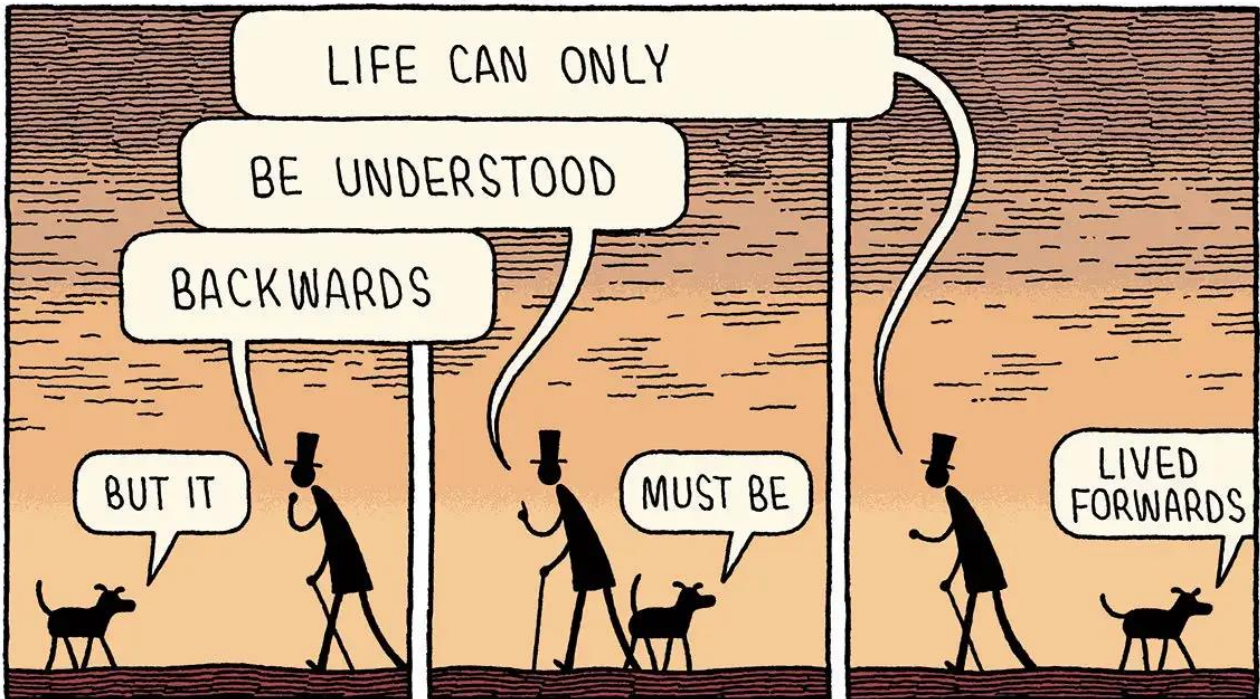
Councillors!

Don't be Myopic

Think of the whole community

Support the Cycle Trail

SØREN KIERKEGAARD, 1843



Tom Gauld for New Scientist

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Jane
Last name	Hindle
Organisation (if applicable)	Bay of Islands - Whangaroa Community Board
Position in organisation	Board Member
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	Stormwater has significantly impacted roading assets in both the Ōpua and Russell areas, both of which have a targeted rate already. However, it is inadequate to address the current issues being experienced following severe weather events. Ōpua and Russel
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	The ongoing challenge of meeting the costs for sewage (and water) schemes and their associated infrastructure has been debated changed several times over the past two decades. Whilst there is a logic to a user pays approach, the reality is that at any giv
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	This proposal is poorly explained, lacking in any form of cost benefit analysis and cannot be considered in this way. However, many of our rural communities and their residents lack the means to travel to a service centre in say Kaikohe if they live in Ko
Other feedback	See attachment
Ward	
Receipt number	Inbox57
Other attachments	

Submission to 2024-2027 LTP from Russell Ōpua subdivision representative Jane Hindle

Tēnā koutou katoa ki ngā mema o te Kaunihera o Te Hiku o Te Ika, the Far North District Council elected members.

Firstly I would like to acknowledge the difficult decisions which surround the preparation and decision making of this shortened LTP given the current financial climate, the urgent need for investment in infrastructure, the community's expectations of higher quality services and the cold hard reality of ratepayers financial situations and overall ability to pay. It is a really hard job.

Please find below my submission.

1. Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?

Stormwater has significantly impacted roading assets in both the Ōpua and Russell areas, both of which have a targeted rate already. However, it is inadequate to address the current issues being experienced following severe weather events. Ōpua and Russell already have a targeted stormwater rates but is clear that it is inadequate to address ongoing infrastructure requirements.

I support Option 2 as this enables the rates to be spread more evenly.

2. Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?

The ongoing challenge of meeting the costs for sewage (and water) schemes and their associated infrastructure has been debated changed several times over the past two decades. Whilst there is a logic to a user pays approach, the reality is that at any given time there will be a scheme which needs to be upgraded and it is totally unrealistic to expect the full burden of cost to fall on an individual community at that particular time. Whether it is Kaitaia, Whatuwhiwhi, Russell, Rawene, Paihia or whatever, these schemes are essential infrastructure. Clearly these are issues that are country-wide issues and it would make more sense to have Central Government fund these schemes nationally (as envisaged by the Three Waters approach).

I support Option 2 as this is the only way that small communities in particular, will be able afford these services. I would further request that we actively work with LGNZ to push for a central fund to cover this infrastructure, rather than coming from the ratepayer.

3. How do we continue to provide community services in the future?

This proposal is poorly explained, lacking in any form of cost benefit analysis and cannot be considered in this way. However, many of our rural communities and their residents lack the means to travel to a service centre in say Kaikohe if they live in Kohukohu, or Paihia if they live in Motatau. Passing the costs of accessing service centres from the Council back to ratepayers (which effectively this proposal does) will disadvantage those that are most likely have limited options and need service the most. Whilst I am a passionate advocate for using technology for productivity improvements, it is important that we also recognise that real community engagement happens kanohi ki te kanohi. I would like to see a proper proposal that looks at the cost savings, alongside the risks, which should include quantifying the risks of social alienation, analysis of additional costs to the users impacted etc. And furthermore, other ideas should be

considered such as a mobile service centre combined with the mobile outreach library, being more creative and getting more value from the locations we have (what else can we use them for?). Ideally, we should looking to do more with the same amount cost (i.e. not increasing operational costs). Then let's have a discussion.

I support Option 3 given the lack of supporting evidence in this proposal.

4. Doing the basics well – stormwater and drainage

In the past decade, Council has failed to do many of the basic requirements that communities expect in order to keep the general infrastructure up to standard. I am well aware that Councillors are already aware of this, but I would remiss if I did not include this in my submission.

The level of stormwater and drainage maintenance is abysmal. Ratepayers not unreasonably expect a significantly better level of service than what is being provided for rates bills in excess of \$4,000 per year. The lack of maintenance contributes to:

- Road and pavement damage due to water overflows onto roading and footpaths
- Flooding of carparks and streets in town. It also puts low-lying houses at risk of flooding
- The significant cost of installing a stormwater system (which is a targeted rate being paid for by ratepayers) being wasted due to lack of maintenance
- Putting the whole town at risk of flooding in the event of a severe weather event.



Figure 1 Main stormwater drain through town by Medical Centre



Figure 2 Main stormwater drain in Beresford St

Please ensure that there is a costed programme to clear drains, stormwater drains, curbing and channelling that is communicated to Council elected members and community board members.

5. Doing the basics well – grading and water tabling

The same problems exist but in a different guise in Maromaku where rural roads are not maintained in a logical or strategic fashion. Flooding takes place because the water tabling isn't good enough and drains are blocked; drains are blocked because roading contractors grade the road and the culverts aren't cleared after this work has been done. Often the culverts are cleared before vegetation trimming is carried out. All this leads to a huge sense of frustration from ratepayers who not unreasonably believe that left to their own devices, they could organise things much better and way more cost effectively. Nothing infuriates them more to see this waste of money.

Please stop throwing money down the drain, literally, and get the various contractors from the different silos of the organisation coordinate their work schedules.

6. Reducing costs by being efficient and effective

I have had many people express real concerns that the rates increases are well beyond the means and ability of people to pay. I understand many things have been reduced and cut back, but the organisation needs to take a good hard look at how they do things and how effective it is. Most of the Council staff I meet are hard working and genuinely want to well by the ratepayer and do a great job, but there is a level of frustration at an elected member level and from staff at the inefficiencies of how things are done.

Many of these seem to be created by artificially complex handoffs between staff and contractors, agencies and contractors, agencies and staff. There needs to be outcome-based focus on how things get done and better processes that streamline tasks, so we eliminate re-work, take a risk based approach to H&S and start measuring how well we do things.

The rates are high, and people want to see their money being spent by the Council properly and that they are genuinely trying to get best bang for their buck. This is not a request to employ some expensive consultants to borrow our collective watches so they can tell us the time, that is the last thing we need. It is our staff who are probably the best able to figure out how to be more productive and efficient, how to eliminate unnecessary timewasting activities and how we could organise and co-ordinate things better. We need to think outside the box and be innovative.

Please set up a plan to have staff (not managers, the staff themselves) design improved systems and processes to make us more efficient and more effective. Set up workshops and brainstorming sessions, by all means employ an independent facilitator, but it is the organisation that has to own this. Set goals for improvements, measure, monitor and report back to elected members.

Thank you for your consideration of this submission, no'reira tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā tātou katoa.



Jane H S Hindle

Community Board Representative, Russell Ōpua Subdivision

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Submissions with comments

First Name	wichard
Last name	van oosterbosch
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
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Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	i strongly support the return to district wide sewerage rates which was the norm until 2012. reasons: fairer distribution of the costs for the same service outcome across the district. if you go along with the current logic of targeting everything then
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	
Comment	
Other feedback	
Ward	Kaikohe-Hokianga (West)
Receipt number	Inbox58
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Chris and Marianne
Last name	Sale
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
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Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	
Comment	
Other feedback	<p>Increase in rates is not ok, we have got a very high rate bill, based on property value, we are on super, so cant afford any increase without being forced to sell. So many of Northlands population are on low income or fixed income such as retirees and cant afford for this to happen. Stuffed if I know why we pay rates at all, we we get a road that damages are vehicles, and contactors that refuse to do regular maintenance. All this so called extreme weather events is not really i have seen a lot worse, its really down to lack of regular maintenance , simple things like keeping drains clear. The short fall in funding seems to come from those that use all the facilities but don't pay their rates for what ever reason. in 2019 that amounted to about 25 million outstanding. A fairer way would be as regional fuel levy then everyone including visitors would contribute or run out of fuel and there would be full compliance. Perhaps have a claimable rebate if you pay your rates. New developments;</p> <p>There seems to be a lot development around Kerikeri without the infrastructure to support it, for example traffic and Health plus all the other loads it puts on a small community, there doesn't seem to be a lot.</p>
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
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










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Submissions with comments

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Last name	Upperton
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
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Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
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Other feedback	See attachment
Ward	
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Other attachments	

28th April 24

From: Simon Upperton
(contact details omitted)

BAY OF ISLANDS - WHANGAROA			
Location	Project	Year	Total (\$)
Kāeo	 Old Post Office - building renewals	2024/25	517,500
	 Public toilet	2024/25	20,000
Kawakawa	 Stormwater pipe renewal	2026/27	1,308,125
	 Water network planned renewals	2026/27	4,186,000
Kerikeri	 CBD roading bypass	2026/27	5,232,500
	 Upgrade watermain to Heritage Bypass	2025-27	12,138,154
	 Water treatment plant upgrade	2024-27	7,716,773
Moerewa	 Stormwater improvements	2024/25	3,388,000
Paihia	 Water treatment plant relocation	2024-27	11,838,048
Rangitāne	 Boat ramp parking	2024/25	1,561,558
Russell	 Cemetery development	2024/25	150,000
	 Wastewater renewals	2024-27	1,860,508

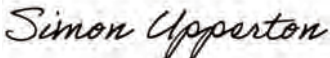
I strongly suggest that the funding of \$1,561,558 for the Boat Ramp Parking proposed at Rangitane be withdrawn.

This has to be one of the most expensive boat ramps to be conceived. The Windsor landing project was a quarter of the price for more boat trailer parks. The size is also not a long term solution as in a few years more capacity will be required.

The location is contentious with much of the local residents against the proposal and for valid reason as it will have a negative transformative impact on what is a quiet seaside community. With little or no footpaths to speak of, boats being towed around blind corners will inhibit the ability of local residents to walk down the street and put the local kids at risk. The noise of a towed boats at all hours of the day and night will also negatively impact residents.

Local Iwi have also shown their opposition and this seems to have largely been ignored as has the local residents concerns.

Over the years there have been many more suitable locations that could provide a much cheaper and better solution. The location choice has simply been driven by the existence of the original resource consent which is not even applicable for this development which requires a large reclamation. Just around the corner between Aroha Island & Rangitane where the oyster farm access is through a DOC reserve and is fa more sheltered, could create a much bigger facility and does not impact an entire community. But if not this location then find something more suitable to spend such a large amount of funding and create 50 boat parks that will help future proof demand.

Signed : 

28 / 04 / 2024

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Alyx
Last name	Pivac
Organisation (if applicable)	Te Rūnanga ō Whaingaroa.
Position in organisation	
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Comment	Te Runanga o Whaingaroa strongly oppose the adoption of option 4 due not only to the unrealisable financial burden that this will place on whanau living in Whangaroa, but to the elimination of any potential further residential development in Whangaroa. Du
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	
Comment	We have concerns for the library in Kaeo as this is a valued service to our whanau. Centralising or moving these services will hinder opportunities for whanau and residents and limit accessibility. By maintaining status quo will ensure rates are maintain
Other feedback	See attachment
Ward	
Receipt number	Inbox61
Other attachments	



RE: FAR NORTH DISTRICT COUNCIL LONG TERM PLAN 2024-27

Overview:

1. This submission has been prepared by Te Ūkaipō for Te Rūnanga o Whaingaroa.
2. Te Rūnanga o Whaingaroa is the mandated Iwi organisation in the Māori fisheries Act 2004, an Iwi Aquaculture organisation in the Māori Aquaculture Claims Settlement Act 2004 and represents Ngāuhi/ Ngāti Kahu ki Whaingaroa as an “Iwi Authority for the Resource Management Act 1991, registered as a Charitable Trust.
3. Te Rūnanga o Whaingaroa represents our people within our tribal lands, shores and islands which is generally described as commencing at the river mouth of the Oruaiti River in the north, moving in a southerly direction encompassing the Puketū Forest, and then moving in a north-easterly direction in the Takou River area.
4. The coastal boundary commences at the mouth of the Oruaiti River, follows the eastern side of the Mangonui Harbour, then directly out to sea moving in a south-easterly direction along the coast to Rupurapura (Needles) off Pureura and includes the Whangarua Harbour, its rivers estuaries and island within this role.
5. The rohe is further described as those areas that the hapū of the marae within the above boundaries exercise manawhenua and manamoana.
6. As affirmed in Te Titiri o Waitangi, ngā hapū o Whangarua are the kaitiaki of resources which includes land, coastal areas, sea, waterways and other resources within our tribal region. This includes the foreshores and sea beds extending out from the coast and harbours of our rohe and the subject of the current debate over ownership and management of such.
7. Ngā hapū o Whangarua actively exercise their customary rights and responsibilities of Kaitiakitanga throughout our district. Traditional cultural practices closely tie Whangarua to our forests, coastal shores, waters and whenua.
8. Te Rūnanga o Whaingaroa welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Far North District Council’s Long Term Plan.

Te Rūnanga o Whaingaroa Iwi Environmental Management Plan 2022-2027

9. In regard to Local Council plans and policies, Te Ūkaipō expects to be consulted when these are prepared, reviewed or changed.



10. Te Rūnanga o Whaingaroa encourages the Council to read and understand the Iwi Environmental Management Plan to ensure its policies are in alignment with the strategic objectives of the Iwi.

Comments regarding key issues in alignment with Iwi and Council Strategies

11. The majority of all water bodies in Whaingaroa have been significantly degraded. Poor land use practices, point and non-point discharges to water, and unfettered water take have all impacted on the quality and mauri of the water bodies within the catchment and its associated ecosystems and habitat¹. Te Ūkaipō has deep connections with water and the issues raised within this LTP that involve water a significant to us.
12. Working in partnership with iwi and hapū on initiatives that will support the wellbeing of Tangata Whenua across the district. The aim of this is to deliver on the wellbeing outcomes for tangata whenua based on tikanga and te Ao Māori.² Te Rūnanga o Whaingaroa has not participated as a partner would in this process due to lack of invitation by Council
13. The average household income in the Far North District was \$97,245 in 2023, lower than the New Zealand average of \$127,423³. When determining rates and increasing costs on whanau we urge Council to consider the current financial pressures people are already experiencing.

Comments regarding process

14. While not an issue that has been raised in this LTP, Te Rūnanga o Whaingaroa supports the continuation of the Māori Wards and recognises the tautoko we receive from Māori Councillors I creating a better working relationship with Council.
15. We have concerns about the current cost of living and the affordability of high rates increases and the impact this will have across the region. Where there can be savings or efficient use of rates we encourage this. Communities are currently feeling the pressure and any mitigation of further pressures is of utmost importance to Te Rūnanga o Whaingaroa.
16. We would like to bring attention to our statement in the IEMP in point (9) above. Te Rūnanga o Whaingaroa expects consultation on these matters before the public is notified and we acknowledge little to no consultation has occurred and we have

¹ Te Rūnanga o Whaingaroa Iwi Environmental Management Plan 2024-2027. Pp 12

² Far North 2100. An 80 year strategy for the district. Pp 8

³ <https://rep.infometrics.co.nz/far-north-district/living-standards/household-income>



been treated equal with community members. This is a direct breach of obligations under Te Tiriti.

17. We highlight the Regional Collaboration content in the FNDC strategic policy document⁴ that advises the Council regularly collaborates with other Councils in Northland. We appreciate the need for this and highlight the time that Council will be taking to do this could also be planned to include iwi within the region when developing Plans that directly impact our hapū and whanau.
18. The process timeframe is too tight for fair and equal consultation.

⁴ Ngā Rautaki | Our Strategies https://www.fndc.govt.nz/_data/assets/pdf_file/0023/20678/Nga-rautaki-Our-strategies.pdf

The issues

1. Stormwater rating

Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?

Option 1: Status quo

Option 2: Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate

Te Rūnanga o Whaingaroa has been advocating to, and working with Council to support development on flood risk management and mitigation. We deeply recognise the restrictions funding can bring to this work and we support a public good rate to support better stormwater management.

We urge the Council to consider a low public good rate as financial burdens on whanau are already high.





2. Water supply and wastewater rating system

Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?

Option 1: Status quo

Option 2: Change to district-wide rates for those connected to/ or have the ability to connect to water supply/ wastewater services

Option 3: Change to targeted ward rate for those connected to/ or have the ability to connect to water supply/ wastewater services

Option 4: Change to targeted scheme-based operational rate for those connected to/ or have the ability to connect to water supply/ wastewater services

Te Runanga o Whaingaroa **strongly oppose** the adoption of option 4 due not only to the unrealisable financial burden that this will place on whanau living in Whangaroa, but to the elimination of any potential further residential development in Whangaroa. Due to the limited time available to review this consultation, Te Runanga o Whaingaroa do not have a favoured option, but rather implore Far North District Council to work through options for Whangaroa with us, as a partner under Te Tiriti o Waitangi.



3. Community Services

Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?

Option 1: Provide multi-purpose centres: two for BOI-Whangaroa, one each for Kaitaia-Hokianga and Te Hiku

Provide a multi-purpose centre for each ward

Status quo

We have concerns for the library in Kaeo as this is a valued service to our whanau. Centralising or moving these services will hinder opportunities for whanau and residents and limit accessibility. By maintaining status quo will ensure rates are maintained at their current level without putting more stress on ratepayers.

Accessibility to these services is paramount and ensuring fair and equitable options for all.

Before the removal of these services, Te Rūnanga o Whaingaroa expects to be fully consulted as there may be a mutually beneficial outcome that we can work together to achieve.



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Submissions with comments

First Name	Peter and Marie
Last name	Byrne
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
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Other feedback	<p>We write in response to your request for feedback on the FNDC Long Term Plan in respect of the \$1,561,558 allocated by the FNDC towards the Rangitane Boat Ramp Parking.</p> <p>We strongly suggest that this funding be withdrawn by the Council. This project does not represent good use of Council funds and does not offer good value per dollar. There is already discussion about the increase in rates required for the upkeep of roads, provision of housing, adequate water supply, wastewater management and many other projects required to ensure that essential services for the community are available. This recreational project will benefit only a few lucky people who manage to get the prime sites for parking (19 in total) and will not create long-term employment as suggested by those who are promoting it. During the recent summer parking was adequately provided on the side of the road with no complaints or ramp rage reported.</p> <p>If this project does go ahead, the funding available, which has not taken into account inflation, will only be the start of the costs involved. The estimated "upwards of 4,465 one-way truck trips to the site" of heavy fill required for the reclamation will be detrimental to the already compromised road leading to the site – another cost on the FNDC for roading repairs.</p> <p>An article in the Advocate dated 24 April 2024 reported that the dry dock facility project in Northland will see its building costs double to \$500m mainly due to ongoing inflation according to the Minister for Regional Development Shane Jones. Earlier last year the MoT appointed PwC to undertake the business case work for the project which was expected to cost around \$250m. This equates to a 100% increase in cost and although the Rangitane Boat Ramp project is nowhere near this size there is no evidence that this will not increase in cost at the same rate.</p> <p>You will all be aware of the concern that residents have for the ecological and environmental damage that will ensue from such a project. Apart from anything else the well frequented oyster beds harvested by gatherers at low tide will be destroyed. Extending seaward from the shoreline proposed for reclamation is an unusual and possibly rare intertidal landform shaped like a giant Stingray. The main body of the 'stingray' is about 40m-long by 30mwide and the shore-connected tail is about 40m in length. Most of the 'tail' will be buried by the proposed reclamation which will destroy this rare landform.</p> <p>We strongly urge you to withdraw this funding from the Long Term Plan and to invest in improving access to the township which is becoming harder to access as more people move to the area. We have lived in the Far North since 1977 and have seen the population of Kerikeri grow without regard for the basic amenities required for the residents wellbeing, such as health providers, parking in the township, traffic flow and many more problems that you are no doubt well aware of. Please consider the community as a whole and not just a few boaties who wish to make their trip to the fishing grounds a bit speedier.</p> <p>With hope for a better future.</p>

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	<p>Peter & Marie Byrne Peter and Marie Byrne</p> <p>Appendix 1.</p> <p>Appendix 1: 11th August 2022 Far North District Council at their Ordinary Council meeting voted on Agenda Item 6.2 Rangitane Maritime Development The ŪTOHUNGA / RECOMMENDATION That Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Confirms its support for the continued work to obtain Consent for the Maritime Facilities Development at Rangitane. b) Confirms its support for the resolution of and amendments to the NES-F definition and changes to the NRC RPS to support regionally significant maritime infrastructure (which includes Rangitane). c) Remains committed to the funding Agreement with MBIE and supports an approach to MBIE to continue its funding support as well for the period required to obtain Consent. d) Advises the Residents Association of its continued support of the development to enable them to decide on whether they relinquish their Consent to Council for the derelict jetty or not. If relinquished, the jetty will be rebuilt as per the funding agreement with MBIE. <p>With full Council in attendance this recommendation was lost 6 Against : 4 Support</p>
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Submissions with comments

First Name	Maaike
Last name	Zwetsloot
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
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Other feedback	<p>I believe there are Plans to close the Kawakawa library over winter longer. It is a very important place for the Kawakawa community. For locals to use the internet, resurge and for after school programs. Let alone the conference room, for clubs and projects. It is community hub!!!! There is little for young and old in Kawakawa ..</p> <p>KEEP OPEN PLEASE !!!! 🌸</p>
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First Name	Phil
Last name	Elliott
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
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Other feedback	<p>Please continue to fund all public libraries and community services like the rescue helicopter.</p> <p>These services are valued across the community and need remain and the same scale and geography.</p> <p>People will adapt to the rate rises and you have my support to do this as required via inflation.</p>
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Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Dr. Marise
Last name	Stuart
Organisation (if applicable)	Lake Ōmāpere Trust
Position in organisation	Trustee for Lake Ōmāpere
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
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Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
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Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	
Comment	
Other feedback	See attachment Please see attached a copy of our Long Term Plan submission to the FNDC LTP online portal provided on 28 April 2024. Note that this submission requests support to give effect to our relationship with FNDC to date. We look forward to your consideration and response, and the opportunity to speak to this submission to council in person.
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Other attachments	



Ngā Kaitiaki o Te Roto Ōmāpere
(Lake Ōmāpere Trust)

Long-Term Plan SUBMISSION

to

Far North District Council

Ngā Kaitiaki o Te Roto Ōmāpere

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1. Purpose

This Long Term Plan submission gives effect to the Relationship between Ngā kaitiaki o Te Roto Ōmāpere (Lake Ōmāpere Trust, LoT) and Far North District Council (FNDC).

The key objective of the Parties' relationship is the restoration of the mauri of Lake Ōmāpere, to improve and maintain water quality, and to improve biodiversity outcomes that respect the cultural significance of Lake Ōmāpere to Ngapuhi.

2. Background

The lake is an important taonga tuku iho na nga matua tupuna (gift from god/ gift from our matua tupuna) and pataka kai (food basket) to the people of Ngapuhi, with the mauri (life force) of Lake Ōmāpere linked to the well-being of the people.

Lake Ōmāpere, located near Kaikohe, is Northland's largest lake at approximately 1,160 ha. The lake has one surface outflow, the Utakura River, which flows into the Hokianga Harbour.

The catchment area (approximately 3297ha), currently supports a range of land uses including dairying, dry stock farming and lifestyle properties. The lake is shallow with an average water depth of two metres.

The lake has been devastated over the last century by changes in land-use activities as well as suboptimal interventions. Lake Omapere lost its submerged aquatic vegetation in 1985 and now experiences boom-bust cycles in which the lake ecosystem is either dominated by cyanobacterial algal blooms or the invasive weed *Egeria densa* - the latter thriving on high nutrient concentrations. Both states undermine the growth and protection of the natural flora and fauna of Lake Omapere, to the extent that unique and threatened plants such as the endemic isoetes *kirkii* can no longer inhabit the lake.

3. Te Roto Ōmāpere Strategic Plan

LoT revised its strategic plan in 2023 which is outlined as follows:

Vision

Kia whakahokia mai te mauri ora o te roto a Omapere ki tona ahua tuturu hei taonga tuku iho mo ngā uri whakatupuranga o muri nei

To restore the life force of Lake Omapere to its original state at the time of Te Tiriti as a treasure from our creator for future generations.

Values

Mena ka tiaki koe i te roto, Ka tiaki te roto i a koe..

If you look after the lake, it will look after you

Mission Statement

Ko te kaitiakitanga o te rototapu o Omapere Na matou e tira Na matou e tutuki

The Kaitiakitanga of our sacred Lake Omapereled by us, delivered by us

The following strategic priorities have been identified to support the restoration of Lake Ōmāpere:

1. Improve water quality
2. Restore Taio/environment
3. Sustainability

Through this LTP submission we request support to give effect to key actions to fulfil these strategic priorities, thereby realizing the intentions of the Relationship, which is to enhance the mauri of Lake Ōmāpere.

The following table identifies progress made on the strategy to date by LoT.

4. Progress made to date – Te Roto Ōmāpere Strategic Plan

Objective	What (Action)	End state (progress made so far)
Improve Water quality	Understand contributing factors to water quality	Monitoring strategy in place ✓ <i>NIWA literature review commenced Dec 2023 (NIWA)</i> ✓ <i>Monitoring initiated Jan 2024</i> ✓ <i>Initial meeting with Jason Donaghy NRC & NIWA rep 08.03.24</i> ✓ <i>Training completed with Scott Lyon via NRC</i>
	Develop a Catchment plan	Catchment plan completed ✓ <i>7 Oct 2024 planting day at northeast property</i> ✓ <i>Land owner meeting December 2023 completed</i> ✓ <i>Land owner partnerships established</i>
	Internal lake nutrient management	Cessation of algal blooms
Restore Taio		
	Maahinga/taonga species monitoring	Traditional kai sources are apparent ✓ <i>Monitoring initiated Jan 2024</i>
	Wetland restoration	Plan executed
	Biosecurity (pest) plan	Plan active
Sustainability		
	Operations team development	Skeleton team deployed ✓ <i>Restoration Project manager appointed</i> ✓ <i>H & S support committed (TPK)</i>
	Trustee development	Trustees understand responsibilities; are confident with discussion and decision making ✓ <i>Visited Te Arawa Lakes Trust July 2023</i> ✓ <i>Strategic plan developed Nov 2023</i> ✓ <i>Trustee tikanga wananga commenced 04.04.24</i>
	Cultural/legal identity a. Tohu b. Cultural framework c. Trust Order review	Documents completed ✓ <i>Takauere Tohu celebration event 24.04.24</i>
	Research/Development (including historical)	Research plan executed ✓ <i>Research personnel identified</i>
	Sustainable resourcing, or, Capability support	Funding plan executed ✓ <i>Meeting with Guy Holroyd (CEO) and FNDC relationships personnel 21.03.24</i> ✓ <i>Agency partnerships in development</i>
	Policy submissions: - Freshwater policy - NRC Long Term Plan - FNDC Long Term Plan	✓ <i>Freshwater policy submission 28.03.24</i> ✓ <i>NRC LTP submission 19.04.24</i>

5. Our Request to FNDC

Whilst we have made indicative progress on our strategic plan to date, we kindly request support from FNDC to deliver on actions informed by our strategic priorities, which give effect to the purpose of our Relationship, which is to restore the mauri of Lake Ōmāpere.

We intend for this request to be mutually enhancing and to uphold the mana of both parties. As such we have taken into consideration the opportunity for FNDC to fulfil its statutory obligations under various legislation, as well as to align with FNDC strategic priorities

We request the following support from the Long Term Plan:

1. Prioritize the restoration of Lake Ōmāpere, as a Capital Project within the next 5 years **\$100,000 p.a**
2. Public-Private partnership for a Lake Ōmāpere Centre for Mātauranga Māori and Ecological Biodiversity **\$100,000 p.a**
3. Recognise Lake Ōmāpere Trust as Tangata Whenua under RMA Sec 31 (1) (b) **\$0**
4. Renewal of engineering standards to improve stormwater management **\$0**

Total Request from the Long Term Plan: \$200,000 p.a

This request is summarized as follows:

1. Prioritize the restoration of Lake Ōmāpere, as a Capital Project over the next 5 years (\$100,000 p.a)

Lake Ōmāpere was a previous source for municipal water supply in Kaikohe from 1970 until 1985 when the effects of lake pollution were physically experienced by consumers.

The 2019/2020 drought highlighted the unmet need for household water supply in rural areas of Northland¹, beckoning the call to Lake Ōmāpere, a Māori-owned lake, to respond and support whanau in need². Unfortunately water quality at that time precluded the opportunity to supply Kaikohe as it had some 50 years ago.

Whilst the immediate focus for Lake Ōmāpere is clean drinking water supply, the value of this taonga as a major water source within our region cannot be understated in terms of contributing to regional economic growth. Modelling by Williamson Water Advisory in 2020 demonstrates the financial value of Lake Ōmāpere to horticulture production with a 30-year net present value of \$346.6 million and an internal rate of return of 18%, demonstrating potential for long-term economic resilience³.

In the immediate term of this LTP, we request support from FNDC to restore Lake Ōmāpere water quality to that of drinking water. Capital contribution from FNDC will support technical, planning and implementation support for water storage and supply solutions to Kaikohe, and rural Northland.

2. Public-Private partnership for Mātauranga Māori and Ecological Biodiversity \$100,000 p.a

Resource Management Act Section 31(1) (b) highlights obligations for Territorial Authorities regarding the control of any actual or potential effects of the use, development, or protection of land, including for the purpose of:

- (i) the avoidance or mitigation of natural hazards; and
- (ii) the prevention or mitigation of any adverse effects of the development, subdivision, or use of contaminated land;
- (iii) the maintenance of indigenous biological diversity;

As stated previously, land-use changes have destroyed the ecosystem of Lake Ōmāpere to the extent that endemic species such as isoetes *kirkii* (quillwort); taonga species such as *kēwai* (freshwater crayfish), and submerged native plants necessary to support the wellbeing of the lake, are no longer able to exist in the lake.

We wish to develop a Public-Private partnership between FNDC and Lake Ōmāpere Trust, to develop a Lake Ōmāpere Centre for Mātauranga Māori and Ecological Biodiversity, which will (1) educate the community regarding

the restoration of indigenous flora and fauna; (2) provide a tertiary education training facility for environmental excellence (3) provide tourism and recreation opportunities to experience indigenous flora and fauna, and (4) support the long-term sustainability of the Lake Ōmāpere environs.

3. Recognise Lake Ōmāpere Trust as Tangata Whenua under RMA Sec 31 (1) (b)

Lake Ōmāpere is unique, being one of only two lakes in New Zealand owned by Māori, vested in the Lake Ōmāpere Trust in 1955 through the Māori Affairs Act 1955 section 438. The catchment of Lake Ōmāpere is 3297ha which creates a significant surface area to impact lake water quality, and gives effect to the aforementioned RMA Sec 31 (1)(b).

We request official notification for, and consultation on all land use changes applicable to RMA Sec 31 (1) (b) as stated above in order to ensure that land-use consents take into account water quality and the potential impacts on the Lake Ōmāpere catchment.

4. Renewal of engineering standards to improve stormwater management

The use of climate resilient stormwater solutions is critical to mitigating the passage of contaminants into surface and groundwater supplying the Lake Ōmāpere catchment. We are aware that the current engineering standards for the Far North District are behind the standards elsewhere in New Zealand.

We request the renewal of engineering standards for the Far North District, to levels consistent with districts elsewhere in New Zealand in order to mitigate effects of contaminants on water catchments and surrounding ecosystems.

Further considerations

This request does not incorporate the effects of inflation, nor does it contain contingencies to de-risk the effects of changing market conditions on supply chains. It is expected that annual cost reviews will be conducted, in line with an annual review of the LoT-FNDC Relationship and we welcome internal resourcing/personnel from FNDC to support this endeavor.

In Summary

We appreciate the opportunity to submit this request for resourcing from the FNDC Long Term Plan, to give effect to our Relationship and restore the mauri of Lake Ōmāpere through our strategic priorities and actions.

We hope that the progress made by LoT over the past year, including the recent appointment of a Project Manager to lead the Lake restoration, provides confidence to FNDC in our ability to deliver on the stated funding request and outcomes.

As we together aspire to restore the mauri of Lake Ōmāpere and foresee the opportunities for our region with a clean glistening lake, enjoyed by many happy healthy whanau and community members, it is difficult not to see this request as a reasonable use of rate-payer funds.

We do note that our request of \$200k per annum does in fact reflect an approximate contribution of *\$1 per capita/per annum of the Northland population* which is a modest request in our opinion.

We are of course, more than happy to discuss or review any part of the request with the assistance of FNDC staff.

The restoration of Lake Ōmāpere is a critical endeavour that goes beyond preserving a natural resource—it is about safeguarding cultural and environmental heritage, revitalizing a sense of pride and connection to the Northland Region.

FNDC support will help us to address priority issues, promoting the restoration and preservation of this invaluable natural resource for generations to come.

We thank you once again for the opportunity to provide this submission.

We are eager to collaborate with you in this important journey of protection and preservation of our Lake, and look forward to your response.

Ngā manaakitanga,

For Ngā Kaitiaki o Te Roto Ōmāpere (Lake Ōmāpere Trust)

Two handwritten signatures in black ink. The first signature is on the left and the second is on the right, both appearing to be in cursive.

Dr. Marise Stuart and Marianne Parker (Trustees)

Cc: Tamaiti Wihongi (Chairperson)

Cc: Kay Baker Martin (Secretary)

Cc: Guy Holroyd (FNDC, CEO)

Cc: Moko Tepania (FNDC, Mayor)

Cc: Kelly Stratford (FNDC, Deputy- Mayor)

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Submissions with comments

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Organisation (if applicable)	Aquaero
Position in organisation	
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Other feedback	See attachment - noted that the attachment has been marked as confidential to council and not be released as public document
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Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Bree
Last name	Davis
Organisation (if applicable)	Te Rūnanga o Whaingaroa
Position in organisation	Tumuaki Chief Executive
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
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TE RŪNANGA O WHAINGAROA

Far North District Council
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submissions@fndc.govt.nz

26 April 2024

Te Rūnanga o Whaingaroa submits to Far North District Council, our feedback on your proposed Long Term Plan for 2024 to 2027, specific to Issue #2 of the consultation document.

Te Rūnanga o Whaingaroa **strongly oppose the adoption of option 4 (issue #2)** for the following reasons;

- the unrealisable financial burden that this will place on whanau living in Whangaroa
- Risk of eliminating any further residential development in Whangaroa
- Risk to economic development in business districts of Whangaroa

Due to the limited time available to review this consultation, Te Rūnanga o Whaingaroa do not have a favoured option for issue #2, but rather implore Far North District Council to work through options for Whangaroa with us, as Treaty partner.

Nga mihi nui,

Te Rūnanga o Whaingaroa

Bree Davis
Tumuaki Chief Executive
[\(Contact details omitted\)](#)

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Sheila
Last name	Taylor
Organisation (if applicable)	Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Beach Board
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
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Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	
Comment	
Other feedback	<p>See attachments</p> <p>Please accept this email as the draft submission for Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Beach Board in relation to the FNDC LTP consultation document 2024 - 2034.</p> <p>Given the timing of the April 2024 extraordinary meeting of Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Beach Board joint committee of council, the school holidays and the LTP consultation period closure, the chairperson has not been given sufficient time to review the submission documents and approve.</p> <p>As such, please allow until Wednesday 1 May 2024 for the final submission to be placed and for this final submission to not classified as a late submission.</p> <p>Please find attached the April 2024 agenda items 5.2 Submission to the Long Term Planning Process 2024-2034 and 5.3 Adequate Resourcing and Support for Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Beach Board (including the letter from the chairperson of Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe addressed to the Leaders of Northland Regional and Far North District Councils, Chief Executive Northland Regional Council and Chief Executive Far North District Council. These documents form the basis for the Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Beach Board submission to the Far North District Council Long Term Plan consultation document 2024 – 27.</p> <p>I wish to emphasise that the request for financial support extends to those tasks where the council are responsible, individually or collectively with other members of the board, for delivery and not for delivery of the entire rautaki. We request that staff respond to the individual rautaki action item funding requests as well as the other support requirements of the board.</p> <p>We would like to present our submission verbally.</p>
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Value	Action item	Reason for priority	Scheduling							FNDC LTP											
			Start	Finish	Cost	FNDC	NRC	Frequency	Expense note	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6	Yr 7	Yr 8	Yr 9	Yr 10	TOTAL FNDC	
Ngā Ture Wairua Spiritual Value	A1. Through an update to the FNDC Control of the Use of Public Places Bylaw, require approval from the Board for all signage that would otherwise require council approval relating to Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe.	Bylaw change short term priority	Jul-24	Jun-25	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ -	One-off	Either internal resource or external contractor. Includes \$10k for contractor and \$5k for consultation	\$ 15,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,000	
	A2. Require agencies, who may establish signage relating to Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe, to consult with the Board first.	DP update?	Ongoing		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Ongoing	Reo rua - policy requiring all parties to adhere to requirement	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	A4. Require any signage relating to Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe to be bilingual (e.g. in Te Reo and English).	RPS/RP change required	Ongoing		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000	Ongoing	Unsure if this can be provided via an instrument	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	A6. Provide GIS mapping expertise and templates to support Iwi, Hapū and whānau to identify wāhi tapu and sites of significance in the Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Management Area, for the purposes of including these for protection in the district and/or regional plans.	short term priority Predecessor to A7	Mar-24	Sep-24	\$ 100,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	One-off plus six yr review	1. in-kind support or direct funding. Include review in year 6	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 60,000
	A7. Include sites identified in A6 in the regional and district plans for protection as relevant.	RPS/RP change required Predecessor A6	Oct-24	Jun-25	\$ 20,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	One-off	1. NRC BAU staff time 2. notification process costs expectation is to roll into a plan change. Cost will be dependent on whether this could happen and when the next plan change is scheduled. Timeframe could be an issue.	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000
	A8. Prepare the information necessary for explaining the values and significance of Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe and Te Ara Wairua as a culturally significant landscape, and the activities that may have adverse effects on them, for the purposes of this information going into the regional and district plans as outlined in A9.	short term priority Predecessor to A9	Ongoing		\$ 5,000	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	Ongoing	support may be required from NRC/FNDC	\$ 2,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,500
	A9. Identify Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe and Te Ara Wairua as a culturally significant landscape in the regional and district plans and specify provisions requiring protection from inappropriate activities.	DP update Predecessor A8	Mar-24	Jun-25	\$ 25,000	currently in the proposed district plan (excl specific mention of Te Ara Wairua).	\$ 25,000	One-off	1. Mar-24 - Sep-24 work development NRC contracted service (e.g. B&A) 2. Process for inclusion to be in-line with A7. Already in the proposed district plan. may include outstanding natural and cultural landscape	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	A11. Provide information to the public explaining that the scattering of human ashes in the sea, on the beach, on sand dunes and in waterways is inappropriate. Share information via: 1. the Board's website; and 2. local funeral providers.	short term priority	Jul-24	Jun-25	\$ 5,000	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	One-off		\$ 2,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,500
	A12. Reflecting Tikanga Māori, include rules in the regional plan prohibiting the scattering of human ashes in the sea, on the beach, on sand dunes and in waterways.	RPS/RP change required	Oct-24	Jun-25	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000	one-off	Run along side A7 BAU	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	A13. The Board will work with Iwi to develop a paper on mauri, to inform proposed changes to regional and district plans, bylaws and other relevant documents that relate to the beach management area.	short term priority	Jul-24	Jun-25	\$ 10,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	one-off	offer of in-kind support	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000
	Ngā Kaiārahi Leadership	A16. Formalise the process by which the Board is notified and receives all applications for resource consents relating to Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Management Area for consideration.	short term priority process update	ongoing		\$20k per annum max (limited consents within the BMA)	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	ongoing	Internal resource required from NRC and FNDC	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,600	\$ 11,236	\$ 11,910	\$ 12,625	\$ 13,382	\$ 14,185	\$ 15,036	\$ 15,938	\$ 16,895	\$ 131,808
A17. Investigate and implement a process for delegating authority to the Board to appoint a commissioner (along with the council consents manager) to decide on non-notified resource consent applications (or applications that do not require a hearing) for resource consents relating to Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Management Area.		short term priority process update	ongoing		Internal resource required from NRC and FNDC. Potential for annual additional cost to be incurred																
A18. Formalise a list of approved commissioners to consider resource consents relating to Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Management Area.		short term priority process update	annually		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	review annually	bi-annual process to review list of commissioners	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
A20. Change the regional and district plans so that activities that require resource consent in the Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Management Area, or adjacent to the Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Management Area that may have an impact on Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe, must include in their assessment of environmental effects and analysis of the effects on Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe.		DP update process update	2026	2027	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000	one-off	Already an objective in policy in the proposed DP. Unknown as yet for NRC.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
A21. Change the regional and district plans to recognise that the Board must be considered an affected person/body regarding notification of a resource consent application where the adverse effects on Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe are minor or more than minor.		DP update process update	2026	2027	\$ 60,000	\$30k (already done for commercial activity)	\$ 30,000		to be considered in the next DP update. Cost associated with independent contractor to develop report.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,000
A22. Establish a process for the Board to receive and review resource consent applications relating to Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe.		Process update short term priority	2024	2025	\$ 5,000	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	one-off	review to be undertaken as BAU at a future date	2500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,500
A26. Provide signage explaining fisheries limits and customary practices on each formal entrance to Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe (link to signage strategy).		short term priority	ongoing		\$ 10,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	ongoing	reviewed every four years	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 15,000
ity	A32. Create an inventory on the Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe website of all current, ongoing and proposed projects in and around the Beach Management Plan relating to the betterment of Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe.	short term priority	2024	review annually	\$ 5,000	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	ongoing		\$ 2,500	\$ 2,650	\$ 2,809	\$ 2,978	\$ 3,156	\$ 3,346	\$ 3,546	\$ 3,759	\$ 3,985	\$ 4,224	\$ 32,952	

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			Start	Finish	Cost	FNDC	NRC	Frequency	Expense note	Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5	Yr 6	Yr 7	Yr 8	Yr 9	Yr 10	TOTAL FNDC
Ecology and Biodiversity	A34. By 30 June 2021, the Board will determine the specific adverse effects of concern from mechanical mussel spat harvesting on Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe requiring management, and the appropriate method for management. If the identified method is for mechanical mussel spat harvesting to obtain resource consent, then the NRC will initiate a plan change to include such rules in the regional plan. Note: In the interim, the Board accepts the Code of Practice in its current state as the appropriate means for managing the impacts of mechanical mussel spat harvesting.	short term priority	2024	2026	\$ 20,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	one-off	review costs may apply in the future but are not currently considered	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000
Mahi Oranga Economic Wellbeing	A35. Amend regional and district plans to require resource consent for new commercial activities related to Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe, including requirements: 1. For the assessment of consistency with the vision, objectives and desired outcomes outlined in this Beach Management Plan. 2. That specify that the Board is an affected person regarding notification of an application, where the adverse effects on Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe are considered minor or more than minor.		2024	2026	\$ 20,000	PDP SASM - rule 4 Commercial activity	\$ 10,000	one-off	review costs may apply in the future but are not currently considered	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Kaupapa Whakahirahira Recreation	A38. Undertake changes to the FNDC Bylaw(s) specifying safe speed limits and other measures along Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe including: 1. 30km/per hour speed limit within 200m of any beach accessway or any activity (e.g. boat launching, people fishing etc) on the beach; 2. 60km/per hour speed limit for the remainder of the beach; 3. No driving vehicles along the beach in the sea except when launching boats. 4. Prohibiting vehicles on sand dunes.	short term priority	2024	2026	\$ 30,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 20,000		Sub items 3& 4 still to be addressed	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000
	A40. Provide signage to identify speed restrictions on the beach.	short term priority	annually		\$ 50,000	WIP			expected that signs will need to be replaced at a minimum annually. Actual figure unknown	50,000.00	\$ 53,000	\$ 56,180	\$ 59,551	\$ 63,124	\$ 66,911	\$ 70,926	\$ 75,182	\$ 79,692	\$ 84,474	\$ 659,040
Whakakotahitanga Collaboration	A46. Deliver presentations to explain the Beach Management Plan (once finalised), regarding its interpretation and implementation, to: 1. Key council personnel (e.g. full council presentation, consent planners, policy planners etc); 2. Iwi and Hapū; and 3. Other agencies.	short term priority	annually		\$ 10,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	Annual	Includes cost of venue hire and to cover the cost of non-council speakers.	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,300	\$ 5,618	\$ 5,955	\$ 6,312	\$ 6,691	\$ 7,093	\$ 7,518	\$ 7,969	\$ 8,447	\$ 65,904
	A48. Actively communicate the presence and purpose of the Iwi endorsed kaitiaki through: 1. profiles on websites 2. media releases 3. updates on social media.	short term priority	annually		\$ 20,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	Annual	website maintenance, pamphlets design and printing	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,600	\$ 11,236	\$ 11,910	\$ 12,625	\$ 13,382	\$ 14,185	\$ 15,036	\$ 15,938	\$ 16,895	\$ 131,808
	A51. Seek commitment and timeframes from Iwi and Hapū, FNDC, NRC and other relevant agencies as to when the Beach Management Plan will be implemented in regional and district strategies and plans, local government planning, Iwi and Hapū management plans and the Northland Conservation Management Strategy.	short term priority	annually		\$ 10,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	Annual	advocacy work on behalf of the board with all stakeholders	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,300	\$ 5,618	\$ 5,955	\$ 6,312	\$ 6,691	\$ 7,093	\$ 7,518	\$ 7,969	\$ 8,447	\$ 65,904
Maātauranga Education	A54. Work with other agencies to develop a regularly updated events programme that celebrates Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe by connecting, engaging and educating people.	short term priority	annually		\$ 5,000	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	Annual		\$ 2,500	\$ 2,650	\$ 2,809	\$ 2,978	\$ 3,156	\$ 3,346	\$ 3,546	\$ 3,759	\$ 3,985	\$ 4,224	\$ 32,952
Other	RP/RPS engagement expenses (targeted consultation process)		annually		\$ 30,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	Annual		\$ 15,000	\$ 15,900	\$ 16,854	\$ 17,865	\$ 18,937	\$ 20,073	\$ 21,278	\$ 22,554	\$ 23,908	\$ 25,342	\$ 197,712
	Board member fees (non-council)		annually		\$ 10,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	Annual		\$ 5,000	\$ 5,300	\$ 5,618	\$ 5,955	\$ 6,312	\$ 6,691	\$ 7,093	\$ 7,518	\$ 7,969	\$ 8,447	\$ 65,904
	Board administration (joint committee of council)		annually		\$ 60,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	Annual		\$ 30,000	\$ 31,800	\$ 33,708	\$ 35,730	\$ 37,874	\$ 40,147	\$ 42,556	\$ 45,109	\$ 47,815	\$ 50,684	\$ 395,424
										\$ 237,500	\$ 153,100	\$ 181,686	\$ 160,787	\$ 175,434	\$ 190,660	\$ 191,500	\$ 202,990	\$ 220,169	\$ 228,080	\$ 1,941,907

TITLE: **Submission to the Long Term Planning Process 2024-2034**

From: Sheila Taylor, Kaiārahi Kaupapa Māori

Authorised by Auriole Ruka, Pou Manawhakahaere - GM Governance and Engagement, on
Group Manager/s: 03 April 2024

Executive summary/Whakarāpopototanga

On 16 February 2024, the Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Beach Board (board) considered the 2024 workplan submitted by staff. This paper expands on the financial requirements of the workplan for the board's consideration. The financial requirements will be used develop feedback on the 10 year long-term planning processes of Northland Regional Council (NRC) and Far North District Councils (FNDC).

Recommendation(s)

That the report 'Submission to the Long Term Planning Process 2024-2034' by Sheila Taylor, Kaiārahi Kaupapa Māori and dated 3 April 2024, be received.

1. That That the report 'Submission to the Long Term Planning Process 2024-2034' by Sheila Taylor, Kaiārahi Kaupapa Māori and dated 3 April 2024, be received.
 2. That the board approve that the Technical Steering Group complete the 10-year budget for Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Beach Board, for the purpose of submitting these budgets to the Northland Regional Council and Far North District Council's as a part of their long-term 2024 -2034 planning processes
 3. That the board approve the drafting of submissions, on behalf of the Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Beach Board, as a part of the long-term planning process of the Northland Regional Council and Far North District Councils
 4. The board delegate to the Chair, final approval of the long-term plan submissions.
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Background/Tuhinga

Te Rautaki o Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe (the plan) identifies 54 key action items that will assist in achieving the Boards vision, values outcomes and objectives for Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe beach management area. Of these 54 action items, 18 are a priority to be completed in the short term (39% of the action items contained in the plan). A further eight action items have been identified as a priority due to their association with a proposed regional policy statement, regional plan change, or district plan change process update. Although these eight action items are not classified with a short-term delivery time frame, it may be more practicable for councils to fulfil their obligations in relation to these action items by completing them alongside other action items with short term delivery timeframes.

To date, there has been no confirmed budget set aside by either NRC or FNDC to support the delivery of the plan.

With the long-term planning processes of NRC and FNDC currently underway, the Technical Steering Group have reviewed the abovementioned 26 action items. The outcome of this review has been a

draft 10-year financial budget, that will see the completion of all priority action items as well as support for the administration of the board.

Attachments/Ngā tapirihanga

Attachment 1: NRC LTP Request 2024 - 2034 [↓](#) 

Attachment 2: LTP FNDC 2024-20234 [↓](#) 

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	A4. Require any signage relating to Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe to be bilingual (e.g. in Te Reo and English).	RPS/RP change required	Ongoing		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,000	Ongoing	Unsure if this can be provided via an instrument	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	A6. Provide GIS mapping expertise and templates to support Iwi, Hapu and Whānau to identify wāhi tapu and sites of significance in the Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Management Area, for the purposes of including these for protection in the district and/or regional plans.	Short term priority Predecessor to A7	Mar-24	Sep-24	\$ 100,000	\$	50,000	One-off plus six yr review	1. In-kind support or direct funding. Include review in year 6	\$ 60,000	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	A7. Include sites identified in A6 in the regional and district plans for protection as relevant.	RPS/RP change required Predecessor A6	Oct-24	Jun-25	\$ 20,000	\$	10,000	One-off	1. NRC BAU staff time 2. notification process costs expectation is to roll into a plan change. Cost will be dependent on whether this could happen and when the next plan change is scheduled. Timeframe could be an issue.	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	A8. Prepare the information necessary for explaining the values and significance of Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe and Te Ara Wairua as a culturally significant landscape, and the activities that may have adverse effects on them, for the purposes of this information going into the regional and district plans as outlined in A9.	Short term priority Predecessor to A9	Ongoing		\$ 5,000	\$	2,500	Ongoing	support may be required from NRC/FNDC	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
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			2024	2026	\$ 30,000		\$ 10,000	\$ 20,000		Sub items 3& 4 still to be addressed	\$ 10,000	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
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			annually		\$ 30,000		\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	Annual		\$ 1,941,007	\$ 232,500	\$ 104,800	\$ 119,888	\$ 95,281	\$ -	\$ -
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	A7. Include sites identified in A6 in the regional and district plans for protection as relevant.	RPS/RP change required Predecessor A6	Ongoing	Ongoing	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Ongoing	1. NRC BAU staff time 2. notification process costs expectation is to roll into a plan change. Cost will be dependent on whether this could happen and when the next plan change is scheduled. Timeline could be an issue.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	A8. Prepare the information necessary for explaining the values and significance of Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe and Te Ara Wairua as a culturally significant landscape, and the activities that may have adverse effects on them, for the purposes of this information going into the regional and district plans as outlined in A9.	Short term priority Predecessor to A9	Ongoing	Ongoing	\$ 5,000	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	Ongoing	support may be required from NRC/FINDC	\$ 2,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	A9. Identify Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe and Te Ara Wairua as a culturally significant landscape in the regional and district plans and specify provisions requiring protection from inappropriate activities.	DP update Predecessor A8	Mar-24	Jun-25	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ 25,000	One-off	currently in the proposed district plan (excl specific mention of Te Ara Wairua).	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	A11. Provide information to the public explaining that the scattering of human ashes in the sea, on the beach, on sand dunes and in waterways is inappropriate. Share information via: 1. the Board's website, and 2. local funeral providers.	Short term priority	Jul-24	Jun-25	\$ 5,000	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	One-off	Run along side A7 BAU	\$ 2,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	A12. Reflecting Tikanga Maori, include rules in the regional plan prohibiting the scattering of human ashes in the sea, on the beach, on sand dunes and in waterways.	RPS/RP change required	Oct-24	Jun-25	\$ 10,000	\$ -	\$ 10,000	one-off	Run along side A7 BAU	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	A13. The Board will work with wai to develop a paper on mauri, to inform proposed changes to regional and district plans, bylaws and other relevant documents that relate to the beach management area.	short term priority	Jul-24	Jun-25	\$ 10,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	one-off	offer of in-kind support	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	A15. Formalise the process by which the Board is notified and receives all applications for resource consents relating to Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Management Area for consideration.	short term priority process update	Ongoing	Ongoing	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	Ongoing	Internal resource required from NRC and FINDC	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	A17. Investigate and implement a process for delegating authority to the Board to appoint a commissioner (along with the council consents manager) to decide on non-notified resource consent applications (or applications that do not require a hearing) for resource consents relating to Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Management Area.	short term priority process update	Ongoing	Ongoing	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	Ongoing	Internal resource required from NRC and FINDC. Potential for annual additional cost to be incurred	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,500	\$ 11,236	\$ 11,910	\$ 12,625	\$ 13,340
A18. Formalise a list of approved commissioners to consider resource consents relating to Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Management Area.	short term priority process update	annually	annually	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	review annually	bi-annual process to review list of commissioners	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
A20. Change the regional and district plans so that activities that require resource consent in the Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Management Area, or adjacent to the Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Management Area that may have an impact on Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe, must include in their assessment of environmental effects and analysis of the effects on Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe.	DP update process update	2026	2027	\$ 5,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000	one-off	Already an objective in policy in the proposed DP. Unknown as yet for NRC.	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
A21. Change the regional and district plans to recognise that the Board must be considered an affected person/body regarding notification of a resource consent application where the adverse effects on Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe are minor or more than minor.	DP update process update	2026	2027	\$ 60,000	\$ 30K (already done for commercial activity)	\$ 30,000	review annually	to be considered in the next DP update. Cost associated with independent contractor to revision report	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Ngā Kaiārahi Leadership															

TITLE: Adequate Resourcing and Support for Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Beach Board

From: Sheila Taylor, Kaiārahi Kaupapa Māori

Authorised by Auriole Ruka, Pou Manawhakahaere - GM Governance and Engagement, on
Group Manager/s: 03 April 2024

Whakarāpopototanga / Executive summary

On 11 December 2020. Te Rautaki o Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe was approved. Since this time, there has been less than desirable delivery and implementation of the action items contained within the plan. This paper seeks approval to send the attached letter to both the Leadership and Chief Executive Officers of the Northland Regional Council and the Far North District Council.

Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation

That the report 'Adequate Resourcing and Support for Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Beach Board by Sheila Taylor, Kaiārahi Kaupapa Māori and dated 3 April 2024, be received.

1. That the report 'Adequate Resourcing and Support for Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Beach Board' by Meloney Tupou, Māori Governance and Engagement Support Admin and Sheila Taylor, Kaiārahi Kaupapa Māori and dated 3 April 2024, be received.
2. That the board approve the letter be sent to both the Northland Regional Council and Far North District Council

Attachments/Ngā tapirihanga

Attachment 1: Letter - Adequate Resourcing and Support for Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Beach Board  

Te Oneroa-a-Tōhē



7 March 2024

To Leaders of Northland Regional and Far North District Councils
Chief Executive Northland Regional Council,
Chief Executive Far North District Council

E ngā mema o te Kaunihera ā-Rohe, tēnā koutou katoa.
Ko te mihi tuatahi ki te Atua, nāna nei ngā mea katoa i hanga.
E mihi ana ki ō tātou mate kua wheturangihia, rātou kua okioki i te ringa kaha o te Atua. Haere, haere,
haere atu rā.
Ki a tātou ngā kaitiaki o tēnei rohe, e pupuri ana i ngā taonga tuku iho.
No reira, tēnā tātou katoa.

RE: ADEQUATE RESOURCING AND SUPPORT FOR TE ONEROA-A-TŌHE BEACH BOARD

My name is Lisa McNab, and I am the newly appointed chairperson of Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Beach Board (the Board). This letter is sent on behalf of the Board.

I write to express concern regarding the lack of resources and support (including insufficient funding and access to appropriately skilled staff) our board has received from the territorial authorities to, amongst other things, ensure the efficient and effective administration of the Board and ultimately to implement and deliver on Te Rautaki o Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe.

As you will be aware, the Board is a statutory co-governance partnership created via the 2015 Te Hiku treaty settlements for the iwi of Te Rarawa, Ngāi Takoto, Te Aupōuri and Ngāti Kuri. Along with iwi representatives, the Board also comprises both local and regional council representatives.

Its primary purpose is to work collectively and collaboratively to provide governance and direction to protect and enhance environmental, economic, social, cultural, and spiritual well-being within the Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe management area now and in the future. The legislative establishment of the board and its role in beach management was a breakthrough for the various parties associated with Te Oneroa a-Tōhe and enabled the full and active participation of the affiliated iwi of Te Hiku o te Ika.

Te Oneroa-a-Tōhē



In January 2021, the Board approved Te Rautaki o Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe (beach management plan). The plan outlines aspirations for Te Oneroa-Tōhe and includes desired outcomes, objectives, and actions for the board to achieve those aspirations. It also outlines which entity is primarily responsible for delivery of specific action items. It is disheartening to say, that since 2021, there has been very little support provided from the councils to deliver on the aspirations of the rautaki.

As councils, you have both a fiduciary duty and a duty of utmost good faith to help, protect and enhance Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe through appropriate resourcing and staffing of the Board. We cannot achieve our mandated vision without adequate support from both organisations.

I urge you to address these resourcing gaps as a priority through your current long-term planning processes and fulfil your obligations under Te Rautaki o Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe. Our board is happy to work constructively with you to determine appropriate funding and staffing levels. However, the status quo does not meet the plan requirements, and urgent action is needed.

I look forward to your prompt responses on resolving this situation collaboratively, for the benefit of Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe now and into the future.

No reira he mana anō tō te Poari nei kia tiakina tēnei taonga mo te katoa.

Whakapiri whakatata mai kia ora nei te tupuna a Tōhe

Kia pihi ake ngā taringa o te tamaiti ki te karanga o Hinemoana e pāpaki mai ra i te ao, i te po.

Nāku noa, nā

Lisa McNab

Heawāhine Te Oneroa-a-Tōhe Beach Board

P: (Contact details omitted)

E:

W: <https://www.teoneroa-a-tohe.nz/>

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Rachel
Last name	Smith
Organisation (if applicable)	Turner Cente
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	
Comment	
Other feedback	See attachment
Ward	
Receipt number	Inbox69
Other attachments	

Far North District Council
Submissions

Long Term Plan 2024-27

submissions@fndc.govt.nz

28 April 2024

Please find below Turner Centre - Te Puawai submission to the proposed Far North District Council Long Term Plan for 2024 to 2027.

The Turner Centre in Kerikeri is a pivotal and dynamic pillar of the Northland Art's and Culture sector; both as a high quality venue for community and commercial arts, and also as a destination for Northland on a national scale. This places the Turner Centre as a key enabler of economic, social and cultural wellbeing in the Far North. As a community led kaupapa that was enabled through partnership with Far North District Council, we are excited to be on a journey into a new phase of life. This journey, in partnership with Ngati Rehia, is guided by our new vision "Te Ranga Toi Waka - our waka that weaves together all of the arts". We appreciate Far North District Council, to date, recognising the opportunity of this shift in trajectory, and look forward to continuing, in partnership with Ngati Rehia and FNDC, to deliver wellbeing outcomes with and for our community.

We believe that this underlines the importance of collaboration and partnership between FNDC and community organisations that continue to support the betterment of our people and place in the Far North. Arts, culture and creativity are proven to significantly enhance the health and wellbeing of communities, especially our young people. We note that while wellbeing enablement remains a key theme of the Council's Long Term Plan, we are deeply concerned that the arts sector is missing from this Plan. On this basis we submit the following to the Far North District Council LTP 2024-27 consultation;

- The Turner Centre - Te Puawai **thanks** FNDC for the work to date on a supporting partnership with us, that aims to effectively and efficiently deepen and broaden the wellbeing outcomes through arts, culture and creativity across the Far North. However, we request that FNDC further lean into the underlying principle of this partnership by continuing to work for our place of arts and culture.
- We **strongly support** the continuation of Community Grants and Placemaking Funding that sustain the possibilities and opportunities for Community Boards to support arts, culture and creativity in their communities.
- We **strongly support** the adoption of the draft Far North Arts, Culture and Heritage Strategy (developed in 2021/22).
- We **strongly support** the development of a Far North working group that focuses on efficient and collaborative delivery of this strategy, to further support arts, culture and creativity in the Far North through economic, social, cultural and environmental wellbeing.
- We **encourage** Far North District Council to consider the role they must play in supporting the arts by leveraging existing processes and infrastructure (ie community gallery space in offices, libraries and other community arenas).
- We **strongly encourage** Far North District Council to hit pause on the reduction of front facing facilities across the Far North until the full impact on the arts and community wellbeing can be fully recognised and understood.

The Turner Centre - Te Puawai thanks the Far North District Council for the opportunity to submit to the consultation process of your 2024-27 Long Term Plan development. **We would like to verbally address our submission.**

Nga mihi nui,

Turner Centre - Te Puawai

(Contact details omitted)

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Mike
Last name	Simm
Organisation (if applicable)	Northland Experiences
Position in organisation	Northland Experiences Owner
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	This would better reflect a user pays position which is more equitable
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	3. Change to targeted ward rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	Ward related pick up the particular aspects of the area and is more aligned to the user pays approach referred to in the first question.
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku
Comment	This option would cater best for population spreads and provide best access. To do it by ward would be nice but less affordable.
Other feedback	<p>Twin Coast Cycle Trail funding. To whom out my concern: I wish to make a submission in respect to the Vintage Rail and the Twin Coast Cycle Trail proposed route from Taumarere to Opuia. As I understand it the Council has voted \$4M in the current 3 year period for the project to extend the railway line from Ake Ake towards Opuia. The consequences of this are significant and include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A cost of many millions to extend the rail track and build a turnaround and terminus at the Opuia end. Some fund raising and some FNDC money • The proposal to build a separate cycle track from Taumarere to Opuia. Projected cost \$20M • Is the steam train operation sustainable? • Does the Steam Train tourist experience improve with an expensive track extension and 3 hour return trip? <p>A key consideration is that the current situation with the train running to Ake Ake with the cyclists using the train to transport their bikes from Taumarere to Ake Ake, and then being able to rejoin the cycle trail and ride on the Opuia, is working well. There is no need for any further extensive capital works in the foreseeable future while the District completes higher priority projects. The feedback from cyclists is that the train journey is an additional feature of the Great Ride, enjoyed by all. Meanwhile feedback from other tourists suggests that a steam train ride from Kawakawa to Ake Ake return over 2 hours just about the right time for young families and others. Any longer would be less attractive.</p> <p>So my submission is that FNDC advise both Vintage Rail and Cycle Trail trusts that they will not contribute any more capital monies to the route extension project in this current 3 year planning period and will actively discourage the Vintage Rail trust from doing any further track extension work during that period.</p> <p>Mike Simm Owner; Top trail Cycle Hire and Northland Experiences Ltd I would like the opportunity to speak to this submission when the opportunity presents please.</p>
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	1
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Moyra
Last name	Brears
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	2. Provide a multi-purpose centre for each ward
Comment	
Other feedback	Rubbish collection needs improvement to all areas
Ward	
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	3
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Pete
Last name	Hill
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	I realise that stormwater has to be paid for. However we have no council services and have to look after our own stormwater so I feel we should get some rates relief for that
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	4. Change to targeted scheme-based operational rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to wastewater services
Comment	I'm not sure what the implications are of any of these options. I have no water supply or wastewater services so I should get rates relief
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku
Comment	
Other feedback	I'm continually frustrated with the amount of rates I pay when I have zero council services. I get parking etc but that is all paid for when you build a house as part of your consent fee. I have to pay rates for just living here and getting nothing in return. There is no bus service, no water, no sewerage etc etc and all I see is that rates which are already unaffordable will increase.
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	6
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	I should not have to pay for water that falls on my roof. The council does not own the clouds!!
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	
Other feedback	
Ward	
Receipt number	7
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Howard
Last name	Smith
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	User pays, ring fences the cost to the beneficiaries, less opportunity for Council to undertake vanity projects (such as the new Waipapa sports ground) at the expense of basic infrastructure such as water and sewerage.
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	4. Change to targeted scheme-based operational rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to wastewater services
Comment	Similar comments to first answe.
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku
Comment	As long as Council does not create a high cost model at the expense of basic infrastructure.
Other feedback	
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	9
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	Option 2 because we have NO stormwater requirements on our land. BUT I wonder if the targeted rate will have any positive impact for us, e.g. by reducing the amount of rate increases we could otherwise be facing.
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	4. Change to targeted scheme-based operational rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to wastewater services
Comment	Option 4 because we have NO water supply or waste water requirements on our land. BUT I wonder if the targeted rate will have any positive impact for us, e.g. by reducing the amount of rate increases we could otherwise be facing.
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	There is no reason that the service centres could not also be centres for other council activities currently conducted elsewhere? Changes will cost money, and may not produce meaningful savings. Service centres still play an important public facing role. It is too early to rely on "digitalisation" to take their place yet, especially for some.
Other feedback	
Ward	
	Te Hiku (North)
Receipt number	8
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	WALTER (Wally)
Last name	HICKS
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	<p>1) Changing the status quo depends largely upon what definitions of "Land Use" and "Public Good" are being applied. What are the 'metrics' used to determine 'Land Use'? Or do we simply mean, 'Urban', Rural Production, Rural Lifestyle etc? Example : If 'Rural Production' rate is cheaper than Rural Lifestyle this could be grossly unfair. A (traditional) Livestock & Cropping Farm's runoff may in fact pollute 'stormwater', which is ultimately water runoff, much more than a Lifestyle block doing little or nothing 'productive' with the land? Insomuch as possible greater whanau/family & community self-sufficiency from Lifestyle block 'gardening' may not be ethicquivalently* measured?</p> <p>2) Stormwater runoff is only partially dependent upon Land Use, depending upon how we define, measure and calculate Land Use, and Land Use appropriate Rates. Some farmland is going to be 'worse' and some 'better' for water runoff, almost regardless of what the farmer may do. Lifestyle blocks similar. What of Lifestyle blocks that do 'nothing' to the Land, which are actually Restoring Indigenous Ngahere aka Native Forest and Bird Sanctuary? Landforms come in too many varieties to make 'Land Use' a viable measure of Stormwater runoff IMHO. Is Land Use to be measured by individual property/title? (If so there may be Privacy issues?) Some land already fully takes care of its 'stormwater burden', ie in rainy seasons and in climate change weather events.</p> <p>3) Public Good? I assume that "Public Good Rate" is a measure of the stormwater runoff on all the Common aka Public Land involved in especially roading, plus other public-ownerships such as Reserves, Parks, Sports Facilities(?). Council property and some Forest Reserves(?) and suchlike? As with Land Use I wonder how this Public Good Rate will be measured and calculated?</p> <p>The danger, for instance, in both 'measures' is the part finances play in them? Is land use better or worse for stormwater runoff if it is also 'Financially Productive & Efficient'?</p> <p>I'm glad Stormwater is separate from Water Supply and Sewerage, because I believe they should be rated differentially. However the water cycle component of water runoff into the awa, whanga me te moana is too 'universal' a thing to be apportioned like this. Certainly not without very considered measurement and definition.</p> <p>To paraphrase philosopher Frank E Warner from 'Future of Man' (London 1944), "A people without land and responsibility to it, including it's water, is not only contrary to nature; it is the most grievous of wrongs to shut off any community/group/family or person from Mother Nature/Nurture's need and abundance, which belongs to all."</p> <p>- Ernst Frankenstein (1881-1959) – lawyer, philosopher & international jurist – father of Natural Ethics – as Frank E Warner in 'Future of Man' (London 1944)</p> <p>Were adequately broad, diverse and inclusive measures of 'Land Use' and 'Public Good' available, that considered at least the Four (recognized) Well-Beings, I would probably agree to differential rating for Stormwater. If, for instance, it included a 'Pollution Runoff Quotient' for Farm and Forestry, and acted as a check and balance to any concessions so-called 'productive' land already receives, it is definitely worth considering.</p> <p>Where Soil and Water are concerned, Native Flora and Fauna, the highest moral and ethical standards must be applied.</p>
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	3. Change to targeted ward rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	I am actually voting here first and foremost in favour of my own 'Ward', Hokianga ki te raki aka North Hokianga and particularly Kohukohu, which has a 'mixed' Household Tank Water and Municipal Wastewater system which seems fairly functional to me. It would be workable in most small, single and multiple dwelling

	<p>but not multi-storied remote-rural 'urban' aka Settlement situations. The radius and availability is easily defined. The COST easily measured (and it has apparently not been being measured fairly for many years!) I expect any rates increase would be relatively small in places where water supply and/or wastewater services, or in Kohukohu's case ONLY Wastewater Services are available.</p> <p>In principle, Wealthier Communities are far more likely to be users of Urban Municipal Water Supply and Wastewater services. They should be better placed to absorb any higher Rates increases, although provision should probably be made for Income-Tested Subsidy and/or Rebate for Working Poor and Beneficiaries and Superannuitants. This can almost certainly be factored in to current Rates Rebate system.</p> <p>However, as with Stormwater, I believe there should still remain some 'Common Good' rates component to Water Supply and Wastewater Rating. Most people either use or have relatively easy access to Settlements, Villages and Towns that have municipal water and wastewater in a variety of forms that are to everyone's advantage, ie Public Toilets, Drinking Fountains, sometimes Changing-Room Showers and the like?</p> <p>Scheme-based Operational costs SHOULD be a component of Ward-based Rates systems.</p> <p>See also my general recommendations on the devolution of Local Governance to 'Settlement & Area Councils' aka Kainga Rohe Kaunihera underneath existing Community Boards.</p>
<p>Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?</p>	
<p>Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?</p>	<p>2. Provide a multi-purpose centre for each ward</p>
<p>Comment</p>	<p>In line with my recommendations on the devolution of Local Governance beyond Community Board level to Kainga/Rohe Kaunihera aka Settlement & Area Councils - described by FFLP & LGNZ as 'Neighbourhood Governance' - and far greater Council emphasis on Localism, more Local Self-Sufficiency and "Resilient Local Economies", especially by reducing Transportation requirements, and also by providing Neighbourhood Governments with Income Generating activities, ie Operation of Member-Only Online Community Noticeboard, Newsletter, Community Hub activities etc, I strongly recommend a Multi-Purpose Centre aka Community Hub in each Ward, and even in each 'Ward Representative Area' aka North Hokianga, provided "to scale" with the Settlement Area. For instance in Hokianga this may mean a larger centre in Rawene, with smaller Council/NGO Community Hubs in Settlements like Panguru, Kohukohu, Manganuiwae/Broadwood and perhaps Mangamuka? Perhaps Mitimiti & Pawarenga too? This already works well in Rawene with RAD's association with Council Offices there.</p> <p>Although they may never be 'per capita' based centres, scales would obviously differ for larger centres. Te Ahu's scale seems entirely appropriate to Kaitiia and surrounds to me. There may be another Centre in Mangonui and Te Hapua? The provision of more Localized 'Local Governance' will clearly play a role in this 'scale'. There is something of a 'Status Quo' in this option too, IMHO.</p>
<p>Other feedback</p>	<p>Overview : By 2027 humanity will be just 3 years short of our recognized 'deadline' to do something radical about Climate Change and especially Methane & CO2 Emissions - meet 2050 targets by 2030 - or the Planet will warm by up to 4 degrees Celsius, making the central latitudes more-or-less uninhabitable and raising Sea Level faster and further than we are currently planning for.</p> <p>This 'Dead Line' is now too close to NOT be being included even in this 'Short' Long Term Planning of 2024-27. I fully understand the reasons and financial constraints that have bought* about this 'duration' of so-called Long Term Planning but this is NOT Long Term Planning. 3 years is very short term.</p> <p>Council activities and projects during this time, perhaps especially regarding Transportation, simply MUST include a Longer Term Vision, as in fact many small Settlements have documented for Council already. Kohukohu (and environs) has conducted TWO such Visioning processes - 2008 & 2018 - and 'Localism' at the Neighbourhood/Settlement level is at the heart of both, in all 5 categories : Hapori/Community, Taiao Taiao/Environment, Taonga tuku iho/Heritage, Ohanga/Economy and Nga Hanganga/Infrastructure. In the near future things will need to be 'looked after' on a much more Local Hapori/Community, Neighbourhood aka 'Village' level.</p>

I also propose that Councils should engage directly in Localized Business, Employment Creation and Environmental 'Restoration' aka 'Harvestoration' in Core & Essential Industries, and in SME & Cottage Industry dimensions. One such industry is addressed more fully in my attached document entitled 'TraNZplant ~ PLaN B ~ Plant a Native Biofuel' - the FastOx Gasification of ALL Waste to make Biodiestil* aka Distilled Diesel Fuel.

As LGNZ clearly identifies, good governance at this and all levels of Local, District and Regional Government requires the input of Facilitation, Moderation and Mediation.

1) Establish 'Neighbourhood Governance Boards' aka Poari Kainga/Rohe aka Settlement/Area Boards beneath Community Board level based around a Town Council/Residents Association/Marae Committee/Stakeholder & Citizens' Assembly model using the existing legally constituted mechanism of 'Town Hall Committee' to devolve Local Government to a more 'grassroots' level and empower Communities with significantly more Governance activities and responsibilities. Lower the *Step*, Raise the *Bar*. Make an attempt at Governance "of the people by the people for the people".

Such Local Governance bodies fulfill objectives #16 & 17 of the FFLG Report 2023, vis, "16. Create a stronger requirement in the Local Government Act 2002 that councils enable, promote and support local and neighbourhood networks, including community boards and residents' associations. 17. Set out how to give neighbourhood governance a greater role in the future structure of local government.

Such a Poari Kainga/Rohe could do the following and more -

A) Localize procurement for Goods and Services such as Public Toilets, Rubbish Bins, basic Public Cleaning, Road & Public Building Maintenance, Refuse Transfer (and/or Destruction) and Vegetation Management etc ~ with a degree of Authorized Subsidiary Autonomy.

B) Operate the Town Hall and possibly other Community Facilities, ie Service Centre & Community Hub, Sports Ground(s), Parks etc as appropriate, with a view to these being profitably self-funding within reasonable defined parameters.

C) Operate, 'Govern' and Moderate according to SOSMP & Christchurch Call Legislation and/or International Codes, a Local Member-Only Community Noticeboard type media Platform(s) on behalf of the most 'Public' possible.

D) Co-Govern and Co-Operate Council/CCO business activities, ie FastOx Gasification of ALL Waste to Biodiestil* Production.

E) Form the Core of Localized Emergency Response, and Civil Defense Centre/Hub in Natural or Man-Made Disaster situations, with suitable delegated authority.

F) Provide local professional services ie Moderation, Facilitation, Mediation ...

G) Act as minor Local Funders of Projects & Events on behalf of Council/Community Board, using devolved funding for the purpose. Kainga, Placemaking and Arts & Culture Funding.

H) Act as umbrella, mentor and sometimes even 'commissioner' of a variety of other Community Projects.

I) Also hold the Visioning Facilitation Responsibility for their Communities.

Localism is our ONLY Future. Start doing it *NOW*.

Further submission received 26/04/2024

Re : Dog Control LTP/Strategy ~ a Local & Central Govt Collaboration to reduce HARM.

I strongly suggest to FNDC that the Council institute a World-Leading Dog Control 'Canine Safety Policy' which, among other measures, seeks to progressively eliminate from the Dog Population, Domestic and/or Commercial Ownership, the five (5) most dangerous breeds (by far) AND their cross-breeds, in relation to dog attacks on humans ~ including many tamariki/children and the elderly ~ and now including FIVE Deaths nationwide ~ two in Far North District ~ plus attacks on pets, livestock and almost certainly wildlife.

These dogs are ~ (as per Stuff article linked) ~

- ~ American Pit Bull Terrier
- ~ Rottweiler
- ~ German Shepherd
- ~ Staffordshire Bull Terrier
- ~ Boxer
- ~ AND their Crossbreeds. Unfortunately, due to increasingly extremely lax dog control and animal welfare policies since the most dangerous breeds were

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	<p>permitted under deregulation in 1987, these Cross-Breeds now constitute approximately 50% of the entire dog population, based on American statistics. The technique to use is a 9 year-long 'No Replacement' Sinking-Lid Policy, in conjunction with much improved Animal Welfare funding, and greatly more regulated Dog Breeding. No puppy leaves its breeder without being Neutered, Chipped & Vaccinated unless it is going to another Licensed Breeder. An END to backyard breeding and *Puppy Farming*. If it took 7 years to breed them INTO the Dog Population, we take 9 years to breed them OUT. Provided your dog is assessed by FNDC's additional Animal Welfare staff as being 'safe' under various enforceable regulations you may keep your Pitty, Rottweiler, Shepherd, Boxer or Stafy (Cross) for up to 9 years ~ (possibly longer on an individual basis?) ~ but you will NOT repeat NOT replace it with another Pitty or such breed OR crossbreed because there won't be any to replace it with.</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to submit and I wish to speak to my application in oral submissions if possible.</p>
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Ward	Kaikohe-Hokianga (West)
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Other attachments	<p>https://admin.au.openforms.com/Results/ResponseFile?fileId=b1817969-0c78-446d-b9b0-2240d0d5e0f9&fileName=PLaN%20B%20-%20TraNZplant%20-%20SUBMISSION%20%20ERP%2010pt%20050622.pdf</p> <p>https://admin.au.openforms.com/Results/ResponseFile?fileId=c60c3de5-044c-4365-b4d2-bb37d364cbae&fileName=PLaN%20B%20-%20Gasification%20Report%20-%20SIERRA%20ENERGY%20270420.pdf</p> <p>https://admin.au.openforms.com/Results/ResponseFile?fileId=bcc9dbd7-888a-487b-9192-219a14bacc93&fileName=PLaN%20B%20-%20TraNZplant%20COVER%20PAGE%20030622.pdf</p>

TraNZplant : PLaN B

PLant a Native BioDiesel*

A Central & Local Government,
Hapu-Iwi, Social-&-Community
Enterprise, Business & Citizen's
Partnership Idea

Dozens of problems ... One Ethical Solution ...

It pays for itself by making money ethically,
fuels Aotearoa New Zealand's independence ,
central and local government 'sovereignty',
deconstructs 100% of non-recyclable waste,
solves Waste Biomass,
advances provincial growth,
stimulates new industry initiatives
promotes resilient local economies,
restores the natural environment,
actively encourages biodiversity,
sequesters carbon ... and much more ...

FastOx Gasification-to-BioDiesel*

Sierra Energy FastOx[®] Gasification Business Plan

Date

26-Apr-2020

Location

New Zealand

System Size

50 MTPD

Feedstock

Municipal Solid Waste

Tipping Fee

\$10.00

End Product

Diesel

Executive Summary

This report provides a custom economic outlook for development of a waste-to-energy FastOx gasification facility in New Zealand, and can serve as the foundation for your business plan. The estimated capital expenditure and operating costs for a FastOx system based on your selected values for system size, feedstock type and end-product should give you a general estimate of the potential profitability of a FastOx gasification based project.

Your inputs for tipping fee, end-product sales price, and utility costs impact the local economics of a system. Costs for site preparation, connecting to local utilities and the grid, logistics for delivering FastOx gasification modules to your location, local construction costs and financing costs are not included in this model. These costs vary greatly by location and should be added to your final calculations.

These calculations are based on chemical models that assume no feed material pre-drying equipment is required and syngas recycling is enabled. US National average labor rates are used for calculating personnel costs. Heat recovery is not included in the calculations, which could also have a substantial positive impact on project economics.

Sierra Energy is pleased that you are interested in FastOx gasification and we look forward to working with you on next steps to get a project built in New Zealand.

About Sierra Energy

Sierra Energy is a gasification company founded in 2004. It has developed FastOx gasification, a technology that turns trash into energy without burning. This sustainable solution is commercially available to meet the needs of the modern waste industry. The company continues to advance its technology and test new applications for gasification at the Sierra Energy Research Park based in Davis, California.

Sierra Energy partnered with the U.S. Army, Department of Defense and the California Energy Commission to build the first commercial scale FastOx system. It is located at Fort Hunter Liggett in Monterey County, California. The system converts waste generated on the base into electricity and fuels.

FastOx gasification has consistently received positive feedback and strong support from numerous public and private entities, including the California Energy Commission, the California Environmental Protection Agency, CalRecycle, the Defense Logistics Agency, the Department of Defense and the White House.

FastOx[®] Technology

FastOx gasification is based on blast furnace technology. Waste is broken down by high temperatures that are reached when oxygen and steam are introduced, and react with carbon found in waste. Organic components in waste are reformed into energy-dense syngas, which is an intermediate fuel used to produce valuable energy products, such as electricity, renewable diesel, hydrogen and ammonia.

Inorganic materials in the waste, as well as any compounds typically classified as toxic, are melted at high temperatures and recovered as vitrified, inert stone. Molten stone and liquid metals are tapped from the base of the gasifier. These products are salable and the stone can be used as construction aggregate.

Sierra Energy FastOx[®] Gasification Business Plan

Advantages

Several key factors separate FastOx gasification from the competition. The gasifier can handle mixed waste with minimal processing including municipal solid waste, biomass, tires, medical waste, hazardous waste and industrial waste. The system can be built on existing waste handling sites further reducing land use and operating costs.

- Handles more types of feedstock
- Complete waste destruction with high energy output
- High uptime and low maintenance
- Uses less land and water
- Low capital and operating costs
- Produces high-value products with no toxic byproducts

Competition

Sierra Energy's FastOx gasification operates at ultra-high temperatures that allow complete conversion of waste. Several gasification technologies employ lower temperatures, which have ash output. For simpler feedstock like biomass, this biochar can be used safely in several industries, however ash from complex waste such as municipal, medical and hazardous waste contains toxic materials that require it to be landfilled.

Incineration is widely used as a high temperature conversion technology for this reason, but it does not achieve high efficiency levels. Many incineration technologies have emissions that are not safe or widely acceptable.

Landfill methane capture comes with the many risks associated with long term in-ground waste storage. Leachate threatens water tables and landslides can shift waste outside of protective boundaries. Odor issues and long-term maintenance are problematic in the industry.

FastOx gasification is a closed system with no direct emissions and no toxic ash. It diverts trash from entering landfills and eliminates greenhouse gases that are released during decomposition. FastOx gasification serves both our waste and energy needs and reduces long term liability and environmental impacts of landfills and other less effective thermal conversion technologies.

Market

Landfills place long-term environmental burdens on our society. They also present relatively untapped, energy-rich carbon resources near large population centers where energy demand is greatest. Sierra Energy's FastOx technology not only eliminates the need for new landfills but allows waste in existing landfills to be cleanly converted into electricity and low-carbon fuels, simultaneously reducing landfill dependence, increasing landfill cleanup and cleanly supporting energy independence.

Renewable energy production has grown rapidly in recent years, particularly in the wind and solar sectors. Despite renewable energy growth of 200% each year for the past five years, the U.S. Energy Information Administration estimates that the United States still obtains only 10% of its energy from renewable sources.

FastOx waste conversion promotes energy independence, limits the need for fossil fuels and reduces greenhouse gas emissions, all while cost-effectively diverting waste from landfills. Instead of wasting the energy in the 136 million metric tons of municipal solid waste landfilled annually in the U.S., that waste could be used to power 15 million homes.



Economic Projections

Investment Economics

Capital Investment:	\$18,675,000
Annual Operating Income:	\$1,980,000
Simple Payback:	9.4 years
Annual return on investment:	10.6%

Annual Revenues

Tipping Fee received:	\$174,000
Sale of Diesel:	\$2,120,000
Sale of Recovered Materials:	\$107,000
Carbon Credits*:	\$1,076,000
RIN Credits*:	\$289,000

Estimated Revenue: \$3,765,000

Annual Expenses

Electricity Consumed:	\$479,000
Supplies and Materials:	\$195,000
System Maintenance:	\$467,000
Labor:	\$644,000

Estimated Expenses: \$1,785,000

Operating Income

Annual Revenue:	\$3,765,000
Annual Expenses:	\$1,785,000

Projected Income: \$1,980,000

Capital Investment

Feedstock Preparation System:	\$1,100,000
Oxygen Production System:	\$1,350,000
FastOx [®] Gasification System:	\$5,000,000
Gas Cleaning System:	\$1,375,000
Utilities Subsystems:	\$3,300,000
End Product (Diesel) System:	\$6,550,000

Total Investment: \$18,675,000

System Details

System Size [MT/day]:	50
Diesel Created [gallons/day]:	1,562.4
Diesel Sale Price [/gallon]:	\$3.91
Permanent Jobs Created:	13

Environmental Impact

Est. GHG Eliminated*: 107,570 MTCO₂e/Year

* Please check whether Carbon or RIN credits are available for your project. These may be significant sources of additional revenue.

End Product Comparison



Diesel

Capital Investment:	\$18,675,000
Annual Income:	\$1,980,000
Simple Payback:	9.4 years
Annual ROI:	10.6%

Alternative End Products



Electricity

Capital Investment:	\$13,675,000
Annual Income:	\$1,945,000
Simple Payback:	7 years
Annual ROI:	14.2%



Hydrogen

Capital Investment:	\$14,125,000
Annual Income:	\$5,316,000
Simple Payback:	2.7 years
Annual ROI:	37.6%



Ammonia

Capital Investment:	\$25,175,000
Annual Income:	\$1,768,000
Simple Payback:	14.2 years
Annual ROI:	7%

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Walter Joseph (Wally) Hicks

(Contact details omitted)

Submission to Carbon Reduction Plan Legislation & To Whom it May Concern

PREAMBLE & SETTING : The achievement of 2030's ERP targets of 30% of vehicles being EV, PHEV, Hybrid or, worryingly, Hydrogen*, and a reduction in kilometres travelled by 20% will be highly commendable, notwithstanding the many apparent and emerging issues with these alternative technologies, ie the 'extractive manufacture' of major components like Lithium Batteries etc and the expected 'growth' of Electricity demand as we attempt to maintain the same 'Motor Way' lifestyle in different forms of 'Motor'.

Conversely, this great "achievement" will very blatantly leave fully 70% or nearly three-quarters of the AOTEAROA New Zealand vehicle fleet still being Internal Combustion Engined (ICE) vehicles - although how many 'Latest Model' Cycles will have churned through all the 'Take, Make, Waste' factories by then, who knows? - and this 70% remaining ICE vehicle fleet is highly likely to include nearly 100% of the Big H & smaller 'Big' diesel trucks. It surprises me that this is considered acceptable.

Unless something changes drastically it means that AOTEAROA New Zealand will remain 70% dependent on imported Fossil-Oil Fuel, especially Diesel, of which we use 1.4 million litres per day!

FOSSIL-FUEL FREE : As a Citizen of AOTEAROA New Zealand entering the Post-COVID World, I do not find this acceptable because I know a Carbon Neutral (& potentially Carbon Negative) alternative is available, which can also release this nation from its Fossil-Oilcohol 'addiction' - aka our dependence on 'Global Big Oil' - and accomplish an actual & very real plethora of other GOOD* throughout our diverse communities of this country, for the GOOD* of all the people, for GOOD*.

TraNZplant : A 'Transitional' Transport Plan - aka PLaN B* - PLant a Native BioDiesel - what I call Ethiconomy*. A firmly 'Localized*' & 'Nationwide Social Enterprise' to provide BioDiesel from the [FastOx] Gasification of Organic Waste - aka Waste or Unwanted Biomass - [think Simon Upton's 'Weeds' Report!] - and Inorganic Waste - aka EVERYTHING that presently goes to Landfill PLUS Hazardous Waste Dumps - to fuel the transition to BEST possible 'Transport Alternatives' by 2035 - while employing thousands of people - especially in the 'Provinces' (once the word is cleansed of its ghastly historical meaning) - 'permanently' restoring aka *Harvesting* the Environment - returning every viable [and agreed] area of AOTEAROA New Zealand back to Indigenous Ngahere, Wetland & SNA - removing and/or containing the Pine Tree Pest, making safe and beautifying the roadsides (for the far fewer travellers who will use them in future? ;-), while reviving resilient local economies, repopulating rural areas and lessening import demand for new & used imported vehicles by maintaining the existing fleet as long as possible.

A Public Works Scheme of Crown-Hapu-Iwi-Public-Private-Partnership in which every single New Zealander is both a Shareholder & Stakeholder, fulfilling Te Tiriti o Waitangi obligations with Co-Governance from the Start-Up, literally a 'Sovereignty' Business that's highly Ethical, and provides an all important and substantial Revenue source for Local Government.

One size doesn't fit all, ONE *Pattern* does : **Economic driver for Environmental Protection.**

"Forever Change" - to quote Jacinda Ardern from 'Breakfast', Mon 7 Dec 2020. I believe our Prime Minister, World's BEST Leader two years running, was talking about a process of advancement into the future which I call *Utopiation* or, for people of certain suburbs and areas, *Utopiafication* :-). a process that MUST

inevitably involve less 'growth' in the Neoliberal paradigm sense, and more 'advancement' in the Freesponsible Liberationalist sense.

RESISTANCE & CHALLENGE : [with humour hopefully?] The present-day 'core' economic paradigm of Globalized, Neoliberal, Corporation State *Market Dictatorship* Fascism* - which has been described as 'Extract & Exploit : Take, Make, Waste' - influences* and persuades* us in so many blatant, subtle, covert and overt ways to do precisely the opposite - to consume more - pushing ever-more constant economic 'growth' aka more 'Extract & Exploit : Take, Make, Waste' Economics - "by use of ever more sophisticated and effective methods of mass mind-manipulation" (Aldous Huxley 'Brave New World Revisited' 1958. A Critical & Appreciative Thinking Analysis [CATA] of any Ad Break on TV proves Huxley's prediction has come true! It's CATA-tonic!).

PUBLIC WORKS : Like First Labour's 'Depression Recovery', a giant Public Works Scheme and central, essential Public 'Industry', Fuel, the nub of which was offered to AOTEAROA New Zealand through the Edmund Hillary Foundation in 2019 by Mike Hart, founder & CEO of Sierra Energy in California - (see text & video links in Recommendations below).

PLASTIC : Another and probably far-from-final consideration with FastOx [or similar] Gasification that involves ZERO emissions, is the coming (and I believe unavoidable) 'Plastics Destruction & Replacement Scheme' - 'The Plastics Amnesty' (see also Recommendations').

LONG-TERM: Depending on the outcomes of various reviews of the scheme, and their Globallocal Co-Governance, FastOx Gasification Facilities can be decommissioned and/or repurposed to generate Electricity based on the future of Wastestreams and continued Ethical use of technology.

Recommendations:

I recommend that Central Government initiate the rapid creation, legal establishment, construction and use of a Gasification-to-BioDiesel network of Facilities throughout AOTEAROA New Zealand - aimed at Diesel Fuel Self-Sufficiency in a Carbon Neutral Cycle - constituted through a suitable Co-Governance arrangement involving Crown, hapu-iwi Maori, Local Government, Community-and-Social Enterprise groups, NGOs & Community Groups & Individual 'Investment', in the broadest possible sense of the word, aka every Citizen of AOTEAROA New Zealand is a Share-Stakeholder.

VISION : TraNZplant - Plan B - Plant a Native BioDiesel - "Fossil-Oil FREE by 2033!"

FUEL SOVEREIGNTY : A PEACEFUL Transition from Fossil-Oilcohol Addiction through 'Grew Our Own' Kiwi BioDiesel to BEST Sustainable Alternative Transport 2035. (The Sixth Labour equivalent of First Labour's 'Forestry, Pulp & Paper Industry, PLUS NZ Manufacturing PLUS Regional Development PLUS Full Employment Policies!)

MISSION : **LOCALISED** & national Self-Sufficiency in Diesel Fuel by 2033 (2035 latest) incorporating every direct, ancillary and tangential benefit possible while minimizing unforeseen consequences by not following existing and prior models like SmokeFree & PredatorFree, or many projects included in the likes of the PGF 'model'.

***HARVESTORATION* of the Natural Environment** : Crown, Hapu-Iwi Maori & Taiwi engage in Collaborative *Harvestoration* of all viable surface land-area of AOTEAROA New Zealand, returning it back to Indigenous Ngahere, Wetland and SNA, except when and where the parties' agreed Governance Bodies - nationally connected and organized within local Gasification facility 'Catchments' - agree to sustainable land-use or 'land repair' options and alternatives like the cultivation of Industrial HEMP, Biomass Crops and

'Plantation Native Forest' ie for the likes of Honey-Making or Native timber for building and/or other purposes.

AN ECONOMIC DRIVER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION : ETHICONOMY : Gasification-to-BioDiesel* - *Diesel partially derived from Biomass - Facilities are rapidly Co-Governance-established, funded, constructed and commissioned into use throughout AOTEAROA New Zealand at a LOCAL 'Waste Catchment' sized Area - and proceed to Destruct the Organic aka Biomass Waste and Inorganic aka Domestic & Industrial Waste from within that Catchment area, Emissions-Free, and Sell the finished products of this larger *Harvestoration* process, such as BioDiesel, Inert Stone (the 10% waste product of FastOx Gasification), Firewood (particularly from the removal of large roadside trees and exotic weeds and their replacement with Shoreline-&-Carriageway 'Riperian Reserve' Native Flora & Fauna (NFF) zones of 20-30 metres depth, especially in landslip or weed infestation-prone areas etc), Compost, 'Other' [yet known] and ancillary products and services, ie Arborist, Native Habitat Restoration Consultancy, Contract Waste-Removal, and a variety of other Revenue Streams such as 'Jobs for Nature' which are struggling to find what the recent Arohata te Taiao Survey Report in the Far North describes as missing **"Economic drivers for Environmental Protection"**.

WELL - in a WELL Society - here it is!!! **JUST WELL FAIR.**

Far North District alone produces 500,000 metric tonnes of Organic Biomass Waste per annum - [what I call] 'Suckstainably*', ie from essential removal and for almost zero return on expenditure - which is enough to run 4 x US\$18 million Gasification Facilities each producing 6,000 litres of BioDiesel per day - 24,000 litres of BioDiesel total PER DAY - without even beginning on the destruction of purposefully *Harvestored* Organic Waste or ALL the Domestic & Industrial Waste which presently goes to Landfill!

Harvestoration spells an end to almost all Municipal weed-spraying, because 'Weeds' become a 'Resource', which, if Local Government were a Co-Major-Shareholder along with Hapu-Iwi, also provides a major revenue stream for both.

EMPLOYMENT : Teams *Harvestoring* the Environment - Ethiconomically* - be it as Public Servants like 'Jobs for Nature' employees, Council Workers, Private Contractors or, one might imagine, Social Enterprises and Private Citizens - Community Groups & Members, Landowners and Landoccupiers - will create new employment directly and indirectly, as will the Gasification Facilities themselves - employing 13+ staff each depending on scale - and *Harvestoration* Teams - and potentially many employees of Sales Outlets attached, such as Gas Station, Firewood Depot, Garden & Landscaping Supplies Centre, TruckStop, TrainStop or whatever. Hemp Store?

RURAL & REMOTE COMMUNITIES' ECONOMIC RESILIENCE : Employment "builds back" resilience in Local Economies, especially one where land is being "freed-up" - with government guidance in papakainga and smallholding sizes - soil repaired and ngahere restored by the clearance of unwanted & pestilent Exotics, especially Pinus Radiata.

RURAL & REGIONAL REPOPULATION : Rural Depopulation reverses, remoter areas grow again, recovering former 'Community-Scale' and all that goes along with it - Schooling, Shopping and Sports - Arts and Culture - Diversity and Delightenment*.

BUSINESS & COMMUNITY-ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT : Ancilliary and Tangential 'Businesses', Community-and-Social Enterprises spring up to cater for the increased population with greater spending power and community cohesion as the effects of 'Localized Fuel Sovereignty' begin to ripple through local 'Societies'.

LANDSCAPE RESTORATION & BEAUTIFICATION : Driving along many Northland roads, for instance, becomes more like driving through Waipoua State Forest, more leisurely, spectacularly beautiful Native flora and SAFER! The roadside NFF Zones are viable Bird, Lizard, Insect & All-Life habitats @ 10m-30m deep, depending on circumstances.

SNA's and vast tracts of unproductive Plantation Pinus Radiata and some areas of Pastoral Farmland prone to slips and/or 'weed' infestation can be cleared and replanted aka *Harvestored*, returning them to Indigenous Forest, Wetland and other Native SNA Habitats.

REGULATION : One most important role of everybody involved will be 'Governance' of the Scheme, which must remain at the highest level of Natural Ethics, for GOOD*. **TraNZplant** will by necessity probably be temporary, unless at 2035 we collectively decide that the best, most common GOOD* long-term road transport solution is, for example, the Micro-ICE-E-Hybrid-motor 'Tuk Tuk' or Rickshaw or 4WD 'Tuk Truk' - the Tiny SUV - maximum 660cc or less? Many 63cc? Big Trucks will largely be replaced by Rail and Coastal Shipping, although Light Trucks within an agreed cc capacity may become fairly common for shipping from Railhead or Port to warehouse & shop?

The larger machinery required for *Harvestoration* might be phased-out along with Gasification? Or it might continue under special dispensation to use heavier machinery, as some industries will require.

Private long-distance road travel might be provided by government actively encouraging Localized Hire-Car Companies with dispensations to provide larger vehicles for citizen's distance travel.

TraNZplant - Plan B might be reviewed in 2035 and extended to 2050 under FAIRLY regulated circumstances?

The finer details will be for others committed to AOTEAROA New Zealand's future to work out.

Whakawhetai me te Arohanui, Huge Thanks & Much Aroha (video links follow)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-XAzu3EibDM>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l6g4Da1ZMuY&t=2s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8TEKOAzNKrE&t=36ss>

Thank you for considering my submission. Attached please find brief short video links.

A 'Business Report' from Sierra Energy is also attached to the same email. The Report shows Statistics for a US\$18 million dollar Gasification Facility and its Returns in Energy & Finance.

Walter Joseph (Wally) Hicks

(Contact details omitted)

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	I don't understand the impact on rural properties on metal roads. We have no storm water drainage, rain soaks into our properties & roads & fills our water tanks. I would be unhappy to pay more than a small public good fee, this proposal wasn't clear if I would pay for a service not provided, so I opt for status quo.
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Comment	I do not use these services. But I think the council should not charge poorer towns more than wealthy areas. If costs are genuinely extremely high in a small area (eg Whangaroa \$20000 ?!) thought should be given to disconnecting these services and providing water tanks and septic systems instead.
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	Personally I'd roll all Service centres into the existing libraries except the Paihia iSite which is in a great wharf location for tourists. But that's not an option given here. The first option would mean either Kaeo or Paihia loses its library which doesn't seem right. The second option would no doubt mean both Paihia & Kaeo lose a library, and presumably Kawakawa?
Other feedback	The FNDC website doesn't give useful parking info. I have a self contained campervan and want to find out where I can park it legally overnight. E.g. if I visit a friend and want to crash in the van overnight rather than drive home tired. Similarly tourists can't find this info. Take a look at Whanganui Council's website listing freedom camping info. Whanganui is a campervan friendly town. The Far North does not appear to be campervan friendly.
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
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Submissions with comments

First Name	Pauline
Last name	Makene
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	
Comment	So what your saying is that those who provide food for others are going to be hit again and again until they can no longer get afford to maintain and live off the land
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	User Pays..all new builds should have water tanks /storage tanks to make it easy with our severe weather patterns.
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	
Comment	Cut down on offices and staff..
Other feedback	Yes there is.. Our esteemed Mayor who wants to be a teacher and not our Mayor...Let him go back to teaching and don't let your whanau put their aspirations before your own .. Be a leader not a follower
Ward	Kaikohe-Hokianga (West)
Receipt number	16
Other attachments	

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First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	I don't even understand your second option above! We CANNOT AFFORD TO PAY FOR YOUR SHORTFALLS. STOP ALL UPGRADES AND SPENDING AND MAINTAIN WHAT IS PRESENTLY HERE. WE CANNOT AFFORD THIS. YOU WILL KICK PEOPLE OFF THEIR LAND AND PROPERTY WITH THIS INCREASE. I BELIEVE YOU ARE ACTUALLY DOING THIS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WEF'S AND BLACKROCK'S CONDITIONS AS THEY WISH TO OWN EVERYTHING. WE CANNOT AFFORD THIS SO DON'T GO THERE.
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	AGAIN, WE CANNOT AFFORD WHAT YOU ARE PROPOSING. THE LAST 4 YEARS OF LOCKDOWNS, SHUTDOWN OF THE ECONOMY AND THE DROP IN TOURISM CANNOT BE BORN BY WE THE RATEPAYERS. WE HAVE TO SIT ON OUR HANDS BECAUSE OF THE HIKES IN COSTS IN OUR LIVES, YOU DO THE SAME. WE CANNOT AFFORD WHAT YOU ARE PROPOSING.
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	STOP WHAT YOU ARE PROPOSING. WE CANNOT AFFORD THESE REDICULOUS COSTS BEING PASSED ONTO US THE RATEPAYERS. THIS IS UNFAIR, UNDEMOCRATIC BECAUSE YOU CAN SO CALLED LISTEN TO OUR RESPONSES BUT AGAIN, YOU WON'T LET US VOTE ON THIS VIA A REFERENDUM... AND YOU WON'T LET US STOP THIS DRIVE TO TURF US OUT OF OWNING ANYTHING. AGAIN A WEF PROPOSITION. BRING BACK TOURISM, WE CANNOT AFFORD THIS.
Other feedback	DUE TO THE LAST 3+ YEARS OF LOCKDOWNS AND NOW "OVERTOURISM" BEING TOUTED, YOU NOW HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO MAKE UP YOUR SHORTFALLS AND YEARS OF LACK OF INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT BY PUTTING THE COSTS ON US. WE CANNOT AFFORD THIS. MAINTAIN THE STATUS QUO FOR NOW, RESTORE TOURISM AND FARMING, STOP TAKING ORDERS FROM BLACKROCK AND THE WEF. WE CANNOT AFFORD THIS. I WILL NEVER ALLOW ANYONE TO TAKE MY HOME BASED ON UNPAID RATES BECAUSE OF A HORROR INFLICTED ON US BY THE LAST 3+ YEARS OF MISMANAGEMENT AND LIES THAT HAVE ECONOMICALLY DESTROYED US. THIS COUNTRY GETS BY ON 2 INCOMES, TOURISM AND FARMING AND BOTH OF THESE HAVE BEEN TARGETED BY THE WEF. WE WILL NOT ALLOW THIS COUNTRY TO BE TAKEN APART AND OWNED BY THE LIKES OF BLACKROCK OR CORRUPT COUNCILS WHO ARE ALL FOLLOWING SUIT ACROSS THE COUNTRY TO FORCE US ALL OUT OF OUR HOMES. YOU ARE TRAITORS TO THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY IF YOU DO THIS. I AM A PENSIONER HOW DO YOU EXPECT US TO COPE WITH THIS? THE PAT ANSWER IS TO SELL UP AND MOVE INTO EVER MORE DISGUSTING HOVELS OF PLYWOOD AND CARS. WE WILL NOT GIVE UP OUR HOME. WE WILL NOT SELL UP AND MOVE AWAY. WE WILL NOT DO A REVERSE MORTGAGE AS IT IS AN INSULT TO US THAT IN OUR OLDER AGE, WE ARE EXPECTED TO COPE WITH THIS MADNESS. I READ ABOUT THIS COMING DOWN THE LINE A FEW YEARS BACK THAT THIS IS ON THE AGENDA AND THEN WATCHED AS BLACKROCK AND GATES HAVE BOUGHT UP LOADS OF PROPERTY ACROSS THE US. NOW THEY ARE HERE AND THEY OBVIOUSLY ARE GOING TO TRY TO DO THIS HERE. YOU HAVE SHOWN WHAT SHILLS YOU ARE IN THE FACE OF DESTROYING THIS COUNTRY BECAUSE OVERSEAS INTERESTS RUN YOU AND WANT TO OWN THIS COUNTRY AND IT'S INFRASTRUCTURE. STOP IT AND TAKE THIS COUNTRY BACK. IT IS OWNED BY US NOT OVERSEAS INTERESTS. THAT HAS TO STOP.
Ward	Kaikohe-Hokianga (West)
Receipt number	19
Other attachments	

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First Name	Kayne
Last name	Tatnell
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	
Comment	The buildings that use drains, stormwater systems should pay
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	Stop spending my rates and nit giving where I live nothing
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	Dont we have te ahu in the far north!!! Stop making problems
Other feedback	You have done absolutely nothing for our riad abd in fact mist rural roads!!!! I have dillgently paid my rates on time for 35 years AND GET LITTLE OR NOTHING IN RERURN. The "weather event" damage is due to the ineptitude of council contactors and council itself to monitor work apparently done. Clean the culverts, keep drains clears of debris! I have put in 2 rfs's inly to be told we have to wait for council approval. Well get your (word omitted) into gear. Far norths population has almist doubled and you have no infrastructure in place for the growth. Mayor you would rather waste money on changing a logo and a kapa haka competition. Do the job you were elected to do!!! I will be applying, as qilm other fir hardship if this increase goes ahead
Ward	Te Hiku (North)
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Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	My preference is to take this out of "Far North" contributing together - although that seems the fairest from the options offered. We all need to pull together so that all communities receive the services they need. Far better would be in the Government recognised that not all communities are equal. Northland is one of the poorer areas in NZ and the people cannot afford the services other Councils provide because they have far more affluent communities. There should be allowance for this and greater grants from Government to Councils with much lower socio economic situations. I urge the Council to push back on Government. That this Government is planning "tax cuts" so that I get an extra couple of dollars in my pay packet is ridiculous. My AirBnB is going to be subject to GST, my hybrid car is going to pay a new tax, my rates bill is going to increase enormously. As I move onto a pension just living is becoming harder and harder. We need more distribution across a much wider area than the Far North where there is a limit to what people can afford.
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	I think it's really hard for some of the elderly to manage online enquiries. The ability to go in and see someone is important.
Other feedback	Do Councils across NZ ever meet up and discuss things together? Looking at this through the small lens of the Far North means the figures will never add up to give the level of infrastructure the region deserves. We must work towards a national system where the wealthy areas contribute to the poorer areas. If we all contribute the same we will never achieve equity across our communities. With roading repairs/renewal - why do we not use hot mix?? I really feel the constant renewal needed is because of the poor quality of the repairs themselves. No sooner is an area repaired, than it is being dug up again. Use hot mix and make a really good repair that will stand the test of time. Opening SH1 through to Kaitaia and taking the huge burden of time off journeys from the very far north to the south (particularly getting to Whangarei Hospital) is a priority - it has been TOO LONG.
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
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Other attachments	

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First Name	Mary Jane
Last name	Ardley
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	4. Change to targeted scheme-based operational rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to wastewater services
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku
Comment	Te Hiku already has a multi-purpose centre at Te Ahu. No changes needed there.
Other feedback	Yes I'm worried about the huge increase in rates. As a pensioner my fixed income is already struggling to meet my cost of living expenses. I have already had an increase when my property was valued at a ridiculously high rate. And what about people who rent? How will they be able to afford a place to live if landlords are forced to increase rent to pay higher rates. Residents in the Far North are some of New Zealand's poorest who already pay higher rates for electricity and petrol. Get real. Maybe you need to look at your enormous staffing numbers.
Ward	Te Hiku (North)
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First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	And depending on where you come from east or west.
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	Sounds like the way to go.
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	2. Provide a multi-purpose centre for each ward
Comment	Depending on how big the wards are.
Other feedback	The roading on the west ward is bad roads are riddled with corrugations and the culvits are bloked from lack of maintenance.
Ward	Kaikohe-Hokianga (West)
Receipt number	27
Other attachments	

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First Name	Geoffrey
Last name	Marchant
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	Beneficiaries of assets should pay more than lesser-beneficiaries
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	4. Change to targeted scheme-based operational rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to wastewater services
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	
Other feedback	
Ward	
	Te Hiku (North)
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First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	
Comment	Let home owners living in urban areas install rain water tanks to collect water preventing excess storm water
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	Same as first answer
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	2. Provide a multi-purpose centre for each ward
Comment	
Other feedback	I pay nearly 4 thousand dollars a year on my rates in Kaitaia plus I have to pay for water on top of this. I feel that the council is spending money on un necessary things and not fixing the real issues such as roads, water and sewerage systems. We also get charged for rubbish collection and recycling in our rates and still have to pay for rubbish bags to get the rubbish picked up and dont get provided with recycling bins free of charge like other councils provide. Also the speed limits have all been reduced in and or around Kaitaia and insted of local council actually fixing our roads they waste money on putting up speed signs, painting new lines on (word redacted) roads and or building new seating/ entertaining areas in Kaitaia that is a total waste of rate payers money. Stop penalising the rate payers for (word redacted) that council clearly does not want to provide or have wasted rate payers money on stuff that we do not need
Ward	Te Hiku (North)
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First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	But only for connected to so it's equitably spread across those actively using service, not those who could use it but are not currently and therefore not benefiting. Protects those who have private supply of water i.e tanks on property and on site waste system from contributing to what they don't benefit from so their money could be better spent on maintaining their private systems and not putting undue stress on public systems as they are not using them as they can maintain their own.
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	2. Provide a multi-purpose centre for each ward
Comment	Review size of each based on population and also projected needs but also don't be seen to be favoring certain wards over other by offering more centre's than others purely based on population of the centre. It really needs to be a needs based assessment so services are truly targeted to where they have the biggest impact on the community.
Other feedback	
Ward	
	Kaikohe-Hokianga (West)
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First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	Targeted rates are far to high to make me consider the change to target rate base.
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	District wide rate on those able to connect is fair. Targeted rates based on area is too expensive. Rate payers shouldn't be punished for the lack of investment from previous leadership inclusive of governments
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	Current buildings available should be better utilised rather than creating new buildings. Whilst multi use is a great idea, only those close to the town centres are going to use them as they're more accessible than those who live outside of towns. Focus on providing outdoor space such as playgrounds and picnic areas in smaller townships whom don't have any service. This would create use of public spaces and provide rest stops for road users which must be a benefit to all.
Other feedback	The proposed rates increase is far too high. We are in a recession and still going through a cost of living crisis. Many families are already struggling to pay for necessities especially those in the working class whom are unable to qualify for assistance. Such increase is going to make it even worse for those quietly struggling to make ends meet. That does not make this place a great place to live nor benefit the wellbeing of the community. I recommend no increase to rates or fees and charges over the far north district for the next 3 years. Utilize other methods to source income such as reinvesting savings from other areas like the savings on office costs since you have a hybrid working policy. Send staff home to work and send the savings into other project deliveries. Bring back development contributions!!
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
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First Name	Vaniva
Last name	Lewis
Organisation (if applicable)	Kaitaia SDA Church, ANT TRUST and Te Hiku Pasifika Trust
Position in organisation	Active Member of these 3 organisations but an employee of ANT trust.
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	3. Change to targeted ward rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	2. Provide a multi-purpose centre for each ward
Comment	
Other feedback	Some summers we have had shortage of water and some times worse than others. I think watertanks provided for each household - especially those in towns would help the water shortage immensely. Storage of water during the wet wet seasons can then be used during the drier months.
Ward	Te Hiku (North)
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First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	stormwater infrastructure is undersized and given climate change, will continue to get worse. Need to have stormwater upgraded.
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	Need to bring other communities up to standard
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	2. Provide a multi-purpose centre for each ward
Comment	would make it better to ensure services across the area taking into account instead of potential segregation with some areas benefitting more than others
Other feedback	Need more community based projects like Waipapa to continue on with development. The community consultation looked amazing but it is understood that there is no budget allocated to next stages.
Ward	
Receipt number	35
Other attachments	

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First Name	Klaus
Last name	Kurz
Organisation (if applicable)	New Horizons
Position in organisation	New Horizons
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	
Other feedback	Those who don't receive and have never received any community service like myself should pay less rates.
Ward	
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
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Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	4. Change to targeted scheme-based operational rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to wastewater services
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku
Comment	
Other feedback	I think Kerikeri/Waipapa needs a public swimming pool. Preferably based at the new sports hub currently under construction in Waipapa. The school pool is not adequate for the growing community.
Ward	
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Other attachments	

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Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	We need to spread the cost of stormwater infrastructure in order to make it more affordable
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	Small communities cannot afford wastewater capital costs on their own. Russell does not need or want a community water system.
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku
Comment	Multi-purpose centres are more efficient
Other feedback	
Ward	
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Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	2. Provide a multi-purpose centre for each ward
Comment	I think the majority of customer service related interactions can be done online or over the phone
Other feedback	
Ward	
	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
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Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku
Comment	
Other feedback	If you targeted those who refuse to pay their rates for whatever reasons then the budget would not need to be increased so much year on year. If the ones who do not pay are given the option to pay with legal proceedings against them if they do not then it is time to stop messing around and take them to task. Even if it means applying for bankruptcy then the land in question can be taken as an asset and sold to pay their debts. A lot of ratepayers are very unhappy seeing cannot/will not payers getting away with it and are considering joining the ranks of them as well. Take this action and you will not have the possibility of a revolt on your hands in the very near future.
Ward	
	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	44
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Amanda
Last name	Roberts
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	No.
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	4. Change to targeted scheme-based operational rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to wastewater services
Comment	I submitted on this issue last time, and frankly, I find it frustrating that we are in this cycle of waiting to see what the government does and revisiting things. There was obviously a lot of time and effort put into this consultation last time. I absolutely do NOT support District wide rating, when I choose to live in an area where the cost is more widely shared.
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	While there may be some additional operating costs for the sites currently, I feel that the customer base who use the option of kanohi ki te kanohi will be disenfranchised, and particularly for our elderly and less technologically savvy citizens who need that familiar space and way of doing. In a time of ever-rising costs and uncertainty, I feel this is something that can be pushed out at this time for the sake of that portion of our community.
Other feedback	Given that the NRC also plan to hike rates, it seems likely that the combined rises are going to further cripple those struggling to meet the cost. My own rates have increased quite substantially in the few years I have owned this property, and the only changes made in my entire block in that time, were some tiny road islands at intersections that nobody asked for. I haven't seen a single improvement/upgrade in this neighbourhood in the 9 years I've lived here. Wastewater systems - all there is in my Street are dangerous open drains that the residents are expected to maintain, and crumbling water and sewer pipes that simply get patched up when holes appear. Most citizens are happier paying increased costs when we can actually see proper maintenance or improvement taking place in our areas.
Ward	Te Hiku (North)
Receipt number	45
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	
Comment	This enables more affordability for less well off areas.
Other feedback	
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	46
Other attachments	

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First Name	Robert
Last name	Adams
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	<p>Our personal rates are already too high. We are paying twice the rates in FNDC that we would in Auckland for a comparable property.</p> <p>The LTP includes expenditure on Kerikeri bypass ,water mains and other projects to expand the networks in kerikeri for future subdivision. The rates increase is too large and ratepayers cannot afford the projects mentioned above . I agree with protecting and repairing our existing assets over the next 3 years but strongly disagree with paying for future infrastructure especially when the economy is depressed and likely to remain so for at least 3 years</p>
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	<p>Our personal rates are already too high. We need to go into a holding pattern and cut costs until the economy recovers.Many elderly people on fixed incomes are already struggling with their rates and are already paying twice the rates for a comparable property in Auckland. Many are trying to sell on a dead market to escape the rates/poverty trap. The council would be very irresponsible to support a rates rise of 16.5 % that will inevitably force people to default on rates and drive them from their homes. Many buyers of houses look at the council rates and walk away. Council rates have a negative impact on the real estate market forcing low and median income earners out of their houses. Older people in some areas are forced out of homes that have been in the family for generations due to large capital gains in their house value because of the increasing demand of wealthy Aucklanders looking for a holiday home.Locals are being forced out and the permanent residents are declining in numbers and houses remain empty during the winter. Until the Government addresses Rating and funding issues with local government then Councillors should only fund essential spending and cut out any future infrastructure projects....we just do not have the money.</p>
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	<p>We cannot afford the capital expenditure. Where are the costs versus benefit figures. We are in a crisis so this is a project that needs far more information supplied before a decision can be made.The rates rise is way too high and needs slashing so people can afford to stay in their homes. We need to drop any unnecessary expenditure especially expenditure that is for future expansion of networks for future subdivision. There is already a glut of property on the market residential and commercial. We need to hold off until the economy improves and the Government addresses infrastructure investment models for local government. The LTP should spend as little as possible until the situation becomes clearer instead of saddling ratepayers with massive rate increases.</p>
Other feedback	<p>Where is the information on FNH . Where are the financials and what are the returns to the ratepayers.</p> <p>This information should be provided to ratepayers as part of the LTP.</p> <p>Where is the information on Council investments and how they are performing.</p> <p>The LTP is a bit light on facts and supporting strategies. I agree on protecting and repairing existing infrastructure for this LTP but strongly disagree with expenditure on new infrastructure for future development. That can wait until we get through the crisis of inflation ,a stagnant economy and a depressed real estate market. Council should hold off with its expenditure and hold or re advertise for tenders as prices will stablize and get cheaper for infrastructure as the economy recalibrates to less demand.The contracts will get more competitive. Councils have always been cash cows for contractors and Council needs to do some hard negotiating and open up</p>

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	the process to more competitors to bring prices down. More locals and less internationals.The contractors are calling the tune at the moment and its time that Council started taking charge and doing the Mahi to get back in control.
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	47
Other attachments	

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First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	There aren't stormwater systems in my street, I shouldn't pay for upgrades that don't affect me
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	There aren't wastewater services in my street, not paying for others luxuries
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	2. Provide a multi-purpose centre for each ward
Comment	Sell the rest of the buildings you own and use the money to stop raising our rates, specially when aren't even grading the road
Other feedback	
Ward	Outside Far North
Receipt number	48
Other attachments	

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First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	
Other feedback	Would be good to have clear communication as to any tarseal extensions and how roads are prioritised
Ward	Kaikohe-Hokianga (West)
Receipt number	49
Other attachments	

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First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	Until a better solution is found that is more cost-effective I think it should stay as it is. I hope the council will investigate options that reuse human waste to support the environment, and encourage those who live in town to store water (at least for their outside endeavours and a potential back-up water supply with filtering if necessary when restrictions happen due to drought).
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	Until a better solution is found that is more cost-effective I think it should stay as it is. I hope the council will investigate options that reuse human waste to support the environment, and encourage those who live in town to store water (at least for their outside endeavours and a potential back-up water supply with filtering if necessary when restrictions happen due to drought). Each ward/district/area will surely have it's own costs and resources so each area should have rates adjusted accordingly, but only after the way the rates are spent are heavily investigated and optimised for best return to rate-payers.
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	Stick with what we have for now, unless a suitable building that requires very little repairs becomes available, it isn't helpful to those in the district to give them support on one hand, and take more away in rates to pay for the building they come to for support... Support should be more available, more supportive (workers should be trained in Nonviolent Communication), less conditional, and be enough to make a significant difference.
Other feedback	The spending of rate payers money must be investigated, scrutinized (and available to rate payers to scrutinize also!!), evaluated and optimised to ensure no wasteful spending, no spending on "desires" that aren't urgently necessary, to ensure the basic needs of the locals are met first and foremost. Rates need to be kept down as low as possible to support people through the high cost of living we are currently experiencing. It seems to me that installing more water tanks to collect water for future use off the rooftops in towns (or encouraging/supporting/subsidising businesses that are willing to install water tanks and guttering for collecting) would go a fair way in solving 2 problems (too much water in the stormwater drains, and the water restrictions due to drought at the opposite time of year).
Ward	Outside Far North
Receipt number	51
Other attachments	

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First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	I don't have the ability to connect
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	
Other feedback	Regular maintenance would be better service
Ward	
	Kaikohe-Hokianga (West)
Receipt number	52
Other attachments	

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First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	
Other feedback	If you go ahead with these sets of rates raises you will end up with more impoverishment in the Far North as median wages/incomes are lower than the rest of NZ and real wages/incomes are going backwards in an inflationary environment. Additionally Council will be facing growing rate defaults as people will increasingly struggle to pay for the basics in life as public services decline and local business decline due to significantly reduced discretionary and non discretionary spending in the district further exacerbated by imposed central government austerity.
Ward	Kaikohe-Hokianga (West)
Receipt number	54
Other attachments	

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First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	If water usage is obtained through council infrastructure then "user pays" systems are expected. However, if a property funds their own water supply i.e. water tank, bore, and have a septic tank (that they have to pay to have cleaned) - then they shouldn't have to pay for what they do not use.
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	4. Change to targeted scheme-based operational rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to wastewater services
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	2. Provide a multi-purpose centre for each ward
Comment	Kaitaia and the far northern communities are being unfairly targeted to supply services/infrastructure to Kerikeri and Kaikohe. How about spending OUR money on us.
Other feedback	The FNDC would not find itself in this position if it hadn't wasted so much of ratepayers money on failed projects - i.e. the Sweetwater sinkhole AND if it collected rates on Maori land. WHY can you not charge all ratepayers equally instead of dumping this rates collection in the "too hard" basket. You go after the law abiding citizens with zeal - why not use that approach on ALL landowners instead of selectively choosing those who are the easiest targets.
Ward	Te Hiku (North)
Receipt number	55
Other attachments	

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First Name	Eljon
Last name	Fitzgerald
Organisation (if applicable)	Whangaroa Memorial Hall Committee
Position in organisation	Chairperson
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	Our small community in Kaeo cannot afford a targeted ward rate for this purpose
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	Our Kaeo Service Centre and library is well used and convenient for local residents.
Other feedback	The Capital Works Project Summary for Kaeo lists \$517,500 for the Old Post Office but does not include a previous budget item of some \$400k scheduled for 2024-25 for the Whangaroa Memorial Hall that is in desperate need of roof repairs. The interior walls have been removed and cannot be replaced until the leaking roof is replaced. This matter has been on-going for 2 years with numerous RFS submissions being ignored. FIX THE ROOF ON THE WHANGAROA MEMORIAL HALL AS WAS PREVIOUSLY PROMISED!!!
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
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Other attachments	

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First Name	Dulcie
Last name	Waghorn
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	I live in Matauri Bay and I had to comply with the storm water agreement for our property without council help. So now you expect me to pay more for others, how does this work out and how fair is this, when I had to comply, so that I can get final council consent and our coastal property.
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	3. Change to targeted ward rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	Our property cannot connect to this council waste water system. We have tank water, so we have no council supply for either. Our rates include a charge for water and wastewater services, this concerns me, as we pay for our own water supply and Wastewater treatment and cleaning services.
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	2. Provide a multi-purpose centre for each ward
Comment	Every area needs there own community center, as we all pay rates to have this service.
Other feedback	
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	57
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First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	The proposals would increase rates by a huge amount (~15% in my case) and do not take into account the cost of connecting to the system (that the home owner has to pay ~\$5k) or the fact we also have to invest in expensive water tanks and associated infrastructure when building to control the volume of water entering the system.
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	2. Provide a multi-purpose centre for each ward
Comment	
Other feedback	I don't see anything in the plan about reducing council expenditure to try and limit the impact on ratepayers? Are there plans to cut some services to free up funds for things like water and roads? It seems to just be a case of the council taking the easy option and forever putting rates up.
Ward	Te Hiku (North)
Receipt number	58
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First Name	Drew
Last name	Hikuwai
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	4. Change to targeted scheme-based operational rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to wastewater services
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	No new builds
Other feedback	I want my rates to decrease not increase
Ward	
	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
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Other attachments	

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First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	
Comment	Your consultation document is unnecessarily complicated- just present the information rather than all the fillers. Can't find this in the document. How much did the document cost- bet there could have been major savings giving us the info rather than all the other superfluous rubbish
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Comment	User pays - stop over complicating things
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	
Comment	How many elderly do you think would be able to firstly find the info let alone read through it all - obvious who your target audience is
Other feedback	Provide info targeted for all constituents, not just those who voted you in The increases show incompetence- stop wasting my rates, provide targeted programs Can't see anything of advantage for me in this Plan for the demographic rather than comparing to areas un alike FFN Think of the people rather than lining your own pockets
Ward	
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Other attachments	

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First Name	Sean
Last name	Rosling
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	As I do not have access to any drainage system bar the extremely basic 1 ditch in front of the house forcing me to pay for something I don't have would be unfair.
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku
Comment	
Other feedback	As I get literally NOTHING for my rates (Which have increased 25% in the last 10 years) I feel that the VANITY PROJECTS the council has been funding - Pou in Awanui and Kaitaia, The Sports hub in Kaitaia, the "re-development" of Kaitaia central and the excessive pay rises the councilors are "obliged" to accept is destroying the ability to fund the core services. The annual "forgiving the rates" on much of the Maori land also destroys our ability to fund the core services. I am forced to pay \$100 a month for nothing and you are attempting to take away another \$16.50, when, as someone working 40 hours a week I can see 50% of any pay rise from my employer being sucked back by the leeches of local (some joke, Has Moko even been to Kaitaia) government faster than I can earn it. What's next - Double the dog registration, only paid parking in town, toll roads. It wouldn't surprise me if you bought all this in ON TOP of your excessive rates rises.
Ward	Te Hiku (North)
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Other attachments	

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First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku
Comment	Provide.. or adapt, we should be utilising the buildings that we already have as apposed to 'providing' that indicates that it will be new build, and as your report states we have many buildings.
Other feedback	
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
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Other attachments	

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First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	No
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	4. Change to targeted scheme-based operational rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to wastewater services
Comment	As it is now our water pressure is shocking and tastes discussing had pay to get water filters in house
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	2. Provide a multi-purpose centre for each ward
Comment	
Other feedback	What services we get are inadequate we are in haruru falls smell from surage plant there some times, terribly water supply and pressure shocking we pay for rubbish omg actually what do we get for our rates are high enough maybe all the new vehicles flights around the county our mayor etc have should be cut back and money go into our services just thought

Ward	
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First Name	Daniel
Last name	Hegh
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	3. Change to targeted ward rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku
Comment	Blend the existing centres, libraries etc into one multicolored, utilizing the best available existing centre in the proposed wards selling off the balance of buildings to pay for any transitional expenses. This doesn't need to cost anything, just apply changes over time utilizing the combined funding of the districts centre's equaling into the centre's that will remain.
Other feedback	The rates demand increase is far too high, for one three year period let alone the suggested triple increase over 10 years. There needs to be a much bigger push back to central government regarding funding for reading rebuilds and maintenance, traditionally this has been entirely funded by central government with the exception of unsealed and private roads. Previous councils and current council is not accepting the responsibility of there roles well enough in keeping spending under control and keeping funding streams open and viable. There needs to be and increase of 17-30% in funding to cover reading recovery and maintenance then it needs to come from central government and council needs to be lobbying hard to achieve this and not just shaking hands taking photos with politicians whilst not achieving any beneficial longterm commitment to plugging funding holes.
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
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First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	
Comment	Neither just keep costs down.
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Comment	Just keep costs down.
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	
Comment	Cut back on areas , services that are not required.
Other feedback	Just sort your budget out and stop wasting money. Pensioners live within their means so can the councils. You know where you waste expenditure!
Ward	Te Hiku (North)
Receipt number	69
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	2. Provide a multi-purpose centre for each ward
Comment	
Other feedback	The rates should not be increased , the land up here is poor i don't think charging high rates for very marginal land is honest, i have been told there are a lot of people up here that will not pay rates so a fare away needs to be found one where everyone contributes for the benefit of our community I also think the council needs to hold contracts to account for work they are pd to do
Ward	Te Hiku (North)
Receipt number	71
Other attachments	

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First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku
Comment	
Other feedback	The LTP doesn't mention any plans on upgrading the cycle network
Ward	
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	73
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Jeff
Last name	Bennet
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	4. Change to targeted scheme-based operational rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to wastewater services
Comment	Isn't it the Government's plan to underwrite loans for Council water and wastewater development of services?
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku
Comment	Much reduced overhead
Other feedback	
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	74
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Mieke
Last name	Ward
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku
Comment	
Other feedback	Commercial Rates for Bed and Breakfast operating from private homes. I object to the rates increases planned by FNDC. FNDC should consider obtaining additional revenue from increased Rating for Private Homes also operating as Bed and Breakfast, through online advertising. Following a 2023 Supreme Court decision, Auckland Council now charges commercial rates for these businesses. There are now over 1000 properties in the district, that operate as Bed and Breakfast. Their guests use more services, water, stormwater, roading. This cost should not be passed on to the other ratepayers, but to the B and B business operators.
Ward	
	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	77
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	4. Change to targeted scheme-based operational rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to wastewater services
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	2. Provide a multi-purpose centre for each ward
Comment	Because each ward has different needs and wants
Other feedback	
Ward	
	Te Hiku (North)
Receipt number	78
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	Insufficient information provided on how this affects rate bills.
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	The ability to connect takes no account of the cost of connection. This can be very expensive. It is more expensive for many to have water and wastewater than have onsite self sufficient solutions. This appears regressive. Those who cannot afford to pay for a connection and monthly usage bills would have to pay even more on a rates bill.
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku
Comment	
Other feedback	I would like a vote on Māori wards.
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	79
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	4. Change to targeted scheme-based operational rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to wastewater services
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	2. Provide a multi-purpose centre for each ward
Comment	
Other feedback	DONT INCREASE RATES ITS RIDICULOUS
Ward	
	Te Hiku (North)
Receipt number	83
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Ian
Last name	Birch
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	
Other feedback	The projected rate increases are exceedingly excessive. My home in Russell receives very limited services and we consider the current rate charges to be too high already. The increases you propose will burden us and many others beyond what we can afford. It seems your intent is to drive many ratepayers out of Northland completely. Campervan prices will trend higher as many look to a life on the road due to your ever increasing fees.

Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	85
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	4. Change to targeted scheme-based operational rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to wastewater services
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku
Comment	
Other feedback	Base the rates on house rather than size of land. Farmers pay significantly more while receiving significantly less services. Our roads are gravel and unmaintained, no rubbish collection, we look after our own water and waste water. Very rarely use public services. There should be more user pays and council supply only core services. Wages of the upper management have become far too high for what they do.

Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	86
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Steve
Last name	Phillips
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	Cannot consider option 2 because you haven't given examples of targets and land use options. You also haven't explained what public good rate means.
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	4. Change to targeted scheme-based operational rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to wastewater services
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	2. Provide a multi-purpose centre for each ward
Comment	
Other feedback	
Ward	
Receipt number	89
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	Councils need to change the way they do things and run more efficiently rather than pass on costs of red tape and inefficiency to the rate payers who are already paying high rates. Alternatively make developers upgrade stormwater systems upon their submissions to cope with all the extra loading.
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	You have to deliver quality water if you want to charge people if they could be connected to a supply but opt not to connect. For example kaeo is still on a boil water notice for many many years. Doubtless Bay water tastes horrible and calcifies up whiteware which is why people opt not to connect. It would be unfair to charge people for choosing not connect to a water supply that was sub standard.
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	Stick with what you have got as it will cost money to build new services so we may as well use the services we already have and expand on those if need be
Other feedback	
Ward	Te Hiku (North)
Receipt number	91
Other attachments	

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First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku
Comment	
Other feedback	I am concerned about the lack of investment in water and wastewater infrastructure planned, vs roading. It seems unbalanced.
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	92
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	This should include all land in Northland including so called Maori land which should also be rateable
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	No point in having targeted Ward Rates as the Wards will go. Thus should include all landowners in Northland including Trusts and so called Maori land which should be rateable;
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	We cant afford it
Other feedback	What is the land percentage of Northland that doesn't pay rates? If all of Northland was rated correctly one system for all"" how much extra money would be collected by the Council each year?

Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	93
Other attachments	

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First Name	Murray
Last name	Cooper
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku
Comment	
Other feedback	<p>Proposed rate increases are to say the least "unbelievable".</p> <p>To try to rectify storm damage infrastructure as quickly as mooted, it should be over many years. We keep getting told that tropical storm Gabriel was a one in hundred year event. Many of the remote areas that require repairs would have an extremely low rating base and people living in those areas should just have to accept FNDC hasn't got the funds to carry out the repairs for sometime.</p> <p>Council should cease making contributions to all cultural and sporting events.</p> <p>Cut out some middle and senior management roles within the organisation. Insist staff return to the office and refrain staff working remotely.. There is a sense by many ratepayers that the FNDC is too top heavy in staff numbers.</p> <p>Like the present government is requesting from its departments staff numbers should be reduced.</p> <p>If council go ahead with proposed rate hikes many locals will just accept the increases however those monies will be lost to local businesses..</p>
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	94
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	4. Change to targeted scheme-based operational rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to wastewater services
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku
Comment	Multipurpose centre with options for private service users to rent some rooms
Other feedback	We would like to know in detail what upgrades are considered for next years. Where can I find this info? We have concerns about road safety in Coopers Beach. Are there any roundabouts planned? Shared cycle/pedestrian paths? Cycle lanes connecting urban places (such as Kaitaia - Coopers - Kaeo)?
Ward	Te Hiku (North)
Receipt number	97
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Alexander
Last name	Wills
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	Leave it alone and save money elsewhere.
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	4. Change to targeted scheme-based operational rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to wastewater services
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	Don't provide any more facilities until you can afford to run what we currently have without increasing rates beyond the inflation rate.
Other feedback	Given that rates increases are well beyond inflation and our basic infrastructure is crumbling. There should be zero spending on projects outside of the very basics that council is paid to provide. Balancing your budget and keeping rates in line with inflation should be you number one priority. Number two should be providing basic services efficiently. If and when you achieve those two, then you can look at more facilities and services.
Ward	Te Hiku (North)
Receipt number	99
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	2. Provide a multi-purpose centre for each ward
Comment	
Other feedback	There needs to be more work regarding road safety. I live on church road which is open speed limit. Living on the tarcel end I see constant speeding and have even witnessed someone spin out into the drain despite being a tarcel road. Moreover the gravel part of church road is certainly not suitable for highway speeds. Church road should be maximum 60k both tarcel and gravel, as our tarcel end is densely populated with families, children, school bus route. Trucks pulling in and out of farms. The excessive speeding is dangerous and encouraged with the open road limits, and it is ridiculous our highways are safer speeds than our rural back roads. Please consider reviewing the church road speed. It's clear this is an issue and I have seen it raised and agreed upon via our local community Facebook pages. See attached image.
Ward	Te Hiku (North)
Receipt number	100
Other attachments	https://admin.au.openforms.com/Results/ResponseFile?fileId=2407d0ff-80d5-4ffe-970e-5c6278f2faed&fileName=IMG_7256.png

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Mark
Last name	Baird
Organisation (if applicable)	Hato Hone St John Russell
Position in organisation	Health Shuttle Team Leader
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	
Comment	
Other feedback	In Russell, we urgently need proper drainage clearance and ongoing maintenance of our town drainage to prevent flooding. The current overgrown state of the creek behind the medical centre, St John ambulance station and health shuttle garage poses a major flood risk to our key health facilities.
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	101
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Paula
Last name	Matthews
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	
Other feedback	Request to seal Pairatahi road as per written submission below.
Ward	
	Te Hiku (North)
Receipt number	102
Other attachments	https://admin.au.openforms.com/Results/ResponseFile?fileId=e247cfd4-85d6-4ee3-95f2-5dab7ebd15d2&fileName=Adobe%20Scan%20Mar%2026%2C%202024%20%281%29.pdf

Application to Tar Seal Pairatahi Road

My husband Nigel and I have resided on Pairatahi Road for 44 years.

Health

Nigel was diagnosed with cancer, along with five other residents on our road. Three have since died. Other residents suffer with respiratory conditions.

In the last ten years there has been an influx of sections sold, new homes built which naturally increases the flow of traffic. Hence the horrendous amount of dust that is generated. This is not healthy for residents with respiratory conditions or any health conditions. Also the dust is contaminating our drinking water.

Subdivisions

Three sections are ready for sale. There is a new subdivision with nine new sections to be sold, as well another subdivision in the process with four sections. In total there will be at least 16 new families, bringing a total of 44 families living on our 3 km road. Each household would have at least two vehicles. The residents are not happy that these sections have been approved without any contribution to the improvement of our road. At present there are eight families with homes within 30 metres of the roadside and seven families within 80 metres. In total there are 15 homes positioned close to the roadside. With new sales there will be many more.

Businesses

There are many businesses located on our road; a holiday retreat, a heavy truck and digger contractor, a 50 ton logging truck (travels the road twice daily) and Safetrek traffic vehicles. All of these are in addition to household car traffic and stock trucks, all contributing to dust pollution and the poor state of the road.

Road Maintenance

Over the years residents have been frustrated at the lack of maintenance on Pairatahi Road. The corrugation is shocking and during winter sump holes are formed. Vehicles are damaged by driving over the corrugations, and this causes higher maintenance costs.

The drains are not maintained which in turn, cause flooding onto our property and others in winter. Residents are angry that when complaints are made to council for maintenance to be carried out, at times they are not followed through, and the job has been closed without a satisfactory result.

The residents feel further subdivisions should not be approved **without the road being tar sealed. We feel it is a health issue and a subdivision issue**, and we ask FNDC to **tar seal our road.**

We have approached all the residents on our road and have their approval to speak to this meeting to put our case forward.

Residents Consultation to subsidise by rate contribution for Council to Tar Seal 1 km Paratahi Road

Name and address	Agree	Disagree	Signature
Gayle McCabain	✓		
Walter Teenero			
Nigel Matthews	✓		
Paula Matthews			
Brian McFarlane	✓		
Alan + Ruth Dudley	✓		
Omg + Jaci Pook		✓	
Matt Wright + Katherine	✓		
Jan Kim	✓		
Russell Dawson Debbie Kitchen	✓		
Rob + Britt Millar	✓		
Ken + Elsie Gould	✓		
Alan Dunbar			
Fenyle Mathews Mans Taylor St.	✓		
Michael Thomson	✓		
Bernie Hill			
Speck in West		✓	
Brige + Adroni Miller	✓		

Residents Consultation to subsidise by rate contribution for Council to Tar Seal 3 km Paratahi Road

Name and address	Agree	Dissagree	Signature
Ken Subritzky	✓		
Mark + Rangy Subritzky	✓		
Saradee Holten + Kayal Robinson	✓		
David Wilson		✓	
318 Paratahi Road		✓	
Pauline Greav		✓	
John + Liz Elstrob		✓	
Ralph Subritzky	✓		
Glenis Beckham			
Cude Wright	✓		
John + Maureen Perry	✓		
John + Carol Whitlow	✓		
Greg + Maria Hill	✓		
Shelley Morse. Phil Marsh	✓		
Nick Heggett	✓		

Residents Consultation to subsidise by rate contribution for Council to Tar Seal 3 km Paratahi Road

Name and address	Agree	Disagree	Signature
Ken + Elsie Gould 105	✓		
Rob + Ruth 89	✓		
Michael Thompson 106	✓		
Heane Hill Alan + Ruth Doolley 69	✓		Hly
Russell Dawson 61	✓		
Debbie Kitchen Anna + Noel Park		✓	
Bruce + Naomi Miller 57C	✓		
Kathene + Matthew Wright 57E	✓		
Tom King 57B	✓		
Nigel + Paula Matthews	✓		
Gayle Reid Warren Jeatho 15	✓		
Brian McFarlane	✓		
Teriele Matthews Maira Taylor	✓		

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Alexandra
Last name	Hart
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	2. Provide a multi-purpose centre for each ward
Comment	Hokianga is 50kms away from Kaikohe we need more local services not centralised in kaikohe
Other feedback	
Ward	
	Kaikohe-Hokianga (West)
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Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	
Other feedback	More housing/ apartments in kerikeri are needed not just for elderly or Kainga Ora but for the general population is needed. Apartments will be more affordable for first home buyers.
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	104
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anne
Last name	Corbett
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	This option targets those who use the services. Those who pay for the service can then expect more value for their money and regular maintenance.
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	Option 2 seems to be the fairest one. Option 3 clearly puts pressure on smaller wards.
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	The FNDC covers a huge area. Taking away the service centres and libraires from the small towns e.g. Kawakawa and Paihia would be a step backwards. With no public transport services it would be difficult for many residents to access the services provided. The Paihia Library not only offers a library service but also a history hub for visitors. It must be one of the less expensive libraries to operate, no rent to pay and the Friends of Wiliams house, Paihia Library Inc fund and maintain the grounds and out buildings with volunteer labour. Maybe the FNDC need to look at at model whereby the smaller libraries /service centres have part time paid staff and volunteers. This model has worked in the past.
Other feedback	
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	105
Other attachments	

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First Name	Garth
Last name	Craig
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	This option seems to be the most equitable for residents and rate payers of the district.
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	This option is targeting those who use the services.
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	Being a wide spread are the service centres are the hubs of the community. These hubs not only provide library and information they are the meeting point for many residents adding value to the community. With no public transport connecting the towns to take away these hubs would not benefit the community. e.g. Paihia Library provides after school activities for the local children, a place for people to have meetings e.g. knitting club, Book Club. It also has a history museum in the upstairs area funded by the hard working Friends of Williams house, Paihia Library Inc. This group also fund and maintain the grounds, gardens and out buildings on behalf of the FNDC. What would happen to the building if the library was closed? We need more information.
Other feedback	
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	106
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anne
Last name	Corbett
Organisation (if applicable)	Friends of Williams House, Paihia Library Inc.
Position in organisation	Secretary
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	This option seems to have least impact to the ratepayer.
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	This option seems the most affordable for the residents.
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	I sites, libraries and service centres are critical for healthy communities. They are the meeting places for many. Our towns are widely scattered. Each facility would provide different needs depending on the community. e.g. Paihia I site provides services for the tourists and a service centre for the residents. The Paihia Library situated in the historic Williams house acts as a library and history hub. In the upstairs area is a museum visited by the many visitors to the town. There is also an office space for the use of FNDC staff which is used regularly. It also offers the local school children arts and crafts lessons, a space for the local women to meet and knit, a computer service for both residents and visitors. For the past 20 years The Friends of Williams House, Paihia Library Inc, have supported the library and funded and maintained the grounds and out houses on behalf of the FNDC. They have added value to the property and created a heart for the Paihia area. To see this compromised would be very disappointing. We seek more information on what would happen to this historic building should the library close.
Other feedback	
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
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Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	In rural areas the public libraries are a community centre not only to take out books and library material but to partake in the programs that the libraries provide eg activities for children after school, adult programs during the day eg craft groups, knitting , book clubs. If you close any of the libraries down, many cant afford to travel to a bigger centre to join these social activities. Libraries are place to meet people, read the newspapers and magazines many people cant afford.
Other feedback	
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	108
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Des
Last name	Mahoney
Organisation (if applicable)	Ratepayer
Position in organisation	ratepayer
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	Leave it as it is, council don't maintain the stormwater drainage, this is nothing more than raping the already struggling ratepayers
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	Leave it alone, this council is already ripping the ratepayers off to cover gross incompetence and mismanagement
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	more raping of the already struggling ratepayers so this council can employ more drop kicks
Other feedback	yes get rid of all the deadwood council staff and save the ratepayers millions a year
Ward	Te Hiku (North)
Receipt number	109
Other attachments	

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First Name	Kerry
Last name	Cane
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	The Paihia library is a community hub, the only one which is free to use in Paihia. It is used by residents, local and Russell residents. It is also used by tourists. It would be a real shame to lose this facility and detrimental to the wider community. I strongly believe the Paihia library should remain as is.
Other feedback	
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	110
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	The status quo already is a "user pays" and is equitable.
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	The current system of "user pays" is the most equitable. If you use the infrastructure then you should pay for that privilege
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku
Comment	Economies should be achieved in the provision of services. The budgeted amounts of 4% spend on Strategic relationships and 14% "Other" - governance etc is excessive when the plan is supposed to be concentrating on the "must do" items for the region. Any increases in overheads of administration should be minimised with every effort being applied to the "must do" line items. There should be no "nice to have" line items included.
Other feedback	I have considerable concern that the allocations for the proposed capital spend has been fairly allocated. It is not acceptable that there has been \$13 million allocated for a new library in Kaikohe for the 2024 - 2026 FY when the CBD by-pass solution for Kerikeri has been allocated \$5million and shunted out to 2026 - 2027. Kerikeri provides the bulk of the general rates revenue and as such priority should be given to the "engine" of the region. Infrastructure should be a top priority to ensure sustainable growth and support of the increasing numbers of people. Whilst it is nice to have a new library is not an urgent addition however strategic roading development is particularly when the current situation in Kerikeri was originally implemented as a short term trial. Council need to address the overarching limitations which exist in the Kerikeri CBD due to lack of planning for the roading development and schedule and build accordingly.
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	111
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	I'm happy with the way the community services are, I support the library's in each town.
Other feedback	
Ward	Te Hiku (North)
Receipt number	113
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Brian
Last name	Denize
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	I think it would put some businesses out of business
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	
Other feedback	Taking a percentage of the GST on rates
Ward	
Receipt number	116
Other attachments	

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First Name	Jerry
Last name	Brown
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	
Comment	Catch tanks for house water is the best way to slow water down meaning less water down outlets so not putting more pressure on outlets .
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	3. Change to targeted ward rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	
Comment	More korero
Other feedback	Places that don't get any of these services in the ffn are paying same rates as those that benefit from these services WHY .
Ward	
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Other attachments	

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First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	Everyone in our district should pay rates.
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	2. Provide a multi-purpose centre for each ward
Comment	
Other feedback	If everyone paid their rates ie DOC, council buildings ,schools,charities etc,etc.etc we would be able to fund our own infrastructure for future needs. Central govt could pay rates to the council, which would then save them having to fund infrastructure through grants, loans etc.
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
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Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	JILLIAN JANE
Last name	KEARNEY
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	<p>Unfortunately this appears to be a very poorly (and deviously) conceived question, rendering it difficult to choose any of the options given. It is totally unclear to me why libraries have been included in this attempt to streamline i-site/service centres. Yes, in recent times they have been diluted to include the provision of internet and other digital information services. But this should not distract from the crucial fact that they provide a distinct and unique core service to the community - to encourage reading and education, particularly among our youth and elderly. That a merged i-site or service centre would be capable of standing in for a fully-equipped community library, is absurd, and yet the list of advantages and disadvantages attached to the survey's designated options in no way registers an awareness of this fact. By all means merge district i-sites and service centres where these services are no longer people's primary source of council and regional information; but please leave libraries out of it! They are a crucial resource of knowledge (as opposed to mere information) in any civilized community, as well as a common centre for discussion and learning at a time when individuals are becoming increasingly isolated. The extraordinary formulation of the issue in the question above, with its deceptively limited list of options, only proves how important critical thinking and education are today. I have checked the option "status quo" answer, as it seems to me the attempt to link the quite different service provided by libraries with these other services is at best ill-founded, and at worst, a cynical attempt at cost-cutting without regard to the community's welfare. I would point out however the disjunct between the question and the third, clearly undesired answer - "Which option do you think will work IF we change the way we provide council services...." The question presupposes change, making an answer of "status quo" less likely in a responder. It is disappointing that, rather than being asked outright if we would like libraries to continue or receive increased/decreased funding, we are presented with a survey question designed to elicit council staff's preferred response.</p>
Other feedback	
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
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Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	Commercial orchards and farms should be rated higher than residential because their impact on the environment is greater. They also use more resources and are responsible for breaches of the laws around environmental sustainability.
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	4. Change to targeted scheme-based operational rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to wastewater services
Comment	If you use the resource more than other operators or industry, you should pay more for that - not pay the same rate as everyone else.
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	Having too many centres staffed with old people who cannot use AI or modern technology is a waste of money and resource. As a ratepayer I prefer to have online systems and much wider transparency than having other options. Failing that, leave it as it is. Humans are slow to data entry, make mistakes but robots and computers are accurate!!
Other feedback	Northland provides a fraction to the GDP of this country. We have too many outdated services, staffed by people who need to upskill or move on. I agree that roading should be done alongside regional speed reductions (which Waka Kotahi are doing well). But we also need more computer-literacy, better education and more small business to be attracted to this area. I am also APPALLED AT THE MISTREATMENT OF DOGS HERE. Please do something about it, this is not good enough!!
Ward	Kaikohe-Hokianga (West)
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Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	No multipurpose centres. Utilize the facilities we already have!
Other feedback	I disagree with the proposed rates rise. It's hard enough to put food on the table let alone pay the current rates bills. Further increases are just going to make the struggle even worse.
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	123
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	Status quo. Let those who benefit pay. Public good charges have very little relevance to us rural properties who pay a lot already in public good given that there's barely any visible use of rates money in our area and we have to travel far to make use of public spaces.
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	Complete waste of money to focus on this. If you desire to pay catch up on infrastructure such as reticulated services and roads, then only focus on these. Make better use of existing council buildings.
Other feedback	The proposed rates rise is unaffordable for our district. The district is suffering with a cost of living crisis. Another bill will make things worse.
Ward	
	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
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Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	Better use the existing buildings you own.
Other feedback	The proposed rates rise is unaffordable. Think of different ways to save money.
Ward	
	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
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Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	4. Change to targeted scheme-based operational rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to wastewater services
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku
Comment	
Other feedback	I support the new boat ramp facility for Rangitane and feel this is a long overdue initiative and will provide better access to the bay of island for our community
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
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Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	Where the same areas flood year after year, either because homeowners have failed to comply with council regulations, they should be made to pay for the large amount of ratepayers dollars required to sort flooding issues
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	4. Change to targeted scheme-based operational rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to wastewater services
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	2. Provide a multi-purpose centre for each ward
Comment	In some areas, there are already multi million complexes which are under utilized. And under the umbrella of FNH
Other feedback	What upgrades/work if any is planned for Opuia, besides improvements to walking track. Is there any plans to repair damaged footpaths, roads, get rid of gorse, ginger, Taiwanese cherry etc

Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
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First Name	Julia
Last name	Crane
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	The libraries and isites are an integral part of Council service. Paihia on cruise ship days would be a disaster when 4,000 people arrive with no idea what to do. isites provide good value for our ratepayers and stake holders. Libraries have a number of after hours or school holiday activities. Both libraries and isites are an important part of the success of Council and create a welcoming face of Council.
Other feedback	
Ward	
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Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	i-sites and libuary are very helpful to have in the areas boi, kaitia and hoki the help provides services with a wide range of things. Bay of islands i-site is great to have in the area especially on cruise ship days otherwise Paihia would not be able to handle to volume of people in the area.
Other feedback	no
Ward	
Receipt number	131
Other attachments	

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First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	The far north is a very spread out district and each of the communities are different and have unique requirements. Closing service centres in smaller areas will have a negative on smaller communities, and don't take into account future growth in areas like Taipa-Coopers Beach-Mangonui. It feels like a short sighted cost cutting move, and value for me and my family from our comparatively high rates will be significantly diminished. The softer services that the libraries and service centres provide are as important to the district as stormwater, and provide our whole community with access to democratic and recreational services
Other feedback	
Ward	Te Hiku (North)
Receipt number	132
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	lynne
Last name	nuttall
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	It is unreasonable to introduce rate hikes at this time, this is a predominately poor district who can not afford increases in rates. Push back at central government to reintroduce 3 waters so that the cost of infrastructure upgrades don't sit with the poorest communities.
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	4. Change to targeted scheme-based operational rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to wastewater services
Comment	Again does introduce unaffordable rates rises that communities can't afford. Push back at central governments to fund services equitably
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku
Comment	
Other feedback	Don't be pressured by central government to introduce an unaffordable 3 year plan. Push back, you are our elected representatives so represent our agenda which is affordable not unaffordable rates rises to address needed services. This government repealed a system where they would have taken financial responsibility for water, if we now have to address the water systems (waste, fresh water etc) as a region we need to do this in a way that doesn't cripple our ratepayers, and end up with people who are already living in poverty being unable to stay in their homes. We do not have to be reactive to central governments agenda but need to focus on taking the time to find affordable solutions for all our communities.
Ward	Te Hiku (North)
Receipt number	134
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Pete
Last name	Deeming
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	
Other feedback	Make savings by trimming the fat. The ratepayer is not an ATM.
Ward	
	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	135
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Diana
Last name	Stansberry
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	Resident
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	We live rurally which we use no stormwater but we are willing to consider a good rate. It would be nice if together as a community we could vote on a good rate.
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	4. Change to targeted scheme-based operational rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to wastewater services
Comment	Each resident/business should pay their own incoming and/or outgoing water which have the ability to connect to services. If the resident/business uses tank water they are not should not be charged for water. But they would be charged for waste water if connected to wastewater services and metered.
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	2. Provide a multi-purpose centre for each ward
Comment	Living north of Kaitaia we are missing out on most community services. It would be great if each ward had the opportunity to decide their community services. We are being charged in our rates so we should be able to have that say.
Other feedback	<p>I read that you are looking at increasing our rates again about 17% because of the last few disasters our area has had. BEFORE you decide to do this...rate payers should be able to give feedback on ALL EXPENDITURES and compare it to the budget. Just raising rates everytime there is a disaster shouldn't mean you raise our rates. Some of the budgeted categories that have been planned should be reviewed and voted on if those funds can be adjusted to support the current issues we are facing.</p> <p>Residents on Super/Disability/Low Income can NOT afford this increase. Even with the Rate Payers Rebate!</p> <p>Why haven't you put your foot down on the \$7,000,000.00 outstanding rates that the rate payers haven't paid? Why should the rate payers that care and actually pay their rates suffer???</p> <p>Sending letters, charging interest and still no payment?</p> <p>Take action to seize property and auction it to pay off the debt. If you get more than the debt, then those funds go towards the disaster fund.</p> <p>I was absolutely appalled when I read at the amount of money that was spent on the new bathrooms in Paihia.</p> <p>I hate to see how much money was spent on the new billboards that were recently installed in Awanui!?</p> <p>Kaitaia...north end of main street looks like a absolute dump compared to the area around the council building. Dargaville is not any better.</p> <p>Both are Old, dated, unkept, Business Owners don't care what the front of there storefront looks like and not held accountable to any standards for their community.</p> <p>Holidaysmainstreet isn't even decorated vs KeriKeri was absolutely beautiful.</p> <p>Like many rural areas that just dump all there garbage bags on a corner several days before the garbage company picks up. Really? Are we that cheap not to have some sort of hidden waste container??</p> <p>In the past three years since moving back here we have travelled from Invercargill to the Cape. So we have travelled on a lot of roads. Findings....NORTHLAND HAS THE WORST ROADS.</p> <p>Is anyone actually monitoring, overseeing and following up what these workers do and the quality of roading?</p> <p>I understand some of the work is contracted out but its a joke and they know it nobody follows up.</p> <p>Last summer when ST1 from Pukenui to Kaitaia was being resurfaced/patched some of those patches didn't last a month. The holes became worse than the original</p>

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	<p>issue because the work was not supervised and held to a high standard of materials and workmanship.</p> <p>We live an hour north of Kaitaia and in a year since purchasing our property our road (details omitted) has been graded 3 times. When a road is graded, the operator should be going down below the rut depths, and to the outer edge of the gravel in order to insure the top gravel will be smooth and last more than a week. This has NEVER been done. Resulting in residents calling constantly to the council asking when our road is going to be graded.</p> <p>Who is supposed to cut the trees/brush that leans over the gravel roads? Our vegetation has NOT been cut in over a year since we lived here. In some areas 1 vehicle can only pass. And this is also a logging road!</p>
Ward	Outside Far North
Receipt number	136
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	No part of any rate should be based on Capital Value as these are simply envy taxes. The concept of rating anything based on unrelated capital value is ridiculous when a lower value capital improvement can have more effects and related costs.
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	
Comment	Reduce multipurpose centers to just two one in the the Bay of Islands ward and the other Te Hiku. Provide small boutique services for the remaining wards. Additionally continue the roll out of internet based services. Libraries are history make a move to a central book repository with online bookings to retrieve books for pick up at service centers.
Other feedback	The proposed rate increase should be abandoned and the limited to the average rate of inflation projected over the next three years. Preferrably the LPT is postponed until the Government announces the new Local Government Funding initiatives.
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	138
Other attachments	https://admin.au.openforms.com/Results/ResponseFile?fileId=4449e0ef-3df0-4a2b-9464-cfab3e2b6925&fileName=LTP%20submission%202024.docx

Submission to the Long Term Plan 2024. Having read and considered the LTP I have formed the following views. My background is in private enterprise and governance. I have been a long term investor in Far North, raised our family here and now have many grandchildren living here. I am deeply vested in the wellbeing of the Far North.

There are four overarching themes arising from the LTP

1. Weather related costs
2. Dire need for major capital project funding
3. Inflation
4. Withdrawal of Three waters funding

The upshot is a massive unsustainable rates hike. The like of this has never before been seen and absolutely should not be happening now. The LTP proposal is an abuse of power and to some extent a political play against the Government with respect to local government funding of infrastructure. Without Economic wellbeing as the first priority for residents there is no social, environmental or cultural well being without ticking the first box.

Is the LTP appropriate given the obvious negative economic and social effects on residents NO it is not. In the current environment major capital expenses should be curtailed to only projects which affect life or death and major environmental harm should be undertaken.

There is no mention of any FNDC restructure or top down cost out plan with savings. No mention of any dividend from Far North holdings. Why is FNHL investing in Social housing when it has a debt mountain and no way to clear that going forward. Does the Council believe that rate payers are going to fork out to rescue that business. Where is the FNDC return on investment, it is non existent because it is caught up promoting inhouse preferential schemes that do not serve the broader rate paying community.

The construction of non essential social facilities must be deferred until the Council has completed all higher priority capital expenditure. It is plainly ridiculous to be spending any capital on the construction of a Library for \$12.0m. You can download an App on to your mobile phone and read almost for free or alternatively for the price of four packets of cigarettes by a Gen 11 Ereader and have a speciality device. This type of capital spending is simply a vanity project without merit even if it is supposed to have other social uses it is loss making and completely out of tune with the current socio economic cycle.

The FNDC by its own admission does not know the true extent of the condition of much of its critical infrastructure for Sewerage treatment and discharge, freshwater and stormwater. This is a disgrace as a territorial authority and the largest asset manager in the district. No credible asset manager would ever conceive to encumber residents or

shareholders with expenses for which it does not know for sure exist. This is purely guess work and is unacceptable.

The FNDC does not currently know the governments new funding model for infrastructure so it is completely inappropriate to be progressing the LTP. Instead pressure should be applied to the Local Government Minister for a deferment of the completion date for the LTP until such funding mechanism can be brought into the capital works program and reduce the residents burden ie spreading over 30 yrs much of the capital works program.

Many of the Sewerage treatment plants are operating under abatement notices but that doesn't mean you have to crush the rate payer now during an inflationary crisis. Inflation will come down when demand eases so the best thing you can do is reduce demand and instead maintain.

I travel around Northland a lot and I am very impressed with the state of our rural roads in general. Yes most could do with some form of upgrade but we can't keep doing the same old thing to make repairs. We need new and innovative thinking on how to cut cost and improve outcomes. Why persist with Ventia as the lead roading service contractor. They are a dual listed Australian Company turning over \$5.6bn pa and in there last financial report showed an increase in profit of 12% and forecast a further uplift of 10% for the next financial year. That's just money out of residents pockets verses using local contractors. Its just plain lazy not to have a plethora of Northland contractors undertaking the work at far more reasonable pricing.

The proposed rate increase is hugely inflationary and will cause economic hardship through increased rents, business closures and adds to the underlying Supercore inflation which will guarantee high interest rates for longer. Supercore inflation refers to key items of the cost of living that can not be avoided such as insurance (land Taxes) rates. The U.S. just published their Supercore inflation and its running at a real 8.0% pa. By doing what you are proposing you are guaranteeing the prolonged high inflationary trend that will flow directly back to Council in all forms requiring higher and higher operating costs. You have only yourselves to blame for that.

The proposed LTP is a classic example of what happens when inexperienced Governance teams with unprofessional management. The Governance body foolishly lost an experienced CEO whom was committed to restructuring and cost saving while improving the outputs to rate payers. The Council without proper professional management lumbered along to for an other 12 months only to appoint a much less qualified CEO and the result is an absurd LPT trying to impose extraordinary hardship on the residents through unjustifiable rate hikes. The increase is unjustifiable because you don't have all of the facts upon which to base your decision and you don't have the skill

level in the executive or governance to understand there are other options at all levels of delivery.

Some of you may not have the mental capacity to understand that just because other councils are trying to do the same thing as you, you do not have to follow. Be a leader and innovate, use technology to save interface costs and bricks and mortar construction, employ seasoned professionals and deal in facts alone not politics and personal preferences.

Given the LTP presented and recent underperformance of some Council representatives it is abundantly clear that the council needs to be resolved and a commissioner appointed until the end of the current term. I would like to see the Council dissolved immediately.

A referendum should take place sooner rather than later on the Maori ward seats so that the democratic process is seen to being followed without fear or favour. There is nothing to fear from a referendum if the ward can demonstrate it is beneficial to all residents.

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Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	3. Change to targeted ward rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	
Other feedback	You NEED to keep rates down they are already far too expensive!! Make the council more efficient!
Ward	
Receipt number	140
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Grant
Last name	Hudson
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	only tank water in Russell
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	
Other feedback	Urgently need more footpaths in Russell Many new mothers in town but very few roads have footpaths
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	141
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Perry
Last name	CLARK
Organisation (if applicable)	Clarks Coachline
Position in organisation	Managing Director
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	4. Change to targeted scheme-based operational rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to wastewater services
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	
Other feedback	<p>Roading , Roothing ,ROADING .Where is the long term road sealing program ? this should be the NUMBER ONE PRIORITY in the plan . Do not tell me we cant afford it . Rural residents see hundreds of thousands of dollars wasted on things like that stupid monument at the entrance to Kerikeri on SH10 roundabout and shake our heads in disbelief . Get your priorities right !! These communities have been promised they are on the list for tar seal yet nothing happens >Have you lost the list ? .Maromaku -Matawaia Road from Maromaku to Motatau ,Tetii road into the village ,half done - when is it going to be completed? Rawhiti road Half done -when is it gong to be completed? Pokapu to Matawaia junction -half done 15/18yrs ago-when is it going to be completed? PLEASE set the funds aside before wasting funds on monuments and such nice to haves but not nessesary projects . Rural communities are losing faith in what is percieved as ineptitude of the people making the decisions . (contact details omitted)</p>
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	142
Other attachments	

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First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	Taking away services and locations will hurt our rural communities. People already have to travel an hour or more to get to current services and centers, reducing the availability and locations would put more stressors (including financial and time) on our communities.
Other feedback	Consultation time frames are not being advertised in a timely manner - short consultation period before submissions are closed, does not give community groups enough time to meet about issues concerning them. Booklet outlining consultation document is not written plainly enough - too much jargon, specific phrases and very wordy. Goes over the head of most people.
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
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Other attachments	

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First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	It is clear the current system is no longer working and due to the age of infrastructure there are failures occurring. We need to raise funds via rating base to cover improvements in this area.
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	As more and more areas become connected to water and wastewater services (assuming this will be an ongoing programme) the rate base should increase.
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	If you are increasing rates across the districts then you need to be accessible and visible to the community so that status quo should be maintained.
Other feedback	
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	144
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	Smaller centres need to keep services such as libraries as they are the heart of the community, a safe space for everyone to be able to go and connect. If these services get moved to only bigger centres such as Kerikeri, many people will not travel all the way there to get books (many people still prefer books as opposed to ebooks etc). Libraries such as Paihia have after- school clubs and activities for children which they can easily walk to straight from school. Centres such as libraries are where new people can meet and connect, many families come into the Paihia Library and sit and read with their children. Locals visit the library as part of their daily walk and read the newspapers. Towns such as Paihia have already lost all their banks, it would be awful to take away a library too. Keep the library please!!!
Other feedback	
Ward	
	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	146
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	2. Provide a multi-purpose centre for each ward
Comment	Hokianga needs it's own we always last to get anything
Other feedback	Kohukohu foot paths & road maintenance
Ward	
	Kaikohe-Hokianga (West)
Receipt number	148
Other attachments	

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First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	Improve monitoring of contracts to ensure the work has been completed to a satisfactory level. Introduce a penalty system.
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	Improve monitoring of contracts to ensure the work has been completed to a satisfactory level. Introduce a penalty system.
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	We have an aging population, do not take away access to services. 707,000 face-to-face (kanohi ki te kanohi) interactions is 707,000 opportunities to meet your ratepayers - That can be turned into opportunities for the staff and elected members to find out what is happening on the ground. We don't want to spend our rates on "nice to haves" when people are struggling. We do not want to have to prop these up when they start costing more than the income they generate
Other feedback	Unsealed roads affect the health of young and old, do not take away that budget. Cycleways for tourists is not a priority of the wellbeing of your constituents. Some of the money spent on almost unused cycleways is ridiculous i.e. top of Opuia hill. I travel that road almost daily and have never seen a cyclist there, and you have narrowed the road right on a corner. Once again look at who you let contracts to and monitor them. Governance has increased exponentially from 04cents to .06 cents. That is a huge percentage of your estimated rates of \$124m and you are proposing a 16.5% increase. More money for governance with less benefits for ratepayers who will have to travel outside of their communities for face-to-face (kanohi ki te kanohi) service
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	150
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Kathryn
Last name	Johnston
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	Sharing the burden with a public good rate makes sense with minimal increases to everyone and then making the targeted rate based on land use a little more affordable
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	Shares the burden more equitably across the whole district and doesn't drive people in smaller areas from their homes because of unaffordable increases
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	I don't want people in smaller centres like Rawene to lose their library because many locals don't have online access or know how to use it. Maybe the changes to more online focused services could happen in another 5 years when we have reliable and affordable internet access for all but that is certainly not the case now for areas like Hokianga ... And we have a wonderful local library in Rawene that is well-run and stocked
Other feedback	Can you please provide a link to the road repairs and upgrades that are currently happening and are planned as I have been unable to find it on your website
Ward	Kaikohe-Hokianga (West)
Receipt number	151
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Leanne
Last name	Filer
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	I believe community services are vital to the wellbeing of a community. I know Kaeo, Paihia and Kawakawa centres provide literacy access for the whole community and that if anything, there needs to be more community centres, especially in places such as Coopers Beach which are growing at an extraordinary rate. I would hate to see rural communities lose yet another vital service, when they have already lost all the banks. Also what exactly is the rate payer paying for in the far north if you take away these centres. We don't even get street lights up here, or footpaths or pedestrian crossings for our children and elderly. If these decisions to shut community centres are followed through I will no longer support certain councillors with my rate paying vote.
Other feedback	
Ward	
Receipt number	152
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	4. Change to targeted scheme-based operational rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to wastewater services
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	2. Provide a multi-purpose centre for each ward
Comment	
Other feedback	Our community relies heavily on those willing to step up and donate their time to enable our emergency service to operate. Coastguard, Fire brigades etc. To consider pulling funding on these services is ludicrous. It could be one of your family that these volunteers are saving!
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	154
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	4. Change to targeted scheme-based operational rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to wastewater services
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	2. Provide a multi-purpose centre for each ward
Comment	
Other feedback	Reduce speed limits on open roads around Russell peninsula. We have had a number of near fatalities and one dead in recent months. More funding is needed for pest and weed control on Russell peninsula
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	156
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Kura
Last name	Heke
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku
Comment	
Other feedback	I would like the Maori Wards to continue as representatives of Te Iwi Maori in Te Tai Tokerau and beyond
Ward	Kaikohe-Hokianga (West)
Receipt number	155
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Lindy
Last name	Mason
Organisation (if applicable)	Okaihau Community Association
Position in organisation	Secretary
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	
Comment	
Other feedback	<p>I am entering a number of submissions on behalf of the Okaihau Community Association.</p> <p>The Okaihau Community Association (OCA) promotes, supports and helps advance the interests of the Okaihau Community, and manages the Okaihau Community Hall. The attached document outlines our submissions to the FNDC 2024-27 LTP. We feel all of these submissions fall into one or more of the strategic priorities listed on page 7, under "Our Community Outcomes", or the Strategy Scope on page 8 of the LTP 2024-27 discussion document.</p>
Ward	Kaikohe-Hokianga (West)
Receipt number	157
Other attachments	https://admin.au.openforms.com/Results/ResponseFile?fileId=552ded6e-b0dc-4810-a216-57315b60b93a&fileName=FNDC%20LTP%202024-27%20submissions.docx

The Okaihau Community Association (OCA) promotes, supports and helps advance the interests of the Okaihau Community, and manages the Okaihau Community Hall.

The following are our submissions to the FNDC 2024-27 LTP. We feel all of these submissions fall into one or more of the strategic priorities listed on page 7, under “Our Community Outcomes”, or the Strategy Scope on page 8 of the LTP 2024-27 discussion document.

Submission 1:

The Okaihau community strongly objects to any move by council & Community Boards to divest themselves of their ownership of, & responsibilities towards, the Community halls they own.

Reasons:

- The Okaihau Hall is of historical significance to the area.
- Our community members pay rates towards community facilities and we feel this money should be directed to the upkeep of our Community Hall.
- The Okaihau Hall is the only large facility in our area which can be hired by the public for events. It is also the designated Civil Defence centre for our community.
- Community Halls are an essential resource in communities – especially small, rural ones such as Okaihau. Our hall serves as a vital hub in the community – providing a space for not only events that bring the community together, but also for funerals and other similar occasions.
- Okaihau is not a large, not affluent community and we would struggle (and probably fail) to maintain the hall in a useable, and Health & Safety compliant, state. Even if we were to dramatically increase our Hall-hire rates, which would be a self-defeating exercise as it would, without a doubt, severely restrict the number of hires that we would be able to attract.

Submission 2:

The OCA would like to see the Okaihau public toilets replaced with bigger facilities.

Reasons:

- More businesses, cycleway users and the Freedom Camping area have all resulted in more traffic in the town.
- All of these factors place strain on the facilities available in the town. We need facilities that will meet the future demand – allowing the town to continue to grow & develop, and cater for the increasing visitor numbers.

Submission 3:

The OCA would like to see a gravel area around the back of the Okaihau Hall to provide easier winter access to the Hall – most specifically for catering purposes.

Reasons:

- The parking at the front of the hall is limited, and catering people usually go around the back of the hall to avoid taking up parking otherwise required for attendees. Currently there is also direct access into the kitchen from there.
However the back of the Hall area is fully grassed and in winter, when mowing isn't done quite so often, this can result in wet feet and mud being traipsed into the Hall.

- Catering people having to spend their time at the Hall squelching round in wet footwear is not ideal – for health reasons alone.
- In addition, we have had instances in heavy rain where pools (considerably bigger than puddles) form, adding further issues with access to the Hall.
- If there were to be a gravel area where cars could park & have drier access into the Hall it would considerably improve the situation for Hall users who would use the back entrance.

Submission 4:

The OCA would like to see Speed humps/traffic calming measure introduced in the town.

Reasons:

- We have considerable & ongoing problems with speeding vehicles through the main street of Okaihau (Settlers Way).
- With 2 schools in the town, with a substantial student roll, this is of great concern. Many children walk to school and we have had concerned parents & grandparents at meetings asking for help to keep their children safe.
- Congestion & reduced visibility around the pedestrian crossing at busy times – due to car parking at the side of the road, buses, cycleway users – compounds the problem.
- In addition, pedestrian traffic at the north end of town has increased due to the growth of the community and increased local businesses, plus the advent of the cycleway. Business owners are noticing the danger posed by speeding vehicles to their customers & others on the street.
- Speed humps at several places along Settlers Way (e.g. at each end of town, near the school, plus one in the middle section) will slow traffic allowing safer crossing of roads not only to the bus parking area at the schools at the start & end of the day, but also when children are walking to & from school.
- We also have an elderly population who need to be assured they can safely cross the roads without fear of being run-down.
- If pedestrians do not feel safe in the town, businesses will suffer.
- Many other local communities have speed humps (Rawene, Kaikohe, Kawakawa, Moerewa, Kerikeri) - we notice, with interest, that quite a number of speed humps have been introduced in Kaikohe recently for example. So we wonder why our town is not considered important enough to warrant similar safety measures.
- This is an ongoing issue that we have been raising with Council and the Community Board for many years yet our concerns have been repeatedly dismissed.

Submission 5:

The OCA would like to see our local Swimming Pools open to the public.

Reasons:

- Both schools in our town no longer allow public use of the swimming pools after hours or during school holidays – due to H&S and other concerns.
- Both of these pools were built by the community, rather than the MoE, so are in actual fact a community resource.

- We are far from the coast and other swimming facilities, so options are limited. Nearby Lake Omapere is not suitable for swimming (or much else).
- Some assistance towards improved fencing would be beneficial also.
- There are little enough recreational facilities in the town and this is just one more thing that has stopped.
- Keeping our local population engaged in activities in the town itself promotes not only individual well-being, but ownership of, & pride in, the town and its facilities.
- This is an activity that families can enjoy.
- We would like these facilities to open after hours & during school holidays, with lifeguards & security, & we request Council & Community Board assistance to progress this goal.

Submission 6:

The OCA would like to see covered drains & footpaths on Lawn, Michie & Tui streets.

Reasons:

- Deep drains with narrow crossings to driveways give rise to the increased risk of accidents when vehicles are reversing out of driveways along Lawn, Michie & Tui streets.
- Flooded open drains during heavy rain are a real cause for concern, especially for children & the elderly.
- Lack of footpaths are an issue – with school children and other pedestrians having to walk through wet grass in winter to get in to town or to school – or walking on the road. The footpath along Lawn street only goes as far as the corner of Michie street.
- The Kohanga Reo & Whanau House are situated along these streets, with children regularly walking along these roadsides.
- School children, walking to & from school, will no longer have to put up with wet shoes from the long grass – an obvious health benefit.
- Home owners can safely reverse out of their driveways without the risk of disappearing into the drain on either side.
- Footpaths would give better access to the domain and rugby club via Michie st.
- Okaihau is one of very few towns in the area with these open drains and a lack of footpaths.

Submission 7:

The OCA would like to see a BMX track & flying fox in Two-Ponga Park.

Reasons:

- We need more recreational facilities for children in the community.
- We have extremely limited facilities at present, and Health&Safety plus liability concerns mean that school facilities are increasingly closed to the public outside of school hours.
- Such a facility will give our children somewhere to gather, help keep them active, while the park provides an outdoor place that families can enjoy together.
- Multi-age & family oriented facilities are important. They improve the well-being of the community and it is important to provide a safe and fun activity for children.
- Our park area is a very safe environment, well away from busy roads.

Submission 8:

The OCA would like to see:

- lights installed at Waiare Rd & SH1 intersection
- a footpath for about 1km south along SH1 from the town
- extending the reduced speed area – moving the 70km speed limit sign to the southern side of the SH1/Waiare Rd intersection

Reasons:

- At night and in the winter times the intersection area is badly lit, especially as it is situated right on a corner.
- We would like to see a footpath for about 1km south along SH1 from the town. Children walk to & from school from homes along SH1. This is dangerous and the long grass makes it difficult to navigate, so many take to walking on the actual roadside rather than the verge grass.
- We would also like to see the 70km speed limit sign moved to the southern side of the SH1/Waiare Rd intersection.
- The intersection position, with an uphill exit from Waiare Rd onto SH1, and on a sweeping corner from the town means visibility is limited and the increase to 100km before the intersection (heading south) makes it a high-risk point.
- Children trying to cross to get to & from school run considerable risks.
- While we understand that this would be a Waka Kotahi project, we request FNDC & KHCB support & assistance to get it done.
- Increased subdivision in the area means there will be more children walking alongside these main roads during the week. In winter it gets dark earlier so it is considerably more dangerous. Footpaths will allow children to walk safely at the side of the road.
- Additional comment: It is one of very few main intersections in the area without lighting.

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Robert
Last name	Lehman
Organisation (if applicable)	none
Position in organisation	none
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku
Comment	
Other feedback	<p>There have been three surveys we have completed regarding spacial design, local community development for recreation, infrastructure maintenance and community planning and we are not aware of any response to those surveys. Is there a place where we can access that?</p> <p>Are there individual official community plans developed as visionary guideline documents for each community in the region? These would be helpful for the FNDC in longer term planning to have a better understanding of each community's perspective.</p>
Ward	Te Hiku (North)
Receipt number	159
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Paul
Last name	Robertson
Organisation (if applicable)	Rainbow Falls Nursery
Position in organisation	Rainbow Falls Nursery
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	
Comment	
Other feedback	<p>Wasting money. As roading is clearly one of the highest expenses by the council, i want all roading new and repairs to stop until such a time whereby contractors do a good job and guarantee their work. It is clear the roads are substandard the same day they are finished. I would rather pay less rates and drive on the same roads we are already driving on. I strongly object to the proposed rates increase. Stop roading and save money. One example... recently re-sealed junction from Airport to Okaihau Golf course. Didn't need it whatsoever...why was it done, when the junction itself is falling to bits. Another section from old Waimate north road, past springbank school and continuing along the airport, Why? One week later it was full of ruts again caused by Heavy duty trucks.</p> <p>Surely there is something wrong with this scenario, the job is third world but we are paying massively inflated prices. Who's accountable?</p>
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	160
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	
Comment	
Other feedback	Manulife Investment Management currently are charged a targeted roading rate. MIM is opposed to this inequitable targeted rate. However, MIM seeks to engage with Council to discuss how and where this money is being spent to ensure specific roads are fit for purpose. There is an opportunity to work together to ensure the best outcomes are achieved.
Ward	Kaikohe-Hokianga (West)
Receipt number	161
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	4. Change to targeted scheme-based operational rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to wastewater services
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	2. Provide a multi-purpose centre for each ward
Comment	
Other feedback	<p>Yes.</p> <p>I live at (address details omitted). We have a terrible road that is dangerous to drive on, nearly had a head on the other week with my 7 year old in the car because a drive lost control coming around the bend at speed.</p> <p>The dust is causing me to get my car serviced more regularly, and I've had a stone chip in the windscreen and a puncture because of the loose metal.</p> <p>Further, we have no footpath, no lighting, no road signage to guide people how to drive on otaha Road.</p> <p>The other issue is that we have no rubbish service in our area. it's up to us to take our own rubbish and sort it at the local tip and we get charged for it!!</p> <p>We supply our own water and removal of wastewater, so what is council actually providing for us?</p>
Ward	Te Hiku (North)
Receipt number	162
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	Tauranga Bay road Stormwater drains have not been cleaned out for years. Our water table is incorrect.
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	Tauranga Bay is not supplied any service
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	
Other feedback	User pays Rural Residents not supplied with Urban Facilities
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	163
Other attachments	

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Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	3. Change to targeted ward rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	I don't want to be charged rates for using my own tank water & have my own septic tank
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	2. Provide a multi-purpose centre for each ward
Comment	Every ward has different requirements. What would suit one ward may not suit another ward
Other feedback	We don't have a rubbish collection for Tauranga Bay & don't want to be charged for it in our rates
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	164
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Lasse
Last name	Pedersen
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	3. Change to targeted ward rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku
Comment	
Other feedback	<p>The proposed rate increase for 2024/24 will be unaffordable for many residents in the Far North and I am very concerned that the council and elected officials are not engaging more strongly with government to lobby for subsidies and support for the Far North.</p> <p>The Far North has some of the highest deprivation in the country, geographical spread out with a small population base and already lacks services, public transports and job and tertiary educational opportunities.</p> <p>By council absorbing the majority of the 2023 weather related cost to our infrastructure, a precedent is being set that future weather related event can and will be absorbed by the community, including the looming 3waters.</p> <p>In comparison to Hawkes Bay, Auckland, Whangārei and Kaipara district, the 2023 weather events (including cyclone Gabrielle) fortunately did only minor damage to life, properties and infrastructure in Far North District. However based on latest modelling it's very likely the frequency and severity of this event will increase and we may have such annual events.</p> <p>Questions and reflections for councils:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What is your plan when the next weather event rolls in and we are hit by another unplanned cost? 2. Had the council introduced development rates, we would have been a better position to absorb these external shocks and is the work of introducing them being prioritised? 3. Have we learned lessons from the lack of maintenance of culverts on our roading network in the last 5 years and how do we ensure this does not happen again? 4. Have council done a cost benefit analysis of seal repairs using chipseal with water, chipseal with bitumen versus proper asphalts surfacing? (including the additional cost of traffic management by having to go back and fix pot holes)? 5. If the Far Northern have to start paying more tax we have to start transitioning the local economy from a low wage economy to a high value economy. We need more visible leadership to set a clear vision and start attracting investment that creates better paying jobs for everybody in the Far North.
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	165
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	John
Last name	Bowron
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	3. Change to targeted ward rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	You must have a service site in Kerikeri which has one of the biggest population bases. You should not be disenfranchising one of the main rate payer bases by taking away services.
Other feedback	
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	166
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	No one who cannot connect should be paying for this "service". User pays. IF YOU ARE CONNECTED YOU SHOULD PAY.... not if you CAN be connected. Stop trying to get everyone to pay for stuff they don't use
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	No need to build more / lease more spaces for council workers, community spaces. Money that you are taking from people and frittering away. Infrastructure... in your own words needs repairing urgently.... and here you are looking at real estate.
Other feedback	Stop putting our rates up. Try using OUR money wisely. Build roads properly. Rural roads need DRAINAGE and some pre emptive tree felling to stop them falling and blocking roads not to mention damaging power lines. Stop wasting our money and trying to get MORE out of us to fund ridiculousness.
Ward	
Receipt number	168
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Margaret
Last name	Thomas
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	I opt for 2 as I do think it may be fairer.
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	I am opting for that status quo despite the negative equity concerns. The challenges with high rating increases across the district lies with our elected members. They need to be much more fiscally prudent with how they spend ratepayers money. There are so many "nice to haves" provided to the communities, no doubt to engender favour for re-election, when the "must haves" are the most important.
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	Libraries play a basic role in our society as they are a source of information and culture, and provide opportunities for learning and education. The Elected Members must really be out of touch with how much our local libraries are utilised if they think that closing any library is a win for a community. I believe our local libraries are very well utilised, particularly the Paihia Library which I am most familiar with. Again, with more prudent fiscal spending by our elected members we should not have to be faced with our local Libraries being closed, nor should we be faced with a 16.5% rate rise.
Other feedback	I believe our Council of elected members needs to be more careful where they spend rate payer money. I find it hard to believe that we are now faced with a 16.5% rate rise.
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	170
Other attachments	

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First Name	Liz
Last name	Witehira
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	4. Change to targeted scheme-based operational rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to wastewater services
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	2. Provide a multi-purpose centre for each ward
Comment	
Other feedback	Roading. Two unsealed sections of Rawhiti Road need to be sealed. A grader drives approx 28km on sealed roads to grade the 2x approximately 1.2km sections of road. The road is regularly corrugated and the steep hill by Omakiwi Bay is dangerous. To expedite sealing, I suggest that a dedicated trust account be started by FNDC to receive donations, particularly from high net worth individuals resident in The Rawhiti. They will not donate to a community trust account but would donate to a FNDC trust account. Meet with The Rawhiti residents to collaborate on the best way forward to expedite road sealing.
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	172
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Comment	I don't understand 2, 3, 4.
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	2. Provide a multi-purpose centre for each ward
Comment	
Other feedback	
Ward	
Receipt number	175
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Esther
Last name	Cook
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	Not many options Having the same or one choice.. a preloaded survey
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	Should have option not to connect to water or wastewater if you already have alternatives in place .
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku
Comment	Kerikeri had one and you tore it down..
Other feedback	Pest control. Cherry trees, tobacco weed, gorse, g8nger. The council needs to take the lead and organize EVERYONE to help eradicate either with money , time or equipment...before it's too late.
Ward	Kaikohe-Hokianga (West)
Receipt number	177
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	4. Change to targeted scheme-based operational rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to wastewater services
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	2. Provide a multi-purpose centre for each ward
Comment	
Other feedback	Whanau who live out in the rural areas should not have to pay for services in towns that they do not have access to or use e.g happy to pay rates for town services & roading but that's it because we have our own septic tanks and water supply
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	178
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Sarianna
Last name	Crook
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	Look into more natural seepage strategies and slow the flow design. Encourage and support private rainwater tanks for house hold storage and use including those on community supplies. Spread the load.
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	4. Change to targeted scheme-based operational rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to wastewater services
Comment	Again encouraging and support more private rainwater tanks to supply households where possible even in tandem with community supply. Encourage safe use and education of alternative waste water and toilet waste management (think composting toilets, greywater to gardens, etc where possible). Slow the flow.
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	More access spread out in each community is better. What is our status quo? I like the council services desk at our local library. Much easier and friendlier to access and use than a centralized service centre. I WOULD NOT want a reduction in the number of service centers available. In particular, my local one in Kawakawa Township. This local access to library and council services is SO VALUED! Our facilities are beautiful (brand new too) and lively throughout the week and I'd like to see that continue to grow.
Other feedback	Priorities: Water access and supply, toxic weeds elimination in communities (those affecting people's health), safe public transport options (train, bus (a twice daily hospital bus for Bay of islands hospital?), and shared paths for bike, stroller, mobility scooters etc), supporting communities and local business to "run the show" in the area they know well.
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	180
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	I live in Paihia and am an active member / user of Williams House Paihia Library. The staff do a wonderful job to make sure the space is utilised and used to provide excellent services for the community, such as the book group, knitting group, craft group and after school crafternoon. I have been attending adult craft mornings and am surprised by how many elderly people use the library services and talk about how little there is in Paihia for them. I've seen the library staff interact with all the people who come in. It is a welcoming, vibrant and essential meeting place for all the community. We must not lose it. Thank you for listening.
Other feedback	
Ward	
Receipt number	181
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	within the rural areas we do not see or be informed of any work being carried out.
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	3. Change to targeted ward rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	We do not and at this stage have neither supply or waste so we should not be targetted at all. We still have to pay for septic tank cleaning and water supply when required on top of paying a marginal fee for a service we do not have.
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku
Comment	Status quo as although I would not use the facilities out local town needs this type of facility.
Other feedback	The roading upgrades if that is what they are supposed to be are a waste of time if all they do within our district is reseal over already washed out portions of the road. If these are to be done they need to ensure they last a few years not a few weeks.

Ward	Kaikohe-Hokianga (West)
Receipt number	184
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	Leave as is so you don't scam ratepayers by increasing costs. Dont agree with changing it
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	Leave as is do you don't scam ratepayers with increased cost. Leave as is. Council BS wanting to increase amount people pay. Rich pay all, poor pay nothing
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	Leave as is
Other feedback	Stop trying to increase rates!!!!!! Do the things tgat are critical and stop wating ratepayers money. We dont need more council worker and buildings to pay for. Start doing what your paid to do instead of wasting rate payer money
Ward	Te Hiku (North)
Receipt number	185
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	
Other feedback	
Ward	
	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	188
Other attachments	https://admin.au.openforms.com/Results/ResponseFile?fileId=42ae6f00-a555-4236-b35f-333cbe0adf29&fileName=FNDC%20Long%20term%20plan.docx

I find it difficult to see why FNDC are reviewing their Long-Term Plan again, having just finished their 10-year plan. The Far North did not get the same amount of damage from Cyclone Gabriel as the East Coast, so the FNDC are using this as an excuse to put up the rates more than was agreed in the 10-year plan.

New Zealand is officially in a recession. Do you really feel this is the right time to put up the rates so much for people who are already struggling? Have the staff who have made these suggestions gone shopping in the supermarket recently? Everything has gone up so much that even a basic shop without luxuries has the budget stretched.

We live at Takou Bay and there is a community here that does not pay any rates as it is on Maori owned land. There are 50 more houses being built shortly with another 150 coming so. That is an additional 200 families moving into the area that will not be paying rates – but using local FNDC funded facilities. I am sure this is happening on other Maori owned land. It does not seem fair to people who own their own house/land. Wouldn't it be fairer if everyone paid rates?

Regarding the water problems in the Far North, rather than put up huge rates maybe the FNDC should look outside the square. I believe that Arvida retirement village were allowed to connect to the town water system when it was built. Surely it would have been better for them to have their own system to take the pressure off the town water system. Wouldn't it be better for new builds to have to have their own water tanks and septic systems?

People who have their own water tanks and septic systems should definitely not have to pay towards any town water improvements.

Rather than put up the rates, has the FNDC looked internally to see how they can save some money? The National Government are asking all Government Departments to make savings – surely the local councils should too.

It would be good if the FNDC could ask themselves the following questions:

- I understand at least a ¼ of the FNDC staff are on \$100,000 plus – with a national average salary of \$70,000 this seems a lot of staff on a high wage. Maybe the FNDC is a bit top heavy with middle management? Is the CEO really on \$400k+/year??
- How many additional staff have the FNDC employed in the past year? Do they really need all that much staff? Maybe a recruitment freeze?
- How much does the FNDC spend on external consultants? Are they really needed?
- How much is spent on catering lunches through Neat Eats? Is it always necessary to have caterers?
- I do get annoyed when I see council vehicles being used by staff at weekends – such as taking the kids to sports, at the packhouse market. Who is paying for the fuel for private use? Surely council vehicles should just be for council use.
- The animal control department has wasted so much money on the southern pound. They bought kennels then decided it was unsuitable so sold the house off. The internals of the house (fireplace, oven etc) disappeared. Surely wouldn't it be better to have just brought some land!

These are only a few suggestions based on my limited knowledge of the internals of FNDC.
Maybe give yourself a budget on the amount to save & a time limit to do it by (months not years!)
– without employing consultants to do this!!

So, in summary, I am against the proposed rate increases.

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Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	Small towns always lose facilities, please keep services the way they are. if there are only 1 or 2 centres per ward, places such as Paihia will miss out. The community needs a library accessible to all, elderly, those without transport and even with transport people cannot afford to drive to another town to get books. There are many activities at libraries, in Paihia tamariki can just walk there after school. The library is a drop in place for many locals. The community deserves its own library as the heart of the community - take away the library, you take away the heart of a community and you stop equitable access to library services.
Other feedback	
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
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Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	The rate increase is already significant, without introducing further at this time. Should be reviewed in 2027.
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	This is important infrastructure, and likely the most fair option for funding.
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku
Comment	
Other feedback	
Ward	
	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
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Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	
Comment	Your consultation process has the appearance of be well meaning but despite the extensive documentation provided you are asking rate payers for an opinion on a very specific area that I personally find hard to understand .More importantly it is hard to understand the impact that it will have on MY rates.
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Comment	I would question whether the answers to any of these questions are even considered. 12 months ago I disputed a water bill. I have since written 3 times with No reply. It showed me clearly what you think of ratepayers.
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	
Comment	I have a set income that I earn. If my costs go up can I ask my employer for more money? No Do I therefore need to reduce personal spending? Yes so that I live within the my income level. The factors you quote of weather events ,covid ramifications etc are also factors that have affected me but no one covers my extra costs. Council should maybe approach this problem differently by asking what can I not spend money on ? Electric cars? Making areas bilingual? Overseas trips? Give ratepayers a list of those things and you might find we have very clear and helpful opinions.
Other feedback	Your total proposed rate increase over 3 years is preposterous. Many people will have to sell. Seniors in our community living off a pension will be severely affected . Thankfully we still do have elections and as we saw on a national level last year the people do have a voice. Be creative. Lead the country in fighting back on rate rises. Show everyone that they aren't acceptable just the way you did with water fluoridation. Protect your ratepayers who provide your salary. Try saying rate increases will be in accordance with inflation and then work to your budget. At the moment you look to the project and work out ways to get the money.
Ward	
Receipt number	192
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	Please keep all our libraries ... they are a vital community service in our region, offering not just reading materials but a local hub for information sharing, and places for small gatherings and meetings. For many people, the library offers somewhere to go which is free and enables them to have interaction with a few others - given that loneliness is a recognised factor in mental health issues among the elderly, in particular, this is an essential service. By all means, make the libraries a bigger focus in local communities by increasing their capacity to be multi-purpose, but do not close any of them!
Other feedback	
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	193
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Jeanette
Last name	de Montalk
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	If you close down libraries, the people most disadvantaged will be he elderly who may not drive.
Other feedback	
Ward	
Receipt number	196
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Comment	rate those that are connected to the water supply and wastewater services - a lot of the rural are paying but not connected to anything
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	
Comment	have one multi purpose centre
Other feedback	keep all libraries open do not close any as we want to encourage out kids to visit and read
Ward	Kaikohe-Hokianga (West)
Receipt number	197
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	Libraries are a vital part of communities. They provide much needed help and resources for all ages from the very young to the very old. They are friendly and welcoming and are needed in the areas they are already in as it can be hard for mothers with young children and the elderly to travel. We are elderly and use our local library at least once a week as it is so easy to get to and has great resources. Please don't take libraries away from communities, no matter how small.
Other feedback	
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	198
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Summer
Last name	Boyd
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	
Other feedback	The kerikeri library is a fantastic resource and we use it weekly for book rental, toy library , kids activities
Ward	
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	200
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	
Other feedback	Save all our libraries
Ward	
	Te Hiku (North)
Receipt number	204
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	Do not under any circumstances consider closing down a single library! You can't even grasp the importance for education & community connected to having a library as close & assessable to everybody as possible.
Other feedback	
Ward	
Receipt number	205
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Robert
Last name	Ruston
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	Boss guy
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	Charge people based on their use /benefit from the infrastructure
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	3. Change to targeted ward rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	2. Provide a multi-purpose centre for each ward
Comment	This question barely makes any sense
Other feedback	
Ward	
Receipt number	Kaikohe-Hokianga (West)
Other attachments	206

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First Name	Fritz
Last name	Blackburn
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	
Other feedback	I can no longer afford the astronomical rates and I never received a thing in return except library services. I want the rates to half by stopping the 95% waste. My road gets ripped up every year for no reason at all. The waste is horrendous and all I care about is to lessen the rates!
Ward	
Receipt number	207
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Hanna
Last name	Munro
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	3. Change to targeted ward rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	2. Provide a multi-purpose centre for each ward
Comment	Each small town should have a library, service centre and community space/hall. The Paihia hall needs to be expanded and increased in size. It's a very popular space and needs to be larger as a multifunction space. The space next door is available for rent and could be purchased to make one big centre with parking aswell.
Other feedback	
Ward	
Receipt number	208
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Lynley
Last name	Fleming
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	We are being asked and led toward reducing our vehicle usage, staying closer to home, carbon footprint etc etc. Removing local access to community services such as libraries will drastically impact on our ability to source learning and recreational reading material. We use Kaeo library regularly and would be devastated if it was relocated to another centre. Having staff in an area also means they gain insight and local knowledge which is vital. Please don't close Kaeo service centre.
Other feedback	
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	211
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	There are more important things to spend money on than community hubs
Other feedback	
Ward	
	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	215
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Dianne
Last name	Daniels MNZM
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	Do not close our community libraries. Libraries are not just about books. Libraries and librarians provide essential social, educational and employment services not otherwise covered in small towns, and remote, rural areas. These includes essentials such as free wi-fi internet access, free tech device advice and signups to Skinny Jump modems for low-income families with no internet at home, free DVD's for elderly and those without UFB streaming at home, technical help with accessing services online, e.g. WINZ, Seek job search, CV writing, REAL ME accounts, online banking. Most Far North communities have lost their physical banks and with so many banking and govt services going online, there are significant numbers of families and elderly left behind in the digital divide. Libraries and their qualified staff are picking up this slack and provide a critical social service hub to promote social inclusion and social capital in our rohe. Commercial services have been stripped away from low-income communities and when residents have no access to public transport and lack their own means, libraries are a crucial link to services and to the world. Closing libraries would be especially draconian in the current economic climate; it might look good on paper but the social cost to community would be unjustifiable.
Other feedback	I wish to support and extend any proposed legislation on the control of cats and dogs to include mandatory registration of all cats and dogs, mandatory microchipping and de-sexing. De-sexing exemptions only for registered animal breeders or for service dogs, e.g. disability support dogs, DOC registered pest-control dogs etc. All litters not retained by registered breeders mandatory de-sexing. Roaming cats not microchipped to be deemed feral and encouragement to owners to contain their cats to their own properties as dogs are (ideally with future view of a contain cats policy). FNDC to work closely, effectively and in good faith with animal rescue charities to facilitate the effective rehoming of abandoned, roaming dogs. FNDC be more proactive in responding to animal cruelty and putting pressure on SPCA who are funded and have authority to uplift and prosecute animal cruelty.
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
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Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

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Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	4. Change to targeted scheme-based operational rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to wastewater services
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	2. Provide a multi-purpose centre for each ward
Comment	Libraries are the only public space left in these towns that are safe and free for people to study in, use the internet for free and access books. We need this in our communities. We have very little else in the north.
Other feedback	
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	217
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	User pays
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	User pays
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	2. Provide a multi-purpose centre for each ward
Comment	Be cost effective
Other feedback	When is Moerewa going to get three waters?
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	218
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	3. Change to targeted ward rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	2. Provide a multi-purpose centre for each ward
Comment	
Other feedback	I think it's important to keep libraries as they are as they are an important community base.
Ward	
Receipt number	219
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	District Council and Regional council need to work together and improve the overall approach to how we need to help the three waters - Storm-fresh-black/grey waters. Collective approach and more training qualified individuals to monitor outcomes on the ground. Repair infrastructure in towns and rural outlets.
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	4. Change to targeted scheme-based operational rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to wastewater services
Comment	Have alternative systems - stop releasing human waste into ocean and water bodies. Come up with another way, dilution is not the solution! Landbased systems would be better, think about composting on a large scale. Read and investigate what other countries have done. Adapt and become better citizens. The way things are need to change for the future.
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	2. Provide a multi-purpose centre for each ward
Comment	Do up existing buildings in these places... lease and or improve interior of the places to suit the needs of a
Other feedback	Do not reduce libraries... in fact do them up and improve far north libraries, like the Whangarei library. It's a place to be and expand one's mind. A place to study and a place to hang out. We need more investment and to say libraries are worth keeping.
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	220
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	
Comment	I don't understand this question
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Comment	Very hard to understand this question
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	
Other feedback	This is a difficult document to understand and could be made more clear for general public
Ward	
Receipt number	222
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Jill
Last name	Smith
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	Strongly urge FNDC to immediately reinstate development contributions the proceeds to be ring-fenced for the provision of water, stormwater, wastewater & roading infrastructure.
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	4. Change to targeted scheme-based operational rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to wastewater services
Comment	Strongly urge Council to urgently IMPLEMENT a growth plan for Kerikeri/Waipapa. Pointless talking about infrastructure options without a plan!
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku
Comment	PLEASE DO NOT BUILD ANY NEW MULTI PURPOSE CENTRES. USE WHAT WE'VE GOT.
Other feedback	Please maintain funding for the Citizens Advice Bureau Far North. It provides a valuable free service to all Far Northlanders to help strengthen decision making which in turn helps grow strong communities. And that benefits us all.
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
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Other attachments	

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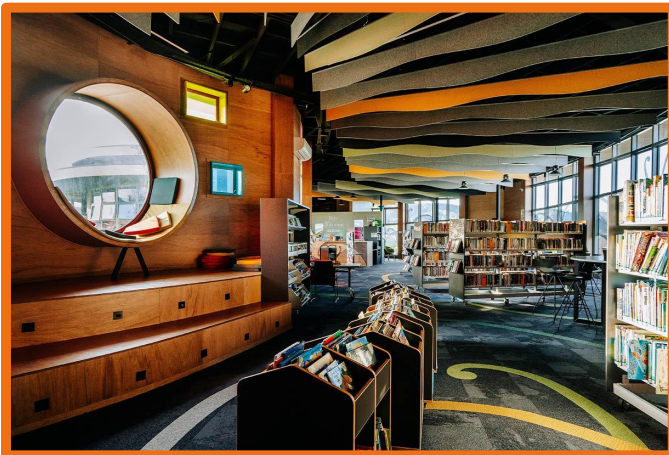
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FEEDBACK SUBMISSION

30 APRIL 2024



Issue 3 Community Services (reducing Libraries) & Feedback on proposed Animal Nuisance Bylaw



Ko wai ahau?

- ❑ Lifelong educator; Tamariki - Rangatahi - Pakeke - Kaumatua
- ❑ National management of Digital Inclusion programmes
Computers in Homes and Digital Wings
- ❑ Served 90 Taitokerau charities, rōpū, marae 2020 to 2024
- ❑ DORA classroom bus haerenga with FNDC libraries
- ❑ Support animal welfare, wildlife & environmental charities

Community Services – The Importance of FNDC Libraries

- ❑ Access to free Wi-Fi in safe community space
- ❑ Referrals from WINZ and CAB for CVs & SEEK Job Search
- ❑ Setting up REAL ME accounts, online banking, Skinny Jump modems
- ❑ Tech assistance with using computers, digital devices, laptops, tablets & phones
- ❑ Holiday Programmes, Kids' Robotics, Craft sessions, Knowledge Swap, meet the author.

Te Ahu PUBLIC LIBRARY Kaitaia

<HTTPS://KAITAIANZ.CO.NZ/LIBRARY-2/>

“LIFE LONG LEARNING Our library is not just about books.

Join up to borrow our items or simply sit and enjoy the environment, view the amazing artwork, climb the kauri tree or buy a coffee and read the paper.

You can access the internet on our free public computers or log on to our free wifi.

We offer public scanning, printing and colour copying services.

We hope our patrons view the library as the town’s living room. Everyone is welcome. Come in and relax.”

Kaikohe Public Library

Kaikohe Library Holiday Programme

APRIL 15TH - 26TH

Week 1
DAILY
DROP-IN
CRAFT

DELIGHT TREE

What's something delightful you have seen lately?
Write it on a leaf to add to our 'Delight Tree'.

TUE
16TH

PAINTED ROCKS

Make a painted rock for yourself,
or to say thanks to an ANZAC soldier.

3.30 PM

MINECRAFT SURVIVAL

Survive as long as possible without dying once.

THURS
18TH

3.30 PM

Week 2
DAILY
DROP-IN
CRAFT

FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS

Make a friendship bracelet for your bestie!

FRI
26TH

LEGO: BUILD A NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

Create an environment with LEGO,
with trees, lakes, mountains, and more.

3.30 PM

Read by
the Author

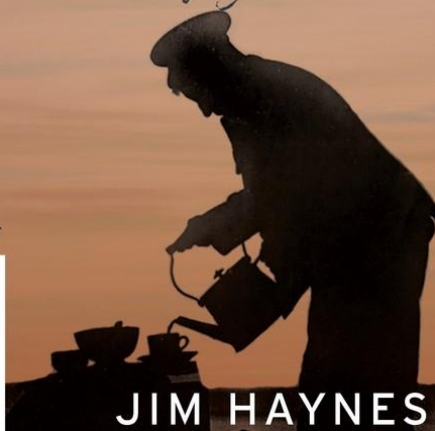


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Audio

complete
& unabridged

The Best Gallipoli Yarns

and forgotten stories



JIM HAYNES

People need our libraries - Isolation Challenges already faced by communities

- Physical Bank closures
- Increasingly, central & local govt services online
- Prepay mobile data expensive & Home Internet plans out of reach
- Lack of public transport, rising petrol prices
- Low income, long hours, long distances, high needs

DORA tour Feb-Mar 2024



Di Daniele
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Report to FNDC on DORA's online Health Tour in Te Tai Tokerau (provided)

Note: Impact Highlights and Community Feedback pp1-2

Note: Recommendations for Follow Up in Te Tai Tokerau pp3-4

1. **Strengthen the capacity in libraries** and other community organisations, including digital marae, CAB and Age Concern, to provide both technical support and applications support such as online health.
3. **Align free tech support with the FNDC mobile library service.**
6. **Provide a copy of this report** to the Northland Digital Enablement Group (with representatives from the four Northland Councils) on 20 March 2024.
8. Identify funding sources for **increasing staffing levels in libraries** and other community organisations to provide ongoing local trusted support.
11. **Prepare follow-up brief for 3 mayors**, noting that Dr. Di Davis has already engaged with Vince Cocurullo in Whangarei

FNDC cats and dogs, mandatory registration, desexing & microchipping

14 April 2024, in 2000h Ōpua State Forest, Bay Bush Action has rid the forest of 16,485 possums, 17,781 rats, 202 feral cats and 318 stoats and weasels. 26 April 2024, Coast to Coast Cat Rescue data follows next slide.



	April 2021	May 2021	Jun 2021	Jul 2021	Aug 2021	Sept 2021	Oct 2021	Nov 2021	Dec 2021	Jan 2022	Feb 2022	Mar 2022	Total	
Cats into Care	34	27	40	32	17	44	81	115	131	122	80	97	820	Cats into Care
Transferred	19	16	24	19	7	19	34	39	21	43	42	49	332	Transferred
Remained	15	11	13	12	10	25	47	76	110	79	38	48	484	Remained
Vaccinated	22	35	26	26	19	21	15	25	32	53	57	61	392	Vaccinated
De-Sexed	10	34	23	21	10	12	15	24	32	50	49	53	333	De-Sexed
Chipped	11	35	23	21	10	12	15	23	30	50	49	52	331	Chipped
Comm De-Sex+Chip	2	1	15	5	7	2	9	8	11	4	4	23	91	Comm De-Sex+Chip
Comm Vax														Comm Vax
Cats Adopted	19	32	10	13	15	12	13	30	31	38	29	32	275	Cats Adopted
	April 2022	May 2022	Jun 2022	Jul 2022	Aug 2022	Sept 2022	Oct 2022	Nov 2022	Dec 2022	Jan 2023	Feb 2023	Mar 2023	Total	
Cats into Care	70	82	14	18	9	6	86	58	57	80	45	92	577	Cats into Care
Transferred	10	4	8	3	0	5	2	4	0	7	2	0	45	Transferred
Remained	60	58	6	15	9	1	85	52	57	73	41	92	529	Remained
Vaccinated	37	85	22	44	19	21	82	55	47	42	49	76	549	Vaccinated
De-Sexed	26	80	19	26	16	17	54	62	47	39	34	58	478	De-Sexed
Chipped	26	81	19	27	15	17	54	62	47	39	33	59	479	Chipped
Comm De-Sex+Chip	9	13	10	8	2	11	8	10	0	23	3	5	102	Comm De-Sex+Chip
Comm Vax	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	3	5	31	Comm Vax
Cats Adopted	29	45	41	15	26	17	20	12	39	49	40	47	380	Cats Adopted
	April 2023	May 2023	Jun 2023	Jul 2023	Aug 2023	Sept 23	Oct 2023	Nov 2023	Dec 2023	Jan 2024	Feb 2024	Mar 2024	Total	
Cats into Care	54	50	39	33	26	26	24	97	77	54	25	39	544	Cats into Care
Transferred	4	1	2	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	18	Transferred
Remained	50	50	37	27	26	26	24	97	77	54	25	32	525	Remained
Vaccinated	58	90	55	36	33	14	9	24	36	74	78	41	548	Vaccinated
De-Sexed	53	54	38	25	17	10	24	17	28	69	43	21	399	De-Sexed
Chipped	40	54	38	25	17	10	9	17	28	69	43	21	371	Chipped
Comm De-Sex+Chip	4	0	0	heaps!	heaps!	3	14	4	4	16	11	5	61	Comm De-Sex+Chip
Comm Vax	4	0	0	heaps!	heaps!	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	Comm Vax
Cats Adopted	42	50	55	51	26	25	20	28	35	38	36	36	442	Cats Adopted
Companion Cats Fostered							1	0	0	0	0	0	1	

Animal Rescues and shelters are unfunded and overrun with litters; voluntary staff are burned out with the dumping, cruelty & neglect to cats & dogs



8 August 2023, Dogs are suspected in the deaths of six kiwi at Ōpua Forest. Footage from Bay Bush Action cameras identified two different roaming dogs in the forest. Lara McDonald, DOC's acting operations manager for the Bay of Islands, said they were considering using dog traps in the area where dogs had been recorded and were "working on it" alongside the Far North District Council.



With our local significance of flora and fauna, FNDC could lead the way and provide an exemplary model for the rest of the country with mandatory registration, microchipping and desexing of all cats and dogs. Exemptions for registered breeders only & litters desexed.



Final recommendation / request That FNDC support:

- ❑ Retaining all library services to Kaitaia, Kerikeri, Kaikohe & Kawakawa
- ❑ Increasing library technical and digital support on FNDC mobile library bus
- ❑ Include dogs when mandating desexing, registering and microchipping cats
- ❑ Working with Bay Bush Action; deem roaming unchipped unregistered cats to be feral
- ❑ Working with SPCA to act on uplifting cases of animal cruelty
- ❑ Working in good faith with local rescue charities towards rehoming and humane outcomes:
- ❑ e.g. Coast to Coast Cat Rescue, Donna Doolittle's Animal Rescue, BOI Animal Rescue

Ngā Mihi Nui
Thank you for listening

DI DANIELS
TE TAITOKERAU



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Submissions with comments

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Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	
Other feedback	Please consider rates are already very high everyone should pay their share to keep rates down.
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	223
Other attachments	

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Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku
Comment	Keep these services available as the public need access to these resources. Times are tough & rates & taxes are high. A community based resource centre is a small service for use by all but a huge resource to remove from public use
Other feedback	
Ward	Te Hiku (North)
Receipt number	224
Other attachments	

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Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	With respect : Possessing the potential to connect to the system and choosing not to remains a private prerogative in my view. Being as it were institutionally penalised for a non-action in my part feels like interference in my personal finances.
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku
Comment	I wish to see the option retained which ensures full continuation of library services to all in the Far North as at present. Changes to that system would perhaps benefit from librarian input first, rather than council-led, as these options imply. Access to libraries supports mental and physical health in the society, builds networks within its communities and offers public spaces to all. Others see these public spaces as learning environments, hosting educational programs and events, often low cost or free. Access promotes egalitarianism of opportunity, enhances the flow of knowledge through our increasingly colourful diverse 2024 communities! Long live all libraries ❤️ Keep access for all, do not reduce library numbers in the Far North.
Other feedback	
Ward	Te Hiku (North)
Receipt number	226
Other attachments	

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Last name	
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Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
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Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	Please leave our libraries as they are and where they are. If you need to save money then incorporate I-sites into the libraries. Yes we can get tourist info online but we cannot get the sense of community and involvement we get with our libraries online. They are adapting with the times, offering services for all ages. They are somewhere for the lonely to go. Parents with babies/children, teens after school, they are meeting places, safe spaces, they are for people who work from home and have no "colleagues", older people who might not see anyone else all day. Our libraries are so much more than just libraries. They are well used and our communities base in a building. They stand between us and total digital caused isolation.
Other feedback	
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	227
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Susan
Last name	Carlow
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku
Comment	
Other feedback	Keep all libraries. They provide an essential community service.
Ward	
Receipt number	229
Other attachments	

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Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	
Other feedback	Leave libraries as they are, this is an essential community service. It is hard for families to access support/services as it is let alone ruarally, with tax so high in NZ and cost of living also high compared with many other countries. Rural communities are at a significant disadvantage, please do not further deplete the services we have access to, it will have significant detrimental effects across the board!!!!
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First Name	Roxanne
Last name	Rehm
Organisation (if applicable)	
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Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku
Comment	
Other feedback	Our libraries provide a lot of public service, a place to find information. When I was living in a tent with my children it was a place that I could charge my phone, my power banks, access the internet so I could apply for jobs and it provided a place of security and normalcy for my children. The kaikohe library was my safety net. Now it still provides leisure reading and a reminder of how far I've come
Ward	Kaikohe-Hokianga (West)
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First Name	Barry
Last name	Stanley
Organisation (if applicable)	
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Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	2. Provide a multi-purpose centre for each ward
Comment	People pay rates. You are obliged to bring services to the people, not reduce them
Other feedback	Safer speeds is dead nationally. Stop wasting money. Look at Moerewa. Burnouts and wheelies between speed humps. Bloody waste of time.
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
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Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	Do not close our community libraries. Libraries are not just about books. Libraries and librarians provide essential social, educational and employment services not otherwise covered in small towns, and remote, rural areas. These includes essentials such as free wi-fi internet access, free tech device advice and signups to Skinny Jump modems for low-income families with no internet at home, free DVD's for elderly and those without UFB streaming at home, technical help with accessing services online, e.g, WINZ, Seek job search, CV writing, REAL ME accounts, online banking. Most Far North communities have lost their physical banks and with so many banking and govt services going online, there are significant numbers of families and elderly left behind in the digital divide. Libraries and their qualified staff are picking up this slack and provide a critical social service hub to promote social inclusion and social capital in our rohe. Commercial services have been stripped away from low-income communities and when residents have no access to public transport and lack their own means, libraries are a crucial link to services and to the world. Closing libraries would be especially draconian in the current economic climate; it might look good on paper but the social cost to community would be unjustifiable.
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Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku
Comment	We definitely need a multi purpose area in Kawakawa. Most of the residents have limited resources and if we lost our library/ FNDC service desk, it would have a devastating effect.
Other feedback	
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
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Comment	Shutting libraries is not the way to go. Books are expensive in NZ and many children and older people use the library because of the cost of books. I've been in the Keriker library and seen children walk out with books that they have chosen to read I grew up in the U.K. with free access to Libraries and was encouraged by my parents to use the library. I also Volunteered and did shelving in the library after college. Shutting libraries will not help the literacy rates in NZ!
Other feedback	
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Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	I am happy with the Kerikeri and Paihia Libraries the way they are. Can't comment on the others as havn't used them. Kerikeri is always busy and well utilised.
Other feedback	
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
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Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	The kaeo library is our favorite library, libraries are not just buildings that provide a service, they are a hub, a refuge, a place to learn and grow and find community connections. Our tamariki need all the libraries they can get, you can not replace the experience and the memories and the learning tamariki take part in when they visit the library and get books out. Libraries should be seen as investment, investing in knowledge, in community, in literacy. Libraries are a pillar in the community, take one away and the rest will fall, what seems like a business saavy decision could infact create a massive negative social impact, one that has not been considered on your plan. Encouraging people to spend more time on their devices and removing access to a physical library with a librarian could create a multitude of social problems. Do you really want to make it impossible for people to visit a library and speak to a librarian about books? Don't you want to celebrate learning and community and social connections? Dont you want to value people above all else? Keep our libraries, they are our one hub that anyone from any walk of life can come to and feel safe and welcome, and where knowledge and learning can be accessed by anyone for free. The cost is worth it, it is an investment. Please keep our libraries.
Other feedback	
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
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Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
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Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	People on town septic should not have to pay to maintain macerator tanks. We already pay rates for the septic service.
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	2. Provide a multi-purpose centre for each ward
Comment	
Other feedback	Stop trying to raise the rates. We are paying the same or similar as main centres in NZ and don't get the same access to services. Pay for rubbish services, pay for water, pay for septic, pay for macerator tanks for septic. Such a rip!!! High cost for food, power, petrol and then high rates. Oh my gosh!!
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
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Submissions with comments

First Name	Harald
Last name	Schoessler
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	Please check the attached document "LTP2024_27__Haralds_statements" for more information
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	Please check the attached PDF document "LTP2024_27__Haralds_statements" for more information
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	
Comment	I offer another option. Please check the attached PDF document "LTP2024_27__Haralds_statements" for more information
Other feedback	Please check the attached PDF document "LTP2024_27__Haralds_statements" for more information. Please come back if you can't read the attached PDF document.
Ward	Te Hiku (North)
Receipt number	248
Other attachments	https://admin.au.openforms.com/Results/ResponseFile?fileId=744bd37b-144f-4019-af38-b7e0006673f8&fileName=LTP2024_27__Haralds%20statements.pdf

21 April 2024

Re: LTP2024-2027 submission

FNDC – please forward to the Mayor, the CEO and the councillors

I uploaded this document in my online submission because my subsequent statements are only partially issue-related (stormwater, water/wastewater, community services). The document comprises

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1. My experience with FNDC

It is about a stormwater issue on my property which is recorded at FNDC

a) The council needed 1.5 years to fix the stormwater issue:

15m pipe had to be replaced. My property was flooded again and again at that time.

b) It seems to be that first RFSs (request for services) will be closed by FNDC and/or contractors without any activity and response to the customer as if to say “let’s wait whether the customer will come back”.

c) The communication was unsatisfactory e.g. phone calls and text messages were not returned. The exception was the Mayor. He called me twice after emailing him, and he wanted to fix the issue ASAP. Sadly, the Mayor couldn’t ensure a quick solution.

d) Missing clear organisational structures and responsibilities at FNDC

I had several contacts at FNDC and contractor site. Who is responsible for what ?

f) I wait in vain for answers to my questions until today I asked several times for.

2. Example “FNDC Finance management”

PGF project sails, Northland Age, 25 May 2023

Brief summary: FNDC didn’t seem to understand that the “free of charge” playground sails (PGF funded) need storage/ maintenance in years to come after the installation.

Consequences: The council had to “find” \$20,000.

3. Example “Swimming pools in Kaitaia”

Current situation of indoor sport facilities in Kaitaia

- Indoor pool Te Punawai Ora. It is a recreational centre with indoor heated swimming pool and multi-sport gymnasium.

- The old Warehouse building is used as Basketball Centre.

- A few school indoor gyms

- Two fitness gyms

Note: The new Te Hiku Sports Hub gym seems to be more a fitness gym than a gym according to its website. Fee: \$880/year for the fitness gym

Note: Old Memorial Outdoor Pool had to be closed due to high maintenance costs.

Decision process

The discussion only seemed to be about a new indoor pool at that time. Wasn’t there any investigation into a new indoor pool vs. a new outdoor pool such as

- What is Kaitaia’s need for a second indoor pool ?

- Building costs, long-term maintenance and operative spendings of the two alternatives

- What is the impact on rates and debts ?

FNDC’s calculation according to the Northern Advocate, 20 March 2023: ... The pool entry will be approximately the same as for the Kaitāia Memorial Outdoor Pool thanks to the role gym fees would play in subsidising operating costs. ...

What is a substantial subsidy ? 400 members (each \$880/year) => \$352,000 ?

6,000 people live in Kaitaia which is one of the poorest towns in New Zealand. Who can afford \$880/year beside the members of the existing two fitness gyms ?

Conclusion:

Kaitaia will have 2 indoor pools, several existing gyms and 3 fitness gyms (2 existing, 1 new) for 6,000 people after the opening of the new Te Hiku Sports Hub.

Summary

The examples highlight areas of concern

a) Inefficiency

The councils main purpose should be to serve the people in a cost efficient way. It seems to be a long way to go: opaque organisational setup and inefficient processes which includes the collaboration with contractors. My personal experience is less a partnership. It is more a distrust, refusing responsibilities, a kind of hostility.

b) It is not about what FNDC/ratepayers want, it is about what ratepayers need.

I consider FNDC as the main driver: Focus only on ratepayers' needs. It is an important requirement especially, in times of very limited financial resources.

c) training

Training seems to be required in a range of fields:

- Economics and finance such as cost controlling or budgeting
- Project management and execution
- Competence skills and social skills.

4. LTP2024-2027

4.1. Rates increase - FNDC savings ?

Your LTP2024-2027 will increase the rates by at least 16.5%, 7.9% and 4.6%.

The rate increases are the minimum according to page 13 of your LTP. Maximum is the quantified limit of rate increase. Additionally, issue 1 and 2 will heavily contribute to the rate increase. We talk about 15%-30% per year in the next 3 years.

Example: Impact on my rates if I go with option 2 (issue 1) and option 2 (issue 2)

My rates, history: 2021/22 -> \$2,730. 2022/23 -> \$3,110. 2023/24: \$3,560

My new rates, estimation: 2024/25 -> \$4,600. 2025/26 -> \$5,600. 2026/27 -> \$6,600

Your own LTP states the risk of selling homes for our elderly. The elderly are on super with \$30,000/\$45,000. They worked hard for 40-50 years to have a financially secured retirement. To put it bluntly: FNDC put their retirements at risk.

The central government asked their departments of savings between 6.5% and 7.5% to limit expenses and debt increase. Job losses are inevitable. I don't find anything about a similar FNDC approach in your available documents. What are your FNDC internal cost savings guidelines 2024-2027 and beyond ? Please publish and email me your saving plans.

4.2. Debts increase - Consequences ?

Page 12, debt/revenue ratio 2025: 104.6%, 2026: 112.1%, 2027: 149.6%

The debt ceiling is 280% we may reach in 2031 at the current speed. Then what ?

Finance costs (document "Proposed forecast financial statements"):

2023/24: \$5.4 Mill., ... , 2026/27: \$13 Mill.

My estimation with a debt of 280%, is for 2031/32: \$30Mill.

Today's and tomorrow's debts increase will increase interest payments which will result in additional rate increases.

4.3. Reserve funds stormwater, sewage and water

Stormwater, sewage and water infrastructure are long-term investments. Their replacements should have been accrued for in reserve funds in the last e.g., 30 years in corresponding long-term plans. I checked the document "Proposed forecast reserve funds". I only found informations such as Capital reserve with \$2,697 or Development contributions \$16,907, and so forth. What is the current reserve fund for stormwater, sewage and water ? What was the reserve 10 years and 20 years ago ? Please publish email me the information.

By the way: The emergency reserve. I assume that it is the reserve for weather events or earthquakes. The current emergency event reserve seems to be \$7,304. What was the emergency event reserve in 2011 and 2021 ? Please publish and email me as well.

4.4. Issue 1 - Stormwater

I go with option 1 (no change) as long as I don't recognize any serious efforts by FNDC to cut internal FNDC costs. FNDC internal cost savings may (partially) fund stormwater.

4.5. Issue 2 - Water and sewage water

According to 4.4.

4.6. Issue 3 - Community services in future

Option 1 (Multi-purpose centres) is your preferred solution. Impact on ratepayer/debt: unknown. As I understand: You prefer an option without knowing the impact on rates/debts ? Did you investigate the current usage of i-sites, libraries, museums or FNDC service centres for your decision to go with option 1 ? Please publish and email me the results of your investigation and the reasons why you go with option 1.

Option 1 is an example from my view what FNDC wants to have. Is it a need ?

My opinion about community services in future:

a) I-sites: to be closed. Tourists are well prepared with online maps, online/printed travel guides, booking.com, trip advisor,

b) Te Ahu and other museums may be closed depending on expense/revenue ratio

c) Libraries: We need libraries. Switch to "online only" which may require some training.

Subsequent services may be required:

- Issuing/Returning "online" library books.

- Printer to print, copy, scan, fax

- A few computers for internet or general use

d) Example Kaitaia Service Centre

The FNDC employee at that Service Centre already points towards to contact FNDC hotline for the best possible answer. Thus, do we need Service centres in future at all ?

Digitalisation and the use of Artificial Intelligence will provide much better and faster services than any human being (service centre) can offer. I doubt whether ratepayers need (new) multi purpose centres which is your preferred option. It is exact the opposite. We need less premises. FNDC can make some revenue and lease out or sell the premises.

Last but not least. Please publish and email me the information until 10 May 2024 I asked for:

- a. FNDC internal planned cost savings in LTP2024-2027 and beyond
- b. Your investigation into the current usage of i-sites, libraries and service centres and your reasons to go with option 1 "Multi-purpose centres".
- c. What is the current reserve fund for stormwater, sewage and water in comparison to 10 years ago and 20 years ago ?
- d. The current emergency event reserve is \$7,304. What was the reserve in 2021 and 2011 ?

Please come back if you have any questions.

Thank you very much in advance.
Harald

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Submissions with comments

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Last name	de Montalk
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
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Comment	Because we are charged same rates for limited services -
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	4. Change to targeted scheme-based operational rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to wastewater services
Comment	I would like to not be charged for services I don't access. However I also would like the charges not affect people living with town supply as there are many families without steady incomes who would be affected.
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	2. Provide a multi-purpose centre for each ward
Comment	I believe that each ward has specific needs so it's better that needs are targeted.
Other feedback	FNDC seems to have a low profile yet make contentious decisions. Communication is poor and rates are expensive and we receive very minimal services- living with tank water - NO recycling - and they have sold off land in Opuia which has Waitangi claims against it. So I have no trust in their decision making. Also they don't seem to consider who is using the public spaces very well as I walk my dog and many tracks are not dog friendly which is understandable because of kiwi in the area - however there is little provided for dog walking- including buns for dog oos. Other councils around the country have stepped up considerably to provide decent green spaces for use. Walks like down by the fairy pools and so on have rubbish dumped in there and no one takes care of the space. There's also too many weed plants growing everywhere- with no plans to deal with them.
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Comment	I would like to see council encourage homeowners to install water tanks. Having lived in Hokianga for 12 years now it is frustrating to experience droughts every summer. Perhaps there could be a scheme to pay off tanks over time. Much of the water in summer is used by visitors washing boats, showering frequently etc. They are not local so do not understand the water shortage.
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	Although many people access information digitally there are still many people who don't have computers or smart phones. Instead of closing libraries I would rather see the buildings become multiuse facilities. They could be hired out after hours to community groups for meetings, craft groups, book clubs etc.
Other feedback	
Ward	Kaikohe-Hokianga (West)
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Last name	Armstrong
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Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	
Other feedback	Please retain the libraries, they are vital to the wellbeing of our community. Also support for the rescue helicopter is essential for such a widely spread population as ours. The current cost per property is insignificant and I would be very upset if this was to be discontinued. Thank you
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
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First Name	Tania
Last name	McInnes
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
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Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Comment	NA
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	
Comment	
Other feedback	The attached submission is an important strategic opportunity for Tai Tokerau - Northland and is provided to all four councils. I believe we, Tai Tokerau - Northland, can and should become a leader in 'practically' moving LG reform forward. I also believe that until we fundamentally review process/approach we will not see the changes necessary to meet our now and future needs.
Ward	Outside Far North
Receipt number	253
Other attachments	https://admin.au.openforms.com/Results/ResponseFile?fileId=4540ca6a-4c69-4aec-a61a-8da27ce4a42f&fileName=Regional%20Submission%20on%202024%20LTP%20Northland%20%20%28T%20McInnes%29.pdf



Submission to Tai Tokerau – Northland Local Government Bodies

Author: Tania Mclnnes, Director, GBT Ventures Ltd, 21.04.2024

[Future for Local Government](#)

‘Local government must now own and drive the change to make it fit for the future.’

Local Government (LG) is under much-needed reform. Several recent reports provide a roadmap for possible ways of undertaking this. There is a clear opportunity for Tai Tokerau – Northland to be at the forefront of the LG review, becoming a region to ‘test-case’ innovative approaches and be a leader in developing smart, efficient and effective policies to serve Northlanders better. Learnings can then be shared with the rest of the country (noting I recommend at least two regions undertake this trial).

Further endorsement for such an undertaking - the [New Regionalism](#) report (page 19) states: ‘Regional leaders should heed the new Government’s call for them to be proactive in engaging, organising at a regional level to bring coherence to their strategies and prioritise key projects... Regional Leaders should seek to take a proactive approach.’

Why? Because current approaches are simply unaffordable, arguably outdated and weighted in bureaucracy. LGNZ recently commissioned Infometrics to produce a [report](#) that analyses the increasing costs in LG. It has found that over the last three years, bridges cost 38% more to build, sewage systems 30% and road and water supply systems 27%. This is crazy stuff! Reasons given include inflation, cost of servicing debt and increasing insurance and audit costs. I would also add costs of compliance.

A further reason is the need for purpose and hope. The world is rapidly changing and we cannot continue as we have. Northland can and should lead by example, being an exemplar in backing people and place.

This one-page submission encourages our political leaders to move forward with urgency and bring a united and courageous voice to negotiate a [Regional Deal](#) that includes the ability to trial better ways of serving our communities and region (with resource and legislation allowance). A deal that sees central and local government AND communities working together for the common good.

PROPOSED ACTIONS:

- Negotiate a Regional Deal that sees Tai Tokerau - Northland test-case/trial more effective and efficient approaches to serving our region. This agreement, at its minimum, should include key aspects within legislation, compliance, development and potentially education, although outside the scope of LG. This agreement needs to be clearly strategic and review only one or two key areas, such as actions that support smart economies, so as not to become burdened.
- Key focus on food production, ensuring the protection of arable lands. The world needs to eat. Our region can become a key supplier of ‘fresh and natural’ kai (and energy) to Auckland and the world, noting a focus on quality over quantity. Huge opportunity to develop a blue economy, along with growing horticulture and other primary sectors.
- Ensure our young people are included in this mahi. Our future leaders need exposure to challenges that encourage critical thinking and innovation.

I have purposely kept this submission short, to provide an overview of an exciting opportunity to lead change. I am available and keen to discuss this in further detail.

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Alec
Last name	Cox
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	See attached pdf
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	See attached pdf
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku
Comment	Should also consider the practicicity of providing online connection via kiosk type technology at various other entities where existing faqilities are closed.
Other feedback	

Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	256
Other attachments	https://admin.au.openforms.com/Results/ResponseFile?fileId=3cb76e2e-06f8-4ce9-b903-027b52209c44&fileName=LTP%20Sub%20Stormwater.pdf https://admin.au.openforms.com/Results/ResponseFile?fileId=a340d370-0fe3-48ae-8285-de5e65de964e&fileName=LTP%20Sub%20Water%20and%20Wastewater.pdf

Should we change the way we rate Stormwater across the district?

While two options are provided, they both miss the fundamental issue of fairness in rating. Our Groups and Activities document on page 30 states:

“ Why we do it

Stormwater management is a vital component of our activities to address the challenges posed by rainfall runoff and to safeguard communities from flooding and environmental degradation.”

There are two distinct classes to this definition, firstly that arising from normal rainfall runoff and secondly from more severe climate events. The former gives rise to the need for urban stormwater as a direct consequence of development, particularly in the form of impervious surfaces. A fair rating system could therefore be based directly on the impervious surface area of the developments.

While it would be possible to rate on “The area of land within the rating unit that is sealed, paved, or built on.” as provided for in Schedule 3 S6 of LGRA 2002, this would require considerable work to collect the required information. However a proxy can be found by using the area of the rating unit multiplied by the percentage of impervious cover permitted in the District Plan. Both of these figures are readily available. Further the use of District Plan impervious percentage takes into account the need for Council expenditure to consider potential development when designing stormwater systems.

Another factor which should be considered is the contribution to any stormwater requirements from non-rateable land. This not only related to non rateable properties such as religious organisations and education bodies, but also the significant impact of roading. In the CBD area, roading may represent a third of the impervious land area. A fair contribution could be made by a Public Good Rate or directly from the General Rate before calculating the Urban Stormwater Rate requirements.

With regard to flood protection, a charge based on benefit received is the fair way but this only applies to specific preventative works. In general terms, the problem should not be allowed to escalate by preventing future development in flood risk areas, or at a minimum advising that such development will be charged the full costs of any future flood mitigation requirements.

Of the options provided, Option 2 must be my choice but with the Public Good rate raised to \$15 to allow about 20% of income from non rateable land.

Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?

The information supplied with only three years forecast rates is not sufficient for the average ratepayer to make an informed decision. Further none of the options provided address the fundamental inequities in the present capital rating system for availability charges and for wastewater additional pans.

For both water and wastewater, a capital charge is calculated based on interest and depreciation. Given assets have lives up to 100 year which are paid for by borrowing over 20 years, the interest charge will only be paid by the users for part of the asset lives. To increase the length of the load term is not an acceptable alternative, but rating district-wide provides a more balanced outcome.

As for the availability charge, this is only levied on the rating unit, even where there is clear evidence of planned or in progress development. A simple change to the definition of the availability charge could permit it to be levied on the basis of approved development, either by resource consent or building permit, so that it is charged from year of approval rather than current system of waiting until title is granted or connection made.

For both systems, capital investment is needed to meet peak demand, not annual usage. For this reason, wastewater subsequent pans should be levied a full charge not the current 60% charge. Also the charge should be levied on the second and subsequent pan, not from the third pan as at present. The peak volume issue also applies to water, where only a single charge is made. To a large extent this could be covered by a stepping scale of fees for metered water, for example up to, say, 300m³ per annum at one rate with each subsequent cubic meter at an increased rate to compensate for the additional capacity required in the system.

Only Option 2 and Option 4 can be considered as approaching fair rating systems and given the disparity arising from capital funding and asset lives, Option 2 must be the preferred option, subject to resolving the issues set out above.

Examples of Impact of Changing Availability Rate definition:

1. Te Puna Waiora – 57C Hall Road

Resource consent 18/11/2019 28 but no connection until upgrade to Kerikeri Wastewater

Resource consent 20/10/2020 172 villas plus 76 Bed unit

Total approval 276 plus

Year	Currently Rated		Proposed Change	
	Availability Charges	Connected Charges	Availability Charges	Connected Charges
2022	1		276	
2023		42	234	42
2024		61	215	61
2025 *		85	191	85
2026 *		113	163	113
2027 *		141	145	141
2028 *		171	115	171
2029 *		200	76	200
2030 *		276	0	276

* Estimated number of completed units for these years.

2 57A Hall Road

This property has been through a number of resource consents over the years but no development has yet commenced.

Originally part of a larger subdivision for 60 units of which 25 have now separate titles. This block represents the residue 35 sections and became a separate title on 10 March 2015

Resource consent brought forward when title issued 35 residential sections

Resource consent 7/10/2022 for 56 residential sections

Resource consent pending for 58 residential sections

Year	Currently Rated	Proposed Change		
	Availability Charges	Connected Charges	Availability Charges	Connected Charges
2022	1		35	
2023	1		56	
2024	1		56	
2025 *	1		58	
2026 *		18	40	18
2027 *		38	20	38
2028 *		58	0	58

Both of these examples are in the expanded Kerikeri area so changes have only been calculated since connection was possible. Even so these two examples show missed charges amounting to 85% of a year's rates for Kerikeri wastewater capital rate.

Such a charge would be an added incentive for a developer to proceed as rapidly as practical.

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Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
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Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku
Comment	Definitely do not reduce the number of libraries. They are the heart of our small communities and the centre of connection, culture and learning.
Other feedback	Do not shut down libraries!
Ward	
Receipt number	257
Other attachments	

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Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	How can we know what a targeted land use/public good rate might be?
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	3. Change to targeted ward rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	2. Provide a multi-purpose centre for each ward
Comment	
Other feedback	
Ward	
	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	262
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	4. Change to targeted scheme-based operational rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to wastewater services
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku
Comment	
Other feedback	I would like to see more focus on policies which encourage environmentally friendly healthy activities and transport options in the LTP. These options should connect our communities in a way that encourages locals and tourists to come to the area and enjoy our beautiful area. Cycleways, walkways, outdoor fitness facilities, accessible access options.....
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	263
Other attachments	

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First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	<p>Fairness: A targeted rate based on land use can be more equitable as it considers the actual impact of stormwater on different types of properties. This means that those who contribute more to stormwater runoff, such as commercial or industrial properties, would pay a higher rate compared to residential properties.</p> <p>Affordability: Introducing a public good rate can help ensure that the burden of funding stormwater infrastructure is distributed fairly among the community. This can be especially beneficial for low-income earners and beneficiaries who may struggle to afford additional costs under the status quo.</p> <p>Future-Proofing: By changing to a targeted rate and introducing a public good rate, the council can better plan and fund long-term investments in stormwater infrastructure. This helps in future-proofing the system and ensuring that it can cope with severe weather events more effectively.</p> <p>Transparency: The targeted rate based on land use provides transparency as property owners can see how their contributions are directly related to the services they receive. This can increase trust and accountability within the community.</p> <p>Overall, the second option aligns with principles of fairness, affordability, sustainability, and transparency, making it a preferable choice for low-income earners, beneficiaries, hapū, and iwi.</p>
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	3. Change to targeted ward rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	<p>Equity: A targeted ward rate takes into account the specific needs and circumstances of different areas within the district. This means that communities with lower incomes or higher needs can be allocated rates that are more manageable and equitable compared to a district-wide rate.</p> <p>Affordability: By targeting rates based on wards, the burden of funding water and wastewater services can be distributed more fairly among residents. This can help alleviate financial strain on low-income earners and beneficiaries who may struggle with higher rates under the status quo.</p> <p>Local Accountability: A targeted ward rate encourages local accountability as communities can see how their contributions directly benefit their own areas. This promotes transparency and ensures that funds are allocated efficiently to address specific needs.</p> <p>Supporting Growth: The targeted ward rate can also support growth and development by ensuring that infrastructure upgrades and improvements are adequately funded in areas where they are most needed. This is crucial for the long-term sustainability and resilience of water and wastewater services.</p> <p>Overall, the third option aligns with principles of equity, affordability, local accountability, and supporting growth, making it a preferable choice for low-income earners, beneficiaries, hapū, and iwi within the district.</p>
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku
Comment	<p>Accessibility: Consolidating services into multi-purpose centres makes it easier for residents, especially those in rural areas or with limited transportation, to access a range of council services in one location. This reduces the need for multiple trips and saves time and money for individuals and families.</p> <p>Cost-effectiveness: Operating multi-purpose centres can be more cost-effective in the long run compared to maintaining multiple single-purpose buildings. It allows for shared resources, staff, and facilities, leading to savings in operating costs and efficient use of council resources.</p>

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	<p>Extended Hours and Services: Multi-purpose centres can offer extended operating hours and a wider range of services compared to smaller, single-purpose buildings. This ensures that residents have access to essential services when they need them, regardless of their location or work schedule.</p> <p>Community Engagement: Centralizing services in multi-purpose centres promotes community engagement and collaboration. It creates hubs where residents can interact, participate in community activities, and engage with local government initiatives, fostering a sense of belonging and participation.</p> <p>Adaptability: As communities' needs evolve with digital connectivity, multi-purpose centres can adapt and offer a mix of in-person and online services. This flexibility ensures that council services remain relevant and accessible to all residents, including those in rural or low-income areas.</p> <p>Overall, the first option aligns with principles of accessibility, cost-effectiveness, extended services, community engagement, and adaptability, making it a preferable choice for low-income earners, rural Māori, beneficiaries, hapū, and iwi.</p>
<p>Other feedback</p>	<p>The best option for low-income earners, rural Māori, beneficiaries, hapū, and iwi would likely be the government's decision to allow councils to change their Long Term Plan (LTP) forecasts from 10 years to just three years. Here's why:</p> <p>Immediate Focus: Shortening the LTP to three years allows the council to prioritize repairing damaged infrastructure, especially roads, which were significantly impacted by weather events in 2022/23. This immediate focus on recovery aligns with the urgent needs of communities, including low-income earners and rural Māori who heavily rely on functional transport networks.</p> <p>Cost Efficiency: With a shorter planning horizon, the council can allocate resources more efficiently towards repairing roads and addressing drainage issues. This approach maximizes the use of government funding and ensures that investments directly benefit communities affected by the weather events.</p> <p>Resilience Building: Roading repairs that incorporate works addressing drainage issues contribute to making roads more resilient to future weather events. This benefits all residents, including low-income earners, by ensuring safer and more reliable transportation infrastructure.</p> <p>Timely Action: Planning for the next three years instead of a longer period allows for more agile and timely decision-making. This agility is crucial for responding to evolving community needs, particularly in areas where vulnerable populations reside.</p> <p>Funding Allocation: The allocation of over \$322 million to new works and road renewals over the next five years demonstrates a commitment to addressing infrastructure challenges, benefiting rural Māori, beneficiaries, hapū, and iwi who rely on well-maintained transport networks for access to essential services and economic opportunities.</p> <p>Overall, the government's decision to shorten the LTP to three years and prioritize repairing transport networks aligns with the immediate needs of low-income earners, rural Māori, beneficiaries, hapū, and iwi. It allows for focused action, efficient resource allocation, and resilience building in the face of weather-related challenges.</p>
<p>Ward</p>	<p>Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)</p>
<p>Receipt number</p>	<p>264</p>
<p>Other attachments</p>	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	This is not allowing input.....giving 2 options, this is only one option from a dictation
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	Changing the way taxes are collected and spent....would get us to a better start.
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	Still basing the options on a flawed system...so why change
Other feedback	This seems like an exercise that is made up to say...'you were consulted'. Well don't tick that box on my behalf.
Ward	
Receipt number	266
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Doug
Last name	Bogardus
Organisation (if applicable)	resident
Position in organisation	well wisher of mankind
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	Not being as 100% sure of implications status quo there clearly needs to be a fair system that charges everyone to a certain extent but does add cost to those making a commercial gain from the infrastructure. You guys have a really tough job trying to analyse that.
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku
Comment	
Other feedback	I know that I am dreaming but wish that you know this dream. I would wish that there was some accommodation for connecting the main centres in this region for bicycle transport. Just 1 meter of road edge would make a difference. As things stand the 'rail trail' links only Kawakawa/Moerewa/ Kaikohe which is wonderful but much more is needed. I know that from a fiscal perspective your comment might be something like..."Yes in only" Good luck on what is a very difficult task on our behalf.
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	265
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	It is fairer that those who benefit share the costs
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	These charges should be related to those connected for both services however I hope our council aren't thinking of charging people who collect their own water in tanks is absurd when it has been the household who has paid to get tanks and pipes sorted.
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	Keep what we have as makes sense to not pay for more or build new ones - some of our growing areas like Doubtless Bay needs something like an isite on a part time basis. Kaitaia must keep our centre at Te Ahu as its a fabulous building and service and once SH1 opens will be busy again.,
Other feedback	
Ward	Te Hiku (North)
Receipt number	267
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Kara
Last name	Rosemeier
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	There is a disconnect between how Council is proposing to spend money on (roads, mainly) and how it proposes to fund the spending. I understand that Council needs to look at the options available to it for funding, and road user charges are not one of these, but still object in principle to using this new income stream, unless targeted exclusively for water infrastructure, which does not seem to be the case.
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	See the previous answer for elaboration.
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku
Comment	Agree with the assessment that with more digital information the need for face-to-face interaction decreases; also agree with the multi-purpose approach.
Other feedback	I understand that several issues were forced on Council by circumstances/central government decisions. I would still like to see money spent on roading repurposed for other infrastructure improvements. We are currently car-dependent in the Far North, but I would like to see efforts to turn this around to improve resilience to inevitable global shocks. Transport decisions should prioritise non-motorised and communal options, such as walking, cycling, and buses over individual car usage.
Ward	Te Hiku (North)
Receipt number	268
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

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Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	3. Change to targeted ward rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	Stop building new projects. Maintain and improve existing ones.
Other feedback	The projected rate increases over the next 3 years reflect poor management. Do you know anyone who is going to receive a 30% income increase over the next 3 years? You can not justify a 3 year 30% increase, when rate payers do not have comparable income increases themselves. Stop building expensive vanity projects like the new Council office. Please improve and maintain existing structures. Please stop spending more than people earn. Please, pass a law that limits rate increases to no more than 5% per year,. Because, your current methods of random rate increases are unsound. Thanks you.
Ward	Outside Far North
Receipt number	269
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	2. Provide a multi-purpose centre for each ward
Comment	
Other feedback	I really hope you keep the libraries going as there are hubs of activities for people of all ages and backgrounds. They are places of knowledge but also also safe places to interact with others. My wish is that libraries would be developed further and provide space for people to teach skills to the community. As with already existing groups (chess, seed exchange,etc.)
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	270
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

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Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	So long as the rate targets residents who are foolish enough to build on a flood plain. Council need to discouraged people from living on flood plains and coasts, through education and pulling back on support facilities. People who have thought about climatic issues and choose to live out of harms way shouldn't be punished by those who haven't.
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	4. Change to targeted scheme-based operational rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to wastewater services
Comment	Choice 4 works well where people live in a more concentrated area. Work opportunities, shorter travel distances to work and council services are far more efficient. People have a choice; live where life is more efficient and therefore cheaper, or live remote along with its drawbacks. There may well be a case to supply inefficient/more expensive services to remote communities and in this case the council should be seeking assistance from central government.
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku
Comment	I'm all for efficiency, but if there is a cost involved in setting up option 1, it should be delayed until we, the public, have recovered a little from the Weather and Covid 19 generated costs of 2023/2024.
Other feedback	<p>Because Rates are put upon residents as a legal demand, which is punishable by law when they are not paid, (hardly democratic as there is no choice) then Councils are duty bound to live within the means of It's public's ability to pay.</p> <p>A substantial portion of the Far North's population are on wages that are below the national average. The council needs to recognise this and keep their ambition in proportion to its public's ability to pay or want to pay. It is unfair to charge residents who have made good choices throughout their lives to subsidise residents who haven't.</p> <p>If the council wish to improve the lot of it's residents beyond there ability to pay without causing undue distress, It needs to look for sources of income from outside. Higher charges for marine facilities to non residents for example. Seeking funds from Central Government for remote communities is another. The Far North has an untapped wind energy source stretching along It's whole west coast. Generate energy and sell it to Aucklanders. A very nice income which it could feed back into the local communities. I lived in Woodville for a while and saw the benefits, the communities of Woodville and Ashhurst received from Scanpowers cheap electricity and Meridians windfarm.</p>
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	272
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	The NZ Reserve Bank is trying to bring down inflation. The request from NZRB to NZ government and people is to refrain from additional spending. The Rates we pay to the Council is also spending and extra spending by council or rate payers will not help to bring down inflation. Further, most rate payers are having a financially difficult time. Why add to the burden. Please postpone/delay the proposed works and rates increase to 2025.
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	The NZ Reserve Bank is trying to bring down inflation. The request from NZRB to NZ government and people is to refrain from additional spending. The Rates we pay to the Council is also spending and extra spending by council or rate payers will not help to bring down inflation. Further, most rate payers are having a financially difficult time. Why add to the current financial burden on rate payers?. Please postpone/delay the proposed works and rates increase to 2025.
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	Please postpone any changes to 2025/26. Additional centres mean additional spending by council. In 2024/2025 Councils and rate payers must focus on getting the inflation down.
Other feedback	No
Ward	
Receipt number	273
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	For many of us, a trip to Kaitlaia, Kaikohe or Kerikeri is a half-day commitment of time away from our jobs and farms (not to mention wear and tear on our roads and vehicles and the cost of fuel). Keeping the smaller service centres open gives the FNDC a presence throughout the district and direct knowledge of the people and their needs and helps the population be more productive by reducing travel time and costs.
Other feedback	A rate increase of 16.5% in a single year is bad enough, but by the end of the third year, this LTP will have us paying nearly 30% more than today's rates. On top of rising interest rates, housing costs, inflation and the costs of everyday living, this is a crippling new burden for many of us.
Ward	
	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	274
Other attachments	

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First Name	Sue
Last name	Ricketts
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	We do need to plan for the future as far as is possible. A flat rate public good rate seems fair. Presumably people on very modest means receive a rates rebate so perhaps they could be excluded from this rate.
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	Wastewater affects all of us whether we are connected to the mains system or not. Stress on the disposal of wastewater can lead to pollution and greater expenditure further down the track. If people are of modest means, they can apply for a rates rebate to help them manage.
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku
Comment	A "one stop shop" for council services, including libraries and information hubs has to be the best way to move forward. However, reliance on digital/internet communication may be hazardous since, as we find in Doubtless Bay, the internet and power supplies do lapse from time to time, and may do more in the future with international threats to transmission. In our ever complex world, older people and those not happy or able to communicate digitally, the presence of a building and real people to talk with is vitally important to keep a cohesive society.
Other feedback	
Ward	Te Hiku (North)
Receipt number	275
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	4. Change to targeted scheme-based operational rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to wastewater services
Comment	People who do not have access to a scheme self fund all the costs to provide water and wastewater services. Option four, targeted by scheme means all rate payers fund on the same basis - what it costs to run the scheme they use be it their own (private) or the FNDC provided option.
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku
Comment	I would like to see: Each ward able to decide where the centre(s) is/are to be located Each communities offered the opportunity to own and run a community service if it is to be closed Project and funding for the Kaikohe Library to be placed on hold until these decision are made
Other feedback	Council needs to deliver on it's LTP. I would rather see less in the LTP and have more confidence that it will be achieved.
Ward	
	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	276
Other attachments	

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First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	I feel the proposed change in Water & Wastewater to district wide will help with the capital injection for Council to plan and upgrade the stormwater network, instead. Changing the rating from district wide to targeted base in a short-term solution to inject capital investment funds in Council and when the rates become too high will have to review again in the future, which I think isn't sustainable for both the rate payers and Council.
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	I think this is a preferred option to evenly distribute the cost and be able to make the rates affordable, which will pave the way for improvements in the smaller communities and benefit from world class facilities.
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	I don't think any changes are required here given the access to public transport is non existence for the Far North community and rate payers are accustom to coming in office to have a face-to-face whilst they are any other business in town. Furthermore, not everyone uses the Council website for updates/news, etc. All questions can not be answered via RFS either so not an efficient move for Council to deal with all queries via RFS.
Other feedback	Proposed rates are still too high for a single bread winner like me.
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	278
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	Option 3 and 4 not affordable
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku
Comment	
Other feedback	<p>Stormwater water infrastructure seriously needs upgrading along Matauwhi Road, Russell, including adding kerb and channeling to stop stormwater flowing onto properties during heavy rainfall. This needs to be added to the strategic plan as a priority.</p> <p>The stormwater issues are a result of climate change and numerous impermeable driveways being added, with no drainage mitigation measures, due to Council not been informed of new impervious areas being added. Numerous properties along Brind Road (above Matauwhi Road) and properties along Matauwhi Road are well in excess of the maximum 35% impermeable area threshold for the Russell Township Zone. This is creating flooding issues for residents at the lower end of Matauwhi Road.</p> <p>In addition, the Council stormwater drains discharging to Matauwhi Road are not regularly cleared of silt build up and mangroves.</p> <p>Stormwater discharges from Brind Road properties and blocked council stormwater drains along Brind Road to Matauwhi Road.</p> <p>We have lived at our property for 36 years and we are feeling the effects of stormwater infrastructure that needs upgrading to rectify these issues.</p>
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
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Other attachments	

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First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	No
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	4. Change to targeted scheme-based operational rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to wastewater services
Comment	No
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku
Comment	No
Other feedback	
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	280
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	We are concerned you rate us when we have our own water supply and have had to spend monry dealing with waste water of the road system and public land.
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	4. Change to targeted scheme-based operational rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to wastewater services
Comment	We have our own water and waste water system in compliance with FNDC requiremrrts. Ratings us for what we don't use is unreasonable.
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku
Comment	
Other feedback	
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	281
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Bill
Last name	Gillanders
Organisation (if applicable)	NA
Position in organisation	NA
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	
Other feedback	Excessive Noise. Resource Management Act 326. Leaving aside named exceptions in the Act. Any noise under human control that disturbs the peace comfort and convenience of my home is excessive. Why do Council regulations allow playing 50 decibel beat music on my boundary 24 hours per day 7 days per week.
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	282
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	Most equitable method to address stormwater issues.
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	3. Change to targeted ward rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	No
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	No
Other feedback	On all larger infrastructure projects, I want to see greater efficiency employed to minimise disruption to every day life.
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	283
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	I cannot use half of my land as it floods. A 10 yearly event that has happened every year for the last ten. Wont be happy paying targeted rates on something that is already financially disadvantaging me
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	Bad enough paying for water use in Kerikeri 30 bucks a year - already being paid for on commercial rates [shops etc]
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	
Other feedback	
Ward	
Receipt number	286
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Julia
Last name	Reinholt
Organisation (if applicable)	Retired
Position in organisation	Retired
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	Status quo for those on tank water. Change to a targeted rate based on land use for others.
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	4. Change to targeted scheme-based operational rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to wastewater services
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	
Other feedback	
Ward	
	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
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Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	All landowners and Land trusts should have to pay for stormwater , and rates. Residential property owners with over 3000 square meters who have already paid for their own water collection and sewage systems should have a reduced charge as they already paid for the installation , and ongoing maintenance charges.
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	The term "or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services" should be dropped , as it is an open statement to allow the council to make changes at will and at any stage in the next 3 or 10 years. The ward system will be scrapped within the next few years so this option should be removed.
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	You cant afford to build any multi-purpose centres, and neither can the ratepayers
Other feedback	The new motorway style lighting along the main Kerikeri road from the Packhouse Markets to the town, are an eyesore and causes way too much light pollution. The FNDC should be promoting "dark sky" initiatives, such as designing outdoor lighting that is properly shielded and directed to minimize upward light spill, using energy-efficient lighting technologies, and implementing lighting regulations and guidelines to reduce light pollution around residential areas. The FNDC should impose a maximum building height restriction of 3 stories on all of the planned and new building developments in Kerikeri.
Ward	Kaikohe-Hokianga (West)
Receipt number	295
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	3. Change to targeted ward rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	I have my own supply of these services and do not connect to main supply so why should I need to pay for these services
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	2. Provide a multi-purpose centre for each ward
Comment	
Other feedback	Those that are connected to any of these services should be targetted more then those who are not connected
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	296
Other attachments	

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First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	3 and 4 are too expensive
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku
Comment	
Other feedback	
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	298
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Linda
Last name	Wigley
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	
Other feedback	Libraries and museums are important community hubs and educational facilities, contributing to our social wellbeing. As invaluable community assets they such should receive continued and increased financial support from Council.
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	299
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Lucie
Last name	Green
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	Please leave the current library situation as it is. These centres are very important to our communities, they give the young somewhere safe to go outside of school hours and are invaluable to us as a source of learning. They also give many of our community members access to the internet when they might not otherwise have it.
Other feedback	
Ward	
	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	301
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Janine
Last name	McVeagh
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	We will be getting extreme weather events, so need to be better prepared to deal with high rainfall.
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	Option 2 seems fairer and, for most, more affordable. In option 4, note that Whangaroa people would pay over \$20,000 a year! Is that a mistake?
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	As a major tourist centre, Opononi should not lose its I-site. That is my main reason for supporting the status quo. However, Kaikohe needs a major upgrade to the library and having an I-site and service centre combined there would be great. If Options 1 or 2 are decided on, it is essential that Kaikohe is the place for the enhanced site.
Other feedback	1: Cycling: this is still very dangerous in most places. Could Council please pay attention to the increasing numbers of cyclists and put in some safety measures in towns and linking roads. 2: Natural burial ground: Waikumete, Thames and other places are now offering burial places for those who wish to have a natural burial. Please look at Rawene for a potential location. 3: Charging stations for EVs: Kaikohe in particular needs more stations.
Ward	Kaikohe-Hokianga (West)
Receipt number	302
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Karen
Last name	Campbell
Organisation (if applicable)	Citizens Advice Bureau Far North
Position in organisation	Chairperson/Funding Officer
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	4. Change to targeted scheme-based operational rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to wastewater services
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	I favour Option 1 but feel that those who live in remote areas eg. Hokianga, Far North will be disadvantaged if this is selected. The cost of transport now is expensive! To get around this have the service travel to these areas on a regular basis - every two weeks or monthly but well advertised.
Other feedback	"Please maintain funding for the Citizens Advice Bureau Far North. It is a valuable free and independent service to all people in the Far North District council area, providing information, empowering our people, helping to strengthen decision making, which in turn helps grow strong communities. And that benefits us all." Citizens Advice Far North currently receive \$20 000 per year this has not increased in the last 6/7 years. We have done our best to mitigate costs eg. our manager's hours have reduced. We struggle to cover increased costs hence ask that our funding be increased to \$30000 per annum. We continue to work with council staff to find as many funding options as possible, this we will continue to do.
Ward	Kaikohe-Hokianga (West)
Receipt number	303
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Sally
Last name	Grant
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	In regard to water and storm water, I think rates increasing by another \$1000 a year will be absolutely crippling to alot of whanau, in this current climate where rent and mortgage rates are already sky rocketing.
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	I think our libraries are hugely important to our communities, especially for tamariki & elderly. Rather than the above options, I would vote that ALL libraries are kept but are condensed with other services and turned into multi use centre's with Public spaces that can be utilized by community groups and info centre/council help desks where possible I.e in the big libraries like Kawkawa & Kerikeri.
Other feedback	
Ward	
	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	304
Other attachments	

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First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	We are a small community and have a waste treatment system in our area and seem to be paying way too much for a couple of pensioners in a quiet sea side village. Although we know that these plants need updating, ours took such a long time to upgrade and in terms of all our rateable features, nothing really seems to get done in our little corner of the Far North. To have the same rate as a highly populated area seems a bit unfair.
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	4. Change to targeted scheme-based operational rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to wastewater services
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	
Comment	And where does Hihi come into that? Sorry new to the area
Other feedback	

Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
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Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	Everyone pays same amount spread over whole district
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku
Comment	
Other feedback	
Ward	Te Hiku (North)
Receipt number	308
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Sian
Last name	Steward
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	Sounds fair Our local storm drains don't get cleaned regularly and are often blocked when RFS put out they often get fobbed off. Is there a better way to manage this?
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	Water is a a life necessity, all people should have access to clean safe functional water. Splitting across the district helps smaller communities shoulder the costs. That sounds fair in this case. Ensuring that the systems are kept in good working order, can we look at banning wipes? Proven time and again that people can't be trusted. Remove them entirely / look to promote sustainable alternatives in the region. Address any other issue impacting our waterways. Potentially implement fines for businesses / individuals who flout the rules and impact the network
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	Our libraries are vital. One of the few places left where individuals can go with no cost implication. A clean safe environment that offers so much to so many in the community, young and old Definitely look to combining info centres and services centres within existing libraries where possible. Not everyone has good reliable internet and this is a great solutions.
Other feedback	Its a hard pill to swallow that these rates rises are happening. And unfortunate that todays ratepayer is paying for previous mis-management or those in power putting their heads safely in the sand. Digesting all this information is a big ask for many ratepayers. Is there an easier way to engage? Will our opinions impact much anyway? My biggest worry is that people under severe financial strain will be pushed beyond their limit. How do we go forward in a fair manner, for those on limited or fixed income households. CV gains are out of our own hands, if you are retired and lived in your house for years, what should you do? Specifically I think we should be focusing on needs not wants. Water and roads (to an acceptable level) and libraries, yes. Do we really need to spend on boat ramp parking at Rangitane, I think this is a want not a need. FNHL is doing very well on its pledge to grow assets, and in turn help drive business in Northland. To what end though? If our basic infrastructure is failing I would like to see regular substantial investment being fed back into the ratepayers pool. Maybe a percentage of profits /assets holding rather than nominated sum. And more transparency readily available to the community, which essential they are working for via the FNDC council. Are there too many staff across the two entities? And are the wages justified? Is there a way to tap into other national wide funding central GOVT, charities, associations, anywhere where we can leverage some of our costs? Look to fundraise elsewhere for things like the cycle trail, again another luxury compared to water infrastructure. Other points. Rubbish dumping in forests etc. Can the cost of clearing rubbish out of the bush/roadside be offset by offering free rubbish bags to lower income communities? Maybe not all the time. Again hard to teach people that are determined not to do the right thing. Looking to invest in bottle return scheme to make recycling more appealing. Can FNHL invest in a bottle and can recycling plant? Jobs and less waste in the

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	<p>environment. And by returning bottles you get vouchers for \$ to spend at supermarkets (like in Europe). Noxious weeds and over grown roadsides. If communities are willing to tackle themselves, are chippers or trucks available to take the green waste away? We have a high need in our local streets and many people willing to help but no idea what to do with the waste after. Thanks for reading and good luck</p>
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Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
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Other attachments	

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First Name	Bernie
Last name	Hawke
Organisation (if applicable)	Public Libraries New Zealand
Position in organisation	Executive Director
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	
Comment	
Other feedback	
Ward	
Receipt number	314
Other attachments	https://admin.au.openforms.com/Results/ResponseFile?fileId=3ff63286-b92f-47fd-9f09-a292d3c6631a&fileName=PLNZ%20Submission%20to%20Long%20Term%20Plan%2020240428.docx

PUBLIC LIBRARIES NEW ZEALAND

SUBMISSION TO FAR NORTH DISTRICT COUNCIL LONG TERM PLAN 2024-2027

ABOUT PUBLIC LIBRARIES NEW ZEALAND

Public Libraries New Zealand (PLNZ) is the key sector advocate for public libraries, and particularly the current and emerging leaders in New Zealand public libraries. PLNZ has 307 members covering all New Zealand local authorities and public library services.

PLNZ is a not-for-profit association registered under the Incorporated Societies Act with its vision that all New Zealanders have equitable access to public libraries to enhance the wellbeing of their communities. PLNZ supports the development of consistently excellent public library services throughout Aotearoa New Zealand.

Public libraries represent the largest library sector in New Zealand in terms of registered and active members (1.4M), collections (10M physical items, 12.6M digital items), service locations (340, including mobile libraries), visitation (25M physical visits, 33.4M virtual visits); usage (34.5M physical loans, 16.7M digital loans/downloads) and staffing (2,360 FTE).

In particular, PLNZ supports local public libraries and their leaders through the collection and secure storage of data on library usage, funding and performance for benchmarking and the development of evidence-based business cases as well as the provision of networking and professional development opportunities. In 2023/24, PLNZ is expanding the range of data collected to include specific output data on community impact as well as the development of local surveying on the community impact of public libraries.

WHY PUBLIC LIBRARIES ARE FUNDAMENTAL TO LOCAL COMMUNITIES

Public libraries are integral to their local communities in providing community spaces and public programmes for all ages, access to technology and support in its use as well as a safe, respectful and supportive space for all members of the community.

Public Libraries are one of the most heavily used and highly valued community services provided by New Zealand local authorities.

In the report of the research project *Libraries as a Vehicle for Service Delivery* (January 2023) commissioned by Local Government New Zealand (LGNZ) and undertaken by consultants Frank Advice, the researchers identified that libraries make a significant and evolving contribution to community wellbeing.

In addition, this research identified that libraries have a key role in 'addressing the gaps in digital inequity and civic participation' with libraries acting as a 'digital safety net', a 'forum for both formal and informal support' as well as operating as 'trusted providers of government services'.

Importantly, the report identified that libraries are increasingly 'operating as information intermediaries' and that 'delivering through libraries can lower operating costs for central/local government.'

With particular reference to Council Annual and Long Term Planning, the researchers identified that 'library funding was usually short-term or time-limited' and that 'long-term, secure funding enables more effective and sustainable service delivery through libraries'.

The report reviewed recent economic analyses of New Zealand and Australian public libraries, using either a cost-benefit analysis approach or a social return on investment model. This review confirmed that 'public libraries provide vital services to their local communities, have direct and indirect economic value and investment in libraries has positive results'.

Complementing the research undertaken in this report, the consultants provided a series of case studies of New Zealand public libraries across the country, showcasing the role of libraries in modelling bicultural engagement and commitment; collecting and preserving the social and cultural heritage of the local community; libraries as a hub for lifelong learning as well as the extensive outreach and mobile services provided by public libraries.

In addition, in October 2022, Taituarā released the *Living Libraries* report on the value of libraries in Aotearoa, which was compiled from the responses to a series of surveys of General Managers, Finance Managers and Library Managers from New Zealand Councils. This report also includes a series of case studies of innovative and exemplary service provision by New Zealand public libraries.

The Chief Executive of Taituarā commented that '... libraries are seen as vital community assets. These assets belong to everyone in the community and are often valued as places for community groups to meet. Being accessible free of charge, libraries provide an inclusive, safe space for families to read and access information. They are at the centre of their communities and are useful for other agencies co-locating within the library space to reach people in a partnership approach.'

'Libraries provide digital resources and information free of charge. It is increasingly evident that they have become an important point of access to essential online public services through freely available internet in libraries'.

Key findings of the *Living Libraries* research report on the value of libraries are that they 'support learning for life; champion the growth of a nation of readers by encouraging reading for pleasure and improving literacy; support children and families, helping them to develop and thrive in their community; enhance community resilience in times of crisis by providing a trusted safe place in the community; enhance digital equity and inclusion by being trusted providers of information; support and enhance economic and community development by providing access to job information and access to business support; provide community hubs, connecting people and services, and are trusted partners in the community'.

RESPONSE TO LONG TERM PLAN OPTIONS AND PROPOSALS

Public Libraries New Zealand (PLNZ) acknowledges the devastating impact of Cyclone Gabrielle and other recent weather events on communities across the North Island, and the Far North District Council in particular. The financial and community disruption costs of these events, and the costs to repair, rebuild or replace roading and water infrastructure are unprecedented.

It is within this context that PLNZ wishes to respond to the Far North District Council Draft Long Term Plan 2024-2027, with specific reference to *Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future*, with particular reference to library services.

Our submission acknowledges the urgent priority and importance of infrastructure investment and wishes to highlight the longer term importance of investment in community services and facilities.

Within *Issue 3*, PLNZ supports the Council undergoing full exploration of preferred Option 1 for the development of multi-purpose community centres providing integrated access to library services, collections, technology and facilities as well as Council service centre, iSite and other community services.

This integrated facility is a cost effective model which already exists in a number of New Zealand local authorities, with the library as the anchor service around which the other community services are clustered.

The experience of local authorities already operating on this model is that facilities costs can be minimised with operating one larger facility, rather than multiple smaller facilities; opening hours can be extended and optimised, while increased staffing in fewer sites can provide the depth and a broader range of skills to support integrated library and service centre operations. This model aligns well with the increasing role for public libraries as community hubs.

Some Councils have also offered leased space within these multi-purpose centres for commercial services such as a café, New Zealand Post agency, Automobile Association (AA) agency as well as Council operated meeting room and venue hire facilities, all under the same roof. In some cases, the multi-purpose centre has also included a recreational facility such as indoor sports courts or a swimming pool.

PLNZ would be happy to support the Far North District Council to develop this option for future implementation by referral to other local authorities where these integrated service models have been implemented.

Under *Issue 3*, Council has posed Option 2 proposing a multi-purpose centre for each ward.

PLNZ commends the development of multi-purpose centres in each ward as an aspirational objective that should be based on an assessment of community need in terms of catchment population and projected growth, current and anticipated demand, travel distances to other multi-purpose facilities, etc. to develop a sustainable, prioritised plan for the development of these hubs over time.

Under *Issue 3*, an Option 3 to retain the status quo has also been proposed.

This option is not recommended by PLNZ as it embeds and perpetuates a fragmented and inefficient service model which Far North is already beginning to evolve away from with Kaitaia, Kawakawa and Kāeo already offering both library and Council service centres, however this recommendation must also be considered against community need as outlined to ensure that the multipurpose hubs realise projected investment gains while maintaining fair and equitable access across the Far North District to library and other key Council services.

Bernie Hawke

Executive Director
Public Libraries New Zealand

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	We can't afford the extra cost. Why hasn't council allowed for these costs over the years and what assurances do I have that Council will spend the money the most cost effective way. This is not transparent and there is no accountability.
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	3. Change to targeted ward rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	It is very hard to decipher between all the options. I have been on a targeted rate for years with my rates never decreasing once scheme is paid for.
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku
Comment	It is very hard to make a decision when you don't have the specific information of what service you are referring to within specific areas. I do think cost savings need to occur. This can be done using Te Hiku as an example. All services are in one building with the staff cross-trained. I feel Te Hiku gets the least amount of staff allocated to services so this needs to be increased to reflect the demand.
Other feedback	Love the community spaces within Te Hiku. I would like to see another supermarket in the CBD area and have a community patrol down the main street. Can someone please work on the by-laws so we can keep our town looking great and safe. Bikes on footpaths needs to be addressed along with dogs in CBD area.
Ward	Te Hiku (North)
Receipt number	316
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Pauline
Last name	Evans
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	Rates should be targeted according to land use.
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	Ensure that small communities do not bear huge costs for wastewater treatment.
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	2. Provide a multi-purpose centre for each ward
Comment	Rāwene service centre should remain open to serve the North Hokianga communities that can access Rāwene via the ferry or by road from SH12. Rāwene is a shopping and service hub for both North and South Hokianga wards.
Other feedback	Please keep Kohukohu Town Hall (Category 2), Kohukohu Library (formerly Kohukohu Post Office in the early 1900s), Kohukohu cemeteries, Rāwene Library (Category 2) maintained and continue their refurbishments as required.
Ward	Kaikohe-Hokianga (West)
Receipt number	315
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Kerry
Last name	Ludbrook
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	Every time there are changes it means more costs.
Other feedback	Do not rebrand or spend money on new centres in Kaikohe as the rate payers have been pushed far too hard. The economy is poor and people are losing their jobs. Keep a tight ship and round up any un paid rates.
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	317
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Fiona
Last name	Mohr
Organisation (if applicable)	Russell Centennial Trust Board - Russell Museum
Position in organisation	Manager
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	Many properties especially commercial ones have infrastructure that impact stormwater drainage, so it is important that these properties are separately rated. But also development needs to be monitored so it doesn't exacerbate stormwater drainage.
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	4. Change to targeted scheme-based operational rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to wastewater services
Comment	Many properties are not connected to Council's water supply and wastewater services and provide their own, but are still charged via rates these services that are not used. Some areas are paying premium rates for little return in services provided, and some other areas who access all of Council's services are paying the least rates. This is not equitable.
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku
Comment	However, what would be more ideal is for a mobile multi-purpose centre that travels to each outlying centre once a week or fortnight, which also incorporates the mobile library, staffed by FNDC.
Other feedback	There are many non-council community organisations and charities that are providing what should be council services, with little to no support from the council. It appears council has become reliant on these organisations, and is dismissive when these organisations ask for help. This is not appropriate and should be addressed.
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	318
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Donna
Last name	Beatson
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	The risk of infrastructure failure is huge! Our three water areas require attention.
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	3. Change to targeted ward rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	2. Provide a multi-purpose centre for each ward
Comment	
Other feedback	
Ward	
Receipt number	319
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Richard
Last name	Green
Organisation (if applicable)	N.A.
Position in organisation	N.A.
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku
Comment	
Other feedback	Please continue to support the Pou Herenga Tai Twin Coast Cycle Trail and in particular the re-establishment of the trail between Taumarere and Opuā.
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	320
Other attachments	

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First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	I am concerned that stormwater rates will go up under a new change which this survey does not fully explain what the consequences are so I am saying status quo...
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	Sounds like options 2 to 4 involve more increases in rates. We need to find ways to stop rates increases, stop implementing more costs like the unwanted fluoride and chlorine issues as these are too costly, they are toxic and there are other ways people can sort their water so it is safer to drink. Drop these "new" standards that you are being told to implement and pay for, as we simply cannot afford it nor do we want it. The status quo is cheapest and best. If you implement things like fluoride people will simply have a barrell of water out the back somewhere collecting water without poisons and they will use that to drink. Chlorine in water destroys your gut bacteria which is where 80% of your immune system exits, in those very bacteria, so again, a simple home filter system works best at the tap where it is used. That way showers and baths do not fumigate chlorine gas into the air you breathe especially during showers. Again, filters will just be used to remove it all at the use in house end of things if that is implemented. I am on raintanks and we have never had issues with this. Again, a simple filter on the drinking tap is all that is needed with a rain tank. I will never allow fluoride into my system. Nor chlorine. I bring an old wine bottle full of my water everywhere I go. No problems to solve, simply costs to stop increasing. If you are really concerned about teeth, look at the sugar intake and the lack of minerals in the diet of the average kiwi and you will find the problem there. I see these kids with sugar drinks in their bottles! I see obese people eating and buying rubbish food everywhere and it shows. No proper food = bad health, short life not to mention rubbish teeth.
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	STOP SPENDING MORE OF OUR MONEY WHILE WE SIMPLY CANNOT AFFORD THIS! WHY ARE YOU EVEN CONTEMPLATING THIS? TOTALLY UNNECESSARY, ESPECIALLY AT THIS TIME.
Other feedback	Yes, status quo as there is no way we can afford any changes right now... and most of the changes being asked to be implemented are not wanted and not needed.
Ward	Kaikohe-Hokianga (West)
Receipt number	321
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	
Comment	Please keep kaeo library!! We are so under resourced, we need our library for internet, printing and books.
Other feedback	
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	323
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	
Comment	
Other feedback	I have heard the council is thinking of reducing the number of libraries in our community and wish to register that I believe libraries should be retained as is. A valuable community hub for many reasons and reducing will marginalise access for those who have to travel further for library services.
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	324
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	Rate payers who have the option to connect to a public water supply, but choose not to because they have their own personal water systems, should not be charged an access fee. These individuals maintain their own systems and they do not draw upon public resources - with the current cost of living this is a choice property owners make to manage their personal resources and they should not be penalised for this choice. I am open to the idea of a small district wide general fund that would support smaller communities but believe rate payers who access public services should be charged a higher percentage than those who do not. Individuals should have the right to choose the water supply systems that work for them and should not be forced to double pay for a system they are choosing not to access.
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	There has not been enough research done to ascertain whether closing libraries would have a substantial impact on rate payers, it could in fact do the opposite by introducing many new costs. Also at present libraries in Kaeo, Kaitaia, and Kawakawa are already combined with council service centres, and are running efficiently. The FNDC library system is vital and dynamic, it provides a wide range of programmes that are beneficial to the community. Libraries are no longer just buildings that house books. The FNDC library system provides a vast array of programming including: after school and holiday programmes for our tamariki, community outreach services like the Better Digital Futures programme that teach essential digital skills to the public, seed and crop libraries promoting gardening and regional sustainability, spaces for adult learners to study, programmes like Skinny and Ciena Jump broadband sign-up that provides affordable access to internet for families and students, photocopying and printing services in towns that do not offer private services, promotes literacy and free access to print and digital resources, they also are tourist attractions, especially in the case of the Te Ahu Center in Kaitaia with its museum and movie theatre and Kawakawa Library located in the Te Hononga Hundertwasser Memorial Park that attracts tour buses, offers freedom camping, showers, and is a destination location for many international visitors. Not to mention the recent summer Raumatī Toa summer reading programme that got national recognition. Libraries provide essential services that support the general wellbeing of our communities and the Far North District Libraries manage to do this in a dynamic and efficient way, we should treasure and support this service, not seek to undermine and devalue it.
Other feedback	The submission period for this process appears to be rushed. The presentation of the options is confusing and not enough research has been done in some cases. This makes the process of providing feedback difficult and confusing.
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Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	I would not like to see libraries and service centres in smaller centres close. Libraries and service centres based in small communities such as Kaeo, Paihia and Rawene are highly valued by the people who use them. Also, its more equitable for those communities to have the libraries and service centres based in their towns.
Other feedback	
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Comment	Whatever does not increase rates is the best option, the cost of living crisis is killing people already. I feel there are a lot of ppl in northland who just dont pay their rates so the ones that actually pay are the ones that get a raw deal
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	Again, ppl cannot afford for u to increase rates. They are ridiculous already, I have no services and am off grid and most of my land is bush but I pay almost 900 a quarter, FOR NOTHING!
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	There are many ppl that work so hard for their small communities and its important to keep the current services going. The rates increase you are proposing will put ppl on the streets and increase crime and there actually there will just be more people who refuse to pay so your revenue will probably be the same as what it is now.
Other feedback	Do not increase the rates, people cannot afford it. they are already paying for increased interest rates, increased rents, increased food bills, where is the money supposed to come from to pay ur rates? They just won't pay.
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Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	3. Change to targeted ward rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	<p>Submission on the Far North District Council proposal in the Long Term Plan to change its provision of information centres, libraries and service centres</p> <p>Far North District Council are proposing to establish four multi-service centres instead of the existing libraries, service centres and information centres located in Opononi, Rawene, Kaikohe, Kawakawa, Paihia, Kerikeri, Kaeo and Kaitaia.</p> <p>I am not against changes to the Council delivery of these services, but I believe that, before changes can be made, there needs to be a thorough analysis of: the reasons for these changes; the traditional and evolving purpose of libraries, service centres and information centres; the nature and needs of the individual communities affected; and how we measure the success of these services.</p> <p>In this submission I shall provide an analysis of the above and also propose some solutions based upon these analyses.</p> <p>The Reason for these Changes</p> <p>Far North District Council has a number of reasons for proposing changes to its provision of libraries, service centres and information centres. A list of the most obvious reasons and my response to these reasons is stated below:</p> <p>Reason 1) It makes economic sense to combine council services rather than providing separate services. This leads to a cost saving in employment and building/maintenance costs as well as minimising rate increases.</p> <p>Response 1) Combining services would be effective in some Far North communities. With the increase in Council employees working from home it could be a saving on costly service centres and poorly utilised services: however it could also lead to initial construction costs to create new buildings; empty buildings in communities with little ability to fill those buildings; and decreased accessibility to services for those people in communities where services are removed. Combining services could also limit the ability of the existing services to become something greater for their communities. There are other ways of improving the economic viability of services in those areas which would be disadvantaged if their service disappeared. These solutions will be investigated later in this submission.</p> <p>Reason 2) The number of face to face customer interactions at service centres is declining.</p> <p>Response 2) Face to face customer interactions is not the only measure of success. It is also not a great measure of success for libraries, which lots of people use without interacting with the librarians. A new way of measuring the value of these services to the community could be of benefit to both the Council and the community and could provide a guide for future improvement of these services.</p> <p>Reason 3) The multi-purpose service centre in Kaitaia works well and has increased community pride and use of the facilities provided. Multi-purpose service centres provide a usable and pleasant Council interface with the locals and also a chance for tourists to find out everything they need to know in a single location.</p> <p>Response 3) This is true and would work in some communities in the Far North but not all communities. A community evaluation is provided further along in this submission.</p>

The Traditional and Evolving Purpose of Libraries, Service Centres and Information Centres

Libraries

Traditionally libraries provide books. Books are too expensive for many individuals to afford so sharing the cost and books enables greater access to resources for individuals. Libraries also traditionally provide a quiet resting place, working space and meeting point for the community. The rise in digital media has led to a decline in book reading and even greater decline in the use of non-fiction resources. This has led libraries to reconsider their purpose and to focus on providing digital work spaces, other shared resources, increased community group access and a community focal point. At present, while libraries are in the process of redefining themselves, the services they provide can be woolly and unfocused. I believe that part of this discussion should involve a definition of the service that our libraries provide or could provide. I have visited all the libraries in the Far North District on several occasions and have noted the following services:

- Free care for children, including free after school programmes and holiday programmes
- Free wi-fi and computers for tourists and people who do not afford home wi-fi connections
- Homeschooling options
- Free courses and workshops
- Meeting venues
- Wonderful service – the librarians are all extremely helpful
- Facilitation of community events
- Workspaces for adults and children
- Social interaction for elderly who are often known to the librarians
- Books
- Brochures and community event advertising

Libraries are purely a service and do not provide a revenue source, nor do I believe that they could start charging for services because it is the lack of cost that makes them attractive to users and which, with rising costs, will continue to make them attractive. If the right services are provided, I believe the use of libraries will only continue to increase.

Service Centres

Service centres allow people face to face contact with their Council services. Every time I have visited these service centres there has been a regular stream of people coming in to register their dogs, list their spray free verges, pay their rates, or enquire about council staff or services. With the increase in on-line services such as on-line issue reporting and paying rates, there is no longer a major need for this service however the personal approach is still needed as often on-line queries disappear and are not replied to or fixed. Customers standing at service desks are far more difficult to ignore.

Information Centres

Information centres are intended to be a focal point for tourists which promote local business and bring revenue into the area. Nowadays most people go on line to find out what is available in an area. Most people book on line. The Council information centre in Paihia has competition from commercial ventures which offer information. Presumably most people who go to information centres these days go to glean local knowledge and recommendations, which can be difficult to find on line. Out of the three types of service offered by FNDC, I would consider information centres to be the most redundant and most in need of rethought. It is to be noted that the commercial ventures tend to aim for commissions from bookings but that the Council information centres will often give information without taking the bookings and getting the revenue from commissions.

The Nature and Needs of our Individual Communities

The Far North is made up of many scattered communities. Not all of these communities have access to Council services. A number of communities provide their own libraries. These are very different to the Council libraries, being mainly buildings which lend books rather than being facilitators and creators of community. I shall analyse the differences and needs of these communities separately.

Kaitaia, Doubtless Bay and the Far North

The creation of the Te Ahu Centre made a dynamic difference to Kaitaia township which had issues with the main shopping centre being located out of town. This led to issues in the CBD which still exist. The Te Ahu Centre brought back a sense of

community pride, even though it is located just out of the CBD in the opposite direction to the large retailers. The combined service centre is tastefully done and the inclusion of the picture theatre adds to the overall usefulness and community hub nature of the centre. It helps that there is an excellent playground across the road and that the new Te Hiku Complex is being built on the other side. This now makes a 3 way township with large retailers to the north, small boutique retailers in the middle and community to the east. All the area north of Kaitaia come into Kaitaia on occasion to shop and they can then make use of the Centre. It is not so helpful for Doubtless Bay, as not all residents shop in Kaitaia. Doubtless Bay is a well populated area with its own community library. There is scope in Doubtless Bay for a service centre.

Kaeo and Whangaroa

The Kaeo Library and Service Centre is in a small historic building in the middle of town. Kaeo is not close to any other settlements so this facility provides a needed service to the community. The library building is small and poky with only a small meeting room which means it functions more like the libraries which are not run by FNDC, as an old-fashioned book lending venue. A lot of people use the wi-fi service. There is opportunity in Kaeo, as a poor community, for greater resourcing and community creation, however the existing premises do not lend themselves to this. There is little scope for adding information services to Kaeo as many tourists would go around the Matauri Bay link and not visit Kaeo at all.

Kerikeri

Kerikeri has the Proctor Library and the service centre. The Proctor Library is in a good position, always seems well used, and endeavours to create many community activities, some of which are well attended. The service centre is in an awkward place and is unwelcoming, although this has improved since the service desk was put downstairs. The library provides information services but this is poorly advertised. The Proctor Library is an unusual shape which can make spaces difficult as a community hub.

Paihia, Opuia and Russell

Paihia has a charming little library at Williams House which is mainly used by tourists who connect to the wi-fi. It also has an information centre and service centre down near the wharf. Paihia is a disparate community with an eclectic mix of tourists, retired people, Maori, working people and families living in various smaller communities at Watea, Haruru, Waitangi, Paihia and Te Haumi. Having lived here and still living in the hinterland I find it a difficult place to truly get a sense of community. Opuia residents live close enough to access Paihia services; people in Russell do not, hence they provide their own community library. The information centre usually has people in it but there are other tourist information places in town. Unfortunately there is no parking near the information and service centre. Like the Hokianga, I think Paihia would be truly disadvantaged if it didn't have its library. On a wet day with kids in Paihia there is little to do and the library is a godsend. This doesn't mean that the library couldn't be rethought to become a more effective community hub.

Kawakawa and Moerewa

The new library and service centre at Kawakawa is in a lovely setting. The freedom camping car park beside it is well used and there is community space adjacent to the library. Moerewa does not have Council services but is only a short drive or bike ride away from Kawakawa. Kawakawa is set up as a tourist town but loses visitors to the State Highway 11 route around Paihia. It would be an ideal place to draw tourists to with the provision of an information centre. The library is well used by poor families as a babysitting service for the town children. The library is within easy walking distance of most of Kawakawa. The library actively tries to provide other community activities which are reasonably supported. There is potential for growth in this area and the community would probably support more community activities.

Kaikohe, Ohaeawai and Okaihau

There are plans for a new library in Kaikohe in the FNDC Long Term Plan. The new library is on a corner site and is not that large. FNDC also have their main service centre in Kaikohe. This centre is purpose built with a well set up meeting room and attached dining area. On the times I have visited this service centre I have usually been informed that the person I wish to see is working from home, absent or elsewhere in the district. In recent years there have been discussions about the future of this service centre due to the changing nature of employees' work spaces, the fact that many Council workers do not come from Kaikohe, and because the

building is run down and expensive to run. There are obvious reasons, mainly historic, for the main FNDC service centre being in Kaikohe. Kaikohe is better set up than any other settlement in the Far North with essential central services. The FNDC service centre is located with other services in the middle of town. Kerikeri, as a town with more recent growth, does not have such a good central service area. Kaitaia has the central service area at the edge of the CBD. Kaikohe is a relatively central town with a poorer population leading to a high concentration of service organisations. It is also the home of Ngapuhi, another major provider in the area. Should FNDC leave this service centre it will create yet another empty building and loss of employment in an area which struggles to fill empty buildings and retain employment opportunities. The present library is small with only a small meeting space and so has limited ability to foster community although this does not necessarily warrant expenditure on a new library. As in Kawakawa, the Kaikohe Library acts as a babysitting service for poorer families. There were 20 people in this library when I called in the other day so I consider this to be a bustling library.

The Hokianga

I have lived in the Hokianga. FNDC provides an information centre and service centre at Opononi and a service centre at Rawene. I used this information centre to purchase gifts for people as there were no other gift shops in that area of the Hokianga. Waimamaku has a great resource centre which acts as a focal point for the community. Rawene is endeavouring through the old Northtec buildings to create a community hub. The Hospital at Rawene also provides a small sense of community. Rawene and Kohukohu have community libraries which are not run by FNDC. All communities in the Hokianga other than Omapere/Opononi are separated from the others by some distance. Some people would travel between the communities often, others did not. I personally believe that the removal of the I-Site from the Hokianga would be a step in the wrong direction and would further alienate a disparate isolated set of communities. The area lacks a community focal point and offers opportunities for revenue and a council presence which are not available in other communities.

How to Measure the Success of Service Centres

In the FNDC Long Term Plan discussion document the measurement for success for Council service centres is the number of customer interactions. This is a reasonable measure of success for the actual service desks but is not a good measure for information centres or libraries, both of which have a large number of people who access the services without going to the customer service desk. The number of people using the customer service desks may indeed be declining but this does not mean that customer numbers are declining. A door count might be more valuable, and if the numbers then still show decline, this is incentive to the employees to create initiatives to get the customers back in.

The Solutions

Here is a brief list of concepts which underpin my solutions in this submission:

- Building new multi-purpose service centres will cost money and increase rates therefore I do not consider this to be the right time and climate to forge ahead with building new multi-purpose service centres
- Every community has differing needs so each community will have a different solution
- Removing service centres so that people are forced to go on line is a step in the wrong direction. The health of a community is in the individuals getting out and being part of the community not in being at home on line
- Libraries are not just a place for borrowing books. Their role in the community these days is as a provider of resources, a community hub, a safe place, and as a creator of communities. This role needs to be strengthened not diminished
- Some of the Council service buildings were donated or have historical significance.

I shall now provide a summary for each community of possible solutions which could save money while increasing the Council's service centre role as a community hub.

Kaitaia, Doubtless Bay and the Far North

Retain the existing Te Ahu Centre with no changes.

Rationale:

This building is purpose built and it works.

Kaero and Whangaroa

Retain the existing library and service centre.

	<p>Rationale: This is housed in a lovely old building with no other good options for a library in the town. Although the space for the library to provide extra resources or community gathering options is limited, this space could be provided by a mobile community hub as recommended further down.</p> <p>Kerikeri</p> <p>1) Retain the Proctor Library due to its excellent location in the centre of town and next to the domain but rejig it to make the spaces more useful. The Proctor Library is presently undergoing changes which may be intended to make better use of space. Previously the Makers Space has been too small for community meetings; and having the computers in a foyer area has made it embarrassing to go to the toilets, Makers Space or children's library as one has to pass through the computer room where the computer users always look at you. If I was reconfiguring the Proctor Library I would make the following changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children's non fiction room turned into the computer room • Toy library (which is the largest side room) turned into a meeting room • Children's fiction room turned into the Makers Space • Computer Room turned into Children's non fiction • Makers Space turned into Children's fiction • Front meeting room turned into the Toy Library <p>Rationale: The Proctor Library is a progressive, community minded library but the existing spaces hinder its potential to grow as a community hub and provider of community resources. The relocation of the services above would increase its potential.</p> <p>2) Reconsider the John Butler Centre. This Centre has limited parking and is not near the Proctor Library. I do not know enough about this part of the Council services but it seems possible that the librarians could be upskilled to offer the Council service centre from the library and provide information as needed. Council staff could be connected to customers by digital means where they could be seen and heard in one of the small meeting spaces in the library. The John Butler Centre would then be only Council offices rather than being people facing. This is only if the Council needs more offices than those presently located in Kaikohe. If it doesn't then the Council could move out of the John Butler Centre altogether.</p> <p>Paihia, Opuia and Russell</p> <p>The Williams House Library is a lovely building in a lovely central location. It has the added advantage that the buildings and grounds are maintained by a separate organisation to Council. This Library should be kept. There are spaces within the library with potential to offer more community resources and programmes. It would be possible to upskill the librarian to offer Council services and information services. The advantage to offering these at the Library rather than the Information Centre is that there is parking by the Library, however the existing Information Centre occupies prime real estate in Paihia and gives the Council an obvious presence for tourists so if there are no major costs associated with the Information Centre it would be good to keep both. If the Council was to retain the existing Information Centre building but not as an Information Centre it would be a great location for the Council to advertise the merits of living in the Far North and work with people who are considering moving up north to promote the area.</p> <p>Kawakawa and Moerewa</p> <p>My recommendation is that the Kawakawa Library and Service Centre should be kept and that an information centre should be added.</p> <p>Rationale: Kawakawa is the gateway to the Far North. Providing an information centre here where there is plenty of parking and other tourist attractions would set up visitors well at the beginning of their trip to the Far North. This information centre could be well signposted on State Highway 1 and outside the entrance to the library car park encouraging tourists to detour into Kawakawa, which would benefit the town immensely.</p> <p>Kaikohe, Ohaeawai and Okaihau</p> <p>My recommendation for Kaikohe is as follows: 1) Retain the existing Council buildings: Remove the existing service centre from within these council buildings and create a more useful space downstairs for existing council workers. It would be possible to fit</p>
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around 4 offices in the present reception office and queue space. This building will then solely be offices and meeting rooms for councillors and council workers.

Rationale:
Creates more space in a building which otherwise lacks space.
Some cost in repurposing the bottom reception area, but this would not be urgent and would be cheaper than providing a new service centre

2) Move the existing library:
The existing library is too small to act as an effective community hub. Move it into the reception area and meeting room of the Memorial Hall. Incorporate the service centre and an information centre with the library reception desk.

Rationale:
This saves many millions of dollars in building a new library which, having seen the plans, provides little extra benefit.
It would provide a central service centre in Kaikohe next to a park and playground just like in Kaitaia where all council services are together.
With the building of the new Sports Centre in Lindvart Park the Council doesn't need to provide both a hall and large meeting space.
There would be some cost for fit out and refurbishing but this would be significantly less than the building of a new library.
With the library next to the Council buildings it allows the library to provide the service centre for the Council where Council workers could pop across to the library to meet people.
The service centre would be in the Memorial Hall reception area, the library of books and resources would be in the meeting room behind. Although the reception area and meeting room of the Memorial Hall are no bigger and may even be smaller than the existing library, the adjacent Memorial Hall would allow far more room for community activities. The Hall would probably see far more utilisation by outside groups if under the umbrella of the library.
Clear signage would need to be put up in the CBD to ensure that people find the Council service centre.
A footpath could be created from the Memorial Hall and Library down past the Pioneer Village to connect with the new Sports Centre so that everything is accessible and centrally located.

The Hokianga
Ideally I would like to see a library and community hub offered with the information centre and service centre at Opononi. Unfortunately with the relocation of the information centre out of the building which is now a 4 Square, there is no longer the space to do this. Failing this it would be good to have a more regular presence from the mobile library and the mobile community hub as recommended below.

Mobile Library
I would like to see the Council extend its mobile library service to also offer a mobile service centre and community hub. This Mobile Community Hub could visit communities once a fortnight. It would provide a service desk and a space for library programmes such as: Wriggle and Rhyme, Storytime, Crop Swap/Seed Library, Book Clubs, Crafternoons, Minecraft and Lego. I would recommend that it visit these communities fortnightly:

- Russell (parking near the community library)
- Opononi (parking near the information centre)
- Rawene (parking by the town hall. The town would no longer need a manned service centre)
- Kohukohu (parking by the library)
- Waimamaku (parking by the town hall)
- Okaihau (parking by the town hall)
- Kaeo (parking by the library)
- Doubtless Bay (parking by the community library)
- Houhora (parking by the Raio Hall)

Conclusion
To summarise my submission:
1) FNDC wishes to establish multi-service centres
I recommend multi-service centres be established at Kawakawa, Kaikohe and possibly Paihia and Kerikeri
2) The community wishes there to be minimal outlay for any changes made.
The multi-service centres can be established with minimal outlay other than upskilling library staff and shifting the Kaikohe Library to the Memorial Hall.

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	<p>3) The Council would like to reduce the number of service centres. My proposal would see the loss of the Rawene Service Centre and possible loss of the Paihia Information Centre.</p> <p>4) The community would like all libraries to be maintained as community hubs and even for Council services to be increased. My proposal would retain all libraries and would add an extra mobile library community hub service to travel around larger outlying communities.</p> <p>5) The community would like to see a reduction in Council spending and rates. My proposal would get rid of the proposed new Kaikohe Library saving ratepayers millions of dollars. The only financial outlay would be for upskilling library staff, refurbishing the Memorial Hall as a library and purchasing another mobile library bus (which should not involve additional staff).</p> <p>In addition to the benefits above my submission creates these added benefits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A multi-purpose service centre at Kawakawa, the gateway to the Far North, ensuring that tourists are focused at the beginning. This could create revenue through taking bookings • The centralisation and streamlining of services in Kaikohe • A refocus on the purpose of libraries to acknowledge that these days it is about more than books. The new mobile Community Hub reflects this • A refresh of the Proctor Library to make it more fit for purpose • The provision of Council services to outlying areas via the mobile Community Hub <p>In short: keep the libraries; ditch the new Kaikohe library; don't spend heaps of ratepayers' money on new unnecessary buildings; and use what there is more effectively.</p> <p>We live rurally and are regular users of the Kawakawa, Paihia, Kerikeri and Kaikohe libraries. We want to continue to use all these libraries.</p> <p>The service centres are the visible face of FNDC to its people. Make them fantastic!</p>
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Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	I do believe stormwater rates should be targeted if a land owner produces excessive stormwater creating larger infrastructural issues, however there is not enough information supplied to ascertain how this would work in practice. I do not support adding additional costs to ratepayers in that context, especially if they are not connected to a stormwater network. I disagree with charging ratepayers who choose not to connect to public services even if a connection is available. I support land owners showing some personal responsibility and initiative with how they deal with their own stormwater.
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	Firstly I think there is a difference between the ratepayers "who" access and "could" access, I do not agree with charging ratepayers if they are not connected to water or wastewater. Secondly, here again is not enough information to understand how this would work in practice, what the costs would realistically be in each scenario, and also details about setup and maintenance of these services ensuring there is not a blow out in terms of implementing the new measures. I do however agree a targeted rate should apply if you are either using a lot of water or producing a lot of wastewater, so for industrial or agricultural practices, yes absolutely, but I do not see it as fair that the community bears any responsibility for this. I see it simply as the cost doing responsible business.
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	I find this issue particularly misleading due to the information provided, I think the consequences of options 1 and 2 are much more than stated here, this could lead to people to making uninformed choices which is concerning. Libraries are already cost effective as they are, they do an amazing job for a tiny part of council budget. They are rich, dynamic spaces who are already doing an excellent job of integrating online services. "Online" is not a new concept in a library, online services are merely additional tools and in no way do they substitute for a physical library space. Northland has many diverse towns and communities so reducing this to "wards" does not fairly represent Northland -- library spaces especially are an important part of creating and maintaining these communities. They are well used spaces, essential for social cohesion, are vibrant attractive places for locals and tourists alike. Libraries provide programs for children, connection for adults and knowledge for all. To say that face-to-face interactions are declining is manipulative, of course people are using online services, but this in no way means they use or value libraries less - it just signifies a different balance. I would argue it is widely known that "online" services will just increase isolation and create all sorts of health issues for our people and communities. We need more libraries and community driven spaces. To cut them back is detrimental to individuals, communities and Northland as a whole. Cost-cutting should not be at the cost of community.
Other feedback	I greatly appreciate the booklet and information provided thank you, but personally I find it quite unclear about what the actual outcomes of each option are. It seems like insufficient research has been done. There is very little detailing, the positive and negative impacts to me are entirely from the councils perspective and I do believe are out of touch with the general public. It appear like council is pushing it's own recommendation. I understand the current financial climate is quite challenging, however I disagree that cost-cutting is the solution, I think better distribution of funds is a clearer path,

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	council should be focussed on developing additional income streams and reducing their own operational costs rather than relying on ratepayers for these shortfalls or reducing public services.
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Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Tracey
Last name	Rissetto
Organisation (if applicable)	New Zealand Automobile Association Northland Council
Position in organisation	Chairperson
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	
Comment	
Other feedback	<p>Transportation.</p> <p>The New Zealand Automobile Association Northland Council advocates on behalf of 53,000 NZAA Northland members. The council strongly supports the current regional approach to delivering joined up services for roading and transportation in Northland. This regional approach to coordinating staff and resources benefits all Northland road users. Northland has improved services and efficiencies of scale eg. specialist skills and rapid response to weather events with a regional approach.</p>
Ward	Outside Far North
Receipt number	331
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LTP hearings FNDC

My name is Tracey Risetto and I chair the Northland Council of The New Zealand Automobile Association which has over 1.8 million members, Northland is one of 18 district councils with a membership of 53,000 – nearly 13,000 being members in the Far North District.

The council's submission to the FNDC long term plan, 2024 – 2027, is regarding the need to have a regional approach to delivering joined up services for roading and transportation in Northland.

Your plan is an infrastructure recovery plan, the focus being on the number one priority to repair our transport network, which central government have recognised by giving the FNDC the option to create a shortened three year plan.

I will discuss 5 reasons why this regional approach for joined up services is fundamental for the Far North District to deliver the number one priority of repairing our transport network plus continue to grow and prosper.

Repairing your transport network

As per your draft LTP there remain 89 sites of damaged roading from the significant weather events since July 22. Some of these sites are very complex with significant engineering, funding and planning questions that must be resolved before contractors can start working on repairs.

Northland as a region can afford to attract and employ skilled specialists whom the individual local roading authorities would not be able to. The recruitment and retention of specialist staff provides the necessary knowledge to take advantage of funding options, getting the engineering and planning right and getting the job done.

Managing risk

The total roading network that the FNDC own is 2,509 km which equates to over 70% by value of your total assets. How does the council manage the risks associated with

maintaining the value of these assets? Public dissatisfaction about the quality of surfaces and the frequency of repairs continues to grow which is an indication of an deteriorating asset base. We all understand that the funding available does not meet the costs associated with these assets.

What this council can control is the level of expertise and efficiencies that a regional approach brings to asset, network and contract management, planning and specialised aspects of the network e.g. Bridges.

Economic potential

The recent report by the Northland Corporate Group to unleash the economic potential of Northland through the proposed 4-lane expressway connecting Te Tai Tokerau Northland to Auckland by 2040, quantifies how transport infrastructure can change lives.

By combining our resources and being collaborative in our approach on a region-wide basis, the Far North has the opportunity to achieve better outcomes for its economy, residents and road users.

Having a highly skilled and responsive team delivering the Far North's roading and transport services will be an enabler.

One Voice

Recent meetings with government ministers and CEO's of large Te Tai Tokerau businesses have established that our region needs to advocate with one voice to be heard and to be effective.

The work that the Mayoral Forum undertook in producing the 'blue book' establishing the infrastructure damage from last years severe weather events within weeks, quantifying what work was required and requesting funding ensured that decision makers had the information required in a timely manner to respond. This work would have not been produced without the knowledge and skill base of a regional roading and transportation team.

Road Safety

As the region with the highest number of road fatalities per head of population, Northland needs to do better. The Far North as at the end of April has had 8 fatalities, 7 of these on local roads. Northland has 17.6% of NZ fatalities to date, 18 fatalities this year, almost double as at the same time last year.

An integrated regional approach to road safety ensures that there are highly skilled road safety engineers working with road safety partners to identify priority areas of action based on data.

The NZAA Northland Council is aware of decisions being made regarding the current delivery vehicle for a regional approach to roading and transportation following a s17a review of the Northland Transport Alliance. Our submission is to ensure that there is retained a regional approach to roading and transportation services, including public transport and road safety initiatives.

As you will agree a regional approach is fundamental for the Far North District to deliver on its number one priority – fixing the roads, plus with the added advantage to grow and prosper as a vital part of Northland.

† Road Deaths Statistics

	LOCAL ROAD FATALITIES THIS YEAR	STATE HIGHWAY FATALITIES THIS YEAR	TOTAL FATALITIES THIS YEAR
FAR NORTH	7	1	8
WHANGAREI	2	6	7
KAIPARA	1	1	2
NORTHLAND	10	8	18
NATIONAL	46	56	102

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First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	If FNDC were proposing to close the Hokianga isite the impact on the Community would be devastating. The isite provides services for those of the community who are unable to travel, who dont have a home based computer and require printing, scanning services or are unable to pay Rates, dog regos online. The travel distance to Kaikohe is prohibitive for the above services. The isite is a "gift shop" for local residents, again who are unable or dont have the funds to travel. From the isite/Tourism perspective Hokianga is the West Coast first link for Tourists after leaving Auckland. Isite staff are able to provide tourism suggestions to enhance the travellers experience as well as provide the link service provided by commercial operators in the Hokianga, Dargaville, Paihia, Kaikohe, Kerikier etc
Other feedback	
Ward	Kaikohe-Hokianga (West)
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Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	
Comment	See submission in Feedback at end of this form.
Other feedback	<p>I want to comment on the LTP generally. This 3 year plan needs to be a back to basics plan. Forget about new projects - revise the budget so that the basics such as roading, drinking water and infrastructure are brought up to standard. If I am paying more rates then I want to see improvement in our basic services over the whole Far North area. Cut costs. Treat all ratepayers equally. My impression is some councillors have little business or budget acumen. The Mayor appears to be a show pony with some of the things he comes out with - look at me I am defying the government.</p> <p>Talk, talk, talk while costs blow out. Lock contractors into a price - give them the incentive to get the job done quickly without costs rising because of delays. Projects in the private sector seem to come in on budget. Cut back on consultants. Councils have become the "pig trough" with the greedy wanting their piece of it.</p> <p>Forget cycleways and walkways and playgrounds, beautification, fancy signs, and fancy recreational areas such as the new one in Kaitaia main street. Walkways and cycleways benefit a minority. Visitors to the area are here for the natural beauty - if they want to cycle/walk they can use what we already have. All they will care about are clean toilets and those are hard to find.</p> <p>Reduce all the fancy newsletters that are included in rates notices, or delivered to us as a separate communication, only to go unread into the bin. Use the internet, newspapers noticeboards in libraries and area offices to spread your propaganda. Individual communications should only be used if a group of residents are being impacted and their input will be listened to, not to pat council on the back. I don't need to know what you are achieving, I just want it done on time and on budget.</p> <p>For now status quo on service centres - keep what is working and review again after the "back to basic" three years are up. I am sure residents would be happy to have lower rates (or even a LITTLE more) if they are spent on getting necessities sorted with new projects put on hold until the next LTP - council needs to be doing good for the majority not spreading funds too thin on projects that benefit a specific group e.g sports group (finish the Sports Hub because it is almost done.) Sports groups, and others, need to understand, if they want something then they need to find a way of funding it. I am not interested in sports so until council can afford "wants" I want my rates to support services the WHOLE community uses.</p> <p>Back to basics - fix the NEEDS - the next long term plan will have more funds for WANTS !!!!</p> <p>I disagree with the Robin Hood syndrome approach to storm water/water. The plan surmises that some communities may not be able to afford the changes. This perception overlooks the fact that there are plenty of people in larger (richer?) communities that are struggling. Equity should mean everyone pays the same so rates for those paying the most should come down, or those paying least should come up. Charging people who "could connect" to services is wrong. Consents for new builds/subdivisions should include homes having water tanks - less water down</p>

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	<p>the drains and a cost saving for the household and less pressure on our water resources.</p> <p>There may be a reason residents are not connected to available services. I saved all my life to be able to afford a house - now I am retired I have one. I am in danger of not being able to afford to keep it as costs increase. Impacts of increased costs on superannuitants seem to be overlooked - the invisibles. It seems if you are retired you must have money - well you did have some but someone else is always wanting it.</p> <p>If you promote a Back to Basics budget I am sure you will have majority support - link it to a smaller rates increase. It is common sense that the necessities take priority. Poor management has got us to where we are.</p> <p>I have written this knowing it will probably not be read or discussed or counted - I am just one voice but I speak for many.</p>
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Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	Agree that the current Library in Kaikohe is dreadful. Instead of spending 12M on a new library for Kaikohe why doesn't it move into some of the space in the Kaikohe service centre. This will provide security for staff and customers that is not currently available.
Other feedback	So much money is wasted by contractors subcontracting road repairs on our road alone. Shoddy work is being done necessitating costly repairs. The grader driver destroys/fills in the water table each time, then the gravel in the water table fills the culvert pipes, then as the water has no where to go it then scours the road when it rains.
Ward	Kaikohe-Hokianga (West)
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First Name	Margaret
Last name	Hall
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	I hope by choosing this option i have understood what is being asked. People who have access to our current system in place should pay for what they use. Others should not have to pay for what they don't have.
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	If we change to district wide, perhaps it may reduce the cost, and everyone has fare distribution.
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku
Comment	Would like to see morevrate payers money spent in the Hokianga
Other feedback	Rawene. Pathways, are in serious need of up grading or repair. The elephant grass is out of control, more retsiner walls are needed along parnel street, to reduce potential land.slips. The paper roads need to be maintained as they currently are not. Our Tamariki need a recreational park,
Ward	Kaikohe-Hokianga (West)
Receipt number	336
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku
Comment	We need a drastic reduction in expenditure. Phone availability does need to be improved
Other feedback	<p>Abolish plans for 16 extra car parks at a cost of \$1.560 million in Rangitane. The majority of residents are against this. There are always unused car parks available there now.</p> <p>Footpaths would be more appropriate and benefit the whole community and is a safety concern</p> <p>Library replacement in Kaikohe at a cost of \$13 million! You must be joking!</p> <p>Ridiculous when you can access many books online.</p> <p>Council should divest of elderly housing units.</p> <p>In this inflationary crisis most people can not afford rate increases when rates are already high.</p> <p>Forestry should contribute more to their roading network.</p> <p>All land owners including Maori should pay rates. This would solve our issues.</p>
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
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Submissions with comments

First Name	John
Last name	Neison
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	4. Change to targeted scheme-based operational rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to wastewater services
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	
Other feedback	Rangitane Maritime development
Ward	
	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
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BAY OF ISLANDS - WHANGAROA

Location	Project	Year	Total (\$)
Kāeo	 Old Post Office - building renewals	2024/25	517,500
	 Public toilet	2024/25	20,000
Kawakawa	 Stormwater pipe renewal	2026/27	1,308,125
	 Water network planned renewals	2026/27	4,186,000
Kerikeri	 CBD roading bypass	2026/27	5,232,500
	 Upgrade watermain to Heritage Bypass	2025-27	12,138,154
	 Water treatment plant upgrade	2024-27	7,716,773
Moerewa	 Stormwater improvements	2024/25	3,388,000
Paihia	 Water treatment plant relocation	2024-27	11,838,048
Rangitāne	 Boat ramp parking	2024/25	1,561,558
Russell	 Cemetery development	2024/25	150,000
	 Wastewater renewals	2024-27	1,860,508

There is little doubt that all bar 1 of these projects is probably needed and is a good use of ratepayer money.

To spend 1.5 million dollars (rate payer) plus 2.5 million dollars (tax payer) on this ill-conceived plan is not.

The overall spend on this project will go well beyond the budgeted figure, there will be money needed for road rebuilding after the projected **4,465 one-way truck trips** (TPC traffic report for FNHL) From the Quarry.

Footpath needed for a large part of Rangitane and Rangitane loop road.

Also ecologically a ticking time bomb.

John Neison

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Submissions with comments

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Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
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Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	2. Provide a multi-purpose centre for each ward
Comment	
Other feedback	The residents of Redcliffs Road want the unsealed road surface SEALED mainly: for safety purposes, with increased frequent extreme weather events. the increased number of dwellings in it's location, the increased high use of the road, The increased population growth that is rapidly happening now and the near future, I would like to speak to this submission at the FNDC hearing
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	342
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Submission feedback to the FNDC LTP 2024-27

My submission is based around health and safety issues of Redcliff's Road in the Kerikeri area, supported by a matrix methodology statistic, similar to the FNDC version.

In terms of residences, the total of 40 plus houses is made up of 13 Houses within 20m of Road, 33% residence or 13 whanau eat dust almost daily, from their water tanks, gardens, dust in the air, etc.

In terms of traffic, the latest traffic count data shows an ADT (Average Daily Traffic) of 250 vehicles per 24h (The cumulative score associated with these traffic criteria is in the very high teens. $40 \text{ dwellings} \times 6.25 \text{ vehicle per hour} = 250 \text{ per day}$).

**In terms of sensitive receivers, there's 1 number of marae site and urupa, currently there is an interim building, community gathering place (Civil Defence Centre) by default a Health Centre
10 number of ecological areas, 5 tributary streams and 5 cultural sites of significant and 5 Horticultural areas. The cumulative score of 'receivers' is very high.**

In terms of road environment and maintenance characteristics, Redcliff's Road is in a rolling hills or coastal area.

The cumulative score on these environment and maintenance characteristics is naturally high. Extremely High erosion

In terms of economic growth and tourism, Redcliff's Road It is on a school bus route. It is not on a recognised tourism route. However, what has been planned is a win/win for Kerikeri & Te Tai Tokerau. It has the largest Maori settlement nearest to Kerikeri. A Papakainga project is in the pipeline.

This sets the priority ranking of Redcliff's Road in the very highest bracket.

The kicker is the safety aspect of the unsealed road surface of Redcliff's Road in a coastal area during an extreme rain event and the safety of the 40 plus whanau, but also, the elderly residence. My Aunty who turns 92 years old tomorrow, who lives on this road, she still drives, her eyes are giving her a bit of trouble and she lives alone. She is just one of the many seniors who resides on Redcliff's Road, who's safety is paramount.

Recommendation:

Comparing this to the other top priority roads which is receiving road surface seal, we urgently seek immediate dust seal treatment of the Redcliff's Road and the road surface sealed within the next three years, and if necessary, lobby for extra funding, especially if the total score of Redcliff's Road on FNDC's comprehensive weighted criteria is in the highest priority and seeks funding under NZTA's funding stream.

Thank you for your time and consideration in ready this submission.

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Blair
Last name	Stanley
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
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Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	
Other feedback	I STRONGLY OBJECT to rates money being spent on the Rangitane Reclamation project. This is a awesome idea in the WRONG location & large waste of money with related costs not being calculated for an educated consideration.
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
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Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	You do not look at storm water run off in the rural area. I am having to fund my own storm water run of to stop my land slipping further away as council refuse to help. Hence I am a pensioner having to find this large amount of money so either way you go its a no win situation
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Comment	This does not apply to me as supply own water and do not have ability to connect
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	2. Provide a multi-purpose centre for each ward
Comment	If you advertise better as to what is available at the libraries. Not all rate payers use the library yet get charged in rates for it
Other feedback	Time you start to look at rates in rural area. Where roads are pot holes and slipping away. No rubbish collection nothing from you really nothing. Yea sure I drive on the roads but are having to buy tyres more often because of bad roading no win situation. We supply our own water paid a higher cost to empty our septic tank. Then are charge a high rate for where we live. With the rates going up you will more than likely force me to sell then where will I go? Pension does not cover and will not cover what you plan in your rate increases over the next 3 years. I have had to go back to work to cover incurring cost increase
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
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Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Te Miringa
Last name	Mihaka
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	The way it is charged is not equitable. And why does Kerikeri send their waste to Kaikohe
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	4. Change to targeted scheme-based operational rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to wastewater services
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	2. Provide a multi-purpose centre for each ward
Comment	Keep it local to ensure the services reach those who need them the most in the community they live
Other feedback	When will the sewage systems in Ngawha Springs be fixed? There are 12 of 61 systems where the BOI Septic truck comes every 2nd day to empty? How much does that cost us the ratepayers? We know parts are available, so why are they not being repaired?

Ward	Kaikohe-Hokianga (West)
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Submissions with comments

First Name	Rolf
Last name	Mueller-Glodde
Organisation (if applicable)	Carbon Neutral NZ Trust Kerikeri Branch
Position in organisation	Trustee & Deputy Chair
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	\$10 public good rate is simpler and fairer for smaller communities
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	Option 2 seems fairest
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku
Comment	Agree to rationalise and reduce cost in the medium term in view of many people using online services.
Other feedback	
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	349
Other attachments	349\1788348\CNTKK FNDC LTP 2024-2027 submission.pdf

Submission to FNDC LTP 2024-27

Carbon Neutral NZ Trust, Kerikeri Branch (CNTKK)

- On page 10 of the LTP Consultation Document **major capital projects** over the next 5 years include
 - KK water network upgrade (to Heritage Bypass) Year 2-3 \$12.1m
 - Waipapa water treatment plant development Year 4-5 \$10.9m
 - KK wastewater treatment and network scheme expansion (stages 2 and 3) Year 4-5 \$68m

"Council must make a decision on the most appropriate mechanism to fund growth-related infrastructure and gather the evidence required to support any future development of financial contribution policy..."

CNTKK strongly requests (again) that such growth-related infrastructure should be financed by re-introduced development contributions - especially in respect of the Bing and Brownlie properties, but also others where appropriate.

Further, we question the feasibility and cost of the KK wastewater treatment and network scheme expansion (stages 2 and 3) Year 4-5 \$68m. It is widely expected that stage 1 is already at capacity with the ongoing building activity in the area of benefit. A network scheme expansion (aka enlargement of area of benefit?) has not been communicated with the community. The cost of \$68m is staggering.

On page 10 of the LTP Consultation Document:

Replacement of the **Hokianga Ferry** Year 3 \$4.2m

CNTKK proposes to consider/investigate an electric ferry: the ferry is rather small (compared to Wellington's electric ferry) and should be able to transport some heavy vehicles.

It would have lower operating costs and would contribute to FNDC's emission savings.

On page 17 of the LTP Consultation Document

the listed capital works investments include massive **Water & Wastewater** replacement and upgrade projects, which can probably not be avoided. However, it also includes land purchases for wastewater discharge in Kohukohu, Omapere and Rawene.

As those will be equipped with Electro-coagulation (EC) to clean the outflow to food-safe irrigation water and fertiliser, it should be investigated as an alternative to land purchase whether both could be sold to private landowners as valuable resources rather than expenditure on Council-owned land purchased for the purpose of disposal.

CNTKK strongly supports land-based discharge of cleaned effluent (rather than into waterways) and oppose those land purchases.

VKK also strongly proposes to **investigate new technologies** for water and wastewater treatment.

Furthermore, we have repeatedly submitted previously to promote installation of **water tanks** especially at new housing projects to reduce the quantity of expensive treated water. Water reticulation is expensive and FNDC (and other territorial

authorities) has always struggled to provide effective 3 waters infrastructure to its large number of dispersed communities, many of them small, but which reasonably still expect such fundamental amenities. Reticulated water also needs ongoing maintenance which has conspicuously failed in places such as Wellington and Havelock North.

Installing water tanks in new construction can limit or delay demand for capital investment.

For smaller settlements, if FNDC funded a water tank (or 2) for each property it may be more economic and simpler than finding a water source, treating and reticulating it. This would be worth investigating.

On P18 of the LTP Consultation Document

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However, in case this new funding application fails, CNTKK **proposes to re-introduce a "targeted rate" for Kerikeri** to enable the required transformation of inner Kerikeri to a safe, pedestrian and cycling friendly town. Actually, a targeted rate probably makes sense anyway to enable improvements not covered by external funding.

Climate Change Impacts and Action

VKK strongly supports the enhanced approach towards Climate Change Impacts and Action, which are described throughout the provided "Supporting Information". Climate Change risks need to be considered intensively for every decision made.

Water Fluoridation for Kerikeri and Kaitaia

CNTKK welcomed the recent FNDC decision to defer the mandated Fluoridation of reticulated water for Kerikeri and Kaitaia with the hope that the mandate will be cancelled eventually. Encouragement of the use of fluoridated toothpaste especially for children is makes more sense.

The proposed budgets of \$3m for both town can be put at better use for health and safety.

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Submissions with comments

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Last name	Mueller-Glodde
Organisation (if applicable)	Vision Kerikeri (VKK)
Position in organisation	Acting Chair
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Comment	fairer for small communities simple with 10\$ public good rate
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	fairest solution
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku
Comment	It makes sense to rationalise and reduce cost medium term. VKK prefers 2 such centres in BOI-Whangaroa
Other feedback	See enclosure
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	350
Other attachments	350\1788348\VKK FNDC LTP 2024-2027 submission final.pdf

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Vision Kerikeri

- On page 10 of the LTP Consultation Document **major capital projects** over the next 5 years include
 - KK water network upgrade (to Heritage Bypass) Year 2-3 \$12.1m
 - Waipapa water treatment plant development Year 4-5 \$10.9m
 - KK wastewater treatment and network scheme expansion (stages 2 and 3) Year 4-5 \$68m

"Council must make a decision on the most appropriate mechanism to fund growth-related infrastructure and gather the evidence required to support any future development of financial contribution policy..."

VKK strongly requests (again) that such growth-related infrastructure should be financed by re-introduced development contributions - especially in respect of the Bing and Brownlie properties, but also others where appropriate.

Further, we question the feasibility and cost of the KK wastewater treatment and network scheme expansion (stages 2 and 3) Year 4-5 \$68m. It is widely expected that stage 1 is already at capacity with the ongoing building activity in the area of benefit. A network scheme expansion (aka enlargement of area of benefit?) has not been communicated with the community. The cost of \$68m is staggering.

On page 10 of the LTP Consultation Document:

Replacement of the **Hokianga Ferry** Year 3 \$4.2m

VKK proposes to consider/investigate an electric ferry: the ferry is rather small (compared to Wellington's electric ferry) and should be able to transport some heavy vehicles.

It would have lower operating costs and would contribute to FNDC's emission savings.

On page 17 of the LTP Consultation Document

the listed capital works investments include massive **Water & Wastewater** replacement and upgrade projects, which can probably not be avoided. However, it also includes land purchases for wastewater discharge in Kohukohu, Omapere and Rawene.

As those will be equipped with Electro-coagulation (EC) to clean the outflow to food-safe irrigation water and fertiliser, it should be investigated as an alternative to land purchase whether both could be sold to private landowners as valuable resources rather than expenditure on Council-owned land purchased for the purpose of disposal.

VKK strongly supports land-based discharge of cleaned effluent (rather than into waterways) and oppose those land purchases.

VKK also strongly proposes to **investigate new technologies** for water and wastewater treatment.

Furthermore, we have repeatedly submitted previously to promote installation of **water tanks** especially at new housing projects to reduce the quantity of expensive treated water. Water reticulation is expensive and FNDC (and other territorial

authorities) has always struggled to provide effective 3 waters infrastructure to its large number of dispersed communities, many of them small, but which reasonably still expect such fundamental amenities. Reticulated water also needs ongoing maintenance which has conspicuously failed in places such as Wellington and Havelock North.

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Submissions with comments

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Last name	Coleman
Organisation (if applicable)	Northern Region Football
Position in organisation	Far North Area Manager- Northland Team Lead
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
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Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	
Comment	
Other feedback	Submission from Northern Region Football
Ward	
	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	352
Other attachments	352\1788348\NRF Submission FNDC LTP 2024.docx

Northern Region Football Submission

Far North District Council LTP

Northern Region Football (NRF) would like to thank Far North District Council (FNDC) for the vital role you play as the major provider of sport and recreation facilities. Without FNDC's ongoing support and investment, many Far North residents would not have the opportunities to take part in football in their communities.

We acknowledge that Far North District Council have limited resource and operates in a complex environment with competing priorities. NRF supports FNDC's vision of a district of sustainable prosperity and wellbeing.

Football in the Far North is rapidly growing.

Growth: Football across the Far North has seen rapid growth of the last four years. . There has been a total growth of 15% from 2019 to 2023 (during lockdowns and covid disruption):

- **Junior Growth** is up 50% from 2023 to 2024
- **Girls and Women Growth** is 17% from 2019 to 2023

After the FIFA Women's World Cup 2023, early indications show growth will be similar to 2023 which is close to 11% but already we have seen a growth of 50% in player numbers across the junior space from U9's-U12's as shown above.

Pressure on current space: As identified in previous works with FNDC including pitch usage hours against number of pitches available - Football does not have enough quality, lit green space to operate. Currently there is not a single football pitch in the Far North region with adequate lighting to play games meaning Far North residents are being restricted from play due to shortfalls in provision, particularly accommodating floodlit activity. This shortfall will only be exacerbated by the continuing growth.

Pitch quality and sustainability: 2022 and 2023 saw a rapid rise in poor pitch quality restricting play and training across many sites. While NRF are working with Council teams to understand how adjustments can support better outcomes, without greater investment into this area communities will be limited in their ability to recreate through football.

Council Operations

Re-allocation of space: NRF support the improvement in the quality of the current sport park network to increase available use time however, football's current growth trajectory means that we are likely to outgrow that space. We support a review to reallocate unused or underutilised sports fields to support the growth in football .

Key initiatives feedback:

Do not defer sport facility projects to later years of LTP.

While we understand the financial constraints of FNDC, we are not supportive of deferring funding opportunities for sports facilities in the short term nor the many projects that support greater physical activity for the people of the Far North.

Purchase land for the development of a sports hub.

Further Te Puāwaitanga investment.

NRF are supportive of the initial investment into the development of a sports hub now named as Te Puāwaitanga and the progress in Stage 1, however we have serious concerns at the lack of forward planning and engagement by FNDC to secure the long term sustainability of the Sportshub and the Development of Stage 2 which caters for indoor spaces. Further to this, we would like to ensure that football is catered for during this development to cater for our rapid growth.

Invest in indoor court facilities sooner.

NRF are supportive of the development of indoor facilities within the region as currently being developed at Lindvart Park, Kaikohe and also Te Hiku Sportshub in Kaitaia. The recently completed Whangārei Indoor and Outdoor Courts Strategy identified a significant undersupply of indoor courts which easily translates to similar shortcomings in the Far North region and further highlights the significance of the indoor component of Te Puāwaitanga Sportshub and the desperate need for further indoor facilities in the Mid North region. Futsal is a fantastic way to supplement football activity and engage youth. While the sport is rapidly growing, it is heavily limited in the Far North.

NRF do not agree with the timing of the investment. With the Te Puāwaitanga Sportshub completed facility to be in excess of \$35m and nothing in terms of funding secured for Stage 2 until post 2029, we strongly urge Far North District Council to review the timing. The growth of indoor sports in the Far North continues to trend upwards whilst accessibility to adequate facilities remains a challenge for many communities.

I am happy to make comment on any of the content of this submission.

Ngā mihi,



Laura Menzies



Northern Region
Football

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Alice
Last name	Kearney
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
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Comment	
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Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	My father is 89 years old and visits the library in Paihia several times a week. He is the main carer for my mum who has Alzheimers and visiting the Paihia library several times a week is one of the remaining social pleasures he has , as it provides not only a constant supply of books and magazines for my mum to look at (one of the sole activities which still brings her pleasure as she is now confined to her bed) , but also gives him a purpose in life and is a wonderful means of keeping him sociable and not entirely isolated at home. As my dad can no longer drive , and is not very good with computers despite his best efforts, he relies on my sister to take him to the library when she does her shopping in Paihia. If Paihia library is closed , I know my dad's mental health will deteriorate as it is the highlight of his week amd he looks forward to his trips hugely. I know many other older people in Paihia who are regular library users in Paihia - it is so much more than simply a place to borrow books etc, it really is the heart and soul of the community. Please do not take away this wonderful facility in Paihia , which provides so many residents who , like my dad, are unable to travel to any other town to access this valuable resource. Thanks for considering my submission. Alice Kearney , Opuia
Other feedback	
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
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Submissions with comments

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Last name	Coleman
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
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Comment	
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Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	
Comment	
Other feedback	<p>Te Puāwaitanga Sportshub.</p> <p>The Te Puāwaitanga Sportshub currently under Stage 1 development on SH 10 Waipapa , has no immediate or long terms plans to fund Stage 2 of the project. The Sportshub final figure to completion could well exceed \$35m and is the single biggest project currently sitting with FNDC.</p> <p>By working with the sports codes a fundamental strategy needs to be developed as soon as possible to put in place what is required going forward and how we go about it .</p> <p>In the previous LTP , there is no further FNDC funding until 2029 . If this is the case then the governance board of Te Puāwaitanga needs to be set up immediately and a legal entity established so that external funding opportunities can be investigated and established .</p> <p>At this point in time , nothing is happening , and by mid 2024 we will have a very large open expanse of land , with 4 sports fields in the middle of it...with no infrastructure to support their use and no forward planning on how we are going about that .</p> <p>I would urge FNDC to re-assess the way they have approached this project , how we are going to get the project back on its feet and how we are going to a) finance Stage 2 of the project , and b) put a strategy in place to make the Sportshub sustainable . Otherwise we run the very real risk that some of those sports codes that are desperate to see progress , will no longer exist by the time a decision has been made .</p>
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








Submissions with comments

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Last name	Partridge
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
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Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	
Comment	
Other feedback	We wish to make a submission regarding the Rangitane Boat Ramp Parking and will upload our document.
Ward	
	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	357
Other attachments	357\1788348\Submission Rangitane Boat Ramp Parking 26th April 2024.pdf

26th April 2024

From: Jennifer Leigh & Craig Stuart Elsdon Partridge

(Contact details omitted)

BAY OF ISLANDS - WHANGAROA			
Location	Project	Year	Total (\$)
Kāeo	 Old Post Office - building renewals	2024/25	517,500
	 Public toilet	2024/25	20,000
Kawakawa	 Stormwater pipe renewal	2026/27	1,308,125
	 Water network planned renewals	2026/27	4,186,000
Kerikeri	 CBD roading bypass	2026/27	5,232,500
	 Upgrade watermain to Heritage Bypass	2025-27	12,138,154
	 Water treatment plant upgrade	2024-27	7,716,773
Moerewa	 Stormwater improvements	2024/25	3,388,000
Paihia	 Water treatment plant relocation	2024-27	11,838,048
Rangitāne	 Boat ramp parking	2024/25	1,561,558
Russell	 Cemetery development	2024/25	150,000
	 Wastewater renewals	2024-27	1,860,508

Our family, and extended family have been rate-paying residents at Rangitane and on the surrounding Peninsula for well over 30 years.

We strongly believe that the proposed large scale reclamation of the boat ramp will be detrimental to the local community and environment.

We are dismayed to see this proposal “slipped” in amongst the other extremely important issues which the Far North NEEDS to address.

This amount quoted, along with the \$2.45M PGF was budgeted in 2020.

Surely costs have escalated hugely since then.

We strongly feel that our tax-paying money needs to be spent wisely and with some genuine fore-thought to FUTURE PLANNING.

Our major concerns are highlighted below:

1. **KIWI** – We have kiwi nesting and wandering around our property every evening. Kiwi will be severely impacted by the increased traffic on our narrow rural road which barely services our quiet “Cul-de-sac” community. A fisherman barrelling along in his large towing vehicle with a huge boat on the trailer will not slow down at dusk and dawn for our wildlife.

2. **Roading Impact** – Rangitane is a small “no exit” community. The effect of *“upwards of 4,465 one-way truck trips to the site”* of heavy fill that is required to create the large reclamation is going to be extremely damaging to our already fragile road. Road improvements have not been included in the plan for this reclamation, neither has an adequate footpath been planned. Big vehicles and trailers are going to be overflowed parked along our narrow road, creating safety hazards for the children, bicycle riders and elderly in our neighbourhood.
3. **Find a wiser future-proofing location** – There is little doubt that extra trailer boat launching is required in the BOI, however this expenditure to establish just 17-19 trailer parks doesn't seem sensible. The Far North needs to search for a more suitable location which has a larger capacity and allows for expansion as demand grows. Why not Te Puna Inlet? Surely a new Marina site should also be in future plans.
4. **Reinstatement of the existing Rangitane wharf** – Enabling a facility that is of appropriate scale for the communities it serves. This can be achieved for a fraction of the cost of the reclamation planned.

ADDITIONALLY:

The project is strongly opposed by the resident at Rangitane.

We very strongly believe that the short term gain for a relatively small number of recreational boaties in the BOI will be far out-weighed by the creation of numerous damaging and potentially fatal consequences for our small quiet community and our precious taonga!

Given the competition for funds in the Far North, the well-publicized shortage of money for roading, housing, infrastructure such as water and sewage, it does not seem practical or sensible that funding should be provided for a community and ENVIRONMENT destroying car and trailer boat park.

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Last name	Murray
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
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Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	The combined service centre/library in Kaeo needs to be retained. In addition to the obvious services it offers, it also acts as a community hub.
Other feedback	
Ward	
Receipt number	358
Other attachments	

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First Name	Dean
Last name	Baigent-Mercer
Organisation (if applicable)	Forest & Bird
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Comment	
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Comment	
Other feedback	<p>In terms of ungrading and protecting infrastructure, Forest & Bird supports the use of nature-based solutions and natural spaces to protect the district from effects of climate change. That means co-ordinating managed retreat utilising wetlands, mangrove forests, allowing room for rivers and fewer hard engineering like sea walls to protect infrastructure, housing and public spaces.</p> <p>For a short overview of this please see Forest & Bird's Room for Rivers briefing paper: https://www.forestandbird.org.nz/sites/default/files/2022-11/F%26B_Room-For-Rivers_Report_online_0.pdf</p> <p>Healthy native forests help break heavy rain, slow flooding and protect downstream homes, businesses, infrastructure and act as important carbon sinks. We would like the Far North District Council to fund pest control in its reserves and work with other agencies to ensure that native forests in the Far North District on public and private land also have adequate pest control. Forest & Bird has a short paper on benefits of native forests as post of climate solutions here: https://www.forestandbird.org.nz/sites/default/files/2021-06/Native%20Habitat%20Carbon%20in%20Crisis%20Report%20v2.pdf</p>
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
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Other attachments	

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Last name	Kettle
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
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Comment	
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Comment	<p>Te Ahu, the multi-purpose centre in Kaitaia, is great but I think that the Bay of Islands - Whangaroa area is geographically different from Te Hiku and I believe that all 4 of the libraries of the Bay of Islands - Whangaroa area should be retained. They are all fit for purpose, attractive buildings of historical significance.</p> <p>Nowadays when so much can be done sitting at home on our computers libraries are even more important as local community spaces where people can have social interaction. Libraries also provide Wi-Fi and a computer for those who do not have such access at home. Even the most IT savvy person with the latest smart phone may still need the use of a library's printer.</p> <p>Our libraries strengthen our communities and are a place where parents with babies and small children, teens, adults and older retired people can go to be with others, to use the meeting rooms, to study and to connect with friends. Some of these people do not see many other people and their interactions in a library are invaluable.</p> <p>Local libraries are a safe, happy place for children from homes which are struggling, for people recovering from trauma or a car accident who may be struggling to engage again with society, for the homeless, for new immigrants who may speak little English and many others. For many of these people 'local' means within walking distance from their home. We have basically no public transport within the FNDC area.</p> <p>I commend the libraries, their staff and the FNDC for running a host of local community programmes: everything from lego clubs to historical talks to events which help people grow more kai. These all help strengthen our local communities. I'm passionate about growing kai and I'm happy to help out when the Kawakawa, Paihia, Kerikeri and Kaikohe libraries run community programmes such as 'Crop Swap', 'Garden Guru' and 'Seed Libraries'. There are many others in our community, with a wide range of experience and knowledge, whom I'm sure would be more than willing to help run other community programmes at their local library. They could offer to talk with people on a one on one basis at a library and/or talk with a small group. To help this happen I would like to suggest something like 'The Human Library' which was started in Denmark in 2000.</p> <p>"The Human Library® is, in the true sense of the word, a library of people. We host events where readers can borrow human beings serving as open books and have conversations they would not normally have access to." - https://humanlibrary.org/</p> <p>I think that Kawakawa would be a good place for tourist information because if visitors drive up from the south it is usually the first place of interest that they reach in the Far North. Maybe this could be incorporated into the Kawakawa Library. Isites can get a commission on bookings that they make which can help cover costs of the building. There would need to be a sign on the main highway so that traffic is encouraged to go into the main street of Kawakawa before going up SH11 to Opuā and Paihia.</p> <p>Closing any of the existing libraries in the FNDC area would result in an unjustifiable social cost to our communities. Now is not the time to close libraries; we should be expanding the good work that they are doing within our local communities.</p>

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Submissions with comments



Other feedback	
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
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Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Jane
Last name	Frances
Organisation (if applicable)	Te Tai Tokerau Community Resilience Action Plan project team (NRC)
Position in organisation	Project leader
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
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Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
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Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	
Comment	
Other feedback	Community resilience to natural hazards: Roading and waste water systems are important elements of community resilience to natural hazard events. Other services are also needed for remote communities to build their resilience to natural hazards, so that they are able to manage through events. These include stocking emergency hubs with food, water, bedding and equipment, and providing back up provisions for power, water supply and communications. FNDC can play a role alongside others in the region to support communities to become more resilient through engaging with communities in what they need, and through investing in emergency hubs and necessary equipment.
Ward	Kaikohe-Hokianga (West)
Receipt number	361
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Jessie
Last name	McVeagh
Organisation (if applicable)	Please select
Position in organisation	Please select
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Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	Stormwater upgrades need to be a key focus in this LTP, as flooding incidents have increased and more severe weather events will become more frequent as the effects of Climate Change become more extreme. Infrastructure needs to be redesigned to cope with the future expected climate impacts. A public good rate plus a differentiated targeted rate looks like a fair way to gather funds for this important work.
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	Wastewater discharge needs to go on to land. For small communities to afford this, the cost needs to be spread. Everyone benefits from cleaner water, regardless of whether they live at the water body that is currently being used as a sewage discharge dilution body or not. WWTP are one of FNDC's main greenhouse gas emitters, and this needs to be considered and mitigated in all upgrades and renewals.
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	Small communities already struggle to access FNDC services, service centres need to remain in our outer regions such as Rawene and Opononi. These centres could be more widely used, which could off set the costs. Many people need to have face to face contact, and as the cost of living increases travelling to Kaikohe from the outer edges of our Ward to access Council services is not feasible nor equitable.
Other feedback	Hokianga is already impacted by Climate Change, with coastal erosion, inundation and weather events such as droughts, cyclones, and flooding. FNDC work to support communities to mitigate and adapt and build resiliency are vital. FNDC must continue to reduce GHG emissions and build mitigation, adaptation and resiliency across all aspects of Council work.
Ward	Kaikohe-Hokianga (West)
Receipt number	362
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Judy
Last name	Bell
Organisation (if applicable)	CAB Far North
Position in organisation	volunteer
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	
Comment	
Other feedback	Please maintain funding for Citizens Advice Bureau Far North. It is a free confidential service providing information for citizens of the FNDC area. Many people find it challenging to access the information they need to solve problems with housing, employment, legal, consumer, relationship. CAB can help to set them on the right path.
Ward	
	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	363
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	<p>People come to the Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) Far North because it is independent and totally impartial. Much of our volunteer workers give advice on all kinds of problems including consumer rights, help support witnesses in courts through the Witness Service and give pension guidance and guidance in other areas particularly to people aged over 50. Together with the CABs in New Zealand we help countless number of people every year. It is a valuable free and independent service to all people in the Far North District council area, contributing to providing information and empowering our community.</p> <p>Please continue supporting and funding for Citizens Advice Bureau Far North. Otherwise where would these people go to for such a service?</p>
Other feedback	
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	364
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Ian
Last name	Palmer
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	
Other feedback	Its unclear what if any resources are included in the LTP that will allow the FNDC to make good on its outstanding legal obligations to put in place Management Plans for the reserves it administers which are required to have management plans per S. 41 of the Reserves Act 1977. The FNDC needs to clearly articulate what is its intentions to address these legal obligations and ensure the LTP provides for this intent accordingly.
Ward	Te Hiku (North)
Receipt number	366
Other attachments	

FNDC Long Term Plan 2024-34

Consultation – May 1st, 2024

SUBMISSION BY IAN D. PALMER CONCERNING
MANAGEMENT PLANS FOR FNDC RESERVES

Concerns:

- a. Resources to implement specific FNDC commitments wrt Rangitoto Reserve**
- b. Wider issue of lack of apparent strategy to address reserves' management in general including Council's legal obligations wrt S.41 of Reserves Act 1977:**

“41 Management plans

(1) The administering body shall, within 5 years after the date of its appointment or within 5 years after the commencement of this Act, whichever is the later, prepare and submit to the Minister for his or her approval a management plan for the reserve under its control, management, or administration.”

Council resolution 2023/98:

RESOLUTION 2023/98 (passed at Council Meeting held on August 23rd, 2023)

Moved: Cr Hilda Halkyard-Harawira

Seconded: Kōwhai - Deputy Mayor Kelly Stratford

That Council:

- a. **approve the initiation of a public consultation process under Section 16 of the Reserves Act 1977 to classify Rangitoto Reserve (Allot 71 PSH of Mangonui East) as a Historic Reserve.**
- b. **appoint Te Hiku Community Board to hear any submissions received in response to the consultation process and to make recommendations to the Council in respect of the reserve classification.**
- c. **staff develop a Management Plan under s41 of the Reserves Act to eradicate the invasive wattle trees and moth plants.**

CARRIED

NOTE: Kahika/Mayor Tepania requests a briefing paper on how many reserves Council has, what their classifications are, how many have reserve management plans and how many can be sold.

Rangitoto Reserve Specific Concerns:

❖ Site complexities including:

- Multi-faceted site requiring specific MP treatments for different aspects
 - cultural & archaeological sensitivities (Pa Site),
 - difficult terrain,
 - years of neglect resulting in rampant spread of invasive vegetation
 - access & un-formalised road,
- **Developing MP will require expert/consultant involvement and multiple stakeholder consultation (=\$s), plus Council has committed to address some of the invasive vegetation issues ahead of MP**
Can such be funded in annual plans if nothing explicitly provided for Reserve MPs in LTP?
- **Once S.41 MP in place funding can be applied for from other agencies & philanthropic organisations to implement recommendations**

Wider Issue:

- ❖ **Uncertain size of the issue – pending answer to Mayor’s questions – but expect big**
- ❖ **Any response other than ‘do nothing’ requires a LTP line item with associated strategy and resourcing feeding into annual plans**
- ❖ **Possible Strategy: prioritise reserves for developing MPs & encourage & facilitate community & manawhenua engagement in MP implementation including for sourcing non-FNDC funding - e.g. as per Friends of Rangikapiti (DoC Reserve)**

Rangitoto Reserve Circa 1981 – Possible future vision?



Rangitoto Reserve 2021 (worse now!)



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Submissions with comments

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Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	Currently I believe the costings feel high. I wonder if there is a better individual use system to assist payers.
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	Seeking for the fair way of paying water. I also encourage that Tangata Whenua, whom whakapapa to the hapu/ iwi, can seek a reduction. This in my mind is due to the sharing of the resource from times past.
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	2. Provide a multi-purpose centre for each ward
Comment	
Other feedback	I am keen to talk through this for a better understanding of the kaupapa.
Ward	Kaikohe-Hokianga (West)
Receipt number	367
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Jaye
Last name	Michalick
Organisation (if applicable)	FNDC
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	We absolutely need to invest in our stormwater networks; a targeted rate is fair because the user is directly benefiting from being located in a serviced area. However, the public good rate should be higher because our towns are service centres for the whole district. We all benefit when our urban areas are compact and well functioning, which is enabled by an effective stormwater network.
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	Aggregating the cost across the district seems to be the most affordable way to continue to service some communities, which, from an affordability perspective probably shouldn't be serviced. By sharing the cost of expensive scheme upgrades across the district, the impact of those costs may be more acceptable to our decision makers and result in more much needed expenditure on this service.
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku
Comment	Perhaps there needs to be another option considered, being a mobile service vehicle to reach those communities that may feel more remote as a result of any change in level of service here.
Other feedback	Our towns are our service centres for the whole district so I wonder whether our public good rate may be being under utilised. The whole district benefits when our towns are well serviced and maintained. An example is water supply, which services many more properties that the connected sites during periods of drought or low rain.
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	368
Other attachments	

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Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	2. Provide a multi-purpose centre for each ward
Comment	
Other feedback	<p>I'm very concerned about the proposal to build a carpark in the Kerikeri Inlet at Rangitane.</p> <p>This is not value for money use of taxpayer money, especially in our current fiscal climate. The estimated costs must have substantially increased since the project was first submitted making it a mind-bogglingly expensive structure for a few boat trailer parks. There does not appear to be any funding for infrastructure to support this project (roads, toileting, lighting, security etc) leading to more expense for the struggling ratepayer.</p> <p>I am also concerned about the effects this will have on the environment, flora, fauna and water quality as well as the impact on the culture of this small community, of which the majority do not support this project.</p> <p>There could be adequate parking for boaties by adding a quarter of the northern end of the reserve to the current council owned greenspace., along with current roadside parking.</p> <p>The whole of Rangitane, wider Kerikeri and tourists would be benefit if the jetty was rebuilt, he ramp upgraded with safety rails with extra parking as above. The community in Rangitane is working hard on their environment to make it a lovely space for all to enjoy. Please do not take paradise and put up a parking lot. Thanks</p>
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
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Other attachments	

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Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
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Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	
Other feedback	The budget proposal for a parking lot reclamation at Rangitane
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	370
Other attachments	370\1788348\Rangitane submission.docx

Regarding:

27/04/2024

The District Plan provision to fund a reclamation to provide expanded trailer parking at Rangitane

The proposal in the District Plan Budget to fine ratepayers \$1.5 million for the creation of trailer parking at Rangitane is offensive. When rates are set to rise painfully for many this vanity project must be shelved. It is not good enough to say that Provincial Growth Fund monies must be matched or they will disappear.

There is no need for trailer parking to be increased massively at Rangitane. The pressure on local boating facilities has increased over the last few years but this has not resulted in an increased use of the launching facilities at Rangitane. Neither will the very, very expensive and destructive reclamation and additional trailer parks ease that pressure. Rangitane is un-sheltered, windswept and subject to strong tidal flows. I drive through the Rangitane reserve area every morning and can advise that even in peak summer season the roadside parking will still have a couple of vacant spaces. The reason? Boaties would far prefer to launch in the shelter of Doves Bay or Opito Bay. You may waste all of this money impacting the ratepayer negatively and you may build a trailer park but nobody will come.

I think it is the worst possible use of ratepayer money as we head into a very difficult financial environment for many.

Concerned ratepayer

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Position in organisation	
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Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	
Other feedback	We have lived on Redcliffs Road (metal extension) for nearly 25 yrs. The metal road has always had terrible corrugations. The grader pulls the metal over the corrugations which is a temp fix and a few days later back to being bad again. All the funds paid to contractor over that time would have easily paid for the sealing of this approx 500 mtrs. We hope you will include this small section of sealing in the plan. Thank you
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
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Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	John
Last name	Logie
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	2. Provide a multi-purpose centre for each ward
Comment	
Other feedback	Funding the CAB Please maintain funding for the Citizens Advice Bureau Far North. It is a valuable free and independent service to all people in the Far North District council area, providing information, empowering our people, helping to strengthen decision making, which in turn helps grow strong communities. And that benefits us all."

Ward	
Receipt number	373
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Kirsty
Last name	Hardie Boys
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	
Comment	
Other feedback	Rangitane reclamation: opposition to the hairbrained scheme
Ward	
Receipt number	375
Other attachments	375\1788348\Council LTP letter 24.docx

To the members of the Far North District Council

I wish to state my disappointment at the Council's continued pursuit of the filling-in of some of our inlet. I live in Rangitane and am totally opposed to the Council spending rate-payers money on a project that is wrong in so many ways.

Financially the building of a new ramp and car parking reclamation will be huge! I realise some of the funds are not coming from our rates (directly) but the pricing I see in the Plan is very outdated and makes no allocation of funds to the other works that will need to be addressed to complete the project.... thinking footpaths, roading upgrades (the Council is already struggling to maintain our bit of road passed Aroha Island... the slumping continues) and lighting, let alone safety for our tamariki as cars and boat trailers use the road.

This scheme, aimed at creating parking for 18/19 vehicles (minus the 5/6 existing parks that will need to be taken away; so actually only 13 car and trailer parks) is a terrible waste of funding in these times when Council needs to be spending money on infrastructure that will benefit the wider community.

There are many issues not associated with finances that have already been submitted to council that need addressing as well.

Yours-in-disappointment

Kirsty Hardie Boys and John Bertenshaw












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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
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Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	4. Change to targeted scheme-based operational rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to wastewater services
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	
Other feedback	
Ward	
	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	376
Other attachments	376\1788348\Objections to Rangitane Ramp upgrade.pages

BAY OF ISLANDS - WHANGAROA

Location	Project	Year	Total (\$)
Kāeo	 Old Post Office - building renewals	2024/25	517,500
	 Public toilet	2024/25	20,000
Kawakawa	 Stormwater pipe renewal	2026/27	1,308,125
	 Water network planned renewals	2026/27	4,186,000
Kerikeri	 CBD roading bypass	2026/27	5,232,500
	 Upgrade watermain to Heritage Bypass	2025-27	12,138,154
	 Water treatment plant upgrade	2024-27	7,716,773
Mnerewa	 Stormwater improvements	2024/25	3,388,000
Pahiā	 Water treatment plant relocation	2024-27	11,838,048
Rangitane	 Boat ramp parking	2024/25	1,561,558
Russell	 Cemetery development	2024/25	150,000
	 Wastewater renewals	2024-27	1,860,508

We strongly suggest that the funding of \$1,561,558 for the Boat Ramp Parking proposed at Rangitane be withdrawn.

As the Long Term Plan is about finances for the most part, we will focus our comments there; however this is not to say that the environmental and social implications are not significant concerns as well. Indeed it is somewhat difficult to identify what is actually the most egregious/ contentions matter with the reclamation proposal.

What can be noted, however, is the fact that all other projects listed are basically for essential services of benefit to all in the community, only the boat ramp parking project at Rangitane (\$1,561, 558) is a "nice to have", of purely recreational benefit to only a section of the community.

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Is this a good use of Tax / Rate-Payer money ?

The Annual Plan identifies \$1,561,558 of ratepayers' money for Boat Ramp Parking at Rangitane. This is on top of the \$2,450,000 from the Provincial Growth Fund. For this expenditure just 19 Vehicle / Trailer combinations are created, along with a launching ramp. It is likely that the actual gain in car / trailer boat parks is less, 2-3 ? perhaps more, as some of the roadside parking currently used will be lost with the access area to the reclamation.

The \$2.45M PGF funding was budgeted early-mid 2020. It is fanciful to believe that the costs have not escalated since. Any extra expenditure required will need to come from Council funds – rates.

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Submissions with comments

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Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
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Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
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Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku
Comment	
Other feedback	"The most concerning issues for me, I presently live in Kerikeri, are the poisoning of Northland's flora and fauna. Extremely harmful poisons are sprayed constantly everywhere and We are told is for 'pest control' and 'weed control'. The issue that concerns me the most, however, is the strong push to fluoridate public drinking water in Northland. The fluoride that is used in doing so is not a medical grade fluoride product, but is instead a very corrosive, toxic waste by product of the fertilizer industry known as hydrofluorasilicic acid. The costs of these schemes need to be looked at and true informed consent given by the local Council's to the people to justify the cumulative harm they each have on all organic life matter, especially our Children's lives."
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	378
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	It is grossly unfair to the all property owners who are NOT connected to town supplied water services to charge them. FNDC often quotes "user pays", so it should keep to that over the stormwater rating system issue.
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	4. Change to targeted scheme-based operational rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to wastewater services
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	No cuts to the status quo. Savings can be made by elimination of NON CORE activities in a cost of living crisis, such as stopping all funding allocated to Treaty Partnership issues.
Other feedback	In a cost of living crisis it is grossly unfair to spend any ratepayers funding on NON CORE business of the FNDC. Stop and cancel any expenditure to do with Treaty Partnership activities immediately - this is an issue for Central Govt, not FNDC. FNDC owes it to all ratepayers to be prudent in this time to cost escalation. Rates are not a right for the council to bleed ratepayers for NON CORE and ESSENTIAL services. Anything to do with Treaty Partnerships is a complete waste of ratepayers money in a time of hardship - which the north is currently in. The council should also be active promoting the use of the North Auckland Railway Line from Auckland to Otiria to move freight (logs and containers) off our under pressure roading system.
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	379
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Gillian
Last name	French
Organisation (if applicable)	-
Position in organisation	-
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	It is now necessary to look a long way ahead. User pays plus is now the way to go. Developers need to recognise the need for long term strategies. Ways to avoid problems such as planting well on vulnerable areas need to be used to maximise erosion protection. Some land holders may need help and, in the North, a lot of people are not on council systems, so money has to be available to devise strategies for them too.
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	4. Change to targeted scheme-based operational rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to wastewater services
Comment	It is probably time to ensure that all who have the ability to be connected should now be connected so that the Council have a better picture of requirements. A plan has to be devised too, for those without the ability to be connected to ensure that no future hazards are being created.
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	2. Provide a multi-purpose centre for each ward
Comment	Perhaps you should expand a little on what you mean by Community Centres. It is important to have somewhere safe for the community in the event of weather created catastrophes, and important that these centres contain communication hubs so that no one can be left out when it comes to receiving warnings.
Other feedback	Thank you for the opportunity to have my say.
Ward	
Receipt number	380
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

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Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	If this plan affects paihia Library that will be a sad day for the town. It is a community meeting space where people can do much more than just get books. many locals include a stop at the library as part of their daily walk and sit and read the newspapers and chat with other residents. There are activities for adults and children, kids from Paihia school can just walk there from school. Take away the library and you take away an important part of the community. It is a unique library and gets many visitors.
Other feedback	
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	381
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Nicola
Last name	Robertson
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	3. Change to targeted ward rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	2. Provide a multi-purpose centre for each ward
Comment	
Other feedback	<p>I would like the council to consider completing the sealing of Redcliffs Road, Kerikeri. Over the last four years there has been a substantial increase in traffic along this road. There are also monthly requests for grading service on the road due to contour and amount of traffic using the road. Every summer almost 60% of the metal road is sprayed with dust suppressant which is great but this also limits the ability to grade the road which leads to extremely bad rutting which is damaging our vehicles. The Matua block has an urupa at the end of the road. Access is available from Redcliffs Road and Te Kowhai Point Road. This adds 400% to our traffic at times.</p> <p>We would really appreciate it if the council would consider our road for sealing in the next Long Term Plan 2024-27. Our hapori would benefit greatly.</p>
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	382
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	
Comment	
Other feedback	Please continue to support Citizens Advice Bureau Far North. With the increased cost of living there more people seeking information for help with their daily lives. Our services help keep our communities safe and well.
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	383
Other attachments	

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First Name	Shirley
Last name	Kingi
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	3. Change to targeted ward rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	All people have the right to be able to access services. Removal of some services in small communities will isolate many who are unable to travel to access services. While online access may be the current trend, not all of our residents wish to embrace this or are capable of doing so. Face to face provides many positive outcomes for humanity as a whole. We currently talk a great deal about mental health and well-being yet are continuously removing easy access to actual face to face interaction with local, familiar and supportive community services. All people matter.
Other feedback	
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	384
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	
Other feedback	Really concerned with the rate increases and our older people. With the cost of living think about your people not your bank accounts.
Ward	Te Hiku (North)
Receipt number	385
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	Bay of Islands - Whangaroa Community Board
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	<p>The Bay of Islands-Whangaroa Community Board agrees that the current stormwater infrastructure is at capacity and in some areas, the stormwater infrastructure is failing completely. If Council continues to rate as status quo, Council will not be able to maintain the stormwater infrastructure in regard to inspections, maintenance and future upgrades.</p> <p>If significant improvement is to be made, investment is required and option two is preferred. While option two does mean that there will be an increase in rates, including the inclusion of a public good rate, it will lead to less flooding of private properties which costs ratepayers to repair. Option two will also lead to less funding being expended on roads that have been damaged due to flooding including major slips.</p>
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	<p>The community board agrees that it is important for the district and those connected to the water supply and wastewater services that adequate systems are in place to be able to deliver and support future growth of the district.</p> <p>Option two provides an equitable distribution of funding across the district and allows for future upgrades and ongoing maintenance costs – particularly for those in smaller communities e.g. Whangaroa.</p>
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	<p>The Bay of Islands-Whangaroa Community Board is the most affected by this decision out of the three community board areas. With the below facilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kaeo Service Centre and Library - Kerikeri Service Centre (JBC) and Library - Paihia Service Centre and I-site - Paihia Library in a separate stand-alone facility. - Kawakawa Service Centre and Library, and <p>While the community board understands that more people prefer to move to the use of online or digital services, borrowing and reading library books, raising RFS, paying rates, fines and fees etc., we recognise the need for service centres and libraries to be physically accessible for those in local communities. We believe as a community board that reducing service centres would affect the marginalised and elderly the most. We think that there must be other areas within council that cost cutting could occur, rather than the front facing services that connect council with community. We also feel consideration should be given to the visitor needs and economic benefit in relation to the services provided.</p> <p>In the examples provided, Council has stated that by selecting option 1 or option 2 that this will lead to a reduction in accessibility and will have a negative impact on community and create customer disruption. The community board would like to see the usage rates of the individual service centres assessed prior to making decisions to allow for this decision to be reassessed at a later date.</p> <p>If the issue is resource allocation spread across multiple locations, then the community board suggests that staff be trained in multiple skill sets, to enable them to provide the required services in libraries and service centres.</p>
Other feedback	Community Grant and Placemaking Fund:

The Community Board express the need and the importance to maintain the Community Grant Fund and Placemaking Fund over the next three years. Both funds allow for projects or services to be delivered by local communities for local communities. Often both funds are the only way for communities to access external funding with the community board providing a minimal amount of funding in exchange for greater outcomes.

It has been demonstrated that communities can deliver projects at a lower cost than council through discounted rates of products, services, volunteers, and discounted staff time e.g. Focus Paihia Incorporated. Without the funding provided through grants the community board notes that several large-scale projects would not have taken place this year or would have required to be scaled back. An example of this is the \$22,500 allocated to Business Paihia for the sound and lighting system for the Matariki 2024 event or the \$5,000 allocated to Nga Tangariki o Ngati Hine Trust (Te Papa Paorooro) to build a walkway at the beginning of the northern end of the cycleway in Kawakawa. While the purchase of materials was funded by the community board the labour alone for this project is estimated at \$25,000. That is a \$30,000 project funded for \$5,000.

The community board is looking to evolve the way we allocate funding to ensure greater strategic outcomes for the community in exchange for the funding spent. The Placemaking Fund also promotes effective community engagement and partnerships with iwi/hapu, community volunteer groups and other external agencies. Without these funds, we run the risk of losing our extremely dedicated volunteers, who drive community action and outcomes.

Reserve Management Plans:

The community board supports the continuation of Reserve Management Plans being created or updated and the resources required to undertake this work. Reserves play an integral part of the local community and need to be able to meet the current and future needs of those communities. The community board sees the Placemaking Fund as an ideal way to seed fund future projects that arise from Reserve Management Plans that will continue to empower those communities.

Footpaths:

The community board recognises the importance of providing footpaths in both rural and urban areas of the district to allow members of the public to walk safely and provide an alternative mode of transportation. Previously footpaths been funded with subsidised funding from central government, however until the National Land Transport Plan is adopted, the only funding for new footpaths is \$155,250 per year per community board.

In order to provide alternative modes of transportation, this budget will not be adequate to deliver on the community boards footpath programme which would need to be scaled even further back. The community board was fortunate enough to be able to select three large scale footpath projects to deliver, if the subsidised funding is not allocated and the budget is scaled back the community board may be funding one project a year or needing to stage the delivery of a footpath over the three years of the budget.

The 2024-2027 Footpath programme was presented to the Te Koukou – Transport Committee meeting on 23 April 2024 with a total of \$2,285,000 budget to deliver three projects utilising the subsidised funding. The cheapest of those three projects is \$605,000 which the community board could not deliver, even if the three years' worth of funding were staged over the three years.

Round About for Cobham Road and Hone Heke Road, Kerikeri:

The community board supports the installation of a round about at the end of Cobham Road and Hone Heke Road, Kerikeri. With five education facilities located on Hone Heke Road, this intersection is congested each morning and afternoon during the school term, creating further congestion in the town centre. There is also a safety risk in not providing this roading upgrade. More and more children are attempting to cross the road from Mill Lane and it is an accident waiting to happen. If funding is not allocated towards this, the community board supports the idea of a targeted rate within the Kerikeri subdivision, as an option to fund this project. A Vision Kerikeri representative spoke at the Te Koukou Transport Committee in relation to the importance of this round about and supported the consideration of a targeted rate to fund this project.

Town Beautification:

The community board requests that the Town Beautification budget be reinstated into the Long-Term Plan 24-27. This budget will assist in delivery of community pride

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	<p>and outcomes which enhance not only our towns but the smaller villages and settlements in rural areas that are often overlooked.</p> <p>The community board requests the opportunity for input into potential locations and projects that this budget is utilised in line with the Community Board Strategic Plan.</p> <p>Alfresco Dining: Consideration should be given to alternative charges and fees when issuing alfresco dining licenses. Currently business pay a fee per table in their designated area. Examples of charges could include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - charging by the overall square metreage of the alfresco area, or - per seat or number of people to be seated in the alfresco area. <p>This would allow for easier monitoring and enforcement of the alfresco area and will create a fairer user pays charge.</p> <p>Proposed Increase in Water Tariff: The community board is concerned with the proposed increase of the treated water tariff. As of 1st April 2024, the per cubic rate is charged at \$3.92, the proposal is to increase the rate to \$4.77. Based on the average household consumption for a family of four, the charge would go from \$1,299.17 to \$1,580.87 per annum. This is an annual increase of 21.7% additional to the property rate rise.</p> <p>With the proposed property rate rise this additional charge will put many households in the Far North under a lot of financial stress. Council needs to consider how to charge all consumers of public treated water outlets e.g. caravan and campervan dump and filling stations, so that the cost does not fall on the rate payer.</p>
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Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
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Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Trevor
Last name	Hassall
Organisation (if applicable)	Matahorua Family Home Trust
Position in organisation	Trustee
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	I believe that the library/service centre is vital to the community as a warm social refuge for elderly (over 70s), some of whom are in wheelchairs. These people are able to use the library, read current newspapers, conduct council transactions (rates etc). Many of these local people have no mobile phones, some have no landlines, internet connections and cannot drive. The Kaeo library also provides computing facilities for those who do not own one and in particular is strongly used by school pupils, which has a side benefit as it helps introduce pupils to a wider scope of worldwide thought.
Other feedback	
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	387
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	Keeping the libraries as they are in the communities is essential for those that do not have transport to be able to go further afield. Combining library and service centres into one building (as may happen with Procter library) but keeping the services separate could be an option.
Other feedback	I thank the FNDC for their continued funding support of the Citizens Advice Bureau Far North. As a not for profit organisation we are an essential asset to the Far North supporting our community with free and empowering information that has helped many community members.
Ward	
	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	392
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	a reasonable opinion is not feasible without knowing the definition of 'a public good rate" and its proposed cost
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	any other option would cost the council [ratepayers] more \$\$which would be better spent on core services...a lot of community services are not prudently managed or quality controlled,,,there is a lot of wasted \$\$ because of this
Other feedback	despite fndc having more staff the handling of objections to QV valuations and their communication in that matter has been abysmal....my objection in that matter has been dealt with by QV at last however fndc have just sent out their final rates demand for this rating year with NO notice or acknowledgement of the revised lower valuation...this despite call to council who assured me that this would be all rectified by the time those rates notices were sent out...fndc is spending far to much on "nice to have" projects at the expense of maintaining and improving our basic core services...if fndc would face up to the decades old issue of collecting rates from ALL people living and using council services in the far north maybe a bit further down the track we could afford some of the "nice to have" projects without ridiculous rate rises being proposed over the next 3 years albeit with a reduction in those services despite the proposed rates rise....blaming weather events for the poor management of fndc funds is not acceptable.....start living within your means like the rest of us and widen the ratepayer base as the ones now paying the rates cannot continue to fund everyone...thats the reality of the present time.....also why does submissions close on a sunday and not at the end of the month tuesday when it is a council working day...that makes no sense at all.....this is my opinion and feedback from a far north ratepayer for nearly 50 yrs
Ward	Te Hiku (North)
Receipt number	371
Other attachments	

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First Name	Michael
Last name	Drayton
Organisation (if applicable)	Ohaeawai Taiamai Residents Association (OTRA)
Position in organisation	Secretary/Treasurer
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	I am submitting on behalf of the Ohaeawai Taiamai Residents Association and we have not yet discussed this issue.
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	I am submitting on behalf of the Ohaeawai Taiamai Residents Association and we have not yet discussed this issue.
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	I am submitting on behalf of the Ohaeawai Taiamai Residents Association and we have not yet discussed this issue.
Other feedback	The Ohaeawai Taiamai Residents Association would like FNDC to fund drainage improvement works in Ohaeawai as a matter of urgency to fix surface flooding problems in our town. We have described the problem and outlined a solution in the attached document.
Ward	Kaikohe-Hokianga (West)
Receipt number	393
Other attachments	393\1788348\FloodingIssuesInOhaeawai_LTP2024.pdf

Flooding Issues in Ohaeawai

OHAEAWAI TAIAMAI RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

August 2023

Updated April 2024

The exceptional rain in early May 2023 caused flooding in and around Ohaeawai and across the region. While the rain on that occasion was extraordinary, the flooding was not. Local residents have experienced this problem regularly for more than a decade. We expect heavy downpours to occur more frequently as the climate warms so it is important we address the surface flooding problem now.

Setting

Ohaeawai is situated at the intersection (Te Corner) of SH1 and SH12. The town itself is on a relatively flat piece of land surrounded by rolling contours which provide good drainage in all directions away from the edges of town. The problem is removing excess storm water from the centre of the township and restoring the connections with these natural outfalls



Current drainage

There are swale drains of various depths and falls along both sides of Hobson Street and both sides of Tennyson Street. A covered drain has inlets at the northern end of Hobson Street and pipes storm water along the southern side of SH12 to an outflow into the Pekapeka stream to the west of the town.

Problems

The most serious flooding issues occur on both sides of Hobson Street and north of Tennyson Street. The public toilets are also affected by flooding, overwhelming the soakage field which then discharges into the properties adjacent. This overflow eventually reaches the school grounds.

Older residents say that the problems significantly worsened when the council decided at some point in the past to abandon the previous drainage system and instead rely on a single 250mm concrete pipe at the northern end of Hobson St. It is also said that a previously effective council drain was disrupted when the new public toilets were installed.

The “new” system is entirely insufficient in design and capacity and floods the entire town many times a year, not just during the most extreme events. It simply does not service the properties at the rear of the township, nor the properties which lie to the east along the southern side of SH1.

While the Ohaeawai Taiamai Residents Association would like to see a review of the entire drainage system across Ohaeawai and its surrounds, we focus here on the worst issues: the undersized and poorly maintained piped drain on Hobson Street and a poorly thought-out footpath on Tennyson Street.

Hobson Street

The photo below shows the view from the northern end of Hobson Street looking South. The swale drains are full, water is starting to submerge the street. The slight fall in the land toward the camera is clear with a ridge at the southern end of the street preventing water flowing out of town in that direction as it used to do many years ago. The old tennis courts on the eastern side of Hobson Street (obscured) fill up like a lake. The piped drain close to the public toilets is the only way to drain this part of town. This photo was taken in May 2009 illustrating that this is not a one-off issue. The same scene has occurred many times since then.





The photo above was taken in May 2023. The greenery on the left is the soakage field for the public toilets which has been overwhelmed.

The photo below shows that while the north end of Hobson St was under deep water, the drain at the south end of Hobson St which used to carry the water away was practically empty.



There is also no drainage available for the small council reserve between the public toilets and the Ohaeawai Dairy. This means that this water catchment and stormwater from the buildings cannot be piped away. It should be noted that there used to be a drainage system but that ceased to work once the public toilets were installed.



The photo above shows water which flows from the public toilet soakage field on the left, under the cottage and then on to neighbours... and eventually the school.

Tennyson Street

There is a very gentle fall from each property on the north side of Tennyson Street to the swale drain beside the road. Unfortunately, the footpath, constructed 10-15 years ago, acts like a dam and prevents the properties draining into the swale drain. Surface water either flows slowly across the properties towards Hobson Street or eventually soaks into the ground. In some cases it floods houses.



A property on the northern side of Tennyson St. cannot drain because the footpath in the foreground prevents the surface water from flowing to the swale drain at the roadside.

The photo above shows the view from Tennyson St and the photo below shows the view from the house.



There is no footpath on the southern side of Tennyson St and the properties there are not flooded, however the swale drains on the southern side are a hazard. The photo below shows the swale drain on the southern side of Tennyson St. The rain has stopped. The drain is deep. It used to be able to drain in both directions, but both are blocked. Swale drains which are blocked are a drowning hazard for children making their way to school.



Similarly, the swale on the northern side is very slow to clear once the rain stops. See photo below.



Solutions

The Ohaeawai Taiamai Residents Association has come up with a few, simple and inexpensive solutions to address the surface water problems. These are deliberately low-tech and low-cost solutions, essentially restoring and improving the original drainage system. These measures will not entirely solve the problem for all events but should massively reduce the number of flooding events Ohaeawai experiences each year.

Tennyson Street

- Every property on the north side of Tennyson Street needs a culvert under the footpath so surface water and water tank overflows can flow to the swale drain, which will need to be deepened slightly. Positioning a culvert should be arranged in consultation with each property owner.
- There is no footpath on the south side of Tennyson Street. Driveways have culverts to cross the swale drain. A few properties are missing culverts so should have one installed.
- A new swale drain is needed at the western end of Tennyson Street to join the swale drains on both sides of the street to the existing swale drain around the southern end of the rugby ground so the surface water can flow away to the Pekapeka stream. Currently the water from Tennyson Street discharges on to the rugby field making this a bog for much of the year.

Hobson Street

- The piped drain at the north end of Hobson Street will remain a critical piece of infrastructure.
 - The swale drains on both sides of Hobson Street are connected to this system.
 - The underground pipe at the intakes on Hobson Street is 250mm in diameter. Downstream, the pipe on the southern side of SH12 is 450mm but reduces down to 380mm at the outlet. Practically, the system is effectively the diameter at the intake end, i.e. only 250mm so it will struggle to handle flows from Northland downpours.
 - Something more like 800-1000mm diameter would be required to handle the flows. The intake points would also need to be upgraded. While this solution would be ideal, OTRA recognises it is unlikely to be low-cost.
- Residents confirm that the performance of the drain has improved noticeably after it was cleared by FNDC contractors. It is vital that this drain is inspected and cleaned regularly and frequently.
- Demand on the piped drain at the north end of Hobson Street can be reduced by allowing some storm water from the southern end of town to flow away to the south as it used to do many years ago. Currently the swale drains on both sides of Hobson Street, beyond Tennyson Street, do not extend out of town. Murray Gravatt, the landowner, supports extending the drains so the water flows across his property – on the condition it doesn't pond on his land.
 - There is already a culvert from the tennis courts to the swale on the east side of Hobson Street but this has little effect as the swale doesn't extend to lower ground. This culvert is critical for the drainage of the eastern side of Hobson St. as it is the only path for the water to cross Tennyson St. without digging up the roads further. The swale drain on the eastern side of Hobson St. needs to be connected to this.
 - The swale on the west side of Hobson Street also needs to be extended and deepened as required. This will also help with issues from Tennyson St.
 - Mr Gravatt needs to be consulted to ensure the water can be managed once it reaches his property.
- An existing balancer culvert under Hobson Street should ideally be deeper. At the very least it needs to be cleaned out and then regularly maintained.

State Highway 12

- OTRA notes that storm water flowing down SH1 into town from the north is successfully removed by piped drains on the north side of SH12. As measured, the pipe on the northern side is 450mm diameter, but it is almost completely blocked on the outlet end. This needs to be cleaned out.

Summary

Ohaeawai has endured increased flooding problems for well over a decade, the unintended consequences from Council's infrastructure works in the town, primarily an undersized and poorly maintained piped drain on Hobson Street and a poorly thought-out footpath on Tennyson Street. While the 'new' piped stormwater system is useful at the junction of Hobson St and the state highways, it is far too small to cope with the drainage of the whole town.

The Ohaeawai Taiamai Residents Association recognises that an upgraded, engineering solution is likely to be costly. Instead, OTRA would like to see the original system of swale drains reestablished and improved to increase resilience against future events. This proposal is low cost and easy to implement. With little effort the system would have a lot of natural redundancy which would improve resilience.

- Swale drains on both sides of Hobson and Tennyson Streets need to be deepened and widened with particular attention to culvert sizing, culvert heights as well as the falls and connections to outfalls.
- Properties on the northern side of Tennyson Street require culverts beneath the footpath so they can drain their properties and connect storm water to the swale drain system.
- Outfall drains on to Mr Gravatt's property need to be improved and culverted where necessary to take the expected increase in flow on to his land.

Heavy downpours occur regularly in Northland, and we can only expect them to become more frequent as the climate warms so OTRA would like to see action taken immediately.



Update, April 2024

History

- Flooding has been an issue in Ohaeawai for well over a decade - we show the photo from 2009 on page 2 of this document.
- Local residents renewed their efforts to address the flood problems in 2021
- We had dozens of interactions with FNDC and NTA.
 - We note the efforts of John Hastings who spent time on site and engaged in helpful conversations with residents.
 - Minor drain cleaning was carried out but only the reconnection of a singular drain point made any real difference to one part of town (as we note on page 7).
 - From those interactions we knew we needed to escalate our concerns to Council.
- Councillor John Vujcich toured the town with us one evening in mid-July 2023 and saw the problems for himself. He encouraged us to write up a summary, propose a solution and keep him advised.
- We wrote this document and organised a public meeting in August 2023. Deputy Mayor Kelly Stratford attended
- Kelly Stratford began discussions within FNDC immediately after the public meeting
- In September 2023 Council Engineers confirmed to the Deputy Mayor they had cleaned out a drain in late 2022 which had improved things (as we note on page 7). They said there was little more they could do under their maintenance contract. Additional work would require funding as 'drainage improvements'. They recommended the residents apply for funding under the Long Term Plan.
- This document is submitted to the Long Term Plan in April 2024.

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	No
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Comment	This issue does not affect me
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	I am passionate about keeping our libraries. I am visit one or other of them at least once a week.
Other feedback	No
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	394
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Sandy
Last name	Sturm
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	Please don't take away our libraries!! We, 2 small children and parents, love going to our small library and couldn't afford to travel to the next town/ward to get books out or returned.
Other feedback	
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	395
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	<p>In the info provided with this survey my stormwater-related rates will decrease slightly per year for 3 years under Option 2. Do I assume that the \$10 for public good is on top of the \$187.50? That is a very minor additional expense, but it is not clear from the info provided. I am not seriously impacted for the next 3 years but what will happen cost-wise after 3 years? I hope that information will be provided in a form non-technical people can understand, and that all terms such as "differential" are defined. Perhaps provided a glossary.</p> <p>I encourage the Council to seriously consider using natural systems such as natural or constructed wetlands and drainage swales to provide more storage. And to avoid simply redirecting storm runoff, unfiltered or reduced in velocity by holding tanks, to the closest stream, river, lake or the ocean. Property owners need to be encouraged to retain as much runoff on site as possible, and in the case of new development, increased retention, filtration and reduced velocity required.</p>
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	<p>Frankly, I'm not sure I understand the way the positives and negatives provided or explained for all the options. None of them sound like they address all the issues. Option #2 seems to increase equity and fairness the most and also provided for the future growth and possible climate change impacts. Beyond providing these services, the general approach to growth and development in the district must also be re-evaluated to contribute to reducing the unfairness and unaffordability of these significant services.</p>
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	
Comment	<p>I don't feel like I can vote on either Option 1 or 2 without more detailed information. I recognize that Option 3 is no longer affordable.</p> <p>Some of my questions about rationalizing the amount of real estate the Council must maintain are:</p> <p>What happens to existing buildings? Especially some that are historic or culturally significant. E.G. the historic Williams House in Paihia; the new Library in Kawakawa? So my vote is against the status quo, but more consultation is needed to determine the details of the other two options, or possibly additional ones.</p>
Other feedback	<p>Yes!</p> <p>I'm very concerned about removing funding for the Twin Coast Cycleway, particularly for resolving and providing a permanent trail along the railroad between Kawakawa and Opuia. Firstly, while there are immediate needs to rebuild roads after the destructive storms of the last couple of years, the short-term need shouldn't leave the long term commitments in doubt. The plan needs to provide assurance that these projects will indeed be re-funded from 2026 and onwards. The existing 2021-31 Long Term Plan sets that agreement out between the Council and ratepayers and residents, and needs to be honoured.</p> <p>Secondly, as Kahika Tepania states in the news accompanying our recent rate invoices, "[w]hile our transport network will be the spending priority over the next three years, we cannot ignore other services that make the Far North a place people want to visit and live in." It should be added, services that also generate income for businesses and the Council. The Coast to Coast Cycleway is one of those assets that generates income by attracting tourism, local recreation, investment in the district, and the additional benefit of promoting good health. Substituting \$4m only if it is matched, for the original \$8m committed to, is disingenuous waffle. The Kawakawa to Opuia segment is what tethers the entire cycleway to the east coast end of the</p>

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	<p>route. Without it, or diverting the track away from the coast, impacts the coast to coast perception and experience of the entire cycle track. That gives other cycleways all around the country a competitive edge for attracting both local and international cycling enthusiasts and tourists. Restoring the funding and committing to expenditure on ensuring a permanent coastal route for the Kawakawa to Opua cycleway segment needs to be signalled in this short term Long Term Plan.</p>
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Other attachments	

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First Name	Robyn
Last name	Stent
Organisation (if applicable)	The Cabbage Tree Ltd
Position in organisation	Executive Director
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	
Other feedback	Yes. The footpaths in Paihia need immediate upgrade. Too many people fall weekly. It is not acceptable for the gateway to the Far North to have yellow signs advising the footpath is a Hazard. FNDC recognises the problem and must plan to fix it. Footpaths are a fundamental component of a Council's raison d'être For the past 12 years serious upgrades have been required. Too many people are being injured in Paihia.
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
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Other attachments	

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First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	What level is the public good rate? The potential for a targeted rate to escape disproportionately over time could see fewer people carrying the burden for which many people outside a targeted land use area benefit from. Overall I do not support targeted rates unless there is a very defined and localise use for a select few assured to benefit.
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	The rates burden for water supply and wastewater infrastructure should primarily be recouped in development contributions, and then in an egalitarian way across communities that genuinely have connection to both.
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	2. Provide a multi-purpose centre for each ward
Comment	In a large region like FNDC, there is a social and employment benefit in retaining a focal point for each unique ward area
Other feedback	
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
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Other attachments	

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First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	
Other feedback	Please don't increase our rates. People are struggling now and a 16% increase would be unaffordable for many.
Ward	
Receipt number	398
Other attachments	

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First Name	Helen
Last name	Potts
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	2. Provide a multi-purpose centre for each ward
Comment	Every ward needs access within their area.
Other feedback	Although digital demands are increasing people still need easy access to face to face interactions. This is community.
Ward	
Receipt number	399
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	Libraries are a social hub where quiet connection can take place for all peoples, they are a known safe place where all people are welcome and peace is a common understanding and is respected. Libraries represent PEACE where people be peaceful. This is an important way of being to uphold and encourage.
Other feedback	
Ward	Te Hiku (North)
Receipt number	401
Other attachments	

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First Name	Siani
Last name	Walker
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	<p>A fair distribution of stormwater funding especially with climate change, coastal erosion and the increase of road runoff from new residential development areas, which utilise the stormwater network which includes piping in road reserves and then into open waterways (Paripari stream, Ahipara). New developments upstream (uphill) with increased impervious surfaces and new roads creates significant impact to residential dwellings downstream (downhill) from significant weather events and storm events with surface runoff contributing to excess stormwater runoff into open waterways. All new developments should be required to have retention/detention devices to reduce flood event impacts to capture impervious surface areas and water tank overflows.</p> <p>Piping and culverts are not the only stormwater that requires upgrades or maintaining.</p> <p>Open waterways are part of council stormwater network and are rarely maintained for drainage clearance, until a flood event has occurred and a residents property/dwelling has been flooded.</p> <p>Request that open waterways in council stormwater network must be cleaned out (serviced) and continually maintained 3-yearly (tri-annual).</p>
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	<p>A district wide rates approach provides funding availability for all communities in the rohe of the Far North. To implement infrastructure installation and infrastructure upgrades there needs to be a prioritisation criteria for older infrastructure upgrades within set timeframes i.e. tri-annual in line with LTP review, to ensure funds are spent and networks are upgraded in a timely manner, plus the community is more aware when their infrastructure is to be upgraded.</p> <p>Targeted ward approach is limiting for smaller communities impacted by reduced access to a rating base in a ward which includes significant rural areas which don't use or have access to water or wastewater connections.</p> <p>Targeted scheme based approach is significantly unaffordable for smaller communities to meet the upgrades and maintenance of such schemes, in particular when environmental stds are expected (and increasing) and we require clean waterways for our communities to swim in unpolluted rivers and beaches.</p>
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku
Comment	<p>Te Ahu Centre, Kaitaia is an example of a multi-purpose centre.</p> <p>However, this can be limiting for residents on the east coast Mangonui, Whatuwhiwhi, etc, to go to one centre in the area. Is it possible to have agent centres similar to NZ Post with Dairys, Garages, or Chemists serving smaller remote communities for postal services and bill payments.</p>
Other feedback	<p>How is Council providing for the protection of Maori cultural heritage, and supporting iwi/hapū with development of iwi and hapū management plans?</p> <p>The new Fast Track Approval Bill (FTA) and upcoming RMA reforms are coming and Te Tai Tokerau is fair game for rape and pillage of natural resources and the natural environment. The Far North rohe has multiple untouched areas of land, coastal areas and Maori land, which all have a high probability of impact on these natural resources from inappropriate development without iwi and hapū involvement in such FTA applications. The FTA only recognise certain mechanisms for iwi authorities to participate (Treaty Settlement entities) and council support is needed to collaborate with iwi and hapū to capture and record significant areas and resources in the rohe of the Far North to be protected, enhanced and appropriately</p>

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	managed. Far North 2100 acknowledges significant culture of the Far North, so funding needs to support implementation of iwi and hapū outcomes and aspirations as directed by iwi and hapū.
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Other attachments	

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First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	can opt 1 be modified to incorporate opt2 funding model
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	could it be possible to work on improving current model
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	I am spilt between opt1 and 4
Other feedback	no
Ward	
	Te Hiku (North)
Receipt number	403
Other attachments	

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First Name	Kirsty
Last name	Joiner
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	<p>This option is my preferred choice.</p> <p>The Service Centre in Rawene provides necessary face - to - face contact with the FNDC in an otherwise remote area of our District.</p> <p>The Service Centre in Rawene, even with reduced hours, is vital for Ratepayers who are unable to operate on-line. In past years there has been difficulty with Internet connection.</p> <p>A FNDC Service Centre in Rawene is central for the Hokianga population, including North Hokianga. It provides a focus point for the local authority which combines PR with the delivery of FNDC services ,and in particular in the event of climate events.</p>
Other feedback	<p>I am a long time resident of Rawene. The managing of the roadside vegetation in Rawene is a major concern. The mowing of roadside is presently limited and irregular. There are stretches of roadside which are overlooked and the weeds are left to go to seed and fall over the road and footpaths.</p> <p>My submission is that a programme of maintenance is put in place to control the management of roadside vegetation and the regular clearing of drains within the township. There has been a noticeable increase in urban development in Rawene and the Town Maintenance Programme needs to include the total residential area including Parnell Street to the Hokianga Hospital and all side roads.</p>
Ward	
Receipt number	404
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Sen
Last name	McGlinn
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	Water supply, waste water and stormwater should be funded by rates that are specific to the catchment area (no the Ward), so that cost signals direct development to the most efficient locations.
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	4. Change to targeted scheme-based operational rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to wastewater services
Comment	Water supply, waste water and stormwater should be funded by rates that are specific to the catchment area (no the Ward), so that cost signals direct development to the most efficient locations.
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	2. Provide a multi-purpose centre for each ward
Comment	District Council should be abolished, and replaced by multi-purpose county councils whose offices would be the community services hubs, and by expanded regional council powers.
Other feedback	The performance of the FNDC monitoring dept is abysmal. Responses to requests for service on roads, paths, reserves etc is very poor. Accountability is not there. Devolve such tasks to local councils in which staff & councillors & town hall meetings make decisions, and it becomes clear who is responsible for failures.
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
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Other attachments	

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First Name	Tereza
Last name	Byrne
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	2. Provide a multi-purpose centre for each ward
Comment	
Other feedback	As per previous three questions, Council is in hard position to maintain all existing facilities and infrastructure. I understand and can manage to take some of the proposed rate increase. But lots of families of Northland can't and won't. So it's the council and ward responsibility to use the rates wisely. Most of the proposed projects make sense and needs to be kept going. Some of them are purely stupid - for example reclamation in Rangitane. I believe that all Northland land and home owners will have their rates increased close to 30% in next 3 years. But who is the reclamation going to serve to - only owners of boats over 6m, as the existing facility can already serve boat owners smaller than 6m. So the council is going to take several millions in rates from struggling families, which will never have a boat bigger than 6 m and pay for a facility which only fraction of Northlanders can use? Small jetty which EVERYONE can use, than environmentally unfriendly eyesore for top 0.005%
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	408
Other attachments	

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First Name	Ben
Last name	Byrne
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	
Other feedback	I would like to oppose the \$1.5m allocated in LTP for the reclamation of the Kerikeri inlet in Rangitane. No responsible councilor should support this wasteful use of ratepayers money. First budgeted at least 3 years ago, there is no way the budgeted inflation figures are accurate. The Far North ratepayers will be stuck funding a huge overrun , not to mention repairs to existing roading that will be damaged by the construction. For what, a few extra boat parks? Anyone supporting this reckless and risky use of ratepayers money is disrespecting the people of the Far North.
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	409
Other attachments	

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First Name	June & Larry
Last name	Jacobson
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	As long term residents & ratepayers of Paihia we strongly support the continued provision by FNDC of the Paihia library in Williams House. If necessary we would support the setting of a targeted rate for the area serviced to fund this. The library located within Williams House provides a unique facility which keeps this historic building alive and is a focal point for both residents & visitors. The loss of this library would significantly impact not only the level of service to residents but also the attraction of Paihia as a tourist destination.
Other feedback	
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	410
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	Target rate is probably better considering all districts in the far north operate significantly different and no land or sea area is the same. Financially though some of your far north residents in one area can not afford the fixes in their own area.
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	District wide, we live 20mins out of russell, to order water it comes from another area and over the ferry. We pay huge amount for the water delivery, that comes from another area. There is not an option to connect to water or waste water services in near by areas so probably better the cost is spread over the district.
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku
Comment	As a back road Russell resident, our only community service areas that would serve us would be Kawakawa, or Keri Keri, but Kawakawa being the preferred or its a trip to Whangarei, out of the bay of islands. Far North is huge, with a lot of barriers, services really need to be divided into smaller and more accessible areas.
Other feedback	There is absolutely no excuse for the poor roading on a major state highway from South of Kawakawa, the main town of Kawakawa and heading north to Paihia. Its absolutely shocking. We need better flood damage protection on those roads and major repair works as the gate way to the far north. The alternanative back road off Manawaora/Whakapara Road to Kawakawa also shocking. We no longer travel that road and go the longer more expensive way over the car ferry for fear of more car and tyre damage and floods/slips. Not great in an emergency when the car ferry is closed to bad weather or passed curfew. The new entrance into BOI hospital is great. Please keep going for Northlanders! A supermarket in kawakawa would also be great.
Ward	
Receipt number	412
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	
Other feedback	I think we need to look into our infrastructure for roads in a long term. The Brynderwen is a good example for waisting money. Why are we not building tunnels and a proper highway which would bring business to the region. Instead we are thinking small, small from year to year.
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	414
Other attachments	

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First Name	Dean
Last name	Smith
Organisation (if applicable)	Kerikeri Football Club
Position in organisation	Committee Member
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	
Comment	
Other feedback	<p>With the 3 year LTP there are some questions in regard to the previous items in the LTP for year 2028-29. Te Pua Waitanga was included as an item in these years, and with the NRC targeted rate for sports facilities this project is only able to receive funding from that source if it is a project supported and planned for by the district council.</p> <p>We strongly support this project proceeding without further delays or reduction in scale and would like council to consider how it supports this initiative and any others like it.</p>
Ward	
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Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anna
Last name	Stanley
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	3. Change to targeted ward rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	2. Provide a multi-purpose centre for each ward
Comment	
Other feedback	I strongly OBJECT to the Rangitane Reclamation as this is a vanity project to only service a select few (most locals do NOT want it). The money is better spent on childrens poverty, dental or healthcare. I feel there has not been a true investigation and big lack of care for the local wildlife especially the kiwi and spoonbills who are finally back living in the area. There is also no plan for strengthening the roads leading to Rangitane so potentially will cut off this area as the roads fail. It is a lovely little area where families walk and cycle the road to the local park and the safety for them doing this will be ruined by large vehicles and boat and trailers.
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
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Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Tracey
Last name	Schubert
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	What is the public good rate? How is this calculated?
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	No poisoning of the Water + NO FLUORIDE
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku
Comment	Community Services need to be targeted to their communities - no 2 communities are the same.
Other feedback	<p>1. No to poisoning our land with 1080 and no to poisoning our water with Fluoride.</p> <p>2. KeriKeri needs a Public Hospital. You cannot keep allowing the place to overflow with elderly retirees who are the ones most at risk of illness without supplying medical care. Every day the Rescue helicopter is having to fly people to Whangarei and everyday the ambulance service is having to take people to Kawakawa.</p> <p>3. Roading is appalling. Any repairs are cheap and nasty and don't last. If you are going to do a repair then do it properly. A stitch in time saves nine.</p> <p>4. Stop infill housing and subdivisions going into prime horticultural growing areas.</p> <p>5. Make developers pay for the infrastructure and utility services, not ratepayers.</p> <p>6. An indoor heated Public Swimming Pool for KeriKeri. With KeriKeri being one of the fastest growing regional towns it needs a public swimming pool. Why does the Sports Stadium being built at Waipapa not have a swimming pool? This is a serious overlook and lacks real planning.</p> <p>7. Provision of rubbish bins at all reserves.</p> <p>8. KeriKeri township by-pass - the road traffic has doubled in the past 7 years. The township on that awful one way system is congested with traffic, bumper to bumper, going round in circles.</p>
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	417
Other attachments	417\1788348\Long term plan submission 2024-2027.docx

To the FNDC **Long Term Plan Submission 2024 – 2027**

28 April, 2024

I submit the following:

1. No poisoning of our Water with Fluoride, no poisoning of our Forests with 1080.
2. I would like a breakdown of the proposed rates rise increase of 16.5% - where is this money going – what is it funding? How is this justified?
3. KeriKeri needs a Hospital. The population has doubled in the last 10 years, largely with elderly people and retirement homes. You need to be working and lobbying the Ministry of Health regarding this.
4. No more residential housing going into prime horticultural growing land! I can't believe that this Council has approved some of the subdivisions going in all along KeriKeri Rd, destroying the beautiful growing land. This is what Keri is famous for – our produce - and you are allowing developers in who are destroying these growing areas. Also considering sub dividing Stubbs Farm? This is outrageous – the best growing horticultural land in the area.
5. As well are the developers putting in roading, sewerage, water, lighting, waste water and other utility services? No – you are asking the ratepayer to fund this. I understand that this happening with Blue Penguin Drive. This has to stop. The costs of putting in a subdivision and all the services must be borne by the developer.
6. Roding – this is appalling. My car is getting wrecked driving on Northland Roads. Last year I had to spend \$3000 to repair my suspension, wheel bearings, shock absorbers, sway bars, tyres and wheel alignment. The roads are full of pot holes, the surface is cheap and nasty and has all broken up. If you're going to do repairs – do them properly. Not a once over lightly with bitumen and stone chips which then break your windscreen.
7. A Recycling Centre – we need a proper recycling centre such as Nelson has and Auckland City Council with used goods being repurposed instead of going into land fill. These recycling centres have been demonstrated to make money. As NZ is going to shortly be hit with major supply chain issues it is imperative that we start up a total recycling centre, not just bottles and plastics, but everything.
8. An indoor heated Public Swimming Pool for KeriKeri. Why is the Sports Stadium being built at Waipapa not included a Public Swimming Pool? Little Dippers is closing and the only other Public Swimming Pool is at the KeriKeri High School and only open during summer. The Council had the opportunity to put a swimming pool into the new Sports Stadium complex and this is a serious oversight that it was not done at the time.
9. Supply of rubbish bins around the reserves. I am fed up with picking up people's rubbish from the Waipapa Inlet boat launch ramp area. There is only one bin which is inadequate. I know this is not the only reserve that does not have rubbish bins. If you don't provide them people just dump their rubbish.

10. A bypass of Kerikeri town centre. The one way system is no longer fit for purpose as traffic volume has doubled in the last 7 years. I understand that there is a paper road designated that runs from Woolworths behind the town centre and joins up to the existing bypass. This needs to be planned for NOW and actioned asap. The town centre is congested and going around that one way system does my head in.

Yours faithfully

TRACEY SCHUBERT

Health and Safety Consultant

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	It seems a lot of the storm water problems are caused by an extreme lack of maintenance.
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	
Other feedback	<p>Increase in rates is not ok, we have got a very high rate bill, based on property value, we are on super, so cant afford any increase without being forced to sell. So many of Northlands population are on low income or fixed income such as retirees and cant afford for this to happen. Stuffed if I know why we pay rates at all, we we get a road that damages are vehicles, and contactors that refuse to do regular maintenance.</p> <p>All this so called extreme weather events is not really i have seen a lot worse, its really down to lack of regular maintenance , simple things like keeping drains clear.</p> <p>The short fall in funding seems to come from those that use all the facilities but don't pay their rates for what ever reason. in 2019 that amounted to about 25 million outstanding.</p> <p>A fairer way would be as regional fuel levy then everyone including visitors would contribute or run out of fuel and there would be full compliance. Perhaps have a claimable rebate if you pay your rates.</p> <p>New developments;</p> <p>There seems to be a lot development around Kerikeri without the infrastructure to support it, for example traffic and Health plus all the other loads it puts on a small community, there doesn't seem to be a lot of forward planning happening. Highly productive land is getting covered in housing.</p>
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Submissions with comments

First Name	Leonie
Last name	Exel
Organisation (if applicable)	The BOI Watchdogs
Position in organisation	Co-ordinator
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	
Comment	Not relevant to our submission
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Comment	Not relevant to our submission
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	
Comment	Not relevant to our submission
Other feedback	Yes - please see attached submission from The BOI Watchdogs
Ward	
	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	419
Other attachments	419\1788348\LTP Lite Submission, The BOI Watchdogs 28.4.24.pdf

2024 Long Term Plan (LTP) 'Lite' Submission

The BOI Watchdogs

Thankyou for the opportunity to provide feedback on the 2024/2027 LTP 'Lite'. We provide the following points for elected members' consideration.

1. **Please query and review the budget allocated for the fencing around the Kaitaia pound.** It is currently \$160,000, which seems high. We asked for further detail on this and were advised that *"the area of coverage for the proposed fence at the northern shelter is 222m long... with a gateway of 8m wide. The total area is just under 3300 m2."* Excluding the gate, the cost per metre for this fence is thus around \$720 per metre.

2. **Please ensure that in the next LTP, the funding for a dog park of \$63,019 is returned.** In the prior LTP, this was allocated for a dog park at Samaree Place in Kerikeri. We queried this and the reply from FNDC was: *"...this funding got removed as it did not meet the LTP Lite criteria and we need to identify a suitable location, once a location has been identified we put funding back into the LTP that aligns with that, preferably in year 1 of the next LTP."* Please make sure this happens! Dog parks provide a central place where community education and training can take place, a factor which has been shown to be crucial in dog population management.

3. **Please consider undertaking a cost-free policy change which would improve access to housing for over 50% of Northland's residents; choose to finally stop banning and restricting responsible dog ownership across our region, through subdivision consent processes.** Remember that (i) cars kill more kiwi than dogs, (ii) there is no data to suggest that the current FNDC bans/restrictions are reducing the number of kiwi killed by dogs, (iii) 'pet bonds' to encourage landlords to open their doors to pet owners have been introduced by the central government, in recognition of this housing issue, (iv) the number of Northland rental properties available to people who own dogs is miserably small, (v) pet dogs are crucial to many residents' wellbeing, and (vi) we are constantly hearing from people desperately trying to find a home where they can keep their family member (their dog), or asking others to rehome their dog due to no available housing.



FNDC has recently encouraged residents to register their dogs, with a brochure and online campaign stating that 'dogs are whānau'. We agree with this – they are family members for over half the population up North, and for all the members of The BOI Watchdogs.

How can FNDC state this, though, while at the same time banning or restricting our whānau members from living in homes, right across Northland?

Please stop contributing to our housing crisis with this evidence-lite, anti-dog, anti-responsible dog owner, outdated policy.

Leonie Exel, Co-ordinator, The BOI Watchdogs, 28 April, 2024

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Roger
Last name	Marsh
Organisation (if applicable)	Hihi Residents & Ratepayers Association
Position in organisation	Chairperson
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	2. Provide a multi-purpose centre for each ward
Comment	
Other feedback	Limit proposed general rates increase in for any one term to under 10 per cent. Reduce staffing levels to pre 2018 levels. Curtail planning for all new non-core service projects for three terms .
Ward	
	Te Hiku (North)
Receipt number	420
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
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Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku
Comment	
Other feedback	With proposed rate increases, there will be financial challenges for some ratepayers. There needs to be a team of staff to provide clear information on the options for payment, and who have the ability to assist on a one to one basis in an appropriate manner.
Ward	Kaikohe-Hokianga (West)
Receipt number	421
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	
Other feedback	I object to the proposed rate increase. The Council has not proven that it has done sufficient belt tightening or been dynamic enough in its ability to raise alternative forms of revenue. Staff numbers have increased dramatically in recent years that has added considerable cost. We are all having to do more with less, the Council also needs to as well. An incase of this size is simply displaying a lack of understanding of the cost pressures people are facing.
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	422
Other attachments	

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Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	No idea of plans so can't comment.
Other feedback	I became a volunteer at the Citizens Advice Bureau last year. I had no idea of the extent of the issues that are dealt with on a daily basis by the CAB - for example: domestic violence, homeless or elders who need help accessing services on the internet, some referred to us by the council offices or the police. It is a way of providing immediate support to local people, some in urgent need who have no where else to turn. I would urge you to consider providing the maximum possible funding you can find. Thanks for the consideration. Nga mihi.
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	423
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Anonymous
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Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
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Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	
Other feedback	Please reinstate the walk/cycleway between Taumarere and Opua. I understand that the funds were available for a walkway but nothing has happened. In the meantime we, the local residents, have had the valued resource taken away. The path was used all day by walkers, runners, cyclists, whanau out together. Did anyone check how many people were using it before it ws closed? Now are dependent on the railway timetable, which is usually limited to 3 days a week and 3 trains a day. I can't understand what the delay is? The alternative cycle way route is a death trap by the way, go and see it. And doesn't cater for local walkers, runners, whanau. Come on FNDC make it happen!
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	424
Other attachments	

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Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	1. Status quo
Comment	definitely only charge those who use the services, not if they could
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	need the centres near townships, travel costs are escalating and particularly elderly reliant on caregiver transport may only have access to close centres to where they live and may be unable to do on line transactions..
Other feedback	<p>Outstanding rates need to be collected.</p> <p>The basic services of waste water and water to those who get it need to be maintained. Beautification currently needs to stop. Yes it is nice to have stone signs coming into Kerikeri and Maori and English signage but at what cost. It is totally unjustifiable in the current environment with huge rate bills.</p> <p>Roading is then a priority. And example is the Whangaroa - Matauri bay coastal road. This has three significant slips on it with nothing being done to them other than signage warning of the narrowing (one way at both ends of this road) If further slippage occurs in wet weather and slips extend at the opposite ends of the road a huge area will be cut off by road access - farms, elderly, at least three marae. How will these people cut off get caregivers, food, medical attention etc. Will the council also be liable for their lack of action at further cost? It has been years and nothing has been done to mitigate this huge risk. Similarly sealed and unsealed road maintenance has reduced and quality when done is nothing less than poor. This adds to the cost of running a car as the roads are causing increased servicing requirements.</p> <p>The rates are becoming unaffordable. Particularly if relying on a pension. It is basically rating people out of their homes which may have been family homes for half a century or more. This is deplorable. There needs to be a limit to rate increases and people need to know this for their future planning as it becomes a question of can I afford to live here? How is it justifiable to charge a neighbour double the rates as they have a better view? They certainly don't get any more services.</p> <p>That a proportion of people who live in the area are not paying rates but will be using council provided services such as roads, libraries, sports grounds, playgrounds is unacceptable. Rates need to be paid by everyone.</p> <p>Maybe a fuel tax. That would also get visitors travelling within Northland to help with road costs. it is certainly unequable how many overdue rates there are and that people are not paying.</p> <p>I disagree with the idea being proposed of charging commercial rates to anyone who rents their home out on short term rentals via book a batch etc. The viable season for this in Northland is summer only and is very short so they are not earning greatly, it is being done for a minimal period of the year and people are having to do it to afford to pay the rates. It is providing accommodation in peak times so people can visit and have somewhere to stay. They are not earning hugely - people who work from home year round for example a hairdresser, dressmaker, artist, mechanic - are earning far more and using their homes in a commercial capacity far more than people who rent their homes for short periods. This is unfairly targeting one sector and would likely reduce available accommodation at peak times thereby reducing visitors to northland. and make it even harder for people to afford the rates.</p>

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The rates are becoming unaffordable. Particularly if relying on a pension or fixed income. It is basically rating people out of their homes which may have been family homes for half a century or more. This is deplorable. There needs to be a limit to rate increases and people need to know this for their future planning as it becomes a question of can I afford to live here? How is it justifiable to charge a neighbour double the rates as they have a better view? They certainly don't get any more services.

That a proportion of people who live in the area are not paying rates but will be using council provided services such as roads, libraries, sports grounds, playgrounds is unacceptable and inequitable. Rates need to be paid by everyone.

Maybe a fuel tax which is solely used for roading. That would also get those not currently paying rates whilst living locally and visitors travelling within Northland to help with road costs.

I disagree with the idea being proposed of charging commercial rates to anyone who rents their home out on short term rentals via book a batch etc. The viable season for this in Northland is summer only and is very short

so there is very limited earning capacity and people are having to do it to afford to pay the rates. It is providing accommodation in peak times so people can visit and have somewhere to stay. They are not earning hugely - people who work from home year round for example a hairdresser, dressmaker, artist, mechanic - are earning far more and using their homes in a commercial capacity far more than people who rent their homes for short periods. This is unfairly targeting one sector and would likely reduce available accommodation at peak times thereby reducing visitors to northland and make it even harder for people to afford the rates.

As the council, you are there to represent the ratepayers and provide the necessary services to those you represent. That is the people who are currently paying rates. Not people who are not.

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Christine
Last name	Byrne
Organisation (if applicable)	Georgie and Nate Create
Position in organisation	Georgie and Nate Create
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	4. Change to targeted scheme-based operational rate for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to wastewater services
Comment	I believe urban water rates are to high. There is very limited options for townspeople to get a reliable supply and removal of water. Urban water rates appear to subsidise those using water in agriculture. All users must be encouraged to protect the supply and this should start in our waterways, which have very little protection from agricultural users. Storm water waste from denuded forestry is also causing damage to normal water use and storage. Scheme based operation rate may address this to a certain extent, but councils tend to ignore urban use and support agricultural users, who are in a much better position to pay for water usage.
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	2. Provide a multi-purpose centre for each ward
Comment	Support those that have very little to begin with, Kaikohe and Hokianga and Te Hiku always appear to bear the brunt of reduced population, yet possibly have the youngest population. The use of multi-purpose centres to be where the need is most, for our youth. Do not penalise the poorer areas to subsidise the wealthier region.
Other feedback	Please stop wasting money on elitist projects, such as the Rangitane boat ramp. This is a complete waste of money, backed by those that are not residents year round, have a very narrow outlook on the usage of boat ramps, and expect parking in reserve land. There are more than enough boat ramps in the BOI. If the council would like to operate these on a more profitable basis, such as charging everyone per time of use, clamp down on parking on reserves etc, and encourage out of season use, that would be great. Save our libraries and spend the money on those that live in the area, support locals in keeping our smaller communities pristine, without introducing widespread seasonal use. Also if the council would establish a better and more sustainable way of recycling waste, that would be impressive. Why not support recycling centres in the towns, to collect plastic and glass? Imagine how tidy the roadside would be if we were paid to collect our recyclables ? Such as in the old days when plastic and glass was returnable for a small monetary reward. Wow.
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
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Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Josh
Last name	Kirby
Organisation (if applicable)	Kaitaia Business Association
Position in organisation	Chair
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	1. Status quo
Comment	While flooding is a major risk for Kaitaia, and efficient and well-maintained stormwater infrastructure must be a priority, we support the status quo to avoid extra financial burdens on the commercial area and BID through additional targeted rates. We believe the same outcomes could be achieved through cost-saving exercises and focusing on core services.
Issue 2: Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	2. Change to district-wide rates for those connected to / or have the ability to connect to water supply and / or wastewater services
Comment	
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku
Comment	We support the preferred option of providing multi-purpose centres but strongly oppose any reduction of services currently offered at Te Ahu Centre. If Te Ahu is the model to be replicated, then we support this proposal. We also support an increase in staffing to meet demand rather than reducing service scope.
Other feedback	
Ward	Te Hiku (North)
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Kaitaia Business Association

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The Kaitaia Business Association (KBA) strongly advocates for stringent financial management and operational efficiencies within the Far North District Council. We believe there is room for consolidation and cost savings, which should be redirected towards maintaining and enhancing core services that directly benefit our community and support local economic growth.

There are numerous businesses within the Kaitaia Business Improvement District (KBID) that have been doing it financially tough for the last few years. Most of us were forced to close several times during the COVID-19 pandemic. SH1 Mangamuka has been closed for the majority of the last 4 years, diverting traffic via SH10 and effectively bypassing Kaitaia. SH1 Brynderwyns was also closed post-Cyclone Gabrielle in 2023 and again for 11 weeks in 2024.

While we are a resilient bunch, most businesses within the BID cannot afford additional financial pressure through targeted rates to fund investment and maintenance schedules that should already have been in place. We believe this could instead be funded through cost-saving exercises and a focus on core services.

The increase in targeted rates through the BID will likely lead to an increase in rents as landlords seek to recover those additional costs, possibly leading to the closure of some businesses, more empty commercial buildings, and poor economic outcomes for our community. This, in turn, will have a negative impact on the following key aspects of well-being, as referenced on page 7 of the LTP 2024/27 document:

- Social, Economic, and Environmental aspects
- Enable sustainable economic development
- Deepen our sense of place and connection
- Proud, vibrant communities
- Communities that are healthy, safe, connected and sustainable
- Resilient communities that are prepared for the unexpected
- Prosperous communities supported by a sustainable economy

We would like to see FNDC engage with the central government to advocate for funding necessary infrastructure upgrades to roading, stormwater, and wastewater infrastructure. Additional government funding, together with council cost savings exercises, will mitigate some of the financial burden on our community and negate the need for such high rate increases.

Finally, we would like to remind the FNDC that although Kaitaia has not seen the same level of growth as areas like Doubtless Bay and Kerikeri in recent years, we are anticipating the reopening of SH1 Mangamuka in time for Christmas. Having our primary highway open again creates opportunities for economic growth. This should be considered when determining the long-term plan for Kaitaia and our Business Improvement District.

In general, the KBA supports the following outcomes for Kaitaia:



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- Improvements to the Kaitaia Airport including the runway, fencing and upgrades.
- More public toilets, specifically in the new Town Square and at Northpark.
- A significant increase in general maintenance and cleaning of public spaces such as parks, gardens, lawns, CBD footpaths and roads.
- Implementation and enforcement of a by-law for landlords to maintain CBD building frontages. We accept the possible flow-on effect of such a by-law on tenants as landlords seek to recover costs. However, a more vibrant shopping centre leads to positive economic outcomes and mitigation of such costs.
- Hiring local suppliers to carry out FNDC contracts to boost the local economy.
- A new supermarket in the Kaitaia CBD to help increase footfall.
- The continuation of all current services at the Te Ahu Centre including the iSite, Library and Museum, including an increase in staffing to meet demand.
- Establishing a dedicated security patrol, guided by the principles of Manaakitanga, to prevent antisocial behaviour and enhance safety within the Kaitaia Business Improvement District.
- An increase in funding for the Kaitaia Business Improvement District (outside of targeted rates) through grants to the Kaitaia Business Association to support ongoing economic and environmental development. The KBA has a proven track record and the capability to generate economic and environmental outcomes for our BID.

Regarding the specific proposals as outlined in the LTP 2024/27 document:

Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?

- Option 1: Status Quo. While flooding is a major risk for Kaitaia, and efficient and well-maintained stormwater infrastructure must be a priority, we support the status quo to avoid extra financial burdens on the commercial area and BID through additional targeted rates. We believe the same outcomes could be achieved through cost-saving exercises and focusing on core services.

Should we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?

- Option 2: Change to district-wide rates.

How do we continue to provide community services in the future?

- Option 1: Provide multi-purpose centres. We support the preferred option of providing multi-purpose centres but strongly oppose any reduction of services currently offered at Te Ahu Centre. If Te Ahu is the model to be replicated, then we support this proposal. We also support an increase in staffing to meet demand rather than reducing service scope.



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Summary:

The Kaitaia Business Association urges the Far North District Council to consider these recommendations carefully to ensure the Long-Term Plan supports both the infrastructure needs and the economic vitality of our community. We emphasise the importance of equitable financial strategies and maintaining essential community services to enhance the business environment and quality of life in Kaitaia.

Kaitaia Business Association.

Thank you for your time today to listen to our KBA collective as we are aware many residents and business owners don't take the time to share their views through the right processes and systems so felt that we needed to try and capture a collective view. I am standing in for our chair, Josh Kirby who could not be here today.

From our submission you will know that we feel our **area misses out on so much**. I don't need to point out the disadvantage of the **geographic spread** of the Far North District, as some of you would have travelled some time to be here today. Unfortunately, Te Hiku is often overlooked due to our **population** (which is usually taken off a census done 3-4 years ago with a poor response rate so is out of date) or its the **time it takes to travel up** here especially with SH1 being closed for nearly 2 years now. No one considers the thousands of people and vehicles who drive in and out of our area on a daily basis when deciding what investment of time or money organisations will make.

In responding to the LTP, we are stuck between a rock and a hard place. We don't want rates to go up nor do we wish any services to diminish as we already feel hard done by. Putting up our rates is going to be detrimental as building owners will pass on the increase to the business tenants who will be forced to increase the price of their goods. Our **local businesses have been struggling for** a number of years now; add in the **impact Temu** and other online shops are having, the **increased rates for transport** (yet again reduced service levels due to road closures) and **reduced numbers of people visiting with the various roads being closed**; the thought of increased rates and then leases/rents seems like we are setting people up to fail financially.

We mention financial cost savings and efficiencies in our submission. We understand you have big contracts over long periods which must save a lot of hassle internally. However, from **Te Hiku's perspective** having your contractors **drive several hours to do the work can not be, in any way, a cost saving**. The servicing just reduces. Let me shed light on what this means for us. A street light can be out for weeks and sometimes longer as we wait for the Whangarei firm to drive up and change it. The parks can look like hay paddocks a large part of the year. The streets are cleaned twice a year! These are just a couple of examples where the services just don't feel right as organisations from the mid north or Whangarei are engaged to do the work.

I understand centralizing systems is supposed to be efficient but you have staff doing these jobs who are not from here and frankly don't care. Edges aren't weed eaten, gardens are ignored. I vividly remember being shocked that one of the staff who I was dealing with over the resource consent for the pump track in Memorial Park didn't know the municipal pools were there. They must have been here for over 70 years! We have a **master plan that** our THCB has funded; in it is the plans for a **second supermarket** in the old warehouse area. Perhaps the staff making critical decisions for our town are not checking or looking at this document. We had FNHL in negotiations with another supermarket operator and are now faced with trying to find another location as the space has been leased out for 30 years – this is another example of staff not seeking local input into crucial decisions that impact our economy. We must be the only geographical area in the country that has one supermarket which was hugely vulnerable in the covid times. Not only will an additional supermarket provide more jobs but it is imperative a large service town like ours makes this a priority when we are so geographically remote in extreme weather conditions.

Meeting basic human needs like public toilets are missing in Kaitaia – we have a huge north park development and yet no public toilets. We have a new Town Square in the heart of Kaitaia about to open and again no public toilets close by. We have a pump track in Bank Street with toilets available in council owned buildings right next door that are locked up and haven't been made available to the public despite our local councillor lobbying for this to happen. Don't get me wrong – I'm not having a go at staff or the council; I'm just trying to give you some examples of what happens up here that you may or may not be aware of.

It is ironic that savings were supposed to be made when the council amalgamated across the Far North, however we certainly lost in terms of community feel and pride.

Thankfully the FNDC has community boards and the Kaitaia Business Association along with all the other communities in Te Hiku, is extremely grateful to our THCB who **do** represent our community and work hard to support worthy projects and causes. It just feels perhaps they aren't given enough funding or authority to be able to really take care of their areas. For example the parks & reserves are under their care... but they don't get to choose who does the upkeep with mowing and how often etc

Our business association approaches our THCB often to assist us with local projects like public artwork, garden maintenance, CCTV maintenance and the Town's masterplan to name just a few. Between the KBA and the THCB we have passionate, committed, local people wanting to see our local area improve.

It's really important that you as our council hear the hardships that are much worse in Te Hiku than our neighbours. I know Te Hiku is not the only ward that feels the same way.

There needs to be a big push in lobbying central government to explain that our region needs substantially more assistance than elsewhere in the country. Whether it's the roading, drainage, footpaths or wastewater issues; our growing area has huge needs and we are trying to protect and promote our local economy as best we can.

Projects are in the pipeline in both central and local government that don't get pushed ahead until suddenly the end of financial year is looming so it's a panic to get them done. We have contractors who are quiet and struggling to keep staff on and machinery hired out due to the waiting.

Again hear our hearts – we are not having a go at council, we are pointing out that there would be more efficiencies by working closer with local communities and you have the THCB. Yes giving more to the wards to manage is harder on the elected members with their large workloads, however they could then direct council staff to award local contractors who live in the area and are passionate about doing a good job for their area. This has to outweigh large service contracts for FNDC.

We also wanted to use the opportunity to talk of other vital services that don't seem to be important like our Kaitaia airport; such a critical link for people, produce and parcels. We wanted to lobby to have more funding allocated to our BID as we do look after our main service town filling in the gaps and aiming to make improvements. People who have been in other BIDS are shocked we do all we do on only \$50k a year that hasn't increased since inception.

We are frustrated with a lack of by laws that are not monitored or followed up. We have absent landlords who have poorly maintained buildings and some tenants who don't value clean and tidy shop premises that are getting out of hand with no support to hold a high standard and keep Kaitaia (and our other towns in FNDC) looking smart and inviting to visitors. Even locals are choosing not to come into town unless they absolutely have to. We have dogs tied up outside vehicles or cafes that lay across footpath and the amount of dog number twos to dodge on the footpath is really awful for anyone to navigate.

I'm not sure if you are aware but the KBA are against housing in the old pakn'save site as we note its rezoned as mixed use, but we have clear directions from our members that we will be objecting to any plans that include housing.

There are so many areas we care about, but the 3 questions revolved around service centres, wastewater and drainage costs. I know my rates bill doesn't break down anything so understanding what we pay for is challenging and trying to speak for both rural and residential ratepayers was difficult. What is important to us is that we all value the Te Ahu Centre and what ever option is selected we must not lose this service where there are efficiencies using staff to support more than one area and it's a one stop shop for everyone.

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Submissions with comments

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Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
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Other feedback	Please see the attached submission.
Ward	
	Outside Far North
Receipt number	428
Other attachments	428\1788348\Bike Northland Submission to the Far North District Council Long Term Plan 2024 -2034.pdf

Bike Northland

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Far North District Council - LTP 2024 Feedback Submission from Bike Northland.

Bike Northland partners with Councils and other organisations across Northland in the interests of recreational and transport cycling initiatives. Bike Northland does not receive operating grants from Councils, and currently contributes funding towards the regional trails project in an effort to get this worthy project moving.

Bike Northland has a strong history of successful initiatives and projects. Recently we completed the William Fraser park on Pohe Island - Bike Park. Bike Northland operates "Learn to Ride" courses in Whangarei and Far North and also provide technical advice to Councils and NTA on cycling infrastructure and strategy.

Below we submit our feedback and submit requests in that regard.

Submission Key Topic 1 - Cycle network, cycle lanes and cycle friendly urban areas:

We request that the Council continue to invest in cycleways and shared paths linking to and through urban and rural areas of the Far North in order to continue to improve the network as a whole.

Submission Key Topic 2 - Bike Ready: Continued support.

We acknowledge and thank NTA/FNDC for support of the Bike Ready programmes. We request that the Council continue to support the programme in the funding of the LTP.

Thousands of Far North District's children, and increasing numbers of adults also, have passed through the cycle skills training which teaches them how to ride safely with the assistance of NTA/ Waka Kotahi NZTA central funding.

Submission Key Topic 3 - Public land access

We support Outdoor Access Aotearoa in their submission to open public land to walking and cycling.

Access to outdoor areas for recreation is a simple way to enable healthy activity at minimum cost. We encourage WDC to work with partners and ratepayers to open up difficult to access areas.

Submission Key Topic 4 -Support of the Northland Regional Trails project.

We request that the Far North District Council...

- *Co-fund the role of "regional project lead" so the project can continue within the 2024 - 2034 LTP at \$30,000 per annum as a part share of the costs of the role.*
- *Support the development of trails in the Northland Region including Paper Roads, Forestry Blocks and Road Reserves.*
- *Provide funding in this LTP to support council led and community led projects.*
- *Support funding applications to the Central Government to assist in construction of trails.*

The Northland Regional Trails Project has 3 priority outcomes:

1. Enhance and extend Northland's only Great Ride - Twin Coast Cycle/Pou Herenga Tai to both East and West Coasts Northland
2. Link Bream Bay to Mangawhai, The East Coast Trail and Shared Paths
3. Complete Kaihu Valley Trail Stage 2 and connect with The Northland Great Ride (1)

This submission is asking you as our District Council to support these priorities.

Based on the experience of other regions, walking and cycling should be seen as a product in Northland Taitokerau that can deliver tremendous regional opportunities including community well-being improvements and significant economic benefits.

The Northland Taitokerau community needs support from our Councils and Central Govt to help make this happen.

In 2018 the Northland Walking & Cycling Strategy was created. Due to staffing and lack of funding this strategy has not achieved the outcomes and very little collaboration has occurred across the region. Currently a project Lead role is funded jointly by Bike Northland, NTA and Outdoor Access Aotearoa.

The Northland – Te Taitokerau Regional Trails Project goal is to fulfill the vision of Northland as a world-class walking and cycling destination. The existing Northland Walking and Cycling Strategy, which was developed in 2018 by Northland Regional Council, Whangarei District Council, Far North District Council, Walking Access Commission (now Outdoor Access Commission), Waka Kotahi – NZTransport Agency, Department of Conservation and Northland Inc is still relevant and requires further resource to push forwards. Further investment is required at each of the priority trail sites for access, engineering and design. Funding for the construction can be sourced from a variety of places, leveraging any input provided in these early stages.

Submission Key Topic 4 - Twin Coast Cycle/Pou Herenga Tai

We request that the Far North District Council continue to support the Twin Coast Cycle/Pou Herenga Tai and the efforts to maintain and promote this excellent Northland experience.

This trail is an important link in the planned regional trail and will benefit long term from future links and the overall trail development.

In conclusion:

Bike Northland is governed by volunteers who provide their time and knowledge at no cost and greatly leveraged value-add to other funding sources. We provide a contracted role to deliver bike programmes, provide technical advice and work alongside partners in planning for the cycling network. Bike Northland is an example of an independent not-for-profit which is able to use seed funding to create far more than what is originally invested, bringing jobs, income and better facilities into the area. We think there is a lot of good work already done by FNDC relating to the key topics raised and it would be a shame to lose such good momentum. Please consider our feedback herein and contact the writer if you require any further information.

Yours Sincerely, Paul McDonald



Chairperson

Bike Northland

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Submissions with comments

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Last name	Frances
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
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Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate for those who access or could access water supply and wastewater services?	
Comment	I suggest looking at a range of options related to how water is supplied. Small scale water treatment approaches may reduce some of the costs of provision and make good water quality possible for small communities. I've attached a brochure for a technique that treats water to a high standard at a low cost, tested and operated in remote locations.
Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	
Comment	
Other feedback	
Ward	Kaikohe-Hokianga (West)
Receipt number	430
Other attachments	430\1788348\ICMQ_WaterTreatmentSolution_v4.pdf

DESIGNING AND BUILDING A WATER TREATMENT SOLUTION FOR YOUR COMMUNITY

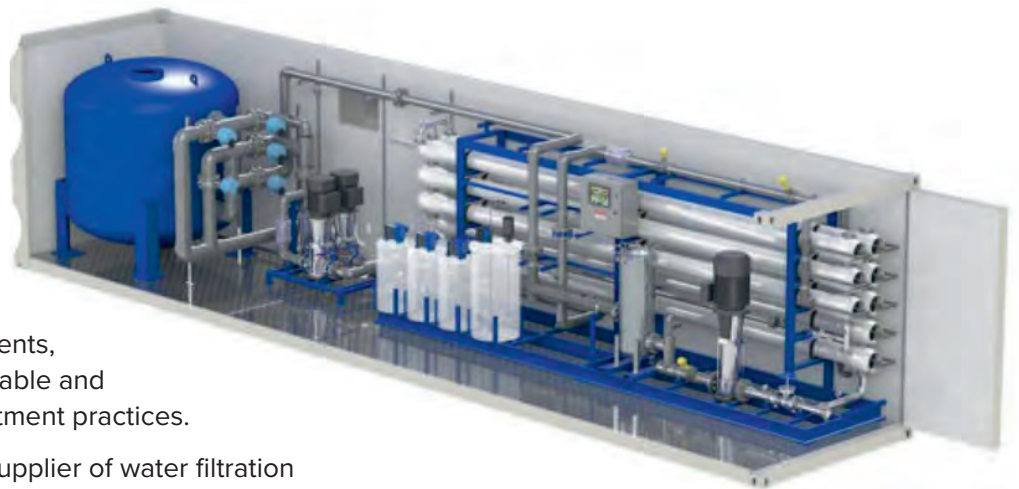
WHO WE ARE

- Established in 2007, ICMQ is a multidisciplinary water treatment entity, offering an extensive array of water solutions using the latest cutting-edge technology.
- In addition, ICMQ partners with chemical engineers and chemists to innovate in both chemical and non-chemical treatments for both water and wastewater treatment. Our advanced technologies and customised designs leverage the latest in filtration and purification, offering a reliable and efficient solution for your wastewater challenges.

WHAT WE DO

Addressing the complex nature of water treatment requires a holistic understanding of the specific contaminants involved, technological opportunities and advancements, and a commitment to sustainable and environmentally friendly treatment practices.

ICMQ Filtration is a leading supplier of water filtration solutions which are tailored to meet the specific needs of our clients. Our approach includes a comprehensive assessment of the water needs of the client, the regulatory and compliance frameworks, and the site-specific environment, to develop solutions which are efficient, cost-effective, and sustainable. We are also equipped to assist clients in the development or review of their drinking-water quality management plans and to provide expert advice in relation to water management and sustainability matters. ICMQ has specialist expertise in assessment of water problems and building fit for purpose solutions to address those problems.



Our solutions are designed and built to be modular, transportable (sometimes over considerable distances), and modifiable. Also, to withstand, the often difficult, site-specific environmental conditions in remote areas.

ICMQ can design and build customised solutions to address your water treatment needs, provide advice about your current water treatment arrangements, or assist in the technical support of your current system. We have expertise in working to Australian and New Zealand drinking water standards.



WHAT KIND OF WATER CONCERN CAN BE TREATED?

The specific water concern and the physical and environmental parameters will shape any solution devised for our clients. ICMQ uses various filtration media, reverse osmosis, chemical dosing and other technologies to practically address various contaminants including, but not exclusive to:

- Nitrogen – including ammonia and nitrate
- Phosphorus
- Sewerage – including E. coli and other bacteria
- Sediments
- Iron and Manganese
- Arsenic
- Hydrocarbons
- Oil and Grease.

ONGOING CARE AND MAINTENANCE

We provide ongoing care and maintenance of our systems as part of our service. Different systems require different care and maintenance. Systems situated within a community, or close to a community, would operate in a semi-autonomous way and would require a daily check by someone within the community, trained to undertake such work. Whilst service and maintenance of the system would likely be undertaken by personnel external to the community, we work with local companies who can undertake this work.



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Submissions with comments

First Name	Robert
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Organisation (if applicable)	Northland Watch
Position in organisation	member
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Other feedback	I do am opposed to the use of poisons in our natural environment and want them to be changed for more eco-friendly options. For example, I am opposed to the use of Chlorine and fluoride for water treatment, 1080 and Brodifacoum pesticides, glyphosate and other harmful herbicides and insecticides. I am also opposed to the 5G infrastructure rollout as it is a dangerous military technology.
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
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FNDC Long Term Plan 2024 – 2027

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For the purpose of this comment on the Long Term Plan 2024 – 2027, I wish to focus on just one item, water treatment. I am a member of the group, Northland Watch which has opposed the use of fluoride in water treatment as it is a neurotoxin. I now wish to focus on the widely used chlorination of our water supplies which is also toxic. Better options are available including Chlorine Dioxide Solution, CDS and Methylene Blue dye, MB. From the scientific literature it appears that in terms of overall safety and effectiveness the preferred ranking is MB > CDS > chlorination.

Methylene Blue was discovered in 1876 and was and continues to be used as a dye in the textile industry. It rapidly found other uses, notably for the treatment of malaria by 1891 and other pathogens since then, notably HIV, Ebola and SARS-Cov-2. In recent decades the hypothetical genetic causation of disease has proven to be a total failure, albeit not officially recognized. Numerous studies have demonstrated that all disease has just one underlying cause, metabolic poisoning which disrupts mitochondrial energy generation in all living cells. Nitric Oxide, NO, is the culprit in this disruption and Methylene Blue is the only known antidote to this NO poisoning. It can also be augmented by light. A summary of the evidence for these claims can be found at this website, [Endalldisease](#) and the book 'The Ultimate guide to methylene Blue'.

MB is an antibiotic. The WHO tested MB for its effectiveness at sterilising PPE during the Covid pandemic and found it to be highly effective, [WHO DeMaND study](#). The toxicity of MB is very low and requires no special care in its handling other than to avoid splashing it as it is a powerful dye. If splashed on bare skin it will be absorbed within 24 hours and disappear. I propose that the FNDC consider Methylene Blue as a replacement for Chlorine in municipal water treatment. At an effective treatment dosage of 0.5mg/L the treatment cost is approximately \$4/1000L using the highest quality USP grade MB (retail pricing). 0.5mg/LMB solution is a light sky blue colour. Although more expensive than chlorination MB is more effective. Chlorination does not disinfect all pathogens, notably Cryptosporium or SARS-Cov-2, but MB does. MB is routinely used for aquarium treatment and for critical care in hospitals.

As a former oil and gas drilling fluids engineer who used MB for 40 years in that industry in an industrial application, but not knowing its true potential, I would gladly offer my services to the FNDC to conduct feasibility studies on this exciting prospect.

Robert Eady

April 28, 2024

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Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	3. Status quo
Comment	do not want to see the smaller service centres closed. Local communities need the satellite centres in hokianga, Kaeo etc. There are better ways to reduce expenditure than removing services from local communities who need them.
Other feedback	
Ward	Kaikohe-Hokianga (West)
Receipt number	431
Other attachments	

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Submissions with comments

First Name	Tracy
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Organisation (if applicable)	Pou Herenga Tai Twin Coast Cycle Trail
Position in organisation	Trail Manager
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Other feedback	
Ward	
	Kaikohe-Hokianga (West)
Receipt number	432
Other attachments	432\1788348\LTP submission from PHTTCCTCT .pdf

Submission: On behalf of Pou Herenga Tai Twin Coast Cycle Trail Charitable Trust to the Far North District Council Long Term Plan 2025-2027 .

Tēnā koutou e Te Kaunihera o Te Hiku o te Ika

Purpose

The purpose of this submission is to comment on the long Far North District Council Long Term Plan 2025-2027 (LTP 25-27) as the Manager of Te Pou Herenga Tai Twin Coast Cycle Trail Charitable Trust (the Trust).

Comments by the Trust

1. Roading and Footpaths: \$4M in FY 2024/25

- a. To seek external funding to assist with the construction cost of building the Taumārere—Ōpua permanent route; and
- b. The trail construction costs are high due to the high environmental sensitivity of this area.

2. Open Spaces policy and strategy

- a. The Trust is recognised and granted a function as a key stakeholder in developing this strategy.

3. Asset Recognition

- a. That the Trust manages the Council-owned asset and that it is recognised by the Council Senior Leadership Team as a regionally and nationally significant infrastructure asset that has always been funded by local government and central government to support wellbeing and economic development opportunities.
- b. The Trust is an economic enabler for the community/hapū/whānau to develop business opportunities providing services to trail users.
- c. The Trust's 10-year strategic plan includes two projects proposed for FY 2024/25.
 - A biodiversity corridor between Taumatamakuku and Moerewa; and
 - Weed and pest eradication between Kaikohe and Okaihau.
- d. That the Trust be recognised and granted Council staff support to develop a coordinated ten-year strategic plan that aligns with the future development of the FNDC LTP.

Business and economic loss due to the closure of the Taumārere—Ōpua section of the Trail;

1. In 2021, part of the trail from Taumārere—Ōpua closed to allow reinstatement of the railway line in the same location.
2. The railway reinstatement project is part of the Northland Adventure Experiences (NAX) project and is operated by Te Keteriki. The project received funding from the Provincial Growth Fund (PGF)
3. The closure has caused a sharp decline in activity on the part of the Taumārere—Ōpua trail. It has resulted in businesses hibernating and permanently closing a highly successful bike hire business at Ōpua.
4. This section was the busiest pre-COVID, peaking at 40,600 trail users in 2020 and dropping to all-time low of 9,853 in 2022 before rising to 17,774 in 2023 once the connector train started.

Background on the Great Rides Status

5. The Pou Herenga Tai Twin Coast Cycle Trail is one of Ngā Haerenga New Zealand Cycle Trails' 23 **Great Rides** and gained this membership in 2010.

6. **Great Rides** are premium multi-day cycling experiences in New Zealand, showcasing the best of New Zealand's scenery, culture and heritage.
7. Ngā Haerenga New Zealand Cycle Trails Inc., the national membership organisation for the Great Rides in partnership with the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, has received committed government investments since 2010 and has a ten-year forecast for the **Great Rides** refresh and resilience.
8. The **Great Rides** status provides a vehicle for a co-funding partnership between Central government and the Far North District Council. This partnership was established in 2010 and has constructed, improved, maintained and operated the trail for the past 14 years.
9. The Trail is recognised through the **Great Rides** status as regionally significant asset that attracts visitors, productivity, and growth for Far North district, and the region of Northland.

Looking forward

10. Pre-COVID, the number of trail users peaked in 2020 at 140,000, with the busiest months being from October to April. Some businesses note only a slow three-month period, June-August, due to the favourable weather allowing for year-round walking and cycling.
11. The New Zealand Cycle Trail Survey in 2023 had 67,595 users and provides evidence that regional growth indicators for future modelling. The key Northland Regional Economic Benefits for 2023 include:
 - a. 68% of participants were visiting the area
 - b. 73% of participants' main reason for visiting the area
 - c. Participants stayed an average of 3.9 nights
 - d. Total average spend per person: \$792
12. For the next three years, the Government will focus on improving economic development through investment in regional infrastructure. Connectivity improvements to the Brynderwyn's, will enable us to attract more visitors to the Far North and see the ongoing growth of small businesses associated with the trail.

Direct Economic benefits from the Asset

1. The Trail operator/business annual membership is currently 42 and was more than 50 before the section was closed.
2. In 2022 Utakura 7 Incorporation purchased Riverhead Villa, a boutique accommodation at Horeke. This is one example of eight locally owned businesses providing services predominantly for the trail users.
3. The Trail supports and is an economic enabler for the community/hapū/whānau to develop business opportunities providing services to trail users.

The challenging economic conditions that face our country are understood, and the Pou Herenga Tai Twin Coast Cycle Trail Charitable Trust (the Trust) is committed to growth partnerships that will build the district's resilience. It is a privilege to manage the Council's flagship tourist infrastructure, and the Council can be proud of its contribution to providing sustainable economic opportunities for our communities.

Ngā mihi
 Tracy Dalton
 Trail Manager
 (Contact details omitted)

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First Name	Anonymous
Last name	
Organisation (if applicable)	
Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we rate stormwater across the District?	2. Change to a targeted rate based on land use and introduce a public good rate
Comment	
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Issue 3: How do we continue to provide community services in the future?	
Which option do you think will work if we change the way we provide community services in the future?	1. Provide multi-purpose centres: two for Bay of Islands-Whangaroa, one each for Kaikohe-Hokianga, and Te Hiku
Comment	I am going for this option taking into account that you will have put thought into which one suits the community best but I am definitely for keeping the status quo for the libraries that are presently available to the residents as I consider they do a magnificent job making information available for the community.
Other feedback	I have sent a separate letter expressing our concern regarding the Rangitane Boat Ramp Parking asking for withdrawal of council funding for this project.
Ward	Bay of Islands-Whangaroa (East)
Receipt number	433
Other attachments	

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Last name	Shanks
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Position in organisation	
Issue 1: Should we change the way we rate stormwater across the district?	
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Comment	We should invest in water tanks and green spaces
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NRC receipt no	Name	Submission
LTP24_471	Michaela Beadle	FNDC's Waste Management Policy needs to be revisited. With FNDC only carrying out litter control in 'selected parks', and not near road sides, or footpaths. Large areas of our community are being blatantly neglected and polluted with waste. How can you fund the collection of 'illegal dumping' but not the daily litter being left on our streets, clogging our storm water drains and congregating in our fields, parks and playgrounds where our children play? Why should I as a rate payer have to do a weekly litter collection and place this rubbish in my Waste Management bin whilst I continue to pay my rates? Other Councils fund this, why is FNDC failing us on this?
LTP24_1211	robyn drake	Dog rego should be a cheaper. My dog never leaves the property but yet pay \$100 a year to register her. That's \$1000.00 over a 10 year period. What do I get for this money? Paying for all the irresponsible dog owners in town.
LTP24_2633	Hilda Halkyard-Harawira	Submission makes general comments on roading: - procurement of local contractors for roading repairs and tree risks. - Northern roading alliance - unsealed roads. Specific roads/examples provided. [Staff summary; please see original submission]
LTP24_2684	Craig McKernan	Would have been great to have included a strategy to eliminate rubbish and litter from streams, roadsides etc.
LTP24_3035	Sam Newton New Zealand Recreation Association t/a Recreation Aotearoa	The submission supports investment in active recreation facilities and services. This includes playgrounds, green spaces, and active transport infrastructure. The submission emphasizes the importance of accessibility for people with disabilities. It encourages ongoing collaboration with the disability community during project development and maintenance. The submission urges the council to prioritize green spaces within Northland. These spaces provide health benefits, stormwater management, and climate resilience. The submission suggests incorporating Te Whai Oranga (the pursuit of well-being) as a Māori approach to recreation. It highlights the interconnectedness of well-being, community, and the environment. The submission cautions against deferred maintenance, cost escalation, and rapid changes in demographics. It recommends activating recreational assets to maximize their impact. [Staff summary; please see original feedback]
LTP24_449	Shar-nica du Plessis	How about making retirement villages responsible for building rest home and hospital care instead of just building fancy homes. Let them then use those rest homes and hospital type care facilities and give the medical system a break. Or build another hospital



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Keep all small service centres.
in Te tai Tokerau.

About you

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Outside Far North

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Is there anything else you want to provide feedback on?

all
It's necessary to keep a small service centre's in operation to ensure all FNDC services are accessible to the other communities.

About you

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Steve

Last name (required)

Goldstein

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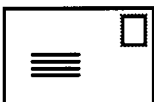
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Karikari Peninsula Community Association Incorp

Chairman: Brian Page
(Contact details omitted)

30 April 2024

FNDC

Submission: LTP 2024-27

Subject:

Community Services: Park and Reserves.

Decision Sought:

That the installation of new playground equipment at the Whatuwhiwhi Hall recreation Reserve, remain on the LTP within the next 3 years.

Reason:

Since the Whatuwhiwhi school closed over 10 years ago there has been no playground equipment in the centre of the community.

The Karikari community prepared a community plan in 2018 which was updated in 2020. The priorities in this plan have been progressed like; the installation of the new toilet block on this reserve.

The next highest priority is the installation of the new playground.

During 2022 we worked with the Spatial Planner who incorporated a concept for the development of the reserve around the community hall. This plan now shows the location of the play equipment.

The only other play equipment on the peninsula is a small area near Melissa Rd/Simon Ulrich RD.

Hence why we are eager to ensure the project remains a priority with Council for this area.

Hearing

We would like to speak to our submission.

Regards

Lesley

Lesley McCormick

Secretary/Treasurer

(Contact details omitted)

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Least cost option is best

Is there anything else you want to provide feedback on?

we are 100% off grid down a gravel road which is not maintained, we never use the local services because this is a bush regeneration project for the benefit of the environment.. we feel our rates are too high to cover the cost of services used by others....effectively a land tax.

About you

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Last name (required) Sturmfels

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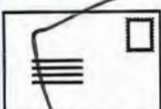
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To Whom it may concern,

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Please consider reopening the track.

Kind regards
Marnie Finch

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Sealing of Redcliffs Rd unsealed portion to bus depot because currently doing ^{regular} maintenance on it from high usage. It is unsafe. Just nuisance. Allow more traffic since subdivisions have been allowed to go ahead. Unable to maintain during summer at the day.

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